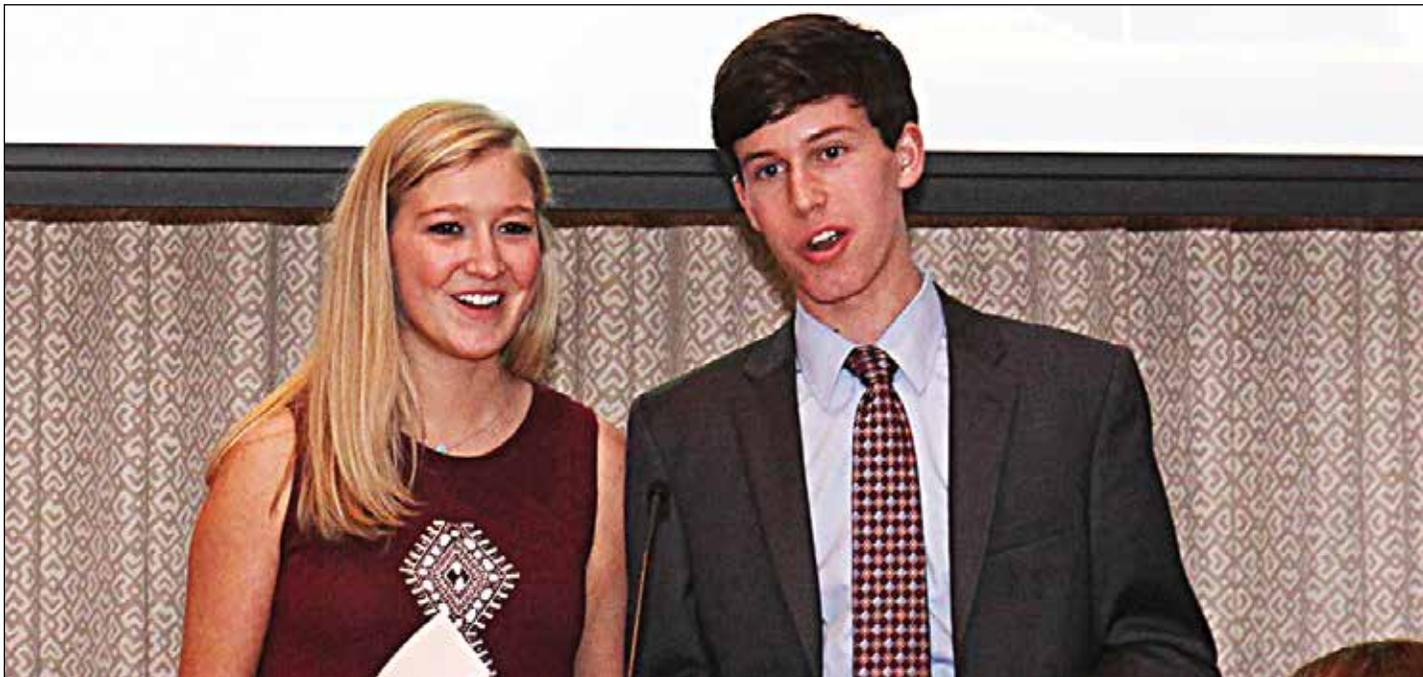


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Robert Curran, artistic director of the Louisville Ballet

Lions of Judah to Go Backstage at the Ballet

The members of the Lion of Judah Division of the Jewish Federation of Louisville are going to the Louisville Ballet for a private backstage tour with Artistic Director Robert Curran on Friday, January 15, at 11:30 a.m. The program also includes lunch at Rye.

Trained at The Australian Ballet School, Curran enjoyed a thrilling and fulfilling career with The Australian Ballet as a principal artist. He then took the passion and discipline he developed as a dancer and set his sights on diversifying his knowledge, skills and abilities.

Education and experience continual—see **LIONS** page 5

YAD Ambassadors Program Launched

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

If the future of Louisville's Jewish community depends on getting young people involved in the Young Adult Division, then the Jewish Federation of Louisville must find ways to reach out to and engage these young people on their terms.

To begin the process, YAD Co-Chairs Keren Benabou and Laurence Nibur, working with JCC Special Events and Development Director Lenae Price, have see **YAD** page 12

STRONGER TOGETHER

Jessie Hymes arranged to bring international teens to a K-I-O BBYO regional convention and Jacob Finke is a Bronfman Fellow. Both spoke at the Stronger Together 2016 Federation Campaign Major Gifts Dinner about the role the JCC played in helping them develop leadership skills and strong Jewish identities.

Federation Campaign Raises \$700,000 at Major Gifts Dinner

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

There was a buzz of excitement in the air at the Jewish Hospital Rudd Heart and Lung Conference Center on Sunday, December 13, when Jewish community leaders arrived for the Stronger Together 2016 Federation Campaign Major Gifts dinner.

This was the first major event of the 2016 Campaign.

Thanks to the Double Your Impact Challenge, provided by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the 2016 Campaign has the potential to raise \$400,000 more than it did last year. JHFE has promised to match every new or increased gift to the Campaign, dollar for dollar, up to \$200,000.

Jewish Hospital hosted the event. It is the start of the first Campaign since Sara Klein Wagner became president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville.

Leon Wahba is chairing the Campaign.

Stacy Gordon-Funk recently joined the Federation staff as vice president of philanthropy.

Ambassador Dennis Ross was the featured speaker.

All of these plusses along with other inspirational programming combined to make the evening a success. The Campaign raised \$700,000 at the dinner, and, Wagner announced that these gifts helped the Federation reach the halfway point of the Double Your Impact Challenge, bringing the total to \$100,000 in see **MAJOR GIFTS** page 6

At Major Gifts Dinner Wagner Shares Update on JCL Progress, Plans

by Sara Klein Wagner
President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville

At the Stronger Together Major Gifts Dinner, I shared some remarks that I also want to share with the entire community.



Sara Klein Wagner

I am a product of our JCC, Day Camp,

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As I entered the room at the Jewish Hospital Rudd Heart and Lung Center, I saw it was filled with people I really admire and who have mentored me for many, many years. I also paused to note, I am in my current position because of

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Levy Marks 15 Years with Patio Gallery

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor



When you enter the Jewish Community Center, the first thing you see when you look to the left is the Patio Gallery. This gallery has plenty of room to move around, comfortable, oversize chairs and good lighting.

Best of all, the gallery walls, and sometimes its floor space, are filled with marvelous creations – paintings, drawings, photos, sculptures and more, sometimes using traditional mediums and sometimes using things you'd never expect to find in a work of art.

If the current exhibition doesn't speak to you, come back again and within six weeks, you'll find something new that will appeal. It's almost like magic.

see **LEVY** page 9

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

The Middle East is, quite frankly, a mess, and there are no signs of it getting better any time soon. Libya is now on the verge of being overrun by ISIS. ISIS terrorists are destroying passenger jets in Egypt. Yemen is the battleground of a proxy war between Iran and Gulf Arab states with thousands of civilians killed already. In Iraq, ISIS has taken over large swaths of the country, including its largest city, Mosul. As a result, tens of thousands have been killed, wounded or sold into slavery. The atrocities continue there.

Syria is, by far, the worst situation in the Middle East. Militant groups like ISIS and the Al Nusra Front (an Al Qaeda affiliated organization) are terrorizing the population, fighting the Syrian regime, more moderate militant groups and each other, leaving scorched earth in their wake.

On the other side, the Syrian regime, backed by Hezbollah, Iran and now Russia, has systematically murdered its own population, barrel bombing civilian areas for a couple of years now. Most estimates put the number of civilians killed by the Syrian Assad regime at close to 300,000.

Because of all this death and destruction, millions of refugees and internally displaced populations have been created, innocent civilians who simply want to stay alive. For months, many of these people were going to refugee camps in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon, but now these refugee camps are at capacity, leading to hordes of people trying to escape into Europe.

We can play a small part in helping to alleviate this human tragedy. Our com-

munity has agreed to co-sponsor a Syrian refugee family with the Louisville Islamic Center ... helping a newly arrived refugee family acclimate to life in the United States.

This is an amazing opportunity to show that our Jewish community is a compassionate one, and that our unique history of discrimination guides us to help these "strangers in a strange land."

While we are in the process of gathering further input from our community on the greater refugee issue, we can start with this small but meaningful gesture for this one family who has already been cleared to come to our country.

Our Jewish community has a long history of helping newly arrived immigrants to our country, a history going back over 100 years with national organizations like the Hebrew Immigrant

Aid Society and our own Jewish Family and Career Services (which helped settle over 1,000 Soviet Jews after the collapse of the Soviet Union). We are proud to participate in this very Jewish tradition.

We do not yet know when this family will be coming here, but there will be a need for donations and volunteer time to help this Syrian refugee family with their acclimation to our community.

To co-sponsor this family with the Louisville Islamic Center is an honor and another opportunity for our two communities to further cement our already good relationship. We will make further announcements as to the identity of this family as we have more information.

On behalf of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Louisville, I wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

David Bernstein, Former David Project Chief, Tapped to Head JCPA

December 8, 2015(JTA) – David Bernstein, a businessman and longtime Jewish activist, has been tapped to head the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

Bernstein, 49, of Gaithersburg, Maryland, will succeed Steve Gutow as president and CEO of the organization, an umbrella for Jewish communal relations groups throughout North America. Gutow is stepping down December 31 after 10 years.

For the past year, Bernstein has worked with Jewish federations and other national foundations as president of CultureSolutionsLLC, a consulting firm. He served as executive director of the David Project, an organization promoting Israel on North American campuses,

from 2010 to 2014, and has also worked in senior positions in the American Jewish Committee.

"Given all of the challenges the Jewish community faces, from efforts to isolate and delegitimize Israel to efforts to undermine American pluralism, we needed an experienced executive with a fresh and creative approach," said Susan Turnbull, chair of the JCPA board, in a news release issued by the organization. "We are convinced that we have found just that."

In the news release, Bernstein said: "The Jewish community relations movement must rise to the challenge of delegitimization of Israel. This means not only stopping [the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel movement], which we will continue to do, but also doubling down on our ties to key, emerging demographic constituencies. We need to do less crisis management, and more preventative medicine in our support for Israel. With changes in technology and communications, we need to embrace 21st century methods that allow us to scale our impact."

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You bring new immigrants to Israel to begin their new lives. You keep Louisville's connection with the Western Galilee going strong. And you nurture Jewish life from South America to the former Soviet Union.

Please honor your pledge to the Jewish Federation of Louisville Annual Campaign. Mail your check or donate online at jewishlouisville.org/donate. Don't forget that any donations you make before December 31 are tax-deductible this year.

The Jewish Federation of Louisville and all of the agencies and programs that are supported by the Federation Campaign thank you for sending in your donation today.

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Having a viable, vibrant Jewish community in Louisville is very important. To ensure that we raise enough money to provide JCC and Jewish overnight camp scholarships to children; support Jewish education, Teen Connections and BBYO for our teens; maintain an active Hillel for our college students; offer affordable, hot kosher meals and programs that help our seniors stay healthy and active; and ensure that Jewish Family and Career Services' counseling, job search and senior services are available to those who need them, whether or not they can pay the fees. Please make your commitment to the 2016 Federation Campaign today.

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This year, when you increase your gift to the Campaign or make a new gift, you double your impact for our community. Thanks to a generous Double Your Impact Challenge from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, all donations that exceed what each donor did last year, will be matched – up to \$200,000. We are truly stronger together.

To make your pledge for the 2016 Federation Campaign visit www.jewishlouisville.org/donate or contact Kristy Benefield, 502-238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THROUGH DECEMBER 29

Mazin Art Exhibition
Patio Gallery – juried art show.

JANUARY 3-FEBRUARY 9
Patio Gallery Exhibit

David Iacovazzi Pau. Opening reception Sunday, January 3, 2 p.m. Copies of Pau's book, *Paintings and Works on Paper*, will be available for purchase and Pau will sign them.

JANUARY 7

YAD Happy Hour

6-8 p.m. Join other young Jewish adults for Happy Hour at the new bar, Galaxie, in the Green Building in NuLu. Bring friends. For more information, contact Lenae Price, lprice@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2768. (See story, page 1.)

JANUARY 9

Teen Connection Havdallah and Bowling

\$20; \$15 members. 6:30 p.m. Drop off and pick up at Ten Pin Lanes. Includes shoe rental, two games, pizza and drinks. RSVP at www.jewishlouisville.org/event/teen-connection-havdallah-and-bowling/. For more information, contact Mike Steklof, msteklof@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2774.

JANUARY 10

Israel 2017 Informational Meeting

11 a.m. JCC. Learn about the trip to Israel being planned for March 8-19, 2017. RSVP to Slava Nelson, 502-238-2760 or at www.jewishlouisville.org/Israel-2017. (See story, this page.)

JANUARY 15

Annual Lion of Judah Event

\$36. 11:30 a.m., Louisville Ballet, 315 E. Main St. Private backstage tour of the Louisville Ballet with Artistic Director Robert Curran. Lunch at Rye. Lions of Judah make a minimum commitment to the Federation Campaign of \$5,000. RSVP by January 11 to Mary Jean Timmel, 502-238-2722. (See story, page 1.)

JANUARY 18

Teen Perfect North Ski Trip

\$85; \$80 members. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. For grades 6-12. Pick up and drop off at the JCC. Ski, snowboard or tube or do all three. Price includes transportation, lift ticket and flex rental. For more information or to RSVP, contact Mike Steklof, 238-2774 or msteklof@jewishlouisville.org.

JANUARY 18

School's Out Days at the JCC

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, swimming, arts and crafts. Theme: Witches and Wizards. For more information and to register, go to jewishlouisville.org/event/schools-out-day-witches-and-wizards/.

JANUARY 20

Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

At Adath Jeshurun. 7 p.m. reception; 7:30 broadcast. "Crisis Point: Overcoming Our Broken Politics – Trent Lott and Tom Daschle in Conversation." Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg at 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

JANUARY 23

"Caffeinated Cantors" Concert

\$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. At Adath Jeshurun. 7 p.m. Havdalah, concert and coffee and tea reception. Featuring Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo, the founder of Chazzano Coffee Roasters. His wife Lisa is a classically-trained soprano who will also participate along with Cantor David Lipp and Cantor Sharon Hordes. Tickets available at www.adathjeshurun.com/coffeeconcert or by calling 502-458-5359.

JANUARY 28-February 14

CenterStage Presents Big Fish

JCC. Adults, \$20 each in advance, \$22 at the door. Dream Big as you experience a new smash hit musical that is richer, funnier and bigger than life itself. Purchase tickets at www.CenterStageJCC.org or call 502-238-2709.

FEBRUARY 20

JCC's 125th Anniversary Gala

\$125 per person; \$1,100 per table of 10; \$50 Next Generation (under age 30). 6:30 p.m. Hyatt Regency Downtown, Cocktail attire, dinner, specialty cocktails, dancing with The Sly Band. RSVP to Paula DeWeese at 502-238-2764. See insert.

Join the Celebration at JCC@125 Gala

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The calendar may still say December, but the New Year is just around the corner and before you know it, February 20 will be here and it will be time for the Jewish Community Center's 125 Gala.

This is your opportunity to dress up and have a great time celebrating the many ways the JCC has touched and changed lives over its 125 years and to take a peek at some of the exciting things the future holds for the next 125.

The evening will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Downtown and will include dinner, specialty cocktails and dancing with The Sly Band.

Whether you grew up at the JCC attending camp, learning to swim, going to Hebrew School or being part of a teen club where you made lifelong friends or you are new to Louisville's Jewish community and have found the JCC a great place to work out, meet people and bring your children, make plans now to join

the celebration.

Tickets are \$125 each and a table of 10 is \$1,100. Next generation tickets will be available at a discounted rate for those under 30 years old.

Do you have photos and memorabilia from any JCC program that you'd like to share? A commemorative program sharing highlights and memories from the JCC during last 125 years is being created. Tribute ads are available for \$36 to all community members who wish to share a favorite photo and a one-line memory or tribute to someone special. All proceeds from ad sales in the commemorative program will support the JCC's camp and membership scholarship funds.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. This is a great opportunity for both the JCC and its many business partners to honor each other's roles in the community over the past 125 years.

Some people have stepped forward to be table captains, but additional volunteers are needed.

To reserve your space or become a table captain or sponsor, please contact

Lenae Price at 502-238-2768 or go to www.jewishlouisville.org/125Gala.

RSVP for the 125 Gala by calling Paula DeWeese at 502-238-2764.

The 125 Gala Committee includes Chair Robin Miller, Dr. Karen Abrams, Dr. Shellie Branson, Logan Buren, Mark Eichengreen, Dr. Julie Ellis, Julie Ensign, Tracy Geller, Abby Green, Dr. Ralph Green, Abby Green, Meredith Gregory, Kim Hales, Abby Kamen, Dr. Laura Klein, Dr. Lisa R. Klein, Marjorie Kohn, Tina List, Joan Lustig, Marcy Rosengarten, Stephanie Rosenthal, Maxine Ruben, Jill E. Simon, Julie Strull, Aaron Tasman, Michelle Cohen Tasman, Dr. Jeffrey Tuvlin, Hunter Weinberg and Frank Weisberg.

JCC Development & Special Events Director Lenae Price is coordinating the event.

Is a Visit to Israel on Your Bucket List? Consider Going with the JCC in 2017

All of us have a bucket list – a few things (or maybe quite a few) that we want to do during our lives. Perhaps it's skydiving or learning to dance or taking a cruise.

If a trip to Israel is on your list, you're in luck. The JCC is going to Israel March 8-19, 2017. When you take this trip, here are a few places and experiences you'll be able to cross off your list: a Purim

party in Israel, the Old City in Jerusalem, the Western Wall, Yad VaShem, Masada, the Dead Sea, a kibbutz and Tel Aviv.

Get the details at an informational meeting, Sunday, January 10, 2016, at 11 a.m. at the JCC.

RSVP to Slava Nelson at 502-238-2760.

LIONS

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ly expanded his ability to move his own body on stage and through this, move an audience through a wide range of emotions. Beyond his dancing career he strives to continue to move people towards a satisfying encounter with dance.

Curran is motivated by the form that a dancer gains from training in the traditions of classical ballet, where respect and discipline can facilitate breathtaking strength and freedom. He is also inspired by the innovation that forms the function of an artist, that being able to express oneself bravely and boldly through art for the greater good of a community.

As artistic director of Louisville Ballet, Curran continues to contribute to the global arts community, enriching his knowledge of the art form to which he has devoted his life. He is excited by, and committed to, the Louisville community with its abundant respect for the arts and its exciting perspective on the future.

The cost of this event is \$36 and is not tax deductible. It is open to all members of the Lion of Judah Division, women who make a minimum commitment of \$5,000 to the Annual Federation Campaign.

Reservations must be made by January 11. A Vaad approved option is available if requested prior to January 11. For more information or reservations, contact Mary Jean Timmel, 502-238-2722.

The next Lion of Judah event will be a private tour of the Speed Museum on April 13.

Karen Abrams, Victoria Diaz, Debbie Friedman, Jane Goldstein, Kate Latts and Denise Schiller are co-chairs of the Lion of Judah events.

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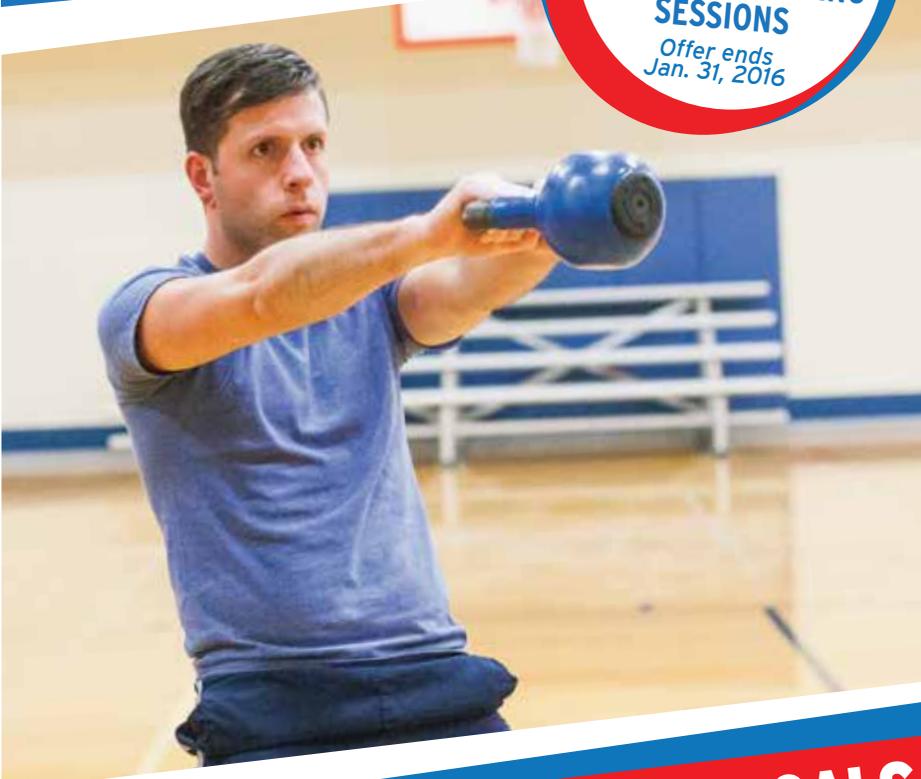


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Dennis Ross stood between Ron and Marie Abrams.



Harry and Annette Geller



Jon Klein and Laurence Nibur



Rabbi Robert and Deborah Slosberg



Jessie Hymes, Jacob Finke



Jeff Tuvlin and Stacy Gordon-Funk

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new and increased pledges.

Wahba led off the evening, calling the event a celebration of the vibrancy of Jewish life in Louisville and thanking those in attendance for the support they provide to help fund the community's programs including religious schools, Chavurat Shalom, the JCC, summer camp, PJ Library, Hillel, Jewish Family and Career Services, the Jewish Community Relations Council and more.

Jewish Hospital President Joe Gilene welcomed everyone, saying, "We are all honored and privileged to have the honor to give back to this community under the wonderful name of Jewish Hospital."

JCL Board Chair Jay Klempner said the JCL is moving ahead and addressing its issues. He called on those present to support the community "both financially and out in public, being ambassadors for ... our Jewish community."

KentuckyOne Health Vice President of Mission Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky led the assembly in lighting the Chanukah. "Tonight is the final night of Chanukah, so we celebrate all miracles," she said. "One of the miracles that I am so grateful for is our special relationship with the Jewish community.

"In particular," she continued, "we connected our Paths in Action program, which is a that program teaches teens about dating violence. We have connected them with BBYO and all year they're learning from each other and they're

working together to build a program and event that will help serve our whole community.

"That's just one example of the many things that we are pledging to continue to build as we strengthen our community as we work together as the joint team of Jewish Hospital and the JCL," she concluded.

Before leading the Motzi (blessing the bread before the meal), Rabbi Robert Slosberg, the president of the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors, and after quipping that he was an "Ambassador Ross groupie," called the positive changes Gilene has brought to Jewish Hospital and the collaborative efforts of the JCL miracles. With all parts of the community working together, he said, "we will build on the concept of stronger together and you will be amazed at what this Jewish community can accomplish."

He encouraged all present to give generously and closed with a story from Prof. Moshe Davis, z"l, "A candle is a small thing, but one candle can light another and see how its own light increases as the candle gives its flame to the other. My challenge to you is to be such a candle tonight and during this year's Federation Campaign let's light some candles of support starting with this evening and let the flame spread."

When Wagner came to the podium, the assembly gave her a standing ovation. The JCL president and CEO presented a synopsis of where the JCL is today and the steps the agency is taking to see **MAJOR GIFTS** page 7



Jerry and Maura Temes



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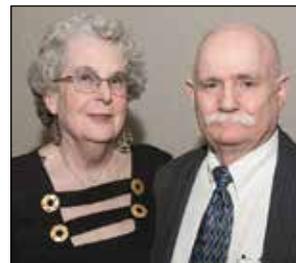
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ensure the future of Jewish life in Louisville. (See story, page 1.)

In testimony to the effectiveness of Jewish programming in Louisville, two teens who are active in BBYO shared their personal stories.

Jacob Finke, who was chosen as a Bronfman Fellow, an international program that provides a small group of teens a five-week seminar in Israel and several other Jewish learning opportunities, said, "The JCC has given me a lot. It gave me a place to go as a child that wasn't boring, it gave me a gym to work out at during my weight lifting phase, which was very brief. And it gave me my first job. Though more than any of those things, the JCC connected me with my Jewish identity. My initial steps toward feeling Jewish were through BBYO."

Jessie Hymes talked about the BBYO experiences that gave her leadership opportunities locally and regionally. Last summer, she participated in an international BBYO program. "My group was a close knit group of ... 30 American and 40 international teens from Bulgaria, Serbia, Turkey and beyond. For 12 days, I learned about the Bulgarian society, took part in community service projects and formed new friendships."

Although members of the group spoke 10 different languages, they managed to communicate and form lasting friendships. After returning home, the language barrier became more of an

issue over social media. Determined to maintain the connections she had made, Hymes organized a six-day regional fundraiser, and as a result, was able to bring some of the international teens to the U.S. for a convention in October.

As the featured speaker, Ambassador Ross presented an overview of his book, *Doomed to Succeed: the U.S.-Israel Relationship from Truman to Obama*. Loaded with details and laced with humor, Ross analyzed how the relationship has changed from administration to administration and why he believes it will endure. (See story, this page.)

Jane Goldstein announced that the community has a new Lion of Judah, Shiela Steinman Wallace, and both encouraged all those present to increase their commitments to the Campaign.

Becky Swansburg explained that she is raising her pledge because when she was growing up, being Jewish opened the door to opportunities for her, while when her parents were growing up, being Jewish was not always a positive experience. She wants to ensure that her four-year-old twins "will always have a place where being Jewish is comfortable, where being Jewish is celebrated, where being Jewish is exciting."

Laurence Nibur, who also increased his pledge, was inspired by a meeting of the Young Adults Ambassadors program that convened that morning with "eight brand new young adult leaders in the community who are here because they get that" Jewish community matters. (See story, page 1.)



Dennis Ross



Rabbi Sirlitsky



Jay Klempner

Ambassador Ross Analyzed the Middle East Situation

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

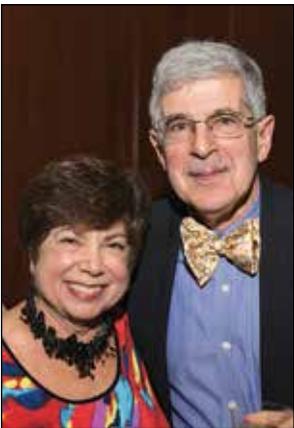
As the featured speaker at the Stronger Together 2016 Federation Campaign Major Gifts Dinner, Ambassador Dennis Ross's lively presentation style and sense of humor kept his audience engaged as he discussed his book, *Doomed to Succeed: the U.S.-Israel Relationship from Truman to Obama*, and presented the realities of the Middle East as he sees them.

Starting with the present day, Ross stated that ISIS, a group that evolved from Al Qaeda in Iraq, "claims to embody a perfect form of Islam" and to operate under a "divine mandate."

A divine mandate suggests that ISIS can't lose, so to discredit ISIS' claims, Ross contends they have to suffer defeats at the hands of other Muslims. When the U.S. attacks, we can damage them, but to defeat them, we need the Sunni Muslims to join us.

Our current policy in Syria is working against us. The U.S. is bombing ISIS targets, killing Sunnis who are members of ISIS. Russia is bombing non-ISIS targets and also killing Sunnis. To the Sunnis, Ross explained, "It appears as though we're engaged in an onslaught against the Sunnis." That means that Sunni states like Saudi Arabia and Sunni tribes won't join us in the fight against ISIS.

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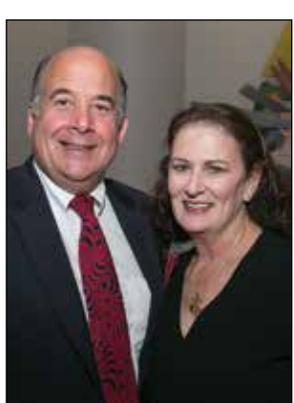
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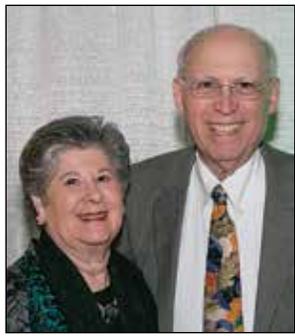
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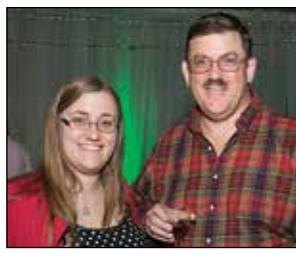
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Light Up CenterStage Meets Match for Acting Out; Raises \$160,000

by Tamara Ikenberg
Public Relations Specialist

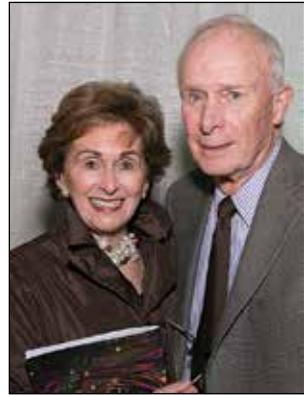
The stars of CenterStage must have worked some major magic with their cool and seductive rendition of "Big Spender" at the "Enchanted Evening"-themed Light Up CenterStage gala on Saturday, December 5.

Shortly after the ensemble performed the "Sweet Charity" classic, JCC Development and Special Events Director Lenae Price and auctioneer Rick Ward-

low managed to secure \$160,000 in donations for the Acting Out children's touring theater troupe in a matter of minutes.

Halfway through the dazzling Broadway revue in the pink and lavender-lit Linker Auditorium, Price took the stage to focus on the evening's purpose: fundraising for CenterStage's Acting Out. This vital program brings full professional productions into local schools, particularly Title I schools, where stu-

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Denise Schiller and Jerry Fine



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dents wouldn't otherwise get to experience live theater. CenterStage Artistic Director John Leffert started Acting Out in 2012.

Price explained that the Jones Family Fund promised \$15,000 to Acting Out for each of the next five years. The twist, Price said, is that it is a matching grant, which means that the JCC needs to raise \$15,000 a year in order to receive the funds.

She asked the audience to make five-year commitments in any amount right then and there. And, in a triumph for CenterStage and arts education, Light Up attendees pledged over \$85,000 in 5-year commitments, surpassing the \$75,000 match opportunity from the Jones Family Fund and bringing the total raised for Acting Out to \$160,000.

Thousands in additional funds were raised through the live and silent auctions.

Knowing what a great cause Light Up supports makes the JCC's most elegant evening of the year even more enjoyable.

Gala-goers in sharp suits and glam gowns sipped cocktails, socialized and sampled appetizers by Chef Z, including salmon tartlets and small potatoes stuffed with caramelized blue cheese.

The JCC was dressed and accessorized to the nines in leaves and vines, white-fabric draped walls reflecting bright green light, flickering lanterns dangling with moss and wooden gazebos creating a magical secret forest effect.

"It's very beautiful how they did it," said Ann Leah Blieden. She and her friend Esther Fox were especially fond of the creamy, warm peach bread pudding.

"It is to die for," Fox said. "It's like a peach soufflé."

Attendees lined up for flaming bananas foster, and also indulged in thick, rich raspberry chocolate cake and pretty petit fours.

They also kept busy bidding on silent auction items, from vintage Chanel earrings, to basketballs signed by local sports luminaries, with Clickbid mobile bidding software.

This was the first year Clickbid, which allows bidders to keep up on bids and re-bid via their mobile devices, was used at Light Up.

Blieden said she was initially intimidated by the new bidding method, but helpers who were on hand to familiarize folks with the process made her more confident.

"Once I started it got easier," she said. "You don't know who is bidding against you which is good, because usually if I know a friend is bidding on something, I don't bid."

Light Up guest Michele Conliffe used Clickbid like a pro.

"I used it one other time at an event earlier this season and I really, really

liked it," she said. She was pleased to see that Clickbid didn't turn the Light Up partiers into a bunch of anti-social robots

"I thought everyone would have their nose in their phone," Conliffe said as she bid on jewelry.

"I'm already outbid on the necklace I wanted," she said. "I just got the text." Conliffe's husband Michael appreciated the freedom of bidding from anywhere, as opposed to stalking the auction item tables set up in the first floor basketball and racquetball courts.

"You can control things without knocking anyone over or breathing down anybody's neck," he said.

The live auction in the Linker Auditorium was held in the traditional fashion, with talented, fast-talking auctioneer Rick Wardlow leading the proceedings.

Husband and wife and new CenterStage sponsors Chris and Joanna Federico walked away with one of the hottest items of the night; the "Material Girl" package, which includes tickets to Madonna's sold-out "Rebel Heart" concert at the Yum! Center and brunch at The Oak Room at The Seelbach Hilton.

Neither of the Federicos are major Madonna-holics, but they said they know the Queen of Pop is going to put on a great show.

"It just seemed like something fun to do and it's for a good cause," Chris Federico said.

They may not be mega-fans, but they do have a favorite Madonna hit.

"We went to Notre Dame and 'Like a Prayer' was our college bar anthem," Joanna Federico said.

The shows comprising CenterStage's 2016-2017 season were also announced at the gala.

The diverse menu of new, classic and quirky shows is made up of the beloved *West Side Story*, Stephen Sondheim's darkly amusing *Assassins*, Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, Tennessee Williams' sultry non-musical masterpiece *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and everybody's favorite *Funny Girl*.

A selection of numbers from the upcoming season were presented, including "Everybody's Got the Right" from *Assassins* and "People" from *Funny Girl*. All through the revue, the chemistry and camaraderie between Leffert and the CenterStage ensemble was ebulliently evident.

Perhaps the most charming number was the bouncy, old-time Broadway style version of "Together, Wherever We Go" from *Gypsy*, delivered by Leffert, Jason Cooper, Frank Goodloe III, Chad Broskey and Emily Field.

"These guys are the reason I do what I do," Leffert said.

With linked arms, winning smiles and wit, and fleet, perfectly coordinated feet, Leffert and the CenterStage stars reminded everyone of just what artistic and philanthropic heights we can all reach when we work together as a community.

LEVY

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But it isn't really magic. A lot of work and careful planning goes into ensuring that the gallery offers a wide variety of curated exhibitions that are arranged in the most respectful way and that challenge you to think. Just ask Bette Levy who has served as the Patio Gallery director and chair of the JCC's Visual Arts Committee or a volunteer for 15 years.

Asked about the highlights of her years with the Patio Gallery, Levy said, "We've presented a number of exhibitions that dealt with social issues."

One that stood out for her showed various ways people experience the sacred in their homes. "We had people from all different religions, cultures, and spiritual pursuits bring in ritual objects that were of significance to them," she explained. "It was a pretty powerful show" that included items from Native American, African American, and Bahá'í cultures as well as those from more traditional religions.

Other exhibitions that stood out for Levy included "one on addictions, one by people behind bars who were creating art, and one by artists living with HIV/AIDS. I think those were pretty potent and educational shows."

Many of the shows feature local and regional artists, but Levy also brings in artists from out of state. She drew attention to two exhibitions coming in the next two years. In 2017, "Naftali Hilger, who is an Israeli photographer who has done a study on Jews from Yemen" will be featured. In addition, Wendy Weiss, who went to India on a Fulbright Scholarship to study weaving, will have a display of the Indian weaving technique known as ikat.

"One of the things I tried to do during my tenure over the years is present a variety of exhibitions in a diversity of mediums," she said, "partially to give opportunities to different artists and partially to educate the community about what art is. I've developed a consistent pattern of presenting group, individual and rotating organizational exhibitions

"We have an annual Mazin Show," she added, "which presents yet another forum, and in that particular regard, we are trying to expand the reach of that program so that it includes not just local artists, but also regional artists within a 200 mile radius of Louisville.

The Mazin Show was created by Bernice and Benjamin Mazin 10 years ago. It is a juried show that draws well over 100 entries each year, offers monetary awards, and is currently on display in the Patio Gallery. (See story, page 19.)

Running the Patio Gallery is not a

solo endeavor Today, Levy works closely with Senior Adult Programming and Cultural Arts Director Slava Nelson.

"Working with Slava is fabulous," Levy said. "One of the first things that she ever said to me was if you need something done, just let me know and it will be done. She has remained true to her word. We trust one another implicitly and she makes my work easy."

She also had kind words for Marsha Bornstein and John Leffert, who worked with her before Nelson. "The Center has been very receptive to the shows that I've put on and the things I want to achieve with the gallery, and I'm grateful for that. It's been a win-win situation."

Levy is originally from New York, and she lived in San Francisco before coming to Louisville to get her masters degree in art therapy. She also had a long career in fund development and event production.

"Late in life," Levy said, "I married my wonderful husband, Dr. Robert Acland, and after our marriage, I went back to school to get a second masters degree in textile arts."

"When I married Robert," she added, "he said to me, you want to make art? Quit your day job and go ahead and make art. This enabled me to get on to create my own art and enabled me to oversee the Patio Gallery. His declaration of support freed me up to do the things I wanted to do, and I'm eternally grateful to him for that."

Levy is one of about eight founding members of Louisville Area Fiber and Textile Artists (LAFTA). "There were a number of textile artists who were busily working in their studios by themselves without the opportunity to interact with like-minded people," she explained. "A group of us got together to talk about banding together and forming an organization where people could be with kindred spirits, have critiques, have opportunities to exhibit and also to educate the community."

She is a member of PYRO, a successful cooperative gallery that gives its members a place to exhibit and sell their artwork.

Levy has participated in numerous exhibitions and conducted personal research into textiles through world-wide travel. Beside LAFTA, she is a past member of Fiber Forum (an arm of the Embroiderers' Guild of America), a past vice president, board member, and Kentucky state representative for the Surface Design Association, and a member of numerous other textile, arts and community organizations. She has also written articles for Surface Design Journal, Arts Across Kentucky, and other professional journals.



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Camp Livingston, Hebrew school and BBYO. I am grateful for the opportunities I had and those we continue to provide.

Thank you Leon Wahba for your leadership serving as Campaign chair and helping to make our community stronger. You're doing a wonderful job. Thank you also to our donors, our volunteers and our staff.

Thank you to KentuckyOne/Jewish Hospital for hosting our Major Gifts event and to the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence for your incredible support of the Jewish community and specifically the Double Your Impact challenge. This challenge means that every new commitment and every increase over last year's commitment will be matched up to \$200,000.

As I mark my first six months as CEO, I am aware that this is a new opportunity and new day. I am grateful for the support, passion and wisdom those of

you in this room have shared.

In this week's Torah portion, we read about Joseph, a story filled with plot twists, jealousy, hunger and famine. Like Joseph, we Jews and our communities have big dreams. As a people, we have experienced tragedies, triumphs, persecution and renaissance. Imagine what future generations will learn from our stories, decisions and choices.

What's the story people will tell about us? What will the next generation say years from now? How will we write our story?

We have options and we have a great road ahead of us. I hope that when they look at us, they will find that we made good choices and good decisions, that we were inspiring and caring and that we celebrated each other's success.

So exactly how are we approaching the future? It will be with a recipe of reflection, perspective and positive attitude. Our community needs to know we the Federation, can and will lead as conveners, who will listen and lead with a strong voice.

We recognize:

- The world is changing quickly both in the Jewish community and around the globe for good and bad.
- We need to embrace and respect diversity both here at home and in Israel. It is our responsibility to support religious pluralism in Israel.
- We need to build and rebuild trust and we need to do it with the speed of light.

I am confident that our future is in good hands with our staff and with our volunteers, so I want to share three major steps with you that we're currently undertaking on our road map for the future.

First, to improve our ability to make a financial impact, we have taken an important step forward with the addition of Stacy Gordon-Funk as our new vice president of philanthropy.

Second, we are building our master plan focusing on sustainability and transformational moments for engagement and our future facility. We are fortunate to have the strong leadership of

our board led by board chair Jay Klempner.

Third, we are committed to building partnerships, collaboration and ensuring we have a very big tent open and welcoming to all. We've already starting working on a number of important partnerships:

- KentuckyOne/Jewish Hospital. As Rabbi Nadia mentioned we're working on partnerships with teens, hospital partnerships with the western Galilee and exploring collaboration with the hospital and the JCC in the areas of health and wellness.
- Grinspoon Foundation. We have applied to be part of the Life and Legacy program that will benefit our congregations and agencies.
- Muhammad Ali Center. We are entering a new partnership, bringing complementary current programs and creating new ones.
- The Islamic Center. We are joining with our friends to resettle a Syrian refugee family in Louisville and working together on community service projects like the Project Warm blitz last weekend.

Representation on national boards. We are fortunate that many people at the Major Gifts events have served on the boards of national Jewish agencies in the past. Today, the next generation is stepping up. Jeff Tuvlin serves on the JCCA Board and its Executive Committee and Becky Swansburg on the JCPA Board.

JCCA pilot program. One result of having leaders on national boards is new opportunities for our community. It is likely that we will be a pilot community for an exciting new JCCA outreach program that will focus on the environment and Jewish experiential education.

Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. We are strengthening our partnership with JHFE. Our Executive Committees are meeting regularly to discuss where our goals and missions align and how we can find the best path forward together.

We will also focus on what we do best. The JCC will celebrate the culmination of our 125th anniversary and celebrate the start of our next 125 on February 20. So please, plan on being there.

We will focus on leadership development, a new YAD ambassadors program, Israel engagement, Partnership2Gether, a teen mega-mission and connecting our community to Israel. We have a responsibility to share what it means to have a Jewish state.

Finally, we connect individuals to community.

We cannot do this alone. We need you – the community needs you. By giving, leading, participating and volunteering, we are stronger together.

As an example of how we are engaging the next generation of Jewish thinkers and leaders, those in attendance heard from two teen leaders, Jacob Finke and Jessie Hymes, and viewed some brief video presentations.

Those at the Major Gifts Dinner were there because we want to make a difference, the 2016 Stronger Together Federation Campaign and through it, we will change and save lives. You may never know the names and faces of everyone you help, but they will know the impact of your support and leadership.

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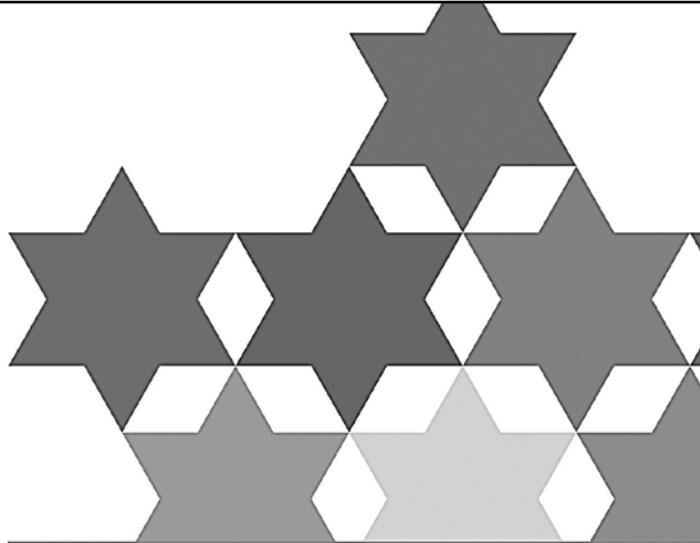
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Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad students came to Jewish Hospital bearing gifts for Chanukah

Jewish Hospital Marked Festival of Lights in Several Ways

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky
Vice President of Mission
KentuckyOne Health

This year, Jewish Hospital was blessed with multiple opportunities to celebrate Chanukah. On December 3, we received a visit from a group of students from Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad. As they learned about Chanukah and its celebration of light and miracles, they came to visit our hospital where healthcare workers make miracles happen every day, and in the process, they ignited light and hope in our staff.

They made beautiful art projects, including a beautiful hospital-appropriate flameless menorah, with the words: "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Like the miracles of Hanukkah, you shine Light into the dark."

They were greeted by Jewish Hospital senior leaders, including President Joe Gilene, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg and Chief Nursing Officer Dr. Shawn O'Connor and myself. We visited several nursing units, and the students personally shared their gifts with the staff, who were deeply touched by this warm embrace from the Jewish community.

In addition to these wonderful Chanukah decorations made with love by the children of our community, Jewish Hospital lit a new menorah downtown in the center of Abraham Flexner Way, that was generously donated by Janet Lynch in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H Greenstein and Mr. and Mrs. S. Arnold Lynch. For its Chanukah reception, as well as the Jewish Community of Louisville's Major Annual Gifts Dinner, a beautiful menorah was kindled that was generously given to Jewish Hospital by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

We also proudly displayed a menorah that highlighted some of the many miracles that occurred this past year, including the opening at Jewish Hospital of a neurosurgical hybrid OR (operating room) with intraoperative CT

technology, the opening of the Jack M. and Janis B. Klempner Family Helipad, KentuckyOne Health's recognition for outstanding organ and tissue donation practices, as well as our being the first in Louisville to use GPS technology to correct heart rhythm problems. We are grateful for yet another "first" in our long and proud history of "firsts!"

One exciting first was our Chanukah party, co-hosted by the Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's Foundation, as well as the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and the Louisville Vaad Hakashruth. We were grateful to have clergy and choirs from The Temple, Adath Jeshurun, Knesseth Israel and Temple Shalom present, as well as the opportunity to thank Janet Lynch for her generous donation of two beautiful stained glass windows for the chapel, in loving memory of her parents.

At Jewish Medical Center East, the traditional lighting of the Fox Family Chanukah Menorah was done to honor the memory of Hilda Fox, head nurse at Jewish Hospital for many years prior to her death on the fourth night of Chanukah in 1956. For 61 years, this has been a tradition with the Fox Family. Today, the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren of the family carry on their Chanukah tradition by gathering together, along with myself, President Shelley Neal Shaughnessy and Director of Operations June Waiz, among others.

The Festival of Lights that we call Chanukah commemorates the story of how a little bit of oil – only enough for one day – lasted instead for eight days, thanks to the dedication and faith of the Maccabees. It is a reminder that miracles are possible when we come together in a spirit of collaboration and faith, and that a flicker of light and hope can overcome even the darkest bouts of despair.

This year, Jewish Hospital proudly brought this metaphor to life in a new way, joining together with the Louisville Jewish Community to celebrate the miracles that are possible when we come together.



This display in the Jewish Hospital Rudd Heart and Lung Conference Center celebrates some of the miracles that happen at KentuckyOne.



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ROSS

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"Until it becomes clear that we're prepared also to challenge Assad and Iranians," he said, "we will not have Sunni fighters."

Ross attributes the rise in violence in Israel to the fact that the world is focused on ISIS and the Syrian refugee problem, and no one is paying attention to the Palestinians. The attacks are an attempt to redirect world attention.

He explained that this is not a third intifada because it lacks the structure, organization and leadership of the earlier uprisings. The attackers are young individuals who believe the Palestinian Authority is corrupt and Palestinian President Abu Mazin should resign. They're angry because no one is paying attention to them and "they have no sense of possibility."

The violence began in response to a false narrative that Israel was trying to change the policy governing the Temple Mount. The U.S. didn't call the Palestinians on the lie because of the Obama administration's mindset that "we can't just criticize only the Palestinians. We have to also say something about the Israelis."

This mindset, Ross contends, "has existed within every administration from Truman until today." It is promulgated by a constituency in the national security apparatus that looks at Israel as being a problem and not a partner.

Ross detailed the relations each president from Truman to Obama had with Israel. The only administration that really looked at Israel as a partner, he claims, was Clinton's. The administration that was most opposed to Israel was Eisenhower.

He also reviewed the pressure various administrations put on Israel to make concessions to the Palestinians over

the years. For example, in the first call George W. Bush made to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon after declaring the War on Terror after 9/11, Bush pressed Sharon not to respond to rocket attacks during the Second Intifada and to have Foreign Minister Shimon Peres meet with Yasser Arafat.

In contrast, Ross said, "Clinton believed we were Israel's only friend in the world and because we were Israel's only friend in the world, if we created a gap between ourselves and Israel, it would give encouragement to Israel's enemies and it would weaken Israel's deterrence." There were still difference between the two countries, Ross explained, but Clinton managed them in private.

Eisenhower thought Truman recognized Israel after its creation for political reasons. During his term, Egypt and Jordan were getting arms from the Soviet Union. When Israel asked for arms, Eisenhower advised, "seek the good will of your neighbors" even though "every single one of Israel's neighbors rejected their existence."

Later, the U.S. did begin selling arms to Israel. The only president to suspend arms to Israel as punishment was Reagan. He imposed this sanction after Israel bombed the Osirik reactor in Iraq and again when the Israelis extended their law and administration to the Golan Heights.

Despite those instances, Ross claims that Reagan transformed our country's relationship with Israel into a partnership. "Reagan is the first president, starting in January of 1984, to create an institutional architecture that, for the first time, creates systematic cooperation with the Israelis, military to military, defense minister to the Pentagon, intelligence community to intelligence community even economics."

Ross posited three assumptions that have been put forward in every admin-

istration from Truman to Obama by the constituency that sees Israel as a problem.

"One is that if we distance ourselves from Israel, we will gain with Arabs," he explained. "The second is, it's a corollary, that if we cooperate with Israel, we will lose with the Arabs. And the third is if we want to transform our position in the region and the region itself we have to solve the Palestinian problem."

Ross challenged each premise and provided examples.

He sees the U.S./Israeli alliance as inevitable because "Israel actually is the only democracy in the region. We share values with Israel. We share interests with Israel. The same forces that threaten Israel threaten us and vice versa."

Going forward, Ross sees continued

violence and instability in the Arab world and believes the difference between those states and Israel will become increasingly stark "for a simple reason. There is one country in the Middle East that is governed by rule of law; one country in the Middle East where there's a separation of powers; one country in the Middle East that has an independent judiciary; one country in the Middle East where there's freedom of speech and, sadly, freedom of press; one country in the Middle East where women's rights are respected; only one country in the Middle East where gay rights are respected; one country in the Middle East where there are regularly and unregularly scheduled elections where the loser accepts the outcome; and that one country is Israel."

YAD

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convened a group of emerging leaders to create the YAD Ambassadors program.

"The program goal is to develop the next generation of young leaders and to redefine how we do that into the future," Nibur said. To do this, the ambassadors will look at the variety of constituencies within YAD – singles, marrieds without children, marrieds with young children, intermarrieds, etc.

"This is the most dynamic time of life for young adults," he noted. "A lot of change happens and we have to figure out how to approach each of these groups."

At the first meeting on December 13, the YAD Ambassadors met for two and a half hours, brainstorming to create a vibrant YAD program.

The first event will be a YAD Happy Hour on Thursday, January 7, 6-8 p.m. at the new bar, Galaxie, in the Green Building in NuLu.

The group is also planning an active presence on social media. #JewLou is already an active web page, according to Nibur. "We want to make it very easy for folks to find out about what's happening in Jewish Louisville."

A second site, #becauseitmatters, is planned as a conversation starter. Nibur said he might write, "I'm an active member of the Jewish community because it matters to me that my children have access to the same sense of community as I did." A young single without children might answer the same question very differently.

Current YAD Ambassadors are Sarah Bloom, Sasha Chack, Alison Feit, Larry Forman, Lisa Rothstein Goldberg, Brett Hudspeth, Shmully Litvin, Devon Oser, Derek Pugh, Justin Smith and Casy Tuma.

If you are interested in becoming a YAD Ambassador and helping reimagine and restructure YAD, contact Lenae Price at lprice@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2763.

Vaad Promoter Led Cooking Class at KI

On Thursday, November 19, the Louisville Vaad Hakashruth partnered with Keneseth Israel Congregation to host a culinary cooking class. Led by Sasha Chack, Vaad promoter, professional cook and restaurateur, the class focused on knife skills and professional techniques from the restaurant world.

Attendees learned the professional way to hold a knife and techniques to avoid lopping off a finger. Then they practiced those skills on onions, carrots, garlic and ginger, learning a medium dice, mince technique and chiffonade on cilantro and scallions for garnish.

Those ingredients then went into the cooking demonstrations for the second portion of the class. While Chack assembled the ingredients that attendees had prepared, the participants relaxed and enjoyed wine.

Chack also demonstrated how to prepare a Japanese Ramen Bowl, showing how to use miso, a fermented soybean paste prevalent in Japanese cooking, and Kombu seaweed, another popular Asian staple, both of which are available with kosher hechsher at Whole Foods.

Combining those ingredients and then adding a light stock made with natural gelatin from the head of a red snapper, creates an Umami flavor profile for the soup. Umami is the fifth taste and is



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detecting as a pleasing and savory taste.

The ramen was then added to broad egg noodles and garnished with scallion. The attendees each enjoyed a large bowl and some wine.

Check the Vaad's Facebook page for upcoming programs.



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Check Out UofL's Jewish Studies Courses for Spring Semester

by Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman
Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence
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For the spring 2016 semester, the University of Louisville is offering two Jewish literature courses. HUM 562-02/635-02: Childhood, Adolescence, & Coming-of-Age in Jewish Literature & Film: North America & the Middle East will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m.



Ranen Omer Sherman

Jewish writers in Israel, North Africa, and North America have produced many inventive narratives addressing issues and themes such as the experience of immigration and the ordeal of transition, the struggle between individuality and collective loyalty, as well as Holocaust trauma, often memorably told about, or from, the child's or adolescent's perspective.

This course is not concerned with children's stories, that is, stories meant for juvenile reading, but with stories about the experience of childhood written by adults for adult readers (though at times such narratives may also be accessible to young adult readers). Through the perceptions of the young protagonist, the struggle to reconcile tradition and the present is often an essential and deeply moving ordeal on the path toward adult identity.

In Israel, the writer often seems to link the adolescence of the young state to the child's own journey into individuality and adulthood. Confronting a variety of upheavals, transitions, adjustments, as well as the nostalgic impulse of looking back (and sometimes the intoxicating dream of imagining a future), the young protagonists created by writers are among the most memorable characters of the modern Jewish literary canon.

HUM 514:01/HUM 614:01 Arabs and Jews in Israeli & Palestinian Literature & Cinema will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:15 p.m. The class will be taught by Professor Ranen Omer-Sherman.

For those of you eager to know more about the human beings behind the increasingly violent and tragic headlines in the Middle East, this course should be ideal. It will explore a range of exciting literary and film narratives to discuss the relationship between the Zionist dream of Homeland and the figure of the Arab, initially admired and emulated by early Jewish settlers, later perceived as both external threat and the "Other" within Israeli society.

The core question to be addressed concerns the writers' *empathic* response to the plight of Palestinians and the Arab minority within Israel itself. Alongside Israeli works, we will consider works written by Palestinians and Arab citizens of Israel portraying their own sense of place and history.

In considering the artists' responses to Israeli politics and culture the class will explore issues such as human rights, Israel's historical relations with its Arab neighbors, as well as its current strug-

gle to accommodate a nascent Palestinian nation. Other issues to be examined will include: the influence of the literary imagination on Israeli society; the role of dissent and protest in Israeli society; and the Jewish state's ambivalence regarding Jews of Arab origin.

In addition, the degree to which literature and cinema in both Palestine and Israel challenge the rigid lines formed in ideological narratives to distinguish the "West" from the "East" and expose the contradictions in the dominant narrative will be examined.

Many of the writers who will be addressed are among the most acclaimed voices in contemporary world literature.

This class will also create opportunities for students to explore beautifully written novels and poetry as well as films and participate in a lively dialogue about current news headlines and important cultural and political trends in Israel, Palestine, and the Middle East, as they develop.

To inquire about auditing either class, email Shari Gater at swgate01@exchange.louisville.edu.

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Hadassah Learns about BDS from JCRC Director

On September 20, Hadassah members attended a parlor meeting at the home of Sharon and Eric Goodman to listen to an update on the activities of the Boycott, Divest and Sanctions Movement (BDS). Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) Director Matt Goldberg began with a history of the BDS movement and discussed why the movement is inherently anti-Semitic. He described the tactics used on college campuses and listed businesses that are targeted.

The discussion shifted to advocacy and action that can be taken to combat this anti-Israel movement. On campus, students can look for allies in other minority groups such as African-American and Hispanic groups, and use the common language of civil rights to frame Israel as a place where justice prevails for people of all religions.

Hillel can partner with environmental organizations and promote Israeli sustainability in solar energy and water power. Israeli advances in computers and engineering can entice groups with high tech interests and promote the Start-Up Nation model. LGBT students will appreciate that Israel is a gay-friendly country. The ROTC will connect with the IDF and strong military culture.

Israel advocates can also be proactive by contacting university presidents or promoting travel to Israel for administrators. They can craft anti-BDS legislation and work with student government using the language of academic freedom.

Since the general population often knows very little about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, advocates can become better educated and research facts and information that cannot be disputed. They can also frame Israel as a country with similar values as the United States, such as freedom and democracy and the common goal of fighting terrorism in the world.

Supporting campus organizations that promote Israel can help to counteract anti-Israel student groups. Cam-

pus Maccabees, CUFI, Stand With Us, and The David Project are effective organizations that educate and empower students to be thoughtful and persuasive advocates. Israeloncampus.com is a website that can be searched to find out current university status regarding friendliness towards Israel.

The final element of the discussion centered on how to effectively promote pro-Israel sentiment among students before they reach college campuses, and what approach will empower young people to be prepared to engage in thoughtful and rational conversations with their peers. Sylvia Goodman, the hosts' high school age daughter, made insightful remarks regarding what it feels like to be Jewish in a small community. She also addressed how often adolescents are unprepared to defend not only their religious identity but a global perspective that is often misrepresented and targeted. Training students in high school to be advocates by educating them on Israel and encouraging them to visit Israel to gain knowledge and a personal connection to the land will help when debating sensitive subjects with other college students.

Locally the JCRC monitors pro-Palestinian groups on the Louisville area college campuses. In general, BDS is considered to be vocal but ineffective. As a movement dedicated to the eradication of Israel as a country, it will never achieve support from the mainstream population. It is important to be vigilant, and to promote and support Israel as a sovereign nation and the Jewish homeland.

Hadassah offers educational opportunities to its members through the online seminar series, "Defining Zionism in the 21st Century." Available at Hadassah.org archives, these seminars include a session on "Zionism and Combating BDS." Hadassah also offers the *Influentials to Israel* program, which sends legislators to visit Hadassah projects in Israel and see firsthand the positive work Hadassah performs.



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JCRC Interfaith Chanukah Celebration Draws Large Crowd



Cantor David Lipp



Brigid Kaelin

by Tamara Ikenberg
Public Relations Specialist

Dreidels were spun, many songs were sung and Louisville's cultures came together as one at the Interfaith Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 13.

Community members of all faiths gathered in the Jewish Community Center's Linker Auditorium, which was still jazzed up with mossy secret forest ceiling lanterns from the prior week's Light Up CenterStage gala, and sat at tables strewn with dreidels, gelt, Chanukah candles, menorahs and foil-wrapped chocolate Maccabees.

Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg welcomed the partygoers and talked about the importance of embracing all faiths and cultures.

Alt-country singer-songwriter Brigid Kaelin, who was raised in an interfaith household, started off the entertainment portion on the perfect note. She charmed the partygoers with original country-tinged Chanukah songs, and even threw in some yodeling.

After a handful of solo numbers, Cantor David Lipp joined Kaelin and she accompanied him on the piano. A couple of Cantor Lipp's songs, including a cute salute to latkes, primed the partygoers for the snacks to be devoured later.

He finished off with a passionate, bluesy tribute to the Chanukah donuts known as sufganiyot.

Some like 'em hot, some like 'em cold/ Nobody likes them when they get old

As he sang, the audience looked longingly at the rows of plump powdered jelly donuts and pans of hot foil-covered latkes waiting to be savored.

"It's not Chanukah unless Bridget is yodeling and Cantor Lipp is singing about sufganiyot," Goldberg joked.

Goldberg then introduced Fred Whittaker, a Holocaust educator and science teacher at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic

School, who was honored at the party. Goldberg explained that Whittaker takes his students to the United States



Fred Whittaker

Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. every year and is a sublime guide. "He is a great teacher of ethics, values and humanity," Goldberg said.

Whittaker then took the stage. He talked about how all faiths are connected,

how vital it is to teach kids about the Holocaust, and his many teachers and inspirations.

"My most powerful inspiration comes from my students," he said. A couple dozen of Whittaker's students were on hand to see their teacher celebrated by the community.

Then it was finally time to feast on latkes and sufganiyot. The partygoers lined up for the Chanukah treats and sat down to socialize.

Friends Star Conner and Joe Burch played dreidel together.

"I just like watching it spin," Conner said.

She added that it was wonderful to see so many people of different religions come together for a sweet celebration.

"It's really nice to be reminded about sharing one God," she said. "That idea gets lost."



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JCRC Chair Becky Swansburg and her daughter Molly.



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LBSY NEWS

After a busy November filled with celebrating the Ethiopian Jewish festival of Sigd, enjoying a family program on the Global Day of Jewish Learning and appreciating the talent of Jonathan Wolff during the Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad fundraiser, December continued to be equally busy at LBSY.

One of the seventh grade classes, taught by Katie Brichto, visited Jewish Hospital and honored members of the staff. Beyond sharing their own knowledge about Chanukah with the staff, students looked at the deeper meanings of light and how those in health care professions bring light and courage and the spirit of Chanukah to patients and their families each and every day.

Other classes concentrated on music, art and video of the Chanukah season and shared those during the school's Chanukah celebration. LBSY gathered at Temple Shalom to make Chanukah snow globes and *Star Wars* "droids" and feasted on potato latkes, cheese latkes and Sephardic bimuelos to celebrate the Festival of Lights. LBSY students also generously helped other Jewish children celebrate Chanukah by sponsoring several dreidels in the Hanukkah Helpers program.

Students were able to share some Chanukah traditions with their twinned classrooms in Israel through the Partnership 2Gether twinning program, introducing their Israeli friends to Louisville traditions of Chanukah and learning more about Israeli Chanukah traditions.

Looking forward to January, LBSY is preparing to learn about and celebrate Tu b'Shevat, utilizing a number of different media and methods.

JFCS Provides Solutions to Senior Hunger

Every day, there are seniors struggling to put food on the table. The problem is that some seniors go hungry without realizing that they have options. In cases like these, seniors could be eligible for The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, which helps low income people buy nutritious food from participating stores.

Filling out a SNAP application is not always easy for seniors and getting into the program can be a lengthy process. To help, Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS) will be conducting outreach workshops throughout 2016 to prescreen seniors over the age of 50 for SNAP eligibility and helping them through the application process.

JFCS's Louis and Lee Roth Family Center is a site where seniors can meet

anytime with a counselor to determine their eligibility and fill out the online application. Home appointments can also be scheduled for seniors with mobility issues.

The program is open to seniors of all faiths and denominations. Seniors can contact JFCS at 502-452-6341 to schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor.

JFCS receives support for this program from MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, a national nonprofit organization working to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel. MAZON launched *Solutions to Senior Hunger* in partnership with the Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies (AJFCA) and generous funding from The Walmart Foundation.

"As the only national Jewish organization focused exclusively on issues of hunger, MAZON is uniquely positioned to do this work," says Abby J. Leibman, president and CEO at MAZON. "We bring 30 years of experience in the anti-hunger field, shaped by Jewish values and tradition, to a population that too often suffers in silence."

MAZON acts to ensure that hungry people have access to the nutritious foods they need today and works to develop and advance long-term solutions so that no one goes hungry tomorrow. Under MAZON's initiative, JFCS will act as a liaison between clients and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services Department for Community Based Services, the government agency that manages SNAP in Jefferson County.

Forthcoming dates for SNAP outreach events will be made available at jfclouisville.org and on the JCC Community Calendar.

KentuckyOne Introduces Anywhere Care App

KentuckyOne Anywhere Care, KentuckyOne Health's virtual care service that connects patients with primary care providers 24/7 by phone or video chat, is now available as a free mobile app for iOS and Android.

Using the KentuckyOne Anywhere Care App, new or established patients can consult with board-certified family practice providers on the go – 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Kentuckians can use the app to request a virtual visit using their mobile device. The app can be downloaded via the App Store, iTunes or Google Play and works with iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

Following the visit, patients can use the app to access and share their visit summary information. The app includes geolocation services, allowing the user to access nearby physicians and hospitals should in-person follow up care be required.

KentuckyOne Anywhere Care providers can treat common conditions like colds and flu, sore throats, rashes, allergies, bladder infections and more. Providers may prescribe medications, if appropriate, recommend an over-the-counter medication or provide home care options. Providers do not prescribe or refill prescriptions for controlled substances such as narcotic pain relievers. If needed, the KentuckyOne Anywhere Care provider will refer patients to a KentuckyOne Health primary care provider or to an emergency department.

"The KentuckyOne Anywhere Care app puts primary care directly in the hands of our patients, making it easier than ever for them to get the care they need when the need it," said Kathy Love, MHA, Strategy & Business Development, KentuckyOne Health.

Following a virtual visit, KentuckyOne Anywhere Care provides a follow-up report to the patient's KentuckyOne Health provider to keep them informed and guide any potential follow up needed.

Patients can also request care online at KentuckyOneAnywhereCare.org or by calling a toll-free phone number – 855-356-8054. Following a request, patients receive a phone or video chat call from a provider within 30 minutes.

KentuckyOne Anywhere Care service also allows patients to create an account on the site and easily access their visit summary with instructions for care following a visit. Creating an account allows regular users to access care more quickly without re-entering personal information.

"When convenient options to care are available, patients are more likely to seek help for common concerns, which prevents serious illnesses from developing," said Love. "With more people accessing the internet through their mobile devices than ever before, this is another way we're bringing the care directly to the patient."

KentuckyOne Anywhere Care costs \$35 per visit and is paid by the patient, whether or not they are covered by insurance. The cost is less than a typical visit to urgent care and a fraction of the cost of a normal emergency room visit.

KentuckyOne Anywhere Care is offered through a partnership with Carena, Inc., a pioneer in the use of telemedicine. When it launched Anywhere Care in 2013, KentuckyOne Health was among the first hospital systems in the U.S. to make such a service available to the public.

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A Day Just For Caregivers



Mauri Malka, LCSW, CMC

Kari Berit was inspirational for the 75 family caregivers in attendance at the Caregiver Survival Workshop that took place at the Olmsted on Monday, December 7, 2015. Caregivers left feeling empowered and armed with strategies for managing their own care. Most important, they were given permission to seek help from others with instructions on how to go about getting it.

Kari instructed them to make a list of those activities others could do that would be most helpful and urged them to produce that list when family and friends ask how they can be of assistance. She also urged them to make a list of things that would make them feel nurtured and gave them the directive to do those things regularly. Self-care is as important as the care given to care receivers. This is a requirement to carry on for the long haul.

Letting go of "shoulds" and learning to say no were additional strategies

that Kari promoted as secrets to the survival of caregivers. Determine what you "have" to do and let the shoulds go. Don't do what others can and learn to say no without giving an excuse. As one of the workshop participants stated, "no is a complete sentence".

Kari encouraged attendees to seek the support of service providers to fill the gaps and to give themselves relief and respite. Caregivers were reminded - You are not alone.

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Guest Speaker Kari Berit



Jo Ann Kalb, LCSW

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 6-8 p.m. at JFCS

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 All meetings are held at JFCS Louis & Lee Roth Family Center unless specified.

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 Contact Mauri Malka, ext. 250

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
 Second Friday of the month, 2 p.m.
 Contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103

Caregiver Support Group
 First Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.
 Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church,
 4936 Brownsboro Road
 Contact Naomi Malka, ext. 249

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups
 Second Monday of the month during December & January, 12:30 p.m.
 Third Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. at Kenwood Elementary Family Resource Center, 7420 Justan Ave.
 Contact Jo Ann Kalb, ext. 335

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group
 Second Thursday of the month, 1 p.m.
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Applications for Holocaust Museum Trip Available in Jan.

Every year the Ida and Bernard Behr Holocaust Memorial Education Fund sponsors a free trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Participants attend pre- and post-trip sessions to prepare for and debrief from their experience. This year the trip will be on May 1. Applications will be available next month. For more information, contact Mike Steklaf at msteklof@jewishlouisville.org. Below are reflections from teens who participated last year.

"My experience to the The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum was something that could not be duplicated in any way. I was told stories and given insight that is not available by visiting the museum with family or on a class trip. The moment I arrived home from my whirlwind day, I immediately began telling my dad everything I had heard," said Hannah Mazzone.

"I was transformed in the sense that I knew what I learned needed to be spread and shared in respect to the lives lost during that horrible time. The lesson that has never left me is that we must be aware and not afraid to question the norm in order to prepare for a better future. I am truly blessed to be one of few who now have more knowledge about these events. I feel I am better at giving respect and standing in solidarity with those facing violence in today's world. I would suggest this trip to anyone willing to simply listen," she added.

"My experience visiting the Holocaust Museum with the Jewish Community Center was one of the most memorable days of my life," said Isaac Edelen. "Before the trip, I had studied the Holocaust in school but never to the extent of our tour that day. Our guide was knowledgeable about the events of the Holocaust and all the subtle details of the museum's architecture that symbolized the horrific aspects of the time period.

"It was a rare chance to look deeper

into the tragedies of the Holocaust than I ever could have on my own," he continued. "The JCC Holocaust trip was incredibly impactful in my life and I would recommend it to any high school student."

The experience of the Holocaust Museum is unlike any other museum trip. Normally, I find myself quite bored, slogging along, wishing that my parents would take me somewhere to get food or something of that nature. But going with the Louisville Jewish Community Center was truly an experience I will remember for the rest of my life," said Hannah Esrock.

"Before going to the museum, we learned a great deal about the REAL history of the Holocaust, not the glossed over version we get in our high schools," she added. "Just his slide shows got me choked up so I knew to pack tissues for when we went to the actual museum. Our instructor kept emphasizing how this all started and the power of the human voice. After learning so much about why this tragic event in history occurred, I felt prepared for the trip.

"There was awkward silence on the bus, an unspoken understanding of what we were all about to emotionally experience," Esrock continued. "I had spoken to my grandmother right before leaving for the trip and she told me that the things you see there, even smell there, will always stick with you. She told me to really pay attention to the words my instructor gifts us so that I could treasure the experience and tell others about it.

"And that was the whole point of this scholarship trip," she noted. "The man that gifted us this experience wanted us to be able to spread the REAL story far and wide, be able to prevent other tragedies in the world even, perhaps. When he told us that, I had no idea the fire that would light underneath myself after this trip.



Holocaust Museum Trip-Participants in Last Year's Trip to the Holocaust Museum

"As we walked through the dark halls of the Museum in Washington DC, I think the thing that stuck out to me the most was the architecture," she observed. "Our instructor informed us that every single corner, every single bannister, every single shadow in the entire building was thoughtfully put there to represent the horrible experience the Jewish people went through. It really made me feel even more connected with my ancestors and feel the entire experience so much more.

"At the end of the trip, my grandmother was right," Esrock concluded. "I could see the cattle car, I could smell the shoes. I could understand how this happened and that it was all of our duties as the next generation to make sure

this never happens again. I am currently in a Race Class at the University of Louisville in which we discuss why such awful discrimination is happening and what can be done about it. I hope to go on to a social justice minor and I'd like to think it was all inspired by this trip."

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TEEN TOPICS



Members of Jay Levine BGG at Spirit Convention

Spirit Convention

From November 13-15, 41 Teens from Louisville BBYO attended KIO Spirit Convention at Camp Campbell Guard in Hamilton, OH. Sprit Convention is a weekend of competition between the various chapters in BBYO. Even though neither chapter was victorious, everyone had a great time.

This convention was coordinated by Laina Meyerowitz, the administrative assistant was Charles Bessen and Joey Schuster was on the steering committee.

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NEWSMAKERS

Louis Waterman, a family law attorney with Goldberg Simpson, wrote a *Courier-Journal* guest column in which he argues that Kentucky marriage laws must be updated for same-sex couples in order to make adoption, divorce and property rights issues easier to address.

"After the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage in Obergefell v. Hodges, everyday family law issues here in Kentucky are beginning to evolve at a rapid pace as lower courts address a tangle of out-of-date statutes, regulations and rules," he wrote.

VNA Nazareth Home Care, a part of KentuckyOne Health, celebrated its 125th anniversary in November, and Mayor Greg Fischer proclaimed November 21, 2015, as VNA Nazareth Home Care Day.

Business First reports that Louisville-based home health nursing and personal care services provider **Almost Family Inc.** recently acquired Home Care by Black Stone Operations LLC, an Ohio-based nursing services company, for \$40 million. The combined operations "will be the largest senior-focused home health provider" in the state, said Almost Family chairman and CEO **William Yarmuth**.



Lowell H. Lustig

Lowell H. Lustig is the Weizmann Institute of Science's new Executive Director for Louisville and Lexington.

Lustig will lead philanthropic efforts to support the Weizmann Institute, a top-ranking, multidisciplinary research institution in Rehovot, Israel. He will also build support for the Institute in the Jewish communities of Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Blue Equity has acquired Maxx Sports & Entertainment, an independent agency that specializes in representing sports broadcasters, including Rodney Harrison, Amy Trask and brothers Tiki and Ronde Barber.

The acquisition is part of the new sports and entertainment company that Blue Equity's chairman and managing director, **Jonathan Blue**, is building. *Business First* reports Blue recently returned from an exploratory trip to Cuba co-sponsored by World Trade Center Kentucky. The goal of the trip was to make connections and potential business opportunities should the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba be lifted.

"This will happen," Blue said. "It's only a matter of time. We need to be at the front door."

Restaurant owners and experts **Susan Hershberg** of Wiltshire on Market and Wiltshire Pantry, **John Varanese** of Varanese and **Brett Davis**, managing partner of DC Management Corp., which owns Doc Crow's Southern Smokehouse & Raw Bar and La Coop; Bistro a Vins were the guest panel members at November's "What's Brewing?" discussion event, held by *Business First*. The trio talked about the challenges of keeping business booming in today's restaurant industry.

When asked about the difficulty of securing financing Hershberg recalled trying to get a loan for Wiltshire on Market. "The bank laughed at me when I called in 2009," she said

Reed Weinberg, president of Louisville's PRG Investments, commented in *Business First* about the recent sale of townhouse community The Villages at Newbridge, the second multi-million dollar sale of a developed home community in Fern Creek in the last few weeks. "Fern Creek has been growing a bit over the last several years, especially outside the Gene Snyder...also, commercial growth has been steady," Weinberg said.

A photo in *Business First* of the 20th Annual Doctors Ball benefiting the **Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation** at the Marriott Louisville Downtown, features **Louis Waterman** of Goldberg Simpson, **Ruth Brinkley**, president and CEO of KentuckyOne Health, **Charlie Johnson**, vice president of business development for L.R.R., hat designer **Angie Schultz** of Attitudes by Angie and **Richard Schultz**, chairman of KentuckyOne Health board.

Sheldon G. Gilman of Lynch, Cox Gilman & Goodman, was named by *Best Lawyer* online magazine as the 2016 Lawyer of the Year in Trusts & Estates. *Best Lawyer* also named Gilman as one of America's best employee benefits lawyers. Gilman primarily practices in the areas of trusts and estates, employee benefits and tax law.

The Louisville International Open recently announced **KentuckyOne Health** as the Official Healthcare Solution Provider for the 2016 tournament. The Louisville International Open will be held August 19-27 at the Louisville Boat Club.

The Louisville International Open is an international event on the Women's Tennis Association calendar. It is held the week before the U.S. Open and features some of the top women's tennis players in the world.

The company received preliminary approval for \$650,000 in tax incentives from the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority based on job creation and investment plans related to the expansion.

Cincinnati-based Kroger Co. has bought land in Oldham County, where it plans to build a Kroger Marketplace Store, *Business First* reports.

Stuart Frankenthal, manager of Illinois-based Jass Realty Co. LLC, said he sold about 14 acres to Kroger at the corner of Ky. 393 and Commerce Parkway near Buckner for about \$2.5 million.

Louisville-based **Signature Healthcare LLC** acquired the skilled nursing division of Elmcroft Senior Living Inc., also based in Louisville. The deal adds 18 skilled-nursing and rehabilitation centers with about 1,700 beds to Signature's holdings.

In December of 1935, **Heaven Hill Distillery** filled its first barrel of Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey.

To mark the 80th anniversary of the occasion, Heaven Hill Brands produced a special run of Bourbon made just like it was in 1935. Some of the barrels have special commemorative barrel heads, and will be displayed at Heaven Hill's Bourbon Heritage Center in Bardstown.

"We thought there could be no better way to recognize and commemorate the filling of our first barrel in 1935 than to replicate it as faithfully as possible," said Heaven Hill President **Max L. Shapira**.

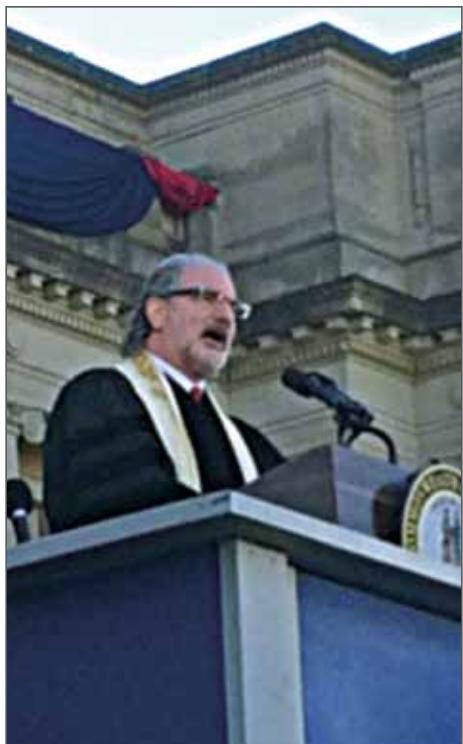
On November 20, Heaven Hill unveiled its pop-up venue Bourbon Social at The KFC Yum! Center's Norton Commons porch, *Business First* reports.

The gathering area will sell a signature cocktail called Norton Commons Cider, a mix of apple cider liqueur and Evan Williams Bourbon. Bourbon Social will be open through basketball

season, and may last even longer if it becomes a hot spot.

University of Louisville Hospital and the **James Graham Brown Cancer Center**, part of **KentuckyOne Health**, have received national certification to offer the STAR Program (Survivorship Training and Rehabilitation), a nationally recognized program focused on rehabilitation to improve quality of life for cancer survivors.

The goal of the program is to educate and provide screening criteria for the early identification of patients who



could benefit from therapy and make it available to minimize the side effects of cancer treatments.

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport of The Temple was one of three clergymen participating in Gov. Matt Bevin's swearing in ceremony on December 8. Joining Rabbi Rapport were Southern Seminary President R. Albert Mohler Jr. and Joseph Kurtz of the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Signature Healthcare talent management consultant and past president of Louisville's chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management Tiffany Cardwell praised Signature's wellness offerings in a *Business First* piece about the benefits companies get by helping keep their workers healthy. Cardwell cited Signature's onsite fitness center and mobile mammography unit as two of the best benefits.

Business First's "Business of the Year" issue recognized several prominent Jewish businessmen and the companies they run.

Kindred Healthcare, headed by CEO **Benjamin Breier**, was a finalist in the best very large company category, **Candryrific LLC**, led by President **Rob Auerybach**, won the best large company category, and **Signature Healthcare** President and CEO **Joe Steier** was honored for excellence in leadership.

Stuart Goldberg, Margaret Handmaker, Pat Parks and Jane Younger are members of Leadership Louisville Center's 2016 Encore Louisville Class. Launched in the fall of 2014, Encore Louisville is a program for civic leaders who want to continue to give back to the community as they retire, approach retirement or transition from professional careers.

Amy Landon is among the group of civic leaders who recently graduated from Leadership Louisville Center's Focus Louisville program.

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Bette Levy Honored

Mazin Show Opens in Patio Gallery; Winners Announced

by Tamara Ikenberg
Public Relations Specialist

At the packed, buzzing opening reception for the juried Annual Mazin Art Exhibit in the Patio Gallery on Sunday, November 22, many people paused and pondered in front of the first prize-winning piece, "Fusion." The enigmatic earth-toned multimedia work shows four conical faces connected by threads to a large boulder-like item.

"I'm trying to figure it out," said Mazin artist Sarah O'Koon. "It's challenging. It draws you in and makes you think, what is this artist trying to say to me?"

The meaning behind "Fusion" was never revealed. Its creator, Russie Wight-Waltman, wasn't there to explain it because she was sick and not able to attend the show.

The work's puzzling quality was part of what made Mazin juror Luanne Rimel pick it as the winner of the first-place ribbon and \$1,000.

"There's a lot of mystery in that piece," Rimel said during the prize presentation.

Rimel, a St. Louis-based textile artist and experienced juror, culled 129 Mazin submissions down to 29, and also chose the winners.

She said narrowing the entries down was a major challenge, and that she was impressed by the range of inspired work she saw in the process. "It never stops amazing me what people make and how the creative spirit lives in so many of us and we have to make our ideas become visual in some way."

Second place and \$500 went to Tom Pfannerstill's enamel-painted basswood "portraits" of a band aid box and oil can titled "Band Aid" and "3-in-One."

"I'm overjoyed. It's wonderful," Pfannerstill said. "I sent a similar piece to another show and it was rejected."

Third place and \$300 went to Alexander Taylor's oil painting "Woodford Reserve Distillery." Taylor said he hadn't planned to paint the Distillery the day he visited it for the first time, but he was unexpectedly charmed and inspired by it.

"It was a beautiful day and I took a few photographs," Taylor said. "I loved the way the light was hitting the building. Most of my work is architectural, cityscapes or landscapes, so it's right up my alley."

Vickie Wheatley's bright textile piece "Las Ruinas" and Paul Reynolds' bleach on paper piece "Wood," both received honorable mentions.

The winners reflected the wide variety of styles and media comprising the show. Other memorable and unconventional pieces include Craig Kaviar's "Il-

lumination," an alluringly ancient-looking forged iron menorah; Barbara Tyson Moseley's "Button," a button-covered contemporary ethnic doll; and Kevin Schultz's "Mermaid, a crochet lace sculpture of a female torso that looks like it is about to wiggle off the wall.

Jana John, a local artist and co-owner of Gallery Janjobe in the Mellwood Arts and Entertainment Center, marveled at "Mermaid."

"The intricacy is just amazing," she said. "It must have taken forever."

Patio Gallery Director and accomplished textile artist Bette Levy was beaming with pride as she kept busy mixing and mingling with the artists and gallery-goers.

"I think the show is terrific. Luanne worked really hard to make sure she had a good representation of different types of art work," Levy said. "This is one of the largest turnouts we've ever had. Our group shows bring out all of the artists and all of their families."

After Rimel announced the prize-winners, Levy received a surprise tribute honoring her for 15 years tirelessly working to make the Patio Gallery a premiere destination for the art community in addition to managing her own thriving art career. (See story, page 1.)

It was the perfect time and place for the tribute because so many of the artists and colleagues Levy has worked with over the years were there to share the moment.

In brief comments, JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner said, "Bette has given many hours and years making sure our gallery is successful and beautiful. She has been the leader, making everything happen and we just wanted to say thank you."

The attendees applauded and Wagner and Levy hugged. Then Wagner presented Levy with a big present wrapped in polka-dot paper, which Levy didn't open until close to the end of the reception. The gift was a fabulous frosted glass menorah with multi-colored studs.

"It's fantastic," Levy said. "It's going to be so gorgeous with the candles burning."

The Mazin Art Exhibit was created 10 years ago by Bernice and Benjamin Mazin, z"l, and is funded by the Mazin Visual Arts Fund.

"The Mazins were on the JCC's Visual Arts Committee and wanted to have a show that would celebrate local artists, so they set up a fund to underwrite the cost of having it on an ongoing basis," Levy said. "We are so grateful to Bernice and Benjamin and their family."

Judy Hummel, the Mazins' daughter, was at the opening. She was grateful that the tradition her parents started is more popular and relevant than ever.

"I think it's a beautiful show and I love that we got somebody from St. Louis to judge. The piece that won, I really like. It's so cool and so different. I was taken by it," she said. "The show is growing and I feel very pleased. I pray it stays this way for a long time."

The Mazin Annual Art Exhibition will remain in the Patio Gallery through December 29.

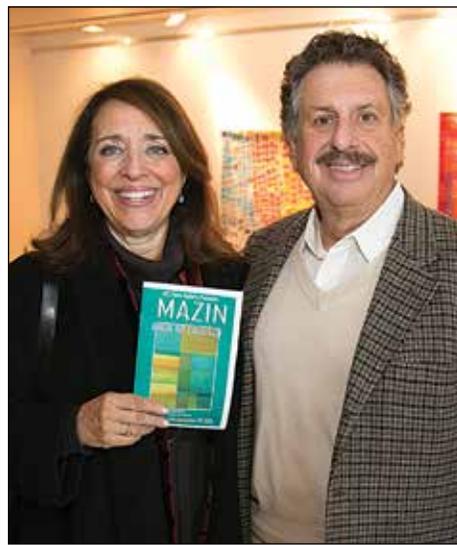


Rimel presented the second place award to Tom Pfannerstill.

Juror Luanne Rimel announced that the first prize went to Russie Wight-Waltman, although the artist wasn't able to attend and claim her prize.



Third place went to Alexander Taylor



Judy Hummel, the Mazins' daughter, and her husband, Dennis.



Barbara Tyson Moseley

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Bette Levy displayed her award.



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AROUND TOWN

Talk Torah over Coffee and Bagels at The Temple

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel leads discussions of the weekly Torah portion every Saturday from 9-10 a.m. in The Temple's Fishman Library prior to the Shabbat service. Coffee and bagels are provided. The next discussion is Saturday, December 26.

Sip and Study at Jews and Brews

On Wednesday, December 30, at 11 a.m., in the JCC Coffee Shop, join Rabbi Michael Wolk for Jews and Brews, a weekly one-hour class where participants sip coffee and study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary. The class is free and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman

at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Attend Adath Jeshurun's January Celebration Shabbat

Adath Jeshurun's January Celebration Shabbat will be held on Saturday, January 2, during morning worship services, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Those celebrating January birthdays and/or anniversaries are invited to participate in a group aliyah.

Check out KI's Children's Shabbat Service

On Saturday, January 2, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Keneseth Israel will hold a high-energy children's service with stories, singing, prayers, Torah and learning. Services conclude with a yummy kiddush. Children's Shabbat Services are held the first and third Saturday of each month. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Read with Hadassah

The Louisville Hadassah Book Club will meet on Monday, January 4, at 6:30 p.m., at Panera, 6221 Dutchmans Ln., to discuss the novel *Safekeeping* by Jessamyn Hope. For more information, call 502-645-4739 or email Louisvillehadassahchapter@gmail.com.

Explore 'The Mind of a Jewish Chef' with Chef Allan Rosenberg

Chef Allan Rosenberg will talk about "The Mind of a Jewish Chef" during Temple Shalom's First Monday Adult Education program on Monday, January 4, at 7 p.m.

Rosenberg, who opened Fontleroy's at Grinstead Dr. and Bardstown Rd. in August, will talk about why he became a chef, why Jewish food has not gone mainstream in Louisville restaurants and why there has been an increase in the number of Jewish chefs.

Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 by January 1. If you have questions, ask to be contacted by Norm Cummings.

Take a Monday Night Class at The Temple

Monday Night Adult Education at The Temple will resume on January 4.

Text Study with Rabbi David meets at 7 p.m. The class, "From the Beginning," will read and discuss the Bible from Chapter 1 of the book of Genesis and examine the 70 ways to understand every verse and every chapter.

Intermediate Hebrew with Rabbi Rooks meets at 7 p.m. Learn Hebrew through the meaningful lyrics of song and poetry. This class will study familiar melodies and Israeli poets to build

vocabulary and comprehension.

Advanced Hebrew with Rabbi Rapport meets at 8 p.m. This class, "Bring Your Hebrew To Life!", is a comprehension-based course on Hebrew reading and grammatical structures which will guide learners to know what they say when they pray and understand the words of Torah as they were written in their own day.

For more information on these classes call 502-423-1818.

Join the Wednesday Temple Scholars Program

The Temple's Wednesday Temple Scholars Program classes will meet on Wednesday mornings beginning January 6. Space is limited. Please call The Temple at 502-423-1818 for registration and more information.

"Justice and Righteousness: Personal Ethics and National Aspirations" with Rabbi David meets from 9:30-10:35 a.m. Using texts from Bible, Talmud, Jewish philosophy and theology, Jewish history and Jewish mysticism the class will journey in exploring the Jewish values of justice and righteousness and their application in the North American and Israeli public squares.

"Jewish Life in the Golden Land" with Rabbi Rapport meets from 10:50 a.m.-12 p.m. The class is a many-layered look at the joys and challenges of American Jewish life: past, present and future. The class includes a field trip to Cincinnati to visit Hebrew Union College, the American Jewish Archives and the historic Plum Street Synagogue.

Try Some 'Talmud and Tonic'

Every Wednesday during the month of January at 7 p.m., the entire community is invited to Rabbi Michael Wolk's home to discuss the Talmud's take on relevant issues and events, all while enjoying some wine and spirits with friends.

The first meeting is on Wednesday, January 6. All backgrounds are invited to join this class. This event is free and open to the public.

For more details, including Rabbi Wolk's address, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Knit & Qvell at Anshei Sfarad

Congregation Anshei Sfarad's Knit & Qvell Circle will meet Thursday, January 7, at 1 p.m. in the shul library. All knitters and want-to-be knitters are invited to attend.

For more information contact Toby Horvitz at 502-458-7108. All knitted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet.

Virtually Visit South Africa at Keneseth Israel

On Friday, January 8, at 5:30 p.m., Keneseth Israel will present "Shabbat Around the World: South Africa" with Dr. Mark Newstadt.

The event includes a lively Kabbalat Shabbat service, a talk from Dr. Newstadt about growing up as a Jew in South Africa and a dinner featuring South African cuisine.

The cost is \$18 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Children under 6 are free. RSVP by December 31 to 502-459-2780 or rsvp@kenesethisrael.com. Payment accepted online at www.kenesethisrael.com or via check mailed in or dropped off at KI.

For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Enjoy AJ's Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation

On Saturday, January 9, at 10:30 a.m., Deborah Slosberg will lead a Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation at Adath Jeshurun.

Short & Sweet is a family service for students in grades K-7, their parents and grandparents. The community is invited.

Meditate on the Zodiac

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin leads Zodiac-based meditation classes at the beginning of each new lunar month at Chabad House, 1654 Almara Cir.

The next class is Saturday, January 9, at 7 p.m. A \$5 donation is suggested and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 502-459-1770. All are welcome.

Take Free Hebrew Classes at Adath Jeshurun

Adath Jeshurun is offering three Hebrew classes for adults, all of which are open to the community, on select Sunday mornings in the Bornstein classroom. The next class dates are: January 10 and January 31. Times and class content are: 9 a.m., Intermediate Hebrew grammar; 10 a.m., Beginning conversational Hebrew; and 11 a.m., Prayer book Hebrew.

Classes are free except for the cost of the textbook, and new students are always welcome. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359 ext. 115.

Have Some Investment Advice with Brunch at Temple Shalom

On Sunday, January 10, at 10 a.m., The Temple Shalom Men's Club will present brunch with investment advisor Ruth Wimsatt Trautwein. Trautwein, a senior investment associate with Stegner Investment Associates, will discuss the 2015 stock market and the outlook for 2016.

Brunch is \$5. RSVP to 502-458-4739 by January 7.

Have a Nostalgic Nosh at KI

On Sunday, January 10, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Keneseth Israel is bringing the beloved Louisville Jewish deli, the Nosh Box, back for one day only.

Enjoy corned beef and pastrami sandwiches, Dr. Brown's sodas, potato salad, coleslaw, and more. Deli meat will also be sold by the pound, and original Nosh Box owners Les Naiman and Mark Suna will be running the one-day deli.

Author Ted Merwin will also be there to talk about his newest book, *Pastrami on Rye: An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Deli*. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Catch a Sunday Night Movie at The Temple

On Sunday, January 10, at 7 p.m., The Temple presents a free Sunday Night at the Movies with Rabbi David. The night's film is *Fill the Void*, the story of 18-year-old Shira, who is about to be married off to a promising young man. Shira is happy and excited until personal tragedy strikes during Purim and her plans for the future are thrown into disarray.

Unwrap Shabbat at Temple Shalom

On Friday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m., the community is invited to Temple Shalom for an interactive lesson casually taught along with dinner. The topic will be "How to Receive an Aliyah."

RSVP to 502-458-4739 by Friday, January 8. Sitter service will be available on request.

Celebrate and Commemorate MLK Jr. at The Temple

On Friday, January 15, at 7 p.m., The Temple will hold a Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Shabbat Service with special guests the Greater Bethel see **AROUND TOWN** page 21

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Temple Choir and Director of Worship Larsandra Linton. The Temple choir, Shir Chadash, will perform the liturgical music of the Shabbat service. A special Oneg Shabbat will follow.

Learn and Stretch at a Jewish Yoga Class

On Sunday, January 17, from 1:30- 3 p.m., Cantor Sharon Hordes and professional yoga instructor Katey Brichto will lead a Jewish yoga class at Keneseth Israel. During the class, which is co-sponsored by Hadassah, Hordes will share Jewish teachings as Brichto guides students through postures.

The class is free and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Make MLK Jr. Day a Mitzvah Day

On Monday, January 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m., volunteers will be packing food at The Temple for hungry children in conjunction with Love The Hungry (formerly Kids Against Hunger). Pizza and drinks will be provided for volunteers. RSVP to 502-423-1818 by Thursday, January 14.

Make a Move at the RSM Scholastic Chess Tournament

The Russian School of Mathematics

(RSM) will host the RSM Scholastic Chess Tournament on Monday, January 18, at 113 S. Hubbards Ln. Registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. and rounds begin at 10 a.m. Entry fee is \$20 if you pre-register or \$25 on site, cash or check.

The tournament benefits the Russian Jewish Community Foundation Children of Sderot Fund.

To register, send an e-mail with the name of your child to louisville@russianschool.com by January 16 and bring identification for your child to the event.

For more information, contact Leonid Madorsky at 502-427-2231.

Watch 'Live from New York's 92nd Street Y' at Adath Jeshurun

On Wednesday, January 20, Adath Jeshurun will present a "Live from New York's 92nd Street Y" broadcast titled "Crisis Point: Overcoming Our Broken Politics - Trent Lott and Tom Daschle in Conversation."

A dessert reception will take place at 7 p.m., followed by the broadcast at 7:30 p.m. This program is free of charge and open to the community.

Hear Caffeinated Cantors at Adath Jeshurun

On Saturday, January 23, at 7 p.m., Adath Jeshurun invites the community to Havdalah followed by a cantorial

concert and coffee reception. The concert will feature Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo, founder of Chazzano Coffee Roasters, his wife Lisa, a classically trained soprano, Cantor David Lipp, Cantor Sharon Hordes and Jennifer Diamond.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Visit www.adathjeshurun.com/coffeeconcert to purchase tickets.

Wake Up and Smell the Coffee at Adath Jeshurun

On Sunday, January 24, at 10 a.m., Adath Jeshurun invites the community to a coffee-cupping party to learn about coffees from around the world.

Coffee-cupping is the practice of observing tastes and aromas of roasted coffee. The party will feature specialty coffees in a variety of flavors and pastries from a local chef.

Reservations must be made by Tuesday, January 19, at www.adathjeshurun.com/coffeecupping or 502-458-5359.

Meditate in the Morning at Chabad House

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin has developed a series of guided meditations based on the work of Rabbi Sholom Dovber Schneerson (1860-1920) known as the Rebbe RaShab.

Classes are held on the last Wednesday of every month at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Cir., at 8:15 a.m. The next class is on Wednesday, January 27, and the theme is "Giving Thanks for Life."

Coffee and refreshments will be served. For more information call 502-459-1770. All are welcome.

Take Care of Yourself at KI's Healing Service

Those in need of emotional, physical and spiritual uplifting, can find comfort in Keneseth Israel's Jewish Healing Service on Sunday, January 31, from 2-4

p.m., at The Glenview, 5100 US-42.

Cantor Sharon Hordes will lead the healing service, which will be followed by a yummy appetizers and an address from guest speaker Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky, vice president of mission at KentuckyOne Health. This event is free and open to the public.

For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ changes Weekly Lunch & Learn Study Session

This winter, AJ is combining the former Friday Lunch and Learn Mishneh Torah class with Shabbat Text Study, to be held following the Kiddush lunches on Shabbat mornings when there is not a bar or bat mitzvah, sponsored Kiddush lunch, nor a Shabbat Scholar. Prior knowledge of Jewish texts and Hebrew is not required. These discussions are open to the community.



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January 7

Alan Zukof will welcome 2016 with enjoyable guitar sounds and a great voice.

January 14

Sara Robinson will give a musical, educational presentation about Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights movement.

January 21

Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks will speak about Tu b'Shvat, the Festival of Trees.

January 28

Charlaine Reynolds will present Falls Prevention: It's about More than the Throw Rugs.

A healthy and nutritious lunch is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Kosher meals are available for \$5 upon request in advance. Walk-ins welcome, but to ensure that a lunch is available for you, RSVP by Mon-

day of the week you plan to attend to Charlaine Reynolds at 502-509-9416 or email charlaine.reynolds@gmail.com.

Transportation to Jewish events, such as Chavurat Shalom, can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services at 502-452-6341. Transportation to Chavurat Shalom is \$5 round-trip.

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Births

Reuben Emmett Berger

Reuben Emmett Berger was born on November 26 to Ayelet and Alex Berger of Nashville, TN. The proud grandparents are Adele and Larry Singer and Robin and Neil Blumberg of Louisville, KY and Antonia and Howard Berger of London, England.

B'not Mitzvah

Bentlea Nicole Schwartz

Bentlea Nicole Schwartz, daughter of Kim and Scott Schwartz and sister of Carter and Chelsea Clapp, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m., at The Temple.

Bentlea is the granddaughter of the late Gail Cassen Schwartz and Neil "Buddy" Schwartz, and Jean Goff and the late L.J. Goff.

Bentlea is a seventh grader at St. Francis School Goshen where she is a member of the field hockey, basketball and track teams. She also plays field hockey for Bluegrass Premier and loves to sing, act and be with her friends.

Bentlea is working with the Louisville Zoo to raise money for elephant care. Bentlea and her family invite the community to celebrate her bat mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.

Kenya Nicole Chambers

Kenya Nicole Chambers, daughter of Kerrie Suzan, and sister of Araya, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, January 30, at 10:30

a.m., at The Temple. Kenya is the granddaughter of Larry and Barbara Suzan, and the great granddaughter of the late Paul and Yetta Suzan.

Kenya is in the seventh grade at Kammerer Middle School where she is a choir member. She is also a member of the Jewish Community Center's Gators swim team, Go Gators! In Kenya's spare time she enjoys hanging out and talking to her friends on the phone, singing, drawing, and of course, swimming.

Kenya is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 and Hanukkah Helpers programs and she plans on having a toiletry and sock drive for St. Joseph Children's "Hospital - is it Home?". Kenya and her family invite the community to celebrate her bat mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.



Obituaries

Elaine Koppel Saag

Elaine Koppel Saag, 85, died Thursday, November 19, at her home.

Affectionately known as the "Big E", she was a member of The Temple and NCJW - Louisville Section.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward S. Saag.

She is survived by her children, Terry, Barbara Nefouse (Greg) and Dr. Michael Saag (Amy) of Birmingham, AL; grandchildren, Jill Griffin (Mark), Lindsey Grossman (David), David Nefouse (Diana), Jeffrey Nefouse, Andy Saag (Brittany), Dr. Harry Saag and Julie Saag Pizitz (Andrew); and 5 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to give a special thank you to her caregivers, Sherri Berger, Paula Donovan, Gilda Talley, Jeff Parnell and Flo Hogue.

Burial was at The Temple Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or the Mary Fisher CARE Fund at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, 845 19th Street South, BBRB Room 256, Birmingham, AL 35294.

Joan Gertrude Rubin

Joan Gertrude Rubin, 87, died Thursday, November 26, at her daughter's residence.

She was born July 23, 1928 in Brooklyn, NY to the late Hazel Rogell and Samuel Privalsky. She was a teacher and a camp director at Camp Chipinaw in Swan Lake, NY.

She is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Stanley Rubin; her daughters, Lisa Bornstein (James) and Jill Palmer (Steven) of Edgewater, NY and

her son, David Rubin (Nancy) of Rockville Centre, NY; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Edith Reid Houston-Deever

Edith Reid Houston-Deever, formerly of Jacksonville, FL and Mansfield, OH, died Saturday, November 28. One of five children, she was born June 11, 1915, to the late Cora Matson Reid and Peyton J. Reid in Elizabeth, WV. She spent her early years in Wert County until she was a teenager. The family moved to the Mansfield, OH area where she finished high school and it was there that she met her future husband, Mark Everton Houston of Cleveland, who had moved to Mansfield during The Great Depression.

They were wed in 1937, and married for nearly 34 years before he died in 1971. They had three children where they settled on the family farm while Mr. Houston worked for the Tappan Stove Company. During those years that she raised her family, she was known for her love of flowers and was a charter member of The Four Seasons Garden Club, representing the club at the well-known Kingwood Center. In addition to her gardening, she was member of the Richland County Herb Society, a former trustee of Franklin Methodist Church and a member of Franklin Art Club.

During her widow years, she traveled to Hawaii, China, Japan, England and Scotland. In 1990, she reconnected with Hank Deever, a childhood friend from Ashland, OH, and they were married for seven years until his death. She continued to live in Jacksonville until she moved to Chesapeake, VA and then to Louisville, KY, in 2003 to live with her two daughters for six month intervals.

Five years ago she made Louisville her final home with her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Ken Handmaker. Her twilight years were spent doting on her nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and being a member of Christ Church United Methodist with her wonderful friends in the Pathfinders Class.

She will be remembered far and wide as Grandma Houston to her family and Edie to her friends and relatives. Even though she was 100 years young at her death, she had continued to spread her love with family and friends and especially with her great-grandchildren by attending school performances or sport games. Most notably, she was the family historian and storyteller providing everyone with tales of World War I, suffrage, The Great Depression, presidents her uncle and aunt knew, or how to grow crops without spraying pesticides.

She was a seamstress, a great cook and an aspiring artist and baker. Her family considers her apple pie recipe the best on earth. She was devout in her faith, fearless with tribulations and strong in her convictions of right and



wrong, especially never telling a lie. She will be remembered as the grandmother with a larger than life personality in a tiny frame, with a friendliness that never met a stranger. Her charm and love will be missed by all her family.

She is survived by her loving family, her son, Doug Houston's (who predeceased her in 2010) children, Mark Houston of Plantation, FL, and his children, Annabella, Isabella and Johan; Stephanie Houston of Cambridge, MA; Ed Houston of Bluffton, SC, and his daughter, Charlotte; and Mike Houston (Lisa) of Chagrin Falls, OH, and their children, Fiona and Grant; Her daughter, Judy Handmaker (Ken) of Goshen, KY, and her children, Elizabeth Noonan (Richard) of Lexington, KY, and their children, Sarah Jewell and Reid, James "Chip" Adams (Kathi) of Hopkinsville, KY, and his children, Edie, Kate and James Edward III; and her daughter, Margaret Adams of Louisville, KY; and her additional blended children, Tony Handmaker's (who predeceased her in 2011) son, Eli; John Handmaker (Trisha) of Louisville, and their children, Darrah and Case; and Rob Frank (Sarah) of Dayton, OH, and their children, Gracie and Jeffrey; And her daughter, Elizabeth "Beth" Statzer (Wayne) of Chesapeake, VA, and their children, Seth Statzer (Gabriella) of Spokane, WA, and their children, Alison, Natalie and Mariana Elisabeth; and Drew Statzer (Beth) of Richmond, VA, and their daughter, Logan.

Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Olivesburg, OH. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Christ Church United Methodist Church.



Marcia Jacobs

Marcia Jacobs, 92, died Sunday, December 6, at Episcopal Church Home. She was a native of Bonne Terre, MO, born May 14, 1923, to the late Meyer and Freeda Nuell. She was a former administrative assistant for specialty products companies, a US Marine Corps veteran of World War II, a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, NCJW - Louisville Section, Hadassah and the JCC's modern dance group.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Samuel "Sam" Jacobs and a brother, Myron Nuell.

She is survived by her loving family, her daughter, Nancy Snow (Steve); her son, Harvey Jacobs (Patricia) of Brentwood, TN; her brother, Jerome Nuell of St. Louis, MO; her grandchildren, Jamie Snow (Steve Milder), Michael Snow and Tim Anderson (Jenny); and two great-grandchildren, Abby and Benjamin.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Jane Cornett and Angie Ethridge for their wonderful care and to those employees at Episcopal Church Home who cared for her with respect and compassion.

Burial was at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hosparus, JFCS PALS Program or donor's favorite charity.

Meyer S. Etter

Meyer S. Etter, infant son of Katie and William Etter, passed away Thursday, December 10, at his home.

He is survived by his parents; his brother, Maxwell; his grandparents Dr. William and Jackie Rubin and William and Diane Etter.

Contributions may be made to Kourageous Kids at Hosparus of Louisville, 3532 Ephraim McDowell Dr., 40205.

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Rabbi David Feder

Exodus not only details our experience of liberation, but of enslavement as well. Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch delineates that experience of exile and enslavement in Egypt as consisting of three phases. The process begins with the Israelites being perceived as being Other, foreigners or outsiders, when compared to the rest of the Egyptian populace. This sense of *Gerut*, or Otherness, leads almost inevitably to slavery or *Avdut*. Slavery then descends into dehumanization and degradation or *Inui*.

The Egyptian experience can be seen as an archetype for the Jewish experience of persecution in other lands throughout history. Being perceived as different or as an outsider is followed by

persecution. Persecution then becomes institutionalized and part of the very fabric of society. Society then strips the stranger, not only of rights, but of a sense of individual worth and identity, making it easier for abuse and mistreatment to occur.

This process of gradual dehumanization is why the Torah emphasizes over and over again not to oppress the stranger, because we were strangers in the land of Egypt and goes so far as to demand that we in fact love the stranger. On no less than 36 occasions the Torah demands justice for the stranger.

Why so much emphasis on the stranger? Because we are the stranger. Abraham left home and lived as a stranger among the inhabitants of the land of Canaan. Moses experienced being an outsider in both the seat of power and among the least powerful. More than abstract understandings based on emotional sympathy or analytic reason, we know from concrete experience what it means to be a stranger.

And so when we hear contemporary rhetoric demeaning the stranger, denigrating the immigrant and dehumanizing the refugee, that language is all too familiar. It reminds us of our own experiences when we were the other and the abused. As we begin a new year and a new book, let us learn anew from our experiences, speaking out on behalf of those seen as strangers, extending our-

selves not only to embrace the stranger, but to transform the stranger into a friend.

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Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, December 25 at 5:10 p.m.; January 1 at 5:15 p.m.; January 8 at 5:59 p.m.,

January 15 at 5:28 p.m.; January 22 at 5:36 p.m. and January 29 at 5:44 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi David Feder, the principal of Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad, has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

Subaru's Share the Love Campaign Can Benefit JCC's Senior Adult Meals on Wheels Program

The Senior Adult Department is again participating in the Share the Love Campaign with Meals on Wheels America and Subaru.

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There are four national charities: Meals on Wheels America, ASPCA, Make-a-Wish and the National Park Foundation. In Louisville, the JCC's Senior Adult Meals on Wheels program is actively participating by raising awareness of the Share the Love Event.

To ensure that Meals on Wheels America benefits, Subaru customers must select Meals on Wheels America as the recipient of their \$250 donation.

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