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## Answer the Call on Super Sunday, January 31

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*More Super Sunday Volunteers Are Needed; Can You Help?*

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

In the general community, Super Sunday means a championship football game, time with friends and family, snack foods and lots of fun with the result of one team being crowned champion.

In the Jewish community, Super Sunday also means a championship game, time to talk with family and friends, lots of good food and snacks and plenty of fun, but the results of this game are dollars raised to support Jewish education, Jewish Family & Career Services, Chavurat Shalom, Hillel, the Jewish Community Relations Council, JCC Summer Camp scholarships and the Yachad inclusion program, BBYO and much more, as well as Israel and Jewish communities at risk around the world.

In the Jewish community, Super Sunday means the Annual Federation Campaign Telethon and the ultimate winner is the Jewish community. The time talking with family and friends, is the time volunteers spend making calls and discussing community needs with donors.

This year, they also have a special opportunity to discuss. You can double your impact this year when you make a new gift to the 2016 Federation Campaign or when you increase your gift over what you gave last year. Thanks to a generous Double Your Impact Challenge from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, all donations that exceed what each donor gave last year will be matched up to \$200,000, demonstrating that as a community, *we are Stronger Together*.

So on Sunday, January 31, when a volunteer calls, give generously to the 2016 Federation Campaign and help the community meet the \$200,000 Double Your Impact Challenge.

Or don't wait for the call and make your gift to- see **SUPER SUNDAY** page 4

## JCC's 125 Gala Tickets Are Going Fast



by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Have you gotten your tickets for the Jewish Community Center's 125 Gala on February 20? It may be the hottest ticket in town and more than 170 people have already made their reservations.

The evening will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Downtown and will include dinner, signature cocktails, special performances by familiar faces and dancing with The Sly Band. If you aren't familiar with The Sly Band, you are in for a treat.

The group, an 11-piece band from Nashville, will get you and your friends up and grooving to a variety of Motown, pop, Top 40, rock, and even swing songs. They come highly recommended by several members of our community.

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## Friedman to Receive National Women's Philanthropy Award

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Debbie Friedman is a true leader in the Louisville Jewish community, lending her talents to many local Jewish agencies, helping ensure the strength and vitality of the Jewish community by making a Lion of Judah gift to the Annual Federation Campaign, and volunteering for the Campaign.

This year, in recognition of her many years of service to the community and her generous support of the Campaign, the Jewish Federa-

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Debbie Friedman

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# JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director  
Jewish Community Relations Council

## One Year Ago...

This week marks the one year anniversary of the attacks in Paris at the headquarters of the Charlie Hebdo magazine and the Kosher Supermarket, a horrific day that seemed to galvanize French citizens and French Jewish citizens to root out terrorism and radical theology.

Of course, since that time, things seem to have gotten worse. We had the horrific attacks in Paris in November which killed over 130 people. Attacks against the Jewish community in particular have also not abated as some sort of physical attack afflicts the Jewish community on an almost weekly basis.

Last week, subsequent to one of these physical attacks against a Jewish teacher in Marseilles (who was stabbed), the head of the Marseilles Jewish community called on Jews there to avoid wearing kippot (or anything identifiably Jewish) in public out of concern for their safety. The idea is that no religious obligation is worth risking your life.

The Chief Rabbi of France subsequently rejected that call, saying hiding one's Jewish identity would surely be giving in to terrorism, something that cannot be allowed to happen. French politicians are outraged at the call to hide one's Jewish identity, and polls conducted in France show that 70 percent of French citizens oppose the call for Jews to be hiding their Jewish identity.

There is even a movement in France for all people (including many politicians) to wear a kippa at a certain date and time to express solidarity with the Jewish community...and yet the safety of the Jewish community is a huge question mark. The current Prime Minister of France, Manuel Valls, has rejected all calls for French Jews to emigrate (including calls from Prime Minister Netanyahu), reiterating that the Jewish community of France is a necessary part of France.

Synagogues and other Jewish institutions still require heavily armed soldiers to protect them. French Jews are taking self-defense courses in record numbers. A majority of French Jews are now questioning their future in Jewish communities in Western Europe, and record numbers of French Jews made Aliyah to Israel last year despite calls from community leaders and government officials

to stay.

The anti-Semitism in France and the rest of Western Europe is on the rise, tied to the rise of radical Islamist organizations like Islamic State that are having at least some influence in Europe. Considering the history of the Jewish community in Europe, it is quite disconcerting that Jews feel unsafe there ... unsafe enough to consider leaving their homes, professions and culture.

Let's hope that the sense of security for Jewish communities there is restored and that these communities, decimated during the Holocaust will flourish and thrive.

We stand by the French Jewish community and continue to call on world leadership to address the rise of global anti-Semitism.

## Nostra Aetate

This year is the 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, a breakthrough decree from the Catholic Church that calls for dialogue with the Jewish community and absolves Jews of the centuries old canard of collective guilt for the death of Jesus.

## Interfaith Teams Insulate 10+ Homes

On Sunday, December 6, the Jewish Community Relations Council partnered with Keneseth Israel Congregation and the Louisville Islamic Center to participate in the second annual Project Warm Blitz.

Project Warm is a local organization that helps those in need by winterizing their homes with proper insulation against the cold. Frank Schwartz, a JCRC member, is Project Warm's executive director.

Among the participants were Keneseth Israel's President Scott Weinberg and Rabbi Michael Wolk, and the Louisville Islamic Center's President Dr. Muhammad Babar.

After an hour of installation instruction at the JCC led by Schwartz, six teams were formed, mixing Jewish and Muslim team members together. They dispersed throughout some of the city's poorest areas to insulate homes. Over 10 homes were insulated for the winter as a result of this blitz.

This was the latest incarnation of joint *tikkun olam* projects with the Muslim community. Past projects include raising money for earthquake relief in Haiti and Pakistan, tornado relief in Henryville, IN, and annual cooperation on

All our current good relationships with the Catholic community, here in Louisville, nationally, and internationally, are because of this document as the Pope at the time, John XXIII, made it a priority to right this historic wrong. We will be having further commemorations, stay tuned for more details.

The relationship between Jews and the Catholic Church continues to thrive, as each successive Pope since John XXIII has made an effort to improve it. Pope Francis is particularly interested in solidifying this relationship.

Long before he was Pope, he fostered great relationships with Jewish leaders in his native Buenos Aires. As Pope, he has condemned anti-Semitism in all its forms, including specifically denouncing anti-Zionism.

Just this week, he went to Rome's Great Synagogue and said, "Christians, to understand themselves, cannot fail to refer to their Jewish roots, and the Church ... recognizes the irrevocability of the Old Covenant and the constant and faithful love of God for Israel."

For 1900 years this statement was impossible but now it is a natural progression of Catholic feelings towards Jews which began with Nostra Aetate 50 years ago.

the Hunger Walk.

JCRC Executive Committee member and Social Justice Subcommittee chairperson Jessica Goldstein planned this year's blitz.

## VAAD HAKASHRUTH

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- ◆ Jewish Community Center (Kitchen)
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RSVP to Paula DeWeese at 502-238-2764 or  
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# Shklar Returns to Louisville to Discuss JDC's Work

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Many people in the Louisville Jewish community remember Alexandra Shklar fondly. She worked in the community as a shlichah, an emissary from Israel, for several years. It was an exciting time, because during her tenure, we celebrated Israel at 60 with a whole series of events from concerts to festivals.

So when Shklar returned to the city on January 12, it was a real treat.

Shklar's visit, however, was not just a pleasant trip down memory lane. Today, she works for the American Jewish Joint

Distribution Committee (JDC) as an International Relations Associate. Now based in New York, she travels frequently to Jewish communities around North America to share information about the life-changing work JDC does.

Shklar and her family are among the many who were helped by JDC. Born in Ukraine, JDC helped her immediate family survive in the former Soviet state and helped prepare them to make aliyah to Israel. Today, Shklar said, she still has family in Ukraine and Siberia and they are receiving help from JDC every day.

In 1914, she explained, JDC was founded by Henry Morgenthau and Jacob Schiff as a short term project to help Jews in Palestine cope with famine and dire conditions. Now more than 100 years later, JDC is still saying yes to calls for help from Jews in over 70 countries. JDC defines its mission as rescue, relief, renewal and enhancement of Israel's social services and providing nonsectarian disaster relief.

Hundreds of thousands of Jews around the world live in dire poverty, she said, without water, heat, or indoor bathrooms, often trying to survive on less than \$100 a month and many have no family to help them.

In the early 1990's, JDC went into the former Soviet Union (FSU) with a short term project in mind: provide a few books and establish Jewish libraries. When they arrived, they found extensive poverty. In fact, Shklar said, they found the poorest Jews in the world with limited access to social and human services and even food.

Of course JDC stayed and began a se-

ries of programs that provide assistance for food, medicine, heat and much more. JDC established Cheseds as service delivery portals, and they have become such an important part of the fabric of communities there that the word Chesed is now an official word in the Russian dictionary. Tonya, a Jewish woman Shklar met in Tbilisi, Georgia, told her, "I'm only alive because I'm Jewish."

Shklar told of a Chesed in Ukraine that provides help to Jews in small villages within a 7 hour radius of its base. Those villages are each home to only 1 to 16 Jews, but JDC is there.

Originally JDC delivered food boxes to the needy. Today, they have modernized the process and Jews in need are given food cards that they can take to the grocery store and use to purchase goods of their choice.

In addition to the frail elderly, Shklar reported that today, JDC serves 35,000 children and young families in Eastern Europe and the FSU.

The war in Ukraine has exacerbated the situation, and Shklar described it as a chronic crisis. There are about 350,000 Jews in Ukraine, she reported, and 7,000 remain in the war zone. About 3,000 have fled and are now internally displaced within Ukraine or Russia. This is the highest number of Jewish refugees since World War II.

JDC is there to help with housing, food and jobs. The organization also provides counseling for seniors who feel like they are back in World War II and for the younger people who never experienced the stress of war themselves and respite in the form of organized gatherings that allow people to eat, socialize, dance and forget the war for a few hours.

To fulfill the renewal part of its mission, JDC works to reconnect Jewish people and communities to the global Jewish community. Shklar cited several examples from Russia, Cuba, Morocco and Eastern Europe.

In Israel, poverty is a problem. Shklar said 1.8 million men, women and children in Israel live below the poverty line and one in three Israeli children is poor. There are 750,000 chronically unemployed, largely ultra-Orthodox and Arab. In addition, 30 percent of Israel's elderly live in poverty.

Among the ultra-Orthodox, Shklar explained, the men study for years, but in studying Torah, they don't acquire the skills they need to make them employable. JDC has established employment centers that provide subsidized training programs and help with placements, entry jobs and career advancement.

When the Ethiopian Jews began arriving in Israel, they had many issues in acculturating to their new homeland. At first, 78 percent of the Ethiopian children didn't make it to the first grade.



Lior Yaron introduced Shklar.

JDC established the PACT program (Parents and Children Together) which allowed parents and children to learn together. Today, only 2 percent of Ethiopian children don't make it to the first grade, a statistic that is consistent with the rest of Israel.

JDC also works with the handicapped and elderly by creating centers for independent living and supportive communities.

During the Second Lebanon War, JDC developed a stuffed animal named Chibuki (Huggy) to help children deal with stress. The dolls have long arms that wrap around a child's neck. Each child is told that the doll is afraid and the children try to comfort it. The children's interactions with the dolls give the analyst information about the kind of trauma the children have experienced.

The dolls have been so successful that JDC is now exporting them to Japan.

Tikkun olam, repairing the world, is also a big part of JDC's work. Whenever there is a big disaster, JDC runs special campaigns to raise money and allocates money to allow a quick and appropriate response. JDC provided boats following flooding in Sri Lanka and a rehab center for amputees in Haiti.

Campaign Chair Leon Wahba and Ariel Kornenberg told those in attendance that the important work JDC does is supported by the Federation Annual Campaign. They encouraged people to give generously and reminded them that everyone has a chance to double the impact of their gift through the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Challenge. Whenever someone makes a new gift or increases their gift over the amount they gave last year, it will be matched, up to \$200,000.

Lior Yaron introduced Shklar. Ariel and Faina Kronenberg hosted the event.



Alexandra Shklar listened to Larry Forman.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Louisville Has Lost a Gem

With the passing of Annette Sagerman the Jewish community has suffered a tremendous loss. The city of Louisville has lost a gem.

For over 65 years Annette held numerous positions at the JCC and coordinated programs with members of all faiths in Louisville.

One of the many attributes of Annette was her ability to make everyone feel special. I left Louisville and returned 25 years later and she made me feel like I had never been away.

The most important things in her life were David [her husband], her family, the JCC, and last but not least was her devotion to her faith.

For many years Jewish soldiers and chaplains knew if they needed a place to stay for the Jewish holidays all they had to do is call Annette. Her extended family and friends were always special. She loved telling me about her nieces and nephews whom she adored.

Having the privilege of knowing Annette has enriched my life.

Rabbi Hillel Smulowitz

*Editor's Note: Rabbi Smulowitz was a pulpit rabbi and Day School principal for 13 years. He later served as an active duty chaplain in the army until his retirement.*

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# GALA

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Tickets are \$125 each and a table of 10 is \$1,100. Next generation tickets will be available at a discounted rate of \$50 for those under 30 years old.

If you can't make it that night, you can still be part of the fun by sharing a memory in the commemorative program. 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.

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.

To place an ad in the commemorative program or sponsor, please contact Lenae Price at 502-238-2768 or go to [www/jewishlouisville.org/125Gala](http://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.

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chelle Cohen Tasman, Dr. Jeffrey Tuvlin, Hunter Weinberg and Frank Weisberg.

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

## StageOne, Kentucky Center Work with Schools on Anne Frank Projects

StageOne Family Theater will present *And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank* in public performances on Sunday, February 7 at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Saturdays February 13 at 2 p.m. and February 20 at 7 p.m. in the Bomhard Theater in the Kentucky Center for the Arts. The company will also present the show for school field trips.

A mural, *Never Again*, created by Bowling Green High School students will be displayed at the Kentucky Center at the same time.

Both the Kentucky Center for the Arts and StageOne got \$50,000 grants to pro-

duce this play, and they are offering free and subsidized tickets to eight partner schools. They also enlisted Holocaust Educator Fred Whittaker, who teaches at St. Francis School, to provide professional development for teachers in the partnering program.

Those teachers are engaged in helping their students explore sections of Anne Frank's diary in depth. Projects they engage in throughout the year will encourage students to find ways to relate Anne's story to their own experiences and to share those interpretations with others through a variety of arts.

In addition to the diary, some high schools will be considering Elie Wiesel's *Night* and the play *And Then They Came for Me* and connecting them with events today. For example, 43 different languages are spoken at Seneca High School, so students are exploring the theme of unity. Highland Middle School has a gang problem, so they're exploring the groups people belong to, how people get drawn into them and how they make personal choices.

This approach takes Holocaust education beyond facts and numbers. It recognizes that 6 million is impossible to comprehend and brings it down to individual stories, stirring responses of empathy and compassion and encouraging students to choose to make the world a better place.

Anne Frank is a good starting place because students recognize her as a girl like themselves and can relate to her.

This is a continuation of a collaboration between the Kentucky Center and the schools that was inaugurated last year.

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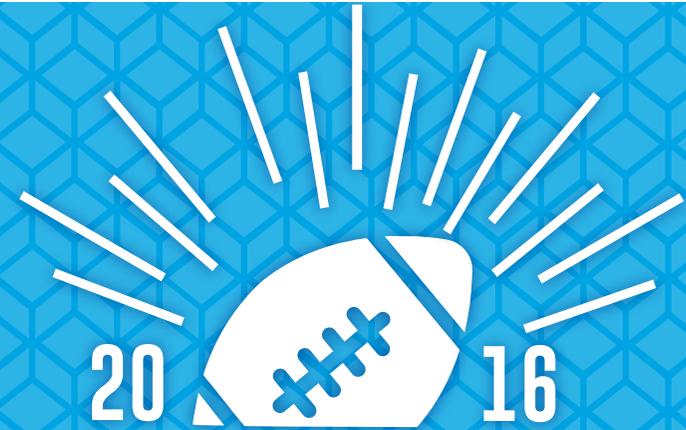
day at [www.jewishlouisville.org](http://www.jewishlouisville.org) or by calling 502-238-2763.

More volunteers are needed to make calls and help in other capacities. The atmosphere is fun, there are prizes to be won, T-shirts for all, plenty of food and the great feeling you get when you know you have made a difference for good.

Choose the shift that works best for you, 9 a.m.-noon or noon-3 p.m. The Federation will even have coaches on the field to offer training during the first half hour of each shift and to field your questions and provide guidance and support through the day.

To volunteer, contact Kristy Benefield, 238-2739 or [kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org).

Leon Wahba is chair of the 2016 Federation Campaign.



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# SUPER SUNDAY

== Stronger Together ==

## JANUARY 31

# ANSWER THE CALL

Join the Jewish community as we come together to support the agencies and programs that enable us to build Jewish identity and strengthen our Jewish values in Louisville, Israel and around the world. When you are contacted on Sunday, January 31, please give generously.

## DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

Now is the perfect time to increase your gift or make a new contribution to the Annual Campaign. The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence issued a Double Your Impact Challenge, matching any new or increased gift up to \$200,000. Make your gift go so much further!

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to reach out to the Community and place calls. There will be prizes, food, t-shirts and a whole lot of fun.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**Patio Gallery Exhibit** David Iacovazzi Pau.

**JANUARY 30**

**YAD Havdalah**

7 p.m., private home. Meet new YAD Director Benji Berlow. Light appetizers, drinks and old camp tunes provided. RSVP to bberlow@jewishlouisville.org.

**JANUARY 23**

**"Caffeinated Cantors" Concert**

Adath Jeshurun. 7 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Havdalah, concert and reception. With Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo. Get tickets at [www.adathjeshurun.com/coffeeconcert](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/coffeeconcert) or by calling 502-458-5359.

**JANUARY 28-February 14**

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**JANUARY 31**

**Jewish Federation Super Sunday**

JCC. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Annual telethon benefiting the 2016 Federation Campaign. Double your impact thanks to the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Challenge. All new and increased gifts up to \$200,000 total will be matched. See story, page 1 and ad, page 4.

**FEBRUARY 1**

**Live from New York's 92nd Street Y**

At Adath Jeshurun. 7:45 p.m. reception; 8:15 broadcast. Garrison Keillor: Reading and Reminiscing. Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg at 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

**FEBRUARY 6-MARCH 1**

**Jewish Film Festival**

All films at Village 8 Theatres, \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$6 students, unless otherwise noted. See details about each film at [jewishlouisville.org/filmfestival](http://jewishlouisville.org/filmfestival).

**Saturday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.**, Bellarmine University, *Dough*. Reception to follow. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. \$6 students.

**Thursday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.**, Muhammad Ali Center, The Eye Care Institute presents *Rosenwald*. Reception with local historian Tom Owen to follow.

**Saturday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.** *Apples from the Desert*.

**Sunday, February 14, 10:15 a.m.** *Beneath the Helmet*.

**Sunday, February 14, 2 p.m.** *Closed Season*.

**Monday, February 15, 7 p.m.**, The Temple. Free. The Temple and Adath Jeshurun present *Revival and Pinhas*. Reception to Follow.

**Thursday, February 18, 7 p.m.**, JCC. Adath Jeshurun's Music Fund, Jewish Community Relations Council, Hillel and YAD present *Rock in the Red Zone*. Reception with Israeli recording artist Avi Vaknin. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, \$6 students. Will also be shown Sunday, February 21, 11:30 a.m. at the Village 8 with regular prices.

**Sunday, February 21, 3 p.m.**, Adath Jeshurun. *The Dove Flyer*. Reception to follow.

**Saturday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.** *Fire Birds*.

**Sunday, February 28, 2 p.m.** *Farewell Party*.

**Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m.**, Louisville Free Public Library Main Branch, free. *Run Boy Run*.

**FEBRUARY 14**

**Harry Pickens in Concert with Cantors of Louisville**

7 p.m. Keneseth Israel, \$20. Cantors Sharon Hordes, David Lipp and Jennifer Diamond will be joined by Brigid Kaelin and Harry Pickens. For more information, go to [tinyurl.com/Klconcert2016](http://tinyurl.com/Klconcert2016) or call 502-459-2780.

**FEBRUARY 15-21**

**JCC Membership Appreciation Week**

See story, CenterPiece page ...

**FEBRUARY 19**

**Teen Connection Progressive Dinner**

6-8 p.m., Private residence. Free. Boys bring dessert; girls, salad. RSVP to [jewishlouisville.org/event/teen-connection-progressive-dinner](http://jewishlouisville.org/event/teen-connection-progressive-dinner).

**FEBRUARY 20**

**JCC's 125th Anniversary Gala**

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

**FEBRUARY 21**

**Kadima Lazer Blaze**

12:30-3 p.m. Drop off and pick up at the JCC. \$15; \$12 JCC members. RSVP to [jewishlouisville.org/event/kadima-lazer-blaze](http://jewishlouisville.org/event/kadima-lazer-blaze).

**FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 29**

**Patio Gallery Exhibit**

Weavings by Wendy Weiss and Photographs by Jay Kreimer. Opening reception Sunday, February 21, 2-4 p.m.

# Partnership Holocaust Exhibit Comes to Louisville

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

From the ashes of the Holocaust, hope arises today as the study of those horrendous events leads to values-based educational discussions. On January 31, the Partnership2Gether Arts and Community Task Force is bringing a unique exhibit and discussion starting with the Holocaust to the Louisville Free Public Library's Main Branch at 301 York Street.

The Holocaust Day Project "Rebellion of Hope" will be on exhibit, and at 2:30 p.m., Israeli docent/educators will guide people through the interactive exhibit.

The exhibit weaves stories and questions into a constructive narrative of the Holocaust, while strengthening the memory of the Holocaust and its lessons in a way that challenges participants to examine their own thoughts and actions.

Through the exhibit participants will encounter a wide variety of choices made by those individuals and organizations that made the brave choice to resist in the face of the many moral dilemmas brought about by these extreme conditions. Examination of these choices will enable participants to explore how the concept of resistance applies to our lives today.

The exhibition was created by the

Dror Israel movement and is guided by its experienced educators all over Israel. It has been translated and adapted to the needs of an English speaking audience. It is a project of the Akko Educators' Kibbutz and is based on the values of democracy, peace, tikkun olam and shared existence.

Through Partnership2Gether, our Louisville Jewish community has been enriched with medical, educational and cultural exchanges since the program began in 1997. The Jewish Community of Louisville is a member of the Central Area Consortium of communities partnered with the Western Galilee.

# LFPL Hosts Anne Frank Family Photo Album Exhibit

The Louisville Free Public Library will host the traveling exhibit *Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album*, developed by the Anne Frank House and sponsored in North America by The Anne Frank Center USA. The exhibit consists of 71 photographs compiled from the Frank family albums - many of which are rarely shown to the public - and will be on display at the Main Library, January 10 - February 27.

Just as in many families, the photo album of the Frank family begins with the birth of their first child. As an amateur photographer, Otto Frank has a single theme: the life and times of his daughters Anne and Margot. Nothing we see in Otto Frank's photos reveals the horrors that Anne and her family will have to endure. What we now know about the fate of Anne Frank affects our perception of her book, *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*.

Equally so, it is impossible to view the photos that portray her life with an impartial eye. The photos are reproductions from the Frank family albums, some of which have only recently been discovered. A 28-minute award-winning documentary film, "The Short Life of Anne Frank," will also accompany

this exhibit.

The exhibit is made possible through grants to the Library Foundation from Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and Jewish Federation of Louisville.

On Sunday, January 31, at 2:30 p.m., the Main Library, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Louisville, will host a Fast Class entitled "Rebellion of Hope." The program will be presented by Holocaust educators from Israel. (See story, this page.)

Additional Louisville Free Public Library programs include:

*Project: Remember Anne Frank*  
Western Library, January 4-30

At the Western Library, there is a special book waiting to be filled with snapshots, memories, facts, writings, feelings, etc. about the extraordinary Anne Frank. So come join us all month long to remember the famous, whimsical and memorable girl from *Diary of a Young Girl*. All ages

*Kids Book Club* discusses *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank  
Fairdale Library, Thursday, February 18, 6-7 p.m.

Grades: 4 & up

*Survivors and Victims* - What children experienced during the Holocaust

Fern Creek Library, Thursday, February 11, 1-2:30 p.m.

Through podcasts, YouTube videos and books, students will look at how the Holocaust happened and what children at that time experienced. They will create an art piece representing their feelings about the Holocaust. Ages 8-14. Reservations requested, call 502-231-4605.

*What's your story?*

Jeffersontown Library, Thursday, February 11, 6-7 p.m.

Join us for a brief discussion of Anne Frank and her writing, followed by a chance to tell your own story in the form of a diary. Ages 11-14

*Teen Tuesday* - Survivors, Victims, and Outsiders

Fern Creek Library, Tuesday, February 16, 4-5 p.m.

Through podcasts, YouTube videos and books, teens will look at how the Holocaust happened and what teens at that time experienced. They will create an art piece representing their feelings about the Holocaust. Ages 12-16. Reservations requested, call 502-231-4605.

For more on the Anne Frank exhibit and related programming, please visit [LFPL.org](http://LFPL.org), or call 502-574-1611.

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# Lions of Judah Visit Ballet; Welcome Two New Members

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

activists who care deeply about the Jewish future.

"Lions of Judah," she continued, "play a vital role in creating social justice, aiding the vulnerable, preserving human dignity and building Jewish identity."

**O**n Friday, January 8, about 25 members of the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Lion of Judah Division met at the Louisville Ballet's headquarters for a unique event. There, they had the opportunity to meet Artistic Director Robert Curran, who shared his personal story from growing up in Australia with a grandmother who started him dancing as a young child through his successful career as a dancer and his decision to retire from performance and come to Louisville in his new role.

Ensign, whose husband, Jim Ensign, stopped by to see his wife receive her pin, said that following the passing of her parents, she came to realize it was time to step up and take her responsibilities in the community to the next level. Her parents had been leaders and the Ensigns have always been involved with the Campaign. So this year, she was motivated to move up to the Lion level of giving. She noted that she has lots of friends among the Lions, but not many of them are her contemporaries. "I hope me doing this," she said, "will entice some of my friends" to do the same.

The group also had the chance to observe a rehearsal for an upcoming performance and to visit with Louisville Ballet luminaries Helen Starr and Alun Jones, who are working with the dancers.

Wallace, who has worked for the Jewish Community of Louisville and the Federation for more than 25 years, explained that she is passionate about the work the Campaign supports. She has wanted to give at the Lion level for a long time, but was never able to do so before. Like Ensign, her parents have now passed away and serve as an inspiration for her. This is the first year she is able to make a Lion gift.

The Lions then moved to Rye, which Michael Kusman opened just for them for a special lunch. Debbie Friedman welcomed everyone and thanked them for their support of the Campaign. Jane Goldstein then led the group in the Lion Bracha, welcoming two new Lions to the group, Julie Ensign and Shiela Steinman Wallace.

Every other year, communities across the country nominate one woman to receive the national Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award. This award recognizes women who support the Campaign at the Lion of Judah level and provide leadership to the Jewish community. Karen Abrams announced that this year, Louisville's Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award winner is Debbie Friedman. (See story, page 1.)

Goldstein explained, "The Lions of Judah are the most dynamic philanthropic Jewish women in the world. We are strong women of all ages, an international sisterhood of thousands of global

Friedman expressed gratitude for the honor and said, "I am passionate about helping people who can't help themselves [and] making Louisville a better Jewish community." The Friedmans passed their values on to their children, and she said her daughter and son-in-law are active in the community."  
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Jean Trager and Susan Cohen



Julie Ensign, Vycky Goldenberg Minstein and Debbie Friedman



Lenae McKee Price and Barbara Goldberg



Jane Goldstein



Anne Shapira and Stacy Gordon-Funk



Susan Callen and Sarah O'Koon



Julie Ensign



Shiela Steinman Wallace



Clockwise from left, Barbara Goldberg, Shelle Benovitz, Madeline Abramson and Margie Kahn



Madeline Abramson and Karen Abrams

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# LIONS

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tive in the Young Adult Division and he is on the Jewish Family Service Board in Milwaukee.

Abrams also encouraged those present to plan to attend the International Lion of Judah Conference in September, at which Friedman will receive her award.

She also recognized the 19 women who have endowed their Lion gifts, talked about the importance of endowing Lion gifts for the future of the community and shared that she endowed hers through an insurance policy.

Friedman encouraged the women present to consider raising their gifts this year to help send children to camp, to support BBYO and to help people in need. She pointed out that this year, thanks to the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Challenge, all new gifts and increases over last year's gifts will be matched up to \$200,000, giving the community a real opportunity to grow the Campaign.

Jewish Community of Louisville President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner also thanked the women for their generosity and echoed Friedman's call for the 2016

Campaign. She told the group that Alexandra Shklar, a former shlicha in Louisville who now works for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), was back in the city earlier that week to talk about the important work JDC does helping people in need around the world. Wherever a Jewish person is in need, although we may never meet them, our Campaign dollars make a difference in their lives.

This event was co-chaired by Karen Abrams, Victoria Diaz, Debbie Friedman, Jane Goldstein, Kate Latts and Denise Schiller. Diaz arranged for the opportunity for the Lions' Louisville Ballet experience.

Each Lion of Judah makes a contribution to the Annual Federation Campaign of \$5,000 or more.



Ann Zimmerman, Vycky Goldenberg Minstein and Jane Goldstein



Vicky Diaz and Shellie Branson



Sara Klein Wagner and Joan Lerman



Susan Cohen, Jean Trager and Judy Shapira



Amy Trager and Shellie Benovitz

# FRIEDMAN

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tion of Louisville has named Friedman Louisville's recipient of the national Jewish Federations of North America Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award.

Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award winners have been members of the Lion of Judah Division, women who contribute a minimum of \$5,000 a year to the Federation Campaign, for at least five years; served in a leadership capacity with the Campaign, and made a significant impact in the local Jewish community, in Israel and/or abroad. Honorees also display creativity, initiative and/or volunteerism; encourage and motivate others women to take on leadership roles and embody the spirit and vision of the Lion of Judah through a commitment to tzedakah and tikkun olam.

"I feel deeply humbled to be in the company of past and present honorees whose contributions to the Louisville Jewish community have been simply awe-inspiring," Friedman said. "This award, which commemorates the contributions of Norma Kipnis-Wilson and Toby Friedland, the founders of the Lion of Judah Division of the Jewish Federation, honors women of valor who have dedicated their lives to making an impact in their local, as well as national and international Jewish communities.

"I enjoy working with other committed Jewish leaders in our community to make sure that our community is the strongest it can be," she continued. "By helping other people and being passionate about our Jewish community, I feel that I am having an impact here in Louisville.

"I am honored to be among this group of outstanding Jewish women who have this same commitment," she concluded. "Thank you for the recognition."

Louisville women who have received this award in the past are Denise Schiller, Jane Goldstein, Carolyn Neustadt, Cheryl Karp, Karen Abrams and Jean Trager.

Both Friedman and her husband, Alan, are native Cincinnatians whose families were very active in the Jewish community and lived only a mile apart. In fact, she said, "I met Alan when I was 16 at the JCC in Cincinnati. They had a high school group called Tacapades. It was a variety show that kids practiced for every Sunday and then we performed it."

She attended the University of Cin-

cinnati, earned her degree in marketing and went to work as a buyer for Shillito's young men's department. When the Friedmans married, he was finishing his law degree at the University of Miami in Florida. She joined him there and transferred to Burdine's, another Federated store.

Her buying job gave her the opportunity to travel about every six weeks, visiting markets around the world, including twice yearly trips to the Orient. "It was amazing," she said, but it was not something she wanted to do after her children were born. "So I stopped working and was a fulltime mother."

That did not keep her from being involved in the community. When an auxiliary for the National Asthma Center, affiliated with the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine in Denver, started in South Florida, Friedman became involved and quickly rose through its ranks to become president. She and Alan were also involved with Israel Bonds in South Florida, and she has been a Lion of Judah since 1991,

when her mother-in-law, Bernice Friedman made her a Lion for the first time.

When the young family arrived in Louisville in 1992, they enrolled their children at Kentucky Country Day. Their daughter, Laura, was in the first grade and their son, Michael, was in pre-kindergarten.

Friedman quickly volunteered at the school, organized construction of a playground and was instrumental in raising \$100,000 for the project. It was a great way to meet people and also connected her with the Jewish community. Emily Benovitz was in Michael's class, so Friedman became instant friends with her mother, Amy Benovitz.

Inez Segell, the grandmother of KCD students, helped with the playground project, and when it was complete, Segell brought her husband, Jack, z"l, to see it. He immediately recognized Friedman's leadership abilities, and, Friedman recounted, "he said to me we need you in the Jewish community. He was on the Jewish Hospital Board, so we went downtown and met Hank Wagner," then

Jewish Hospital's CEO.

An invitation to join the Jewish Hospital Foundation Board soon followed. She remained on that Board for 15 years. Soon Friedman joined The Temple's Board, on which she served for four years. She and her husband both volunteer each year for the Annual Federation Campaign as well and are currently members of Adath Jeshurun.

Julie Benson brought Friedman onto the Jewish Family & Career Services Board in 2002, and as she learned about the agency's mission and what it does in the community, Friedman knew she had found a special place.

"I learned all the different ways that JFCS and the Federation help people in the community and that was wonderful," Friedman said. It ignited her passion, drive and determination, which, she explained, "is what makes it easy for me to ask you and others to donate" time, talent and money.

That passion also led her to greater involvement. With a marketing back-see **FRIEDMAN** page 8

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The Holocaust is, as Roy Eckardt said, a uniquely unique event that continues to shape the reality and consciousness of people in Israel and around the world. *Rebellion of Hope* is an interactive exhibit devoted to bringing a values-based educational discussion about a world which can allow for such an event to take place.

The exhibit seeks to challenge participants' thoughts and actions through stories of individuals who resisted horrendous actions in the face of many moral dilemmas and how it applies to lives today.

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## Only Day Camp in Louisville to Earn Distinction

# All JCC Camps Achieve ACA Accreditation

by Tamara Ikenberg  
Public Relations Specialist

JCC Camp just added quite a prestigious feather to its cap, and parents have yet another reason to have their kids spend their summer and winter vacation days swimming, playing and socializing at the JCC.

Late last year, JCC camp earned the accreditation of the American Camp Association (ACA), a 105-year-old national organization with rigorous standards for safety, programming and every element that goes into running a first-class camp.

JCC Camp is the only day camp in Louisville with ACA accreditation. Gaining accreditation was one of Senior Director of Camping and Youth Services

Betsy Schwartz's goals when she came to the JCC in early 2013.

"I'm proud. Beyond proud," Schwartz said. "It is not easy to become an accredited camp. It took us about a year to prepare and make sure we had all of the standards met and in our books. There are literally thousands of standards and most to the standards have specific requirements that have to be met. It tells you in each standard how you show them. Some require written or verbal proof and some have to be seen in action."

Schwartz and Assistant Director of Youth Services Mike Steklof worked tirelessly to complete all the work and get all the policies and files ACA-ready.

The accreditation process also included a site visit from two ACA representatives last June.

Schwartz said the reps went through the books page by page and combed through counselor and camper files to make sure everything was set up in accordance with ACA standards. They also asked numerous questions and explored the facilities.

During a site visit there are many chances for the reps to find mistakes and irregularities. But that wasn't a problem when they came to the JCC.

"You can get dinged anywhere," Schwartz said. "We didn't get dinged on anything. Everything we have to be compliant in, we are. We train our staff correctly. We provide programming at the highest quality and level. And if something unexpected happens, we have protocols and we're prepared to deal with it."

## JFCS Attains Hague Accreditation for Adoption Services

Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS) has achieved Hague Accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA) as authorized by the U.S. Department of State. The accreditation attests that JFCS is in substantial compliance with the Hague Convention Accreditation Standards for its adoption services.

Adoption Services at JFCS provides practical and emotional support to families when they decide to expand their families. JFCS Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell oversees Adoption Services, which include home studies for domestic and international adoption, education and counseling, post-placement support and service, and parenting groups.

The Hague Convention is an international treaty created to ensure that intercountry adoptions are in the best

interests of children and to prevent abduction, exploitation, sale or trafficking of children. In 1994 the United States signed this treaty and agreed to develop regulations and a monitoring process for adoption service providers in the U.S. that worked with agencies in countries that signed onto the Convention.

For more information about the Hague Convention, including a full list of participating countries, please visit the Hague Conference on Private International Law's website at [www.hcch.net](http://www.hcch.net).

Congress passed The Intercountry Adoption Act (IAA) in October 2000, which serves as the implementing legislation for the United States. The IAA names the U.S. Department of State (State Department) as the Central Authority for the United States and the federal agency responsible for implementing the Convention.

The IAA requires agencies and persons providing adoption services in cases involving Convention countries to be accredited or approved. In July 2006, the U.S. Department of State named COA as the only national accreditor for adoption service providers under the Hague Convention.

Founded in 1977, COA is an independent, not-for-profit accreditor of the continuum of community-based behavioral health care and social service organizations. COA's mission is to part-

ner with human service organizations worldwide to improve service delivery outcomes by developing, applying and promoting accreditation standards. COA envisions excellence in the delivery of human services globally, resulting in the well-being of individuals, families and communities.

## AZO Fraternity Is Disbanding

by Jacob Wishnia

Acting treasurer of Alpha Zeta Omega Lambda Chapter Pharmaceutical Fraternity

The Lambda Chapter of Alpha Zeta Omega Pharmaceutical Fraternity is closing its era. The Fraternity has 13 active remaining members. These are the ones who have continued to pay their dues till the end. They are Bill Klein, Sid Bederman, Donald Gordon, Leon Figa, Sid Figa, Merle Kaplin, Gene Miller, Charlie Rosenberg, Aron Schwartz, Sonny Steinberg, Jacob Wishnia, Simon Wolf and Arnold Zegart.

When the Pharmacy School moved its location from First and Chestnut in Louisville to the brand new school in Lexington, KY, the Alumni Chapter of Lambda was formed in Louisville. There were approximately 10 fraternity members to make that move. After that time, there were fewer Jewish students going into Pharmacy at the UK Pharmacy School.

The fraternity was known for its Yom Kippur Break the Fast affairs, New Year's Eve dances and many stag affairs.

Many local fraternity members held national offices, including Jake Chitlik, who served as national president. At that time, Yale Kessel attended many national conventions; Bob Goodman held the office of chaplain for many, many years; and I attended a national convention held at the Concord Hotel in the Catskills, of which I have fond memories to this day.

Our AZO chapter was able to contribute to many charities and scholarships over the years. Bob Goodman would order prescription empty vials and bottles in large quantities, store them in his basement and we would help distribute these by either fraternity members picking them up during meetings or helping deliver them to the many stores in many instances. This was probably our largest, continuing fundraiser.

Back in the early years, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's, many AZO fraternity members owned their own pharmacies throughout Jefferson County and southern Indiana. Many of them were in close

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# JHFE Grants Fund Many JCL Programs

by Tamara Ikenberg  
Public Relations Specialist

A number of generous grants for the 2015-2016 fiscal year from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence enrich Jewish community members of all ages and keep vital programs going strong.

The JCC's Seniors Department received \$65,000 for its nutrition program, and \$1,740 to fund the "Musical Memories" program.

The funds for the nutrition program will go towards continuing to provide seniors with low-cost or no-cost healthy kosher lunches five days a week at the JCC, or delivered to their homes if they are not able to transport themselves to the JCC and have no one at home to cook for them.

"The nutrition program could not survive without the grant money," said JCC Senior Adult Director Diane Sadle. "For a lot of our Meals on Wheels clients, this is the only nutritious meal they get during the day. ... We are so appreciative and we hope JHFE will continue to support our endeavors."

"Musical Memories," which debuted last July, takes place twice a month in the senior dining room. The sessions are led by Donna Brown, founder of Louisville Music Therapy. The money we received helps pay the teacher's fee," said Sadle.

Brown plays oldies on her iPhone to spark discussions about what memories and feelings they evoke for the seniors.

"It's good for them to get talking and remembering the good old days because a lot of them are suffering from health problems and losses and this brings them back to a happier time," Sadle said.

Sadle added that part of "Musical Memories" is an intergenerational program bringing together Early Learning Center students and the seniors. In November, ELC four-year-olds stopped in to "Musical Memories" to sing with and for the seniors.

For community members who want to be part of Louisville's Jewish life, there are a bounty of outreach programs provided by the JCC.

JHFE contributed \$98,000 for Jewish outreach, education and engagement.

Among the programs benefiting are PJ Library, a national outreach program which delivers a Jewish-themed book to children monthly from birth through third grade, Shalom Baby, a fun class for children up to 18 months old and their parents, Teen Connection, a Jewish youth group for middle school students, and the Young Adult Division (YAD), a program that brings folks in their 20's and 30's together for events encouraging leadership, networking and learning.

The outreach grant also funds Israel-oriented activities and guests, including the annual visit from a shlichah or emissary from Israel, who teaches elements of Israeli culture to summer campers, and the Tzofim Friendship Caravan, the traveling Israeli performance troupe that puts on shows for campers and the community.

JHFE also assisted the performing arts in Louisville's Jewish community.

The CenterStage Acting Out traveling children's theater troupe, received \$10,000 to fund productions of *And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank*.

Acting Out brings full professional theater productions and corresponding educational exercises to area schools.

*And Then They Came for Me* is a moving and revelatory piece that adds dimension to Frank's story and also tells the stories of her German Jewish friends and Holocaust survivors Eva Geiringer and Ed Silverberg.

The JCC's Jewish/Israeli Speaker Series received \$20,000.

"By subsidizing Jewish Israeli Speaker series, JHFE gives community members unique opportunities to meet writers, speakers and musicians, providing great learning and entertainment experiences that we otherwise would not be able to afford," said Senior Adult Programming and Cultural Arts Director Slava Nelson, who oversees the speaker series.

The Louisville Jewish Film Festival, which returns in February (see story, Centerpiece, page 1), received a \$7,000 grant.

"The funds from JHFE have enabled the Film Festival to keep prices the same

every year and offer receptions following some of the films," said Festival Director Marsha Bornstein. "Each year our film licenses increase in price. This helps us with our goal of achieving more diversity in the audience. The receptions give people a reason to stay after to discuss the film and socialize."

JCC Camp received \$15,000 for Yachad, a program that pairs campers with special needs with advocate counselors who help build confidence and make the camp experience fun, comfortable and manageable.

"Yachad means 'together' or 'united' in Hebrew," Senior Director of Youth and Camping Services Betsy Schwartz said. "We at camp believe every child can make a friend, every child can participate and every child can succeed. We're empowering these kids to grow throughout the camp experience."

JHFE also contributed \$58,000 for

two years of funding for Jewish Identity Summer Scholarships for overnight camp and Israel summer experiences.

"Thanks to JHFE, many more Jewish children in Louisville are able to attend Jewish overnight camp or a Jewish summer experience," said JCC Assistant Director of Youth Services Mike Steklof.

Additional grants include \$25,000 for the JCC 125th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, February 20, at the Hyatt Regency Downtown (see story, page 1), and \$5,900 for Hillel's peer-to-peer outreach and for Hillel to bring an Israeli educational speaker here this coming spring.

JHFE has also continued their immensely generous pledge to the Annual Federation Campaign in the amount of \$100,000. This year, the JHFE has added the Double Your Impact Challenge, which matches all new Campaign gifts and pledge increases up to \$200,000.

JHFE also makes grants directly to other Jewish agencies and provides support for medical projects and agencies.

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YAD Annual Federation  
Campaign Event



MARCH 24  
Soul to Sole Women's  
Event with Jane Weitzman

Contact the Jewish Federation of Louisville for more information at 502-238-2739 or visit <https://jewishlouisville.org/federation-events>.



## LBSY NEWS

After returning from winter break, students at Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad (LBSY) have been making preparations for Tu B'Shevat. Students in grades 3-7 have been creating activities for other students to participate in as part of their *chugim* (interest groups) during the mid-week Hebrew school sessions. Students

have been creating stop-motion animations, computer-generated cartoons, a giant map of Israel game board, videos, a cookbook and an original play for activities and presentations for the rest of the students during the school's January 24 Tu B'Shevat celebration.

Moving forward our *chugim* in February will all be on the theme of Shabbat as LBSY create items for Shabbat observance and reflect upon the meaning of Shabbat.

## AZO

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proximity to one another and yet they all made a living while being in competition with one another.

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# Mutchnick Does Surgeries in Ramallah

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Many members of our Jewish community travel to Israel. Some go to connect with their Jewish roots or to study and others go as tourists. With the Jewish Community of Louisville's Partnership2Gether connections, Louisvillians often visit the Western Galilee and Israelis come here to participate in medical, cultural and educational exchanges.

When Dr. Ian Mutchnick went late last year, he had a different agenda. In fact, Israel was not his final destination. The Palestinian city of Ramallah was. His goal: provide medical ser-



Dr. Ian Mutchnick

vices to children who otherwise would not have received it.

One of three pediatric neurosurgeons to make the trip, he was joined by Dr. Alex Zouros from Loma Linda, CA, and Dr. Samer el Baaba from St Louis. The group also included a plastic surgeon, pediatric anesthesiologist and two nurse practitioners. One of the nurses is a Palestinian who grew up in Jordan, but whose family originally came from Jaffa.

In Ramallah, Dr. Mutchnick said, "We did a day of clinic, in which we saw about 25 people, and then we did five days of surgery in which we treated about 15 children." The group dealt with a wide variety of problems including hydrocephalus (too much water on the brain), craniofacial and congenital spinal issues.

"I was interested in doing mission work," he said, and "I became curious about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. I know very little about the Palestinian

side, having grown up Jewish."

Dr. Mutchnick shared one observation. "What I thought I knew is different than what I saw there. For instance, what I thought I knew was that Palestinians who protest the Israeli presence in the West Bank are all treated as martyrs. That's not case.

"We took care of a 17-year-old male who suffered an injury to his left hand from a rubber bullet fired by a member of the IDF," he continued. "He comes to our ER and he's sitting in pre-op and no one's talking to this guy. No one's waving the Palestinian flag or giving him a high five."

Then Asma Taha, the Palestinian nurse practitioner with the visiting group, "goes over and starts giving him a tongue lashing about how dare he go and throw rocks and worry his mom," Dr. Mutchnick reported. "His mom's there and she says, yeah, let him have it. He won't listen to me."

Even the operating room staff showed



Dr. Mutchnick treats a 9 month old who had a broken shunt for 3-4 months. He came in with a large head and dilated scalp veins.

disdain for the young man and the orthopedic surgeon who was treating him thought he was a fool. "That was kind of eye, opening because it's not what we see," Dr. Mutchnick said.

"There were several deaths while I was there that came straight from the conflict. One farmer was killed by settlers, and he was treated very much as a martyr," he observed, "so I'm not saying martyrdom doesn't exist."

Originally from Ann Arbor, MI, Dr. Mutchnick explained that he is "interested in the neuroscience of human existence, which is part of what motivated me to do this."

He also has a longstanding affinity for Israel. When he completed his pediatric neurosurgical fellowship, he explored the option of making aliyah and establishing his practice in Israel. The Israeli head of pediatric surgeons, Shlomo Constantini, told him, "There are too many of us here, so you can come and be a pediatric neurosurgeon here, but you will be a junior faculty member and do the things no one else wants to do for 20 years in the hope that when I retire you could have my spot, but there will be 10 others who want the same thing. It didn't sound very appealing.

"Israel is one of few places on earth that has too many pediatric neurosurgeons," he noted, "but right across the border is a place where neurosurgical care is inadequate. The diseases we saw were much further along their natural history than anything I would see here. And the resources that they could bring to bear on the issue were substandard compared to what Israel has and certainly compared to what we have in the western world."

"I think a lot about this conflict," he added, "because I think there ought to be a way out of this that doesn't involve killing each other that leaves most people better off.

"I hope to do this kind of trip again and I hope next time to actually go to Gaza," he concluded. "Although the West Bank and Gaza are linked by history and ethno-religious similarity, they are different places."

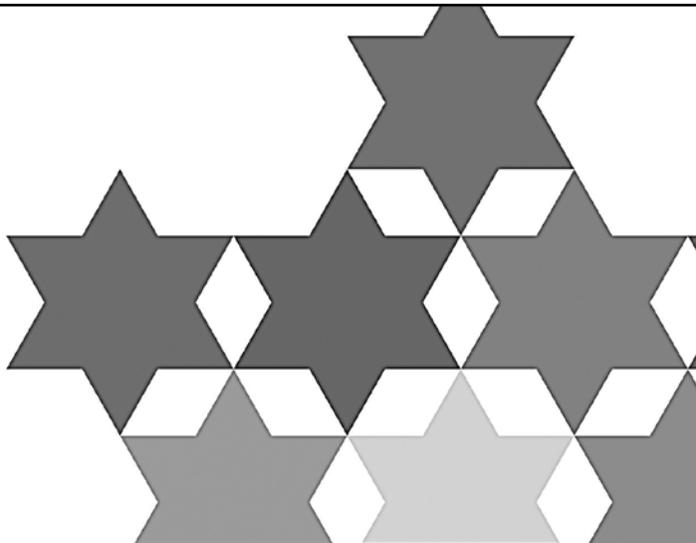
Dr. Mutchnick's wife, Stephanie, is president of Jewish Family & Career Services. They have two children, Gabe, 14, and Mimi, 9.



This young lady managed a big smile even though she is dealing with a 100 degree scoliosis with multiple underlying neurological abnormalities

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# Federation Welcomes Berlow as Young Adult Director

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

The Jewish Federation of Louisville has a new Young Adult Director. Benji Berlow brings energy, enthusiasm and a passion for cultivating communities and making Judaism relevant. With a strong background in Judaism across the spectrum and extensive experience working with Hillel, he is an experiential Jewish educator, song leader and Israeli dance instructor, who brings a lot to the table.



Benji Berlow

He also has strong Louisville connections. His wife, Lisa Sobel-Berlow, is a Louisville native. They met while working for Hillel staffing Birthright Israel together and were married in 2012 at Buffalo Trace Distillery.

Berlow grew up in Palmerton, a small town in northeast Pennsylvania, where his was the only active Jewish family in the town and maybe even the county. His parents' commitment to raising their three sons as Jews was so strong that they enrolled the boys in the pluralistic Modern Orthodox Jewish day school in Allentown, half an hour's drive from their home and they were regular participants in the Conservative synagogue in Bethlehem, also half an hour from their home.

Berlow attended high school in Palmerton. When his older brother graduated, he was the only Jew in school. That sometimes made life interesting.

At one point, he explained, "the teachers thought I was making up holidays. They said, 'I've heard of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur before, but now you're saying there's a holiday where you go into a booth and shake a palm branch and a lemon together? It just seems like you're making stuff up at this point.' And it was Sukkot that I was telling them I had to take off for."

In high school, Berlow was a member of National Honor Society, and when his friends decided to go Christmas caroling, he bowed out gracefully, promising to participate in other volunteer activities. His friends turned it into a positive experience by learning a Chanukah song and stopping at his house to sing it while they were out.

Berlow cites involvement in BBYO as the catalyst for his strong Jewish identity. He was a leader in his chapter and his region. He attended international conventions and went with BBYO on the March of the Living.

The year he went, 2002, was the height of the Intifada. Two weeks before Berlow's group was scheduled to leave, there was a suicide bomb attack at a Seder in the Park Hotel in Netanya. Normally, March of the Living participants spend a week on Holocaust education in Poland and then a week in Israel celebrating the birth of the Jewish State. That year, the March of the Living took participants to Spain for the second week.

There were many glitches in the Spanish portion of the trip since it had been thrown together so quickly, but one brief statement really brought it into focus for Berlow. "We were at a synagogue," he said, and "an educator was talking about the Inquisition. Everybody was so tired. Suddenly, the educator stopped and said, 'look, I know this is something that happened 500 years ago, but just think about it. We just came from Majdanek, Treblinka, Auschwitz and Birkenau. That happened 50 years ago."

"What are people going to think about the Holocaust when the generation of Holocaust survivors is no longer with us? Are they just going to think about it the way you're thinking about the Inquisition now?" That stuck with me," Berlow said, "in terms of wanting to get the message across as to the importance of Jewish history and Jewish education and connecting to that past as part of our present."

It was during his BBYO years that he learned to play guitar. "In my region," he recalled, "Havdallah was very big. There would be nine guitar players in the middle playing the classic Havdallah songs but also secular songs. I didn't know how to play guitar, but I brought one and would try to strum along and by senior year, I was leading the Havdallah services. That summer I ended up leading BBYO international programs for their Keshet, Kallah and ILTC [International Leadership Training Conference] programs."

Berlow attended Lafayette College where he earned a B.A. in psychology and Jewish studies, graduating Magna Cum Laude. Throughout his time there, he was active in Hillel, Jewish music and Jewish song leading. Starting his freshman year, he even attended six Union for Reform Judaism Hava Nashira music

conferences.

He also participated in a certificate program at Yeshiva University and published two articles on eJewishPhilanthropy; received management training at Carnegie Mellon University; and participated in numerous professional development programs.

Prior to coming to Louisville, he worked as the Jewish student life director at Carnegie Mellon University, the program director for Hillel of Silicon Valley and the Senior Jewish Service Corps Fellow in Milwaukee.

Berlow is eager to begin his work in Louisville and has already begun to help the Young Adult Division plan their main Campaign event, which will be a Purim Murder Mystery in March.

He is responsible for working with all Jewish young adults and he is looking forward to cultivating small communities – undergraduate and graduate students, singles, young couples, young families, young professionals, interfaith families, etc. – creating a wide variety of programs in multiple venues that connect people with common interests and link them to the Jewish community.

"If young adults are interested in going to a movie," he explained, they might gather for drinks beforehand. Or if there is a major event going on like a marathon, there could be a team of Jewish young adults competing.

"I think there's a lot of potential here and a lot of energy and enthusiasm from young adults who want to be involved but just haven't had the vehicle to get there yet," he said.

Berlow is also excited about continuing his work with Hillel and working with current leaders "to be able to create a community and a home for Jewish students, not only at the University of

Louisville, but at all of the local schools ... have a place, a connection to Jewish Louisville."

He is planning Shabbat dinners both on and off campus, as well as educational events. Berlow wants students to have "a voice on campus" and to be able to be "proud to be Jewish on campus and to educate the campus about Jewish culture, Jewish holidays and Israel."

He is excited to be working with the new Hillel president, Miriam Amchin, and Prof. Ranen Omer-Sherman, who hold the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Endowed Chair of Judaic Studies at UofL.

Please help welcome the Berlows and their dog London to the community. He can be reached at bberlow@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2715.

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## JewLou YAD Happy Hour

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## Shabbat Was a Real Celebration with Beit Tefilah Israeli

Beit Tefilah Israeli, an Israeli musical group that draws crowds to Shabbat services on the Tel Aviv boardwalk, came to Louisville on December 18 and 19 to work their magic. A large crowd turned out for Friday night Shabbat dinner and they were joined by others to fill The Temple's sanctuary for the unique service.

Weaving niggunim (melodies without words) and Israeli songs and poems

with a few familiar melodies, Beit Tefilah Israeli created a total music Shabbat worship experience that encouraged people to greet their neighbors and even get up and dance.

The group also led the Shabbat morning service.

Beit Tefilah Israeli was hosted by The Temple and sponsored by The Temple and Temple Shalom.

# Five Louisville Teens Spent Winter Break in Israel

by Tamara Ikenberg  
Public Relations Specialist

On a gray, drizzly December day in Jerusalem, North Oldham High School sophomore Abigail Geller stood at the Western Wall and engaged in the ritual of slipping notes into the spaces between the stones.

"I brought notes from my grandparents, parents and siblings just for this occasion. I found a big hole in the wall, and when I reached into it, I felt another hole that was big enough to keep all of the notes from my family together," Geller said.

"While I was standing at the wall, people on both sides of me were sniffling from crying," she observed. "This filled me with emotions and made me realize where I was and what I was doing there and I also started to cry. It was a truly spiritual and extremely powerful experience that I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to receive."

Geller is one of a contingent of five members of the Louisville Jewish community who recently returned from the ten-day Partnership Teen Mega-Mission to Israel. The trip was sponsored by Partnership2Gether, a Jewish Agency for Israel Program founded in 1997. Louisville is part of the Midwest Consortium of communities, which is partnered with Israel's Western Galilee area.

"The purpose of the trip was to create closer ties between teens in Louisville and teens in the partnership region," said JCC Assistant Director of Youth Services Mike Steklof, who recruited the Louisville teens for the trip.

Some of the teens received scholarships from the Erlen-Judah Fund to help pay for the trip.

From the sensory feasts of the outdoor markets, to the warmth of their host families and the Israeli people in general, the spirited travelers shared their favorite memories of the journey.

For Gaby Melendez, a senior at St. Francis High School, staying with her and Geller's host family on a kibbutz just outside of the northern coastal town of Nahariya, was the most eye-opening and authentic part of the trip.

The teens spent the majority of the trip with host families.

"There was a mom and a dad, a daughter who was 15 and a son who was 18. They have another son who is in the army, but I didn't get to meet him. They also had two cats," Melendez said. "On Friday night we ate dinner in the dining hall with our host family's extended family. It was really fun to get to experience kind of a day in the life and be immersed in the culture instead of just touring around. It was also really nice to be surrounded by so many other Jewish people and to feel so invited and welcomed."

The beauty of Nahariya thoroughly beguiled Lilli Russman, a 15-year-old student at Ballard High School.

"I'll never forget the rocky shorelines, the banana trees, and everything else from our first days in Nahariya," she said.

Climbing Masada and visiting the Dead Sea are also among her favorite memories.

"From the bottom of Masada looking up, I know we were all a little anxious to start the climb. But through lots of motivation from all of us, we successfully climbed it together, which was an incredible feeling of accomplishment and teamwork," she said. "The Dead Sea was a really fun way to end our trip. We



Gaby Melendez, Abigail Geller, Isaac Wolff, Lilli Russman and Levi Wolff

all enjoyed floating and painting ourselves with mud. I know we'll never forget that experience."

Levi Wolff, a sophomore at Louisville Collegiate School, was moved and inspired by what he witnessed at the military cemetery on Mount Herzl.

"There I truly saw the sacrifice that men and women around the world had made to keep the State of Israel alive. We walked up and down the rows and every row or so our guide would stop and read the grave, because they were in Hebrew," Wolff said. "The most memorable grave was the resting place of Michael Levin, an American lone soldier who returned to Israel to serve even when he was on leave and had no obligation to return to combat. After his commander would not let him back into the base he broke into his own base just so he could be with his men and serve alongside them. He lost his life while in combat. The collection of hats, pins, papers and rocks left as a sentiment at his grave was a special display of Israeli pride and solidarity."

The sights and scents surrounding him as he explored the markets of Akko

intrigued Levi's twin brother Isaac Wolff, also a sophomore at Louisville Collegiate School.

"We were able to experience the smells of fresh fish, spices, and other exotic foods," he said. "Being in the middle of it made me feel very much a part of the environment I was in."

He was also amazed by the friendliness and generosity of the Israeli people.

In one village ripe with citrus trees near Nahariya, Wolff and his fellow travelers spied an orange tree in one house's yard and decided they wanted to enjoy its fruits. They went to the front door of the house, offered some money to the man who answered, and pointed at the tree.

"The man spoke in Hebrew to us until he stopped and continued for us in English. He then gave us bags of huge ripe oranges for free!" Wolff said. "He invited us in to his home for coffee so he could ask us questions about what it was like to live in the States. Unfortunately, we did not have time to share our stories with him, but I will always remember his kindness."



Camel ride anyone? Abigail Geller posed with one that was saddled and ready to go.

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# Tu b'Shevat: A Time to Plant Seeds of Peace

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky  
*Vice President of Mission  
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In the darkest and coldest months of winter, Judaism invites us to celebrate the renewal of trees with the holiday of Tu b'Shevat. We celebrate the promise of spring and plant seeds with the hopes that new life will soon emerge. This is the holiday of hope! For

some, hope is able to take root more easily than others, but this season can be a time to affirm our faith in the power of life to renew itself.

There are many ways to celebrate Tu b'Shevat. It could be that we plant a tree, either locally or in Israel. It could be that we reflect on the holiday more metaphorically – what seeds are we planting in our lives, our relationships and in our community?

If we attend a Tu b'Shevat Seder and we eat the traditional fruits and seeds, we may ask ourselves, in what ways do the fruits with peels remind us of ourselves, with our own defenses? How do the completely edible fruits reflect our capacity to be open and trusting?

Jewish Hospital and KentuckyOne Health are celebrating the holiday of Tu b'Shevat in two important ways. On January 25, we are launching our downtown campus Green Team, to increase and expand our recycling efforts and reduce our carbon footprint. We are hosting a big educational "green fair," to celebrate Tu b'Shevat, educating staff about this holiday, as well as raising awareness about the importance of good stewardship.

We also are very proud to be planting seeds of hope in our community in a very profound and sacred way. We just launched a new initiative, "Pivot to Peace," funded thanks to the generosity of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the Gheens Foundation and the

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We are very proud of the creative, innovative and cutting edge initiatives that we are developing, to plant seeds of hope in our community. May peace and renewal come soon and speedily -- to our world, our community and to each resident of this fragile planet that we call home.

## Short Story Collection Is Captivating

by Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman  
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*In the Land of Armadillos*, by Helen Maryles Shankman, Scribner, 2016, Hardcover. 304 pp. \$25. ISBN: 978-1-5011-1519-6

When it comes to the literature of the Holocaust, there can sometimes appear to be a glut of fiction written by those distant from it, too often revisiting the same bleak terrain of atrocity with the same tropes and sentiments. If you have felt the same, please be assured that Helen Maryles Shankman's *In the Land of Armadillos* (due out early next month) is one of the most original and consistently captivating short story collections that I have read in recent years.

Among the eight stories that compose *In the Land of Armadillos* are a few that originally appeared independently, yet experienced together, the entire collection reads as a sophisticated orchestration; so tightly interwoven are its themes, characters, and grim events it is hard to imagine then apart from one another.

Each is set in the Polish hamlet of Wlodawa (with the exception of the volume's brittle coda which takes place in the 1980's); and all are so captivating and resonant that it is hard to single out just a few. These are strange stories in which the miraculous perseveres amidst the monstrous as their memorable protagonists struggle to cope with horrific realities.

A collection that depends on the reader's acceptance of historical brutalities blended with the paranormal would seem an unlikely formula for success (only a very few, David Grossman, D. M. Thomas, André Schwarz-Bart, have attempted that with any success before), yet *In the Land of Armadillos* is an absolutely dazzling triumph.

In her title story, Shankman riffs intelligently and hauntingly on the demise of the famous visual artist and writer Bruno Schulz who was murdered at the hands of an S.S. officer who sought revenge for the slaying of his own "pet Jew."

Though other writers have visited Schulz' art and tragic death before (most notably Roberto Bolaño, David Grossman, and Cynthia Ozick), Shankman more than holds her own in rendering a Jewish muralist whose art is brimming with lyrically and morally potent allegories whose meaning eludes the understanding of his brutish captor.

With each subsequent narrative, the moral and psychological structure of *In the Land of Armadillos* deepens and evolves into greater intricacy. Though unsparing in its depiction of atrocity, the most genuinely shocking developments are those that delve deep into the mysteries of betrayal, most conspicuously Jews by their Polish friends and neighbors.

Shankman imaginatively turns characters and events around and around, a multifarious reality encompassing the perspectives of Jews, Poles and even those of Germans, most strikingly the perceptions of Reinhart, the Nazi Kommandant (a lover of the land and agrarian life appointed as the Reich Regional Commissioner of Agricultural Products & Services).

Immune to the nonsense of racist theory, he likes to imagine that he presides over "his own Shangri-La, insulated

from the insanity consuming the civilized world ... except for the smell that floated in sometimes from the campo at Sobibór, only six kilometers away, a smell that didn't belong among the fields, the farmers, the forests, and the plowed earth."

In numerous passages, Shankman renders her topography in brilliant detail; her capacity for deftly merging horror and natural beauty throughout is concisely captured here, in the aftermath of a massacre: "When the first chilly breath of nighttime ripples through a young girl's hair, even the sun shivers, withdraws its warmth, and slinks away."

Many stories reward with ironic twists and indelible surprises, such as the revelation of the Golem's true identity in a particularly poignant tale, and another where a 12-year-old boy vehemently argues about the fate of the world with the Messiah.

Still others are rendered in spare realism such as the chilly narrative in which the son of a Nazi scours the countryside of Wlodawa in search of atonement. Though each narrative revisits the same topos, Shankman constantly surprises us, outwitting us by defamiliarizing characters and scenes we thought we had fully grasped, again and again.

Every story presents its own mythical aura, lyricism, and horror. Even animals are given their due as in "The Jew Hater," a remarkable tale about a hidden child's poignant and eerie friendship with a feral dog.

"A Decent Man," the collection's penultimate story and perhaps its most audacious, explores many of the preceding events through the perspective of Reinhart who has the audacity to imagine that he has managed to preserve his humanity and integrity throughout the war, at least until certain events overtake him.

In the story's ruthless denouement, his self-justifications are stripped bare, revealed as the dangerous illusions that he, like so many others, pathetically cleaved to until it was too late. In a book brimming with myths and fantasy, Reinhart's fallacy emerges as the biggest fairy-tale of them all. By the time you finish reading it you will probably find yourself directly implicated by the searing moral questions Shankman so artfully raises.

Though this is a singularly inventive collection, if a comparison must be made, *In the Land of Armadillos* often chills with the stark realism of the best of Ida Fink's spare masterpieces, albeit with the additional hallucinatory ingredient of top drawer magical realism.

In indelible ways, the entire collection interrogates the value of art, storytelling, and dreams in a time of peril. Hard truths that are presented with wisdom, magic, and grace.

Finally, for those interested in the growing corpus that has come to be known as "second-generation" Holocaust literature, it is worth noting that Shankman's parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts are Holocaust survivors and many of the events she revisits are based on what they endured. She has honored them by distilling their harrowing memories into truly transformative literary art.

Editor's note: Ranen Omer-Sherman's latest book is *Imagining the Kibbutz: Visions of Utopia in Literature & Film*.

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# Wedding Section

## Planning Ahead Can Reduce Wedding Stress

### One Year Ahead

Pick a date  
Reserve a place for ceremony and the reception  
Set a budget (Include 3 percent for tzedakah to help feed the hungry)  
Reserve the entertainment  
Notify the rabbi  
Reserve or order your chuppah

### Six to Eight Months Ahead

Choose a caterer, florist and photographer/videographer  
Choose a color scheme and decorations  
Pick out attendants' gowns  
Shop for a veil  
Figure out about how many guests you will invite  
Select a wedding gown

### Three Months Ahead

Consult with the rabbi about the service  
Choose and order a ketuba  
Start planning your honeymoon  
Schedule fittings for bridesmaids dresses  
Register for china and other household items  
Finalize the guest list  
Arrange for tuxedos for the groom and his attendants  
Order invitations

### Two Months Ahead

Choose the menu  
Address and mail invitations  
Reserve hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests  
Shop for wedding rings  
Arrange limousine transportation for the bridal party from the site of the ceremony to the reception

### One Month Ahead

Obtain a marriage license  
Make a seating chart and place cards  
Notify the newspapers of your forthcoming marriage (Your notice should arrive at Community at least five weeks before the event.)  
Plan rehearsal and rehearsal dinner  
Schedule final fittings  
Order the cake  
Confirm final arrangements with band, caterer and the florist  
Order thank you notes  
Record gifts as they arrive

### Three Weeks Ahead

Make arrangements with the mikvah attendant.

### Two Weeks Ahead

Confirm reservations at the hotel  
Give a preliminary guest count to the

caterer  
Confirm delivery of the flowers

### One Week Ahead

Give a final guest count to the caterer

Buy gifts for your attendants  
Choose a hairstyle that works with your headpiece  
Consult with a cosmetologist about your makeup  
Arrange for a manicure and pedicure

## The Medieval Jewish Wedding Ring Is a Tradition You Probably Never Knew About

by Leah Falk

(Jewniverse via JTA) December 2, 2015 – You may have recently learned that diamonds are only a girl's best friend because De Beers made it so. Sigh – how's a girl to have a betrothal symbol with a little more meaning?

Look no further than a nearly forgotten Jewish tradition: the house ring.

Originating in Europe and dating back to the 14th century, about 400 years after rings began to be used in Jewish wedding ceremonies, the house ring is an opulent object adorned with a miniature model of a house or temple instead of a gemstone. The house, like the chuppah, is thought to have symbolized a couple's new home together.

Because of their ornateness, these rings were probably not used for every day (imagine getting bread dough in

your ring attic – yuck), but it's not clear when exactly during the betrothal period or ceremony they were worn.

Due to European rulers' nasty habits of collecting Jewish ritual objects after they'd expelled Jews, only a few real examples of the ring survive.

Can we get a house ring movement going, De Beers? Maybe it's our post-recession practicality, but even on our fingers, we'd rather have a tiny house than a big rock.

(Leah Falk earned an MFA from the University of Michigan, and her poems can be found in FIELD, Kenyon Review, Smartish Pace and other journals.)

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## Help Feed the Hungry as Part of Your Wedding Celebration

It is a Jewish tradition to share celebrations with people less fortunate. Jewish Family & Career Services provides an ideal program for this – Baskets of Blessings. The Baskets of Blessings program was created by Morgan Joffe as part of her bat mitzvah. She found wire baskets to use as her centerpieces and filled them with empty food boxes. Afterwards, she gave them to JFCS so that it could rent them to help fund the JFCS Food Pantry.

JFCS Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell commented, "Morgan's tzedakah project created a wonderful opportunity for people to help keep the JFCS Food Pantry filled for people in need,



while having a unique and beautiful centerpiece for their event."

The baskets are customized for an event with coordinating tissue paper, ribbon, and accessories to create the perfect basket to match the event theme. Table centerpiece baskets rent for \$20 and bimah baskets for \$30. Basket rentals are 100 percent tax deductible contributions to the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. JFCS staff does most of the work and delivers to and picks up the baskets from the event location.

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# Wedding Section

## When You're Queer, Finding a Mikvah Isn't Exactly Easy

by Jessica Ozar

(Kveller via JTA) January 6, 2016 – The first time I considered going to the mikvah (ritual bath) was before my wedding. While this was a completely typical time to think about going to the mikvah, I was marrying a woman, not a man, and I identify as queer. I didn't know if going to a mikvah would be right for me, or whether I would even be allowed to use it.

My partner and I studied at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. While neither of us grew up incredibly religious, we decided separately that having a traditional Jewish home was important to us both. After we became engaged, we knew it would be useful to meet with a kallah (bride) teacher who could tell us about using the mikvah and the niddah (family purity laws) tradition that we had never heard about until coming to Israel.

We were lucky to meet with a kallah teacher who had taught a religious lesbian couple before us, and we even had a chance to talk with the couple to discuss their experience with niddah and the mikvah as a way to determine how it works for a non-heterosexual couple and what might work for us.

Eight months later we were living in Denver and about to be married. We decided to separate for the seven days prior to the wedding, during which point we each went to the mikvah. There was no open mikvah in Denver, like Mayyim Hayyim in Newton, MA, that is not affiliated with any one religious movement, allowing women and men of any age to dip in the waters for reasons that the mikvah has not been used traditionally, such as surviving cancer or following a gender transition. I knew I would have to go to the only mikvah in my area or to the Aish mikvah in south Denver. I was involved with Aish in Israel, a movement that seeks to bring Jews to a more traditional Judaism, and had my own perceptions of the community's perspective on queer people. While I don't have QUEER written on my forehead, I was concerned that someone may ask something about my fiancée or somehow know automatically that I didn't

belong there.

I thought the mikvah was a space solely for Orthodox Jews, that it was a place where I would need to hide my authentic self, just as I had when going to Shabbat dinners all over Israel. I thought maybe I would be cast out or treated poorly just because I didn't fit into the community where a mikvah existed. At the same time, I was determined to access this space, and I wanted to reclaim it as a place where I could feel comfortable.

The first time I went, the mikvah was in deplorable condition, with cracked flooring and dim lighting – nothing like the beautiful spas I had heard of. While the attendant didn't ask about my wedding or fiancée, I knew I was hiding, and I would need to lie if she did. Luckily, I left without any incident, and surprisingly, I felt the mikvah was more about the woman as an individual rather than as a wife or mother. I couldn't bring myself to return and, ironically, this mikvah closed only a few months later.

When I was seeking some special prayers a few months later, I went to the Aish mikvah, despite my own doubts. It was immaculate, just like the ones I had heard about. The bathroom was gorgeously tiled, and the mikvah felt clean and inviting. But as before, I was concerned that someone would ask about my partner or know that I didn't belong in this community. Again I dunked and left quickly.

We recently moved to Atlanta, and I wanted to go for special prayers once more. My partner works at Bet Haverim, a gay and lesbian founded synagogue, and I'm involved with Sojourn, an organization that supports the Jewish and queer communities. I mentioned to a friend about my experience at the mikvah, and she told me that a new community mikvah called MaCom was opening in the city. We were invited to speak at a queer women's house meeting about the mikvah, which included the director of MaCom; I felt completely comfortable knowing that I was welcomed and encouraged to use this mikvah.

Because MaCom just opened, I have only gone once, but I intend to go in the future as much as I can. Dipping makes me feel closer to God and gives me a

sense of connection to Jewish women in the past, present and future. Now I don't have to appear to fit in any box, and I don't have to pretend to be someone I'm not. When I dunk, I approach my prayers as my full self; it makes all the difference.

(Jessica Ozar is a freelance writer. She lives in Atlanta with her partner.)

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## FOOD PANTRY

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**Suggestions for January:**  
 Chunky soups  
 Crackers  
 Mayonnaise  
 Toilet paper  
 Food must be donated in its original packaging before its expiration date. Monetary donations may also be made to the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund.

## In 2016, Join A Group to Improve Your Well-Being

A single mother of five children feels isolated having to deal with constant childcare duties and financial difficulties. She suffers from trauma after having recently been involved in two car accidents.

Therapy offered through Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS), is aiding in her recovery and helping her develop better coping skills for other anxiety issues she has suffered throughout her adult life.

The therapist offers support, whether it's navigating the complex system of welfare and subsidies or raising her five children. She is gently challenged to consider the overall example she wants to set for her children.

### ANXIETY WORKSHOP February 8 - February 29 Monday Evenings 7-8 p.m. at JFCS

In February, JFCS will offer a four session counseling group for those seeking help to reduce their anxiety. Together, participants will learn skills to gain calm and balance in their lives.

Each session will be led by Lauren Kehr, LCSW and Stu Cripe. A session fee of \$100 includes all four group workshop sessions. Limited scholarships are available to qualifying participants.

Registration is required by February 1. Please contact Lauren Kehr at ext. 227 or by email at [lkehr@jfcsloouisville.org](mailto:lkehr@jfcsloouisville.org) for further information.



### SELF ESTEEM WORKSHOP February 8 - February 29 Monday Evenings 6-7 p.m. at JFCS

Mothers and daughters, ages 8-10, will play, talk and participate in activities that enhance girls' self-esteem.

Each session will be led by Lauren Kehr, LCSW and Kelli Birkhold. A session fee of \$100 includes all four group workshop sessions. Limited scholarships are available to qualifying participants.

Registration is required by February 1. Please contact Lauren Kehr at ext. 227 or by email at [lkehr@jfcsloouisville.org](mailto:lkehr@jfcsloouisville.org) for further information.

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT

### RELATIONSHIP SOLUTIONS Every Tuesday Evening 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. at JFCS

JFCS conducts a weekly clinic for couples and families who have a need for counseling with a reduced fee schedule.

Hourly sessions are available by appointment only. The cost per session is \$20. Call JFCS or email [mmalka@jfcsloouisville.org](mailto:mmalka@jfcsloouisville.org) for appointments.

## CAREER SERVICES

### A.C.T. PREP WORKSHOP February 1 - February 23 Monday and Tuesday Evenings 7-9 p.m. at JFCS

The February session will provide students with strategies to improve their test score, understand the test format and help reduce test anxiety. Recommended for high school juniors and seniors.

A \$170 fee covers four English and Reading and four Math and Science classes including textbooks. Registration is limited to 20 students. Contact Janet Poole at JFCS to register.

### LINKEDIN WORKSHOP February 10 & February 11 6-8 p.m. at JFCS

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**Adult Children of Aging Parents**  
 Third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.  
 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**  
 Third Monday of the month, 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.  
 Contact Connie Austin, ext. 305

Support groups are facilitated by JFCS and funded by KIPDA Area Agency on Aging through the Older Americans Act and the Cabinet for Health Services.

# TEEN TOPICS



Laina Meyerowitz and Charles Bessen after being elected regional n'siah and shaliach

From December 18-21, Louisville BBYO hosted KIO BBYO Regional Convention (Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio) for the first time in many years. The theme of this convention was "The Giving Tree" and teens learned about conservation and friendship in a Jewish context. This convention also serves as the end-of-year event for KIO BBYO.

Louisville BBYO members Jacob Finke and Jesse Hymes were de-installed from their regional board positions and Laina Meyerowitz was elected regional n'siah (president) and Charles Bessen was elected regional shaliach (vice president of Jewish herriage).

Awards were also given out. Abigail Geller was named Chapter Gizbor of the Year, Joey Schuster was named Chapter Mazkir of the Year and Laina Meyerowitz was named Chapter N'siah of the year.

This convention was coordinated by Audrey Nussbaum and Ashley Waller, Hunter Borowick, and Ava Schumacher were members of the steering committee. Forty-eight members of Louisville BBYO attended this convention.



Laina Meyerowitz and Joey Schuster with their awards.



On Sunday, January 10, Drew Corson AZA elected their new chapter board: Godol (President) Hunter Borowick, S'gan (Vice President of Programming) Ethan Grossman; Moreh (Vice President of Recruitment) Joey Schuster; Shaliach (Vice President of Jewish Heritage) Andrew Tuvin; Mazkir (Vice President of Communication) Zach Ellis; Gizbor (Treasurer) Max Strull; and Kohane Godol (Past President) Charles Bessen.



Newly elected Jay Levine BBG officers: N'siah (President) Ashley Waller; S'ganit (Vice President of Programming) Julia Bessen; Morah (Vice President of Recruitment) Jenna Lanzet; Sh'l'icha (Vice President of Jewish Heritage) Lilli Russman; Gizborit (Treasurer) Abigail Geller; Mazkirah (Vice President of Communication) Ava Schumacher; and Madricha (Past President) Laina Meyerowitz.

# KI Deli Drew a Crowd

by Yonatan Yussman  
Executive Director, Keneseth Israel

You might have thought it was Yom Kippur at Keneseth Israel (KI), based on the hundreds of people trying to fit into the synagogue. But the long lines weren't to get a good seat to hear Rabbi Wolk's Kol Nidre sermon – they were there to buy kosher pastrami on rye. KI had to turn away people after selling out of a few hundred pounds of kosher deli meat in only a couple of hours at their January 10 deli fundraiser.

KI member Mark Suna joined with his old restaurant partner, Les Naiman, in resurrecting their former landmark deli restaurant, Les & Mark's Nosh Box, for the event. Their deli was in Hikes Point in the latter half of the 1970's.

Naiman and Suna split after a few years, unable to balance what Suna calls their "Odd Couple" qualities. Naiman continued in the food business, deli and catering business while Suna went into commercial real estate. The men eventually renewed their friendship.

They also renewed their delicious recipes for corned beef, pastrami, salami, coleslaw, potato salad and more, all to benefit KI. Suna and his wife, Kelly, donated almost all the food for this event so that KI could increase their fundraising revenue. Suna commented that he did it to help Keneseth Israel become as successful as it can be, and to give back to the community that allowed him to be so prosperous.

The event brought together the entire Jewish (and non-Jewish!) community, which we know food often does. There were members there from every synagogue and all walks of life. Indeed, this was the focus of author Ted Merwin's lecture at the event – he was on hand

to discuss his new book, *Pastrami on Rye: An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Deli*.

Merwin explained that as a social space, the Jewish deli used to rival – and in some ways surpassed – the synagogue as the primary gathering place for the Jewish community. He explained that upwardly mobile American Jews discarded the deli as they transitioned from outsider to insider status in the middle of the century.

Now contemporary Jews are returning the deli to cult status as they seek to reclaim their cultural identities. His thesis was certainly confirmed, considering the throngs of people packed into the KI pop-up deli.

The overwhelming outpouring of support for this deli fundraiser was so great that Keneseth Israel intends to hold several such deli events per year.

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Chavurat Shalom meets at the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42, unless otherwise designated in the listing. It is a community-wide program and all synagogue members and Jewish residents are welcome.

**February 4**  
Rabbi Michael Wolk and Cantor Sharon Hordes will present "Yiddish Stories and Yiddish Music."

**February 11**  
"Name that Tune" with Sara Robinson on the piano. There will be prizes and gift cards to go with this afternoon of fun with familiar songs.

**February 18**  
Charlaine Reynolds, "Nutrition for Older Adults: How to Get What You Need without Spending a Lot of Time in the Kitchen"

**February 25**  
Tom Owen, historian, Metro Council member: "Louisville Neighborhoods and How They Got Their Names"

On March 3, Chavurat Shalom will meet at Keneseth Israel.

A healthy, 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 Monday of the week you plan to attend to Charlaine Reynolds at 502-509-9416 or 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.

Funding for Chavurat Shalom is provided by the Jewish Community of Louisville, National Council of Jewish Women, a Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence grant, The Temple's Men of Reform Judaism and Women of Reform Judaism, and many other generous donors.



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# NEWSMAKERS

The daily-baked pita and lavash breads at **Dino's Bakery** are now certified kosher-pareve by the Louisville VAAD Hakashruth. Dino's is located at 4162 Bardstown Rd.

**Louise Miller, Realtor**, has been inducted as 2016 chapter president of The Greater Louisville Women's Council of Realtors. Louise is affiliated with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Parks and Weisberg Realtors.

In 2015, **Guy Abend** moved to Louisville from Israel to join the Louisville City FC soccer team. Abend recently told the *Courier-Journal* what 2015 meant to him. "2015 has been a rewarding yet difficult year for me. I left my warm, beach resort hometown of Netanya in Israel to move to Louisville this February. I arrived in a city that seemed so different to everything I knew and I wasn't ready for the weather here. It was freezing, the icy air clouded with snowflakes. ... On a personal level, I've really missed the tight-knit community I had in Israel. ... It helps that the players are housed together in the Plainview Apartments, which has become an international community, with players from Denmark, England, Serbia and Ireland as well as the U.S., and we all get on and have a laugh. Also, Louisvillians have been very welcoming and the city has quickly started to feel like a second home.

An article by **Ann Glazer Niren** is included in the 2015 *American Jewish Archives Journal*. Niren's piece is titled "The Importance of Leonard Bernstein's Synagogue."

Walden School student **Hunter Borowick**, 16, is one of the future leaders recognized in *Business First's* special "First Honors" publication. Borowick, who plans to have a career in the music field, volunteers for the Rock for Kosair

benefit concerts and Shirley's Way, a nonprofit benefiting cancer patients and their families.

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Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC), Charleston, WV, is one of four U.S. organizations to receive the 2015 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the nation's highest Presidential honor for performance excellence in the health care category. All psychiatric services at CAMC are provided by the West Virginia University Department of Psychiatry, chaired by **Dr. Martin Kommor**, formerly of Louisville. Dr. Kommor is the son of Selma and Alvin Kommor.

**Siera Hanks**, a sophomore and Brown Fellow at Centre College, has been invited by the American Embassy in Myanmar to be an intern in the Consular Office for 10 weeks in the summer of 2016. Siera is the daughter of Leslie and Eric Hanks and sister of Kaden Hanks. Her grandparents are Brenda and the late Karmen Bush and Lynn and Ric Hanks and Barbara Hanks.

*Business First's* list of 2016 Partners in Health Care honorees includes **Dr. Divya Cantor**, founder of MB Device LLC. The device predicts premature labor by transmitting a wireless signal from inside a pregnant woman to her doctor.

**KentuckyOne Health Inc. President and CEO Ruth Brinkley** was one of several local business leaders interviewed for *Business First's* "What I Learned in Business This Year" story. "In order to succeed in the rapidly changing health care landscape, it was critical that KentuckyOne Health build a strong, shared culture...our culture is central to who we are, how we act and how we care for the communities we serve," she said.

**Republic Bancorp CEO Steve Trager** was also interviewed in the article. "I think people make mistakes when they jump into something new and they do a lot of it quickly," Trager said. "What we've learned is you start by doing some of it, you stick your toe in the water, and if it works you do more of it."

Trager also recently discussed the current economic climate in *Business First*. "People are doing better. People want to borrow money. I will tell you with my philanthropic hat - I'm the chairman for the Fund or the Arts campaign - we're finding more and more people that are receptive to giving because they're doing better," he said.

**Kindred Healthcare Inc. CEO Benjamin Breier** commented on the \$39.5 million, 14,000 square-foot Kindred expansion project at South Fourth St. and Broadway in *Business First*. "The new space will enhance our ability to invest in the clinical expertise of our employees with the addition of Kindred University and in their wellness with the creation of an on-site clinic," Breier said.

*Business First* also listed the expansion and Kindred's acquisition of Atlanta-based Gentiva Health Services as the second biggest health care story of 2015.

In a review of its 2015 "What's Brewing" themed panel discussion events, *Business First* quoted **Louisville Orchestra Music Director Teddy Abrams**, who was a guest panelist at a "What's Brewing" installment titled "The Future of the Arts in Louisville." "We have to ask ourselves what our purpose in society is," Abrams said. "When music and arts are performed well, they bind people and build for stronger communities than you'd ever have without the arts as that kind of glue."

**Republic Bancorp President and CEO Steve Trager**, was a guest panelist at a "What's Brewing" discussion titled "Forty Under 40 Hall-of-Famers Share Knowledge, Wisdom." "Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Sometimes you have to pull the trigger," Trager said. "It's not about making the right decision, it's

about making the decision right."

**Wiltshire on Market and Wiltshire Pantry owner Susan Hershberg**, a panelist at a Louisville dining-themed discussion, was also mentioned.

**Hershberg, Summer Auerbach**, owner of **Rainbow Blossom; Dr. Stacie Grossfeld**, owner of **Orthopaedic Specialists**; and **Raquel Koff**, president of **Rodeo Drive**, are among the 12 finalists for The National Association of Women Business Owners EPIC Awards.

EPIC stands for Excellence as a woman business owner, Professional accomplishments during the past five years, Initiative and creativity in addressing major challenges in her business and Civic and community involvement. The 2016 EPIC Awards will be held on Thursday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m., at the Mellwood Arts & Entertainment Center.

The **JCC Fitness Center** is ranked #7 on *Business First's* list of the area's largest health clubs and fitness centers based on the number of local active members. The JCC had 6,811 local active members in 2015, according to the rankings.

**Aaron Tasman**, a partner in Louisville's **Tasman Properties Group LLC**, told *Business First* the new owners of 992-994 Barret Ave. are interested in making it into a bar, restaurant or some kind of retail space, and that Tasman Properties will develop the property.

**The Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation**, part of KentuckyOne Health, has received a \$108,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to help enroll uninsured people in state health insurance exchanges and Medicaid for 2016. The grant will support one-to-one community outreach efforts intended to help people understand their options and enroll in coverage.

In December, **Reed Weinberg**, president of **PRG Commercial Property Advisors**, was honored with the inaugural Multi-Family Broker of the Year award during the 6th Annual Kentucky Commercial Real Estate Alliance Broker of the Year Awards.

**Rita Hight** has been commissioned to design and direct a play honoring Black History Month in Corydon, IN. The play, *Horace Bell: a Hoosier Hero*, is an original script presented by the Harrison County Bicentennial Legacy Committee focusing on a local lawyer named Horace Bell. This free presentation will last about 30 minutes and will be presented at Corydon Central High School in Corydon, Indiana, on February 12, at 10:40 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.




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For more information contact Ellen Shapira at  
502 452-6341, ext 225 or [eshapira@jfcslouisville.org](mailto:eshapira@jfcslouisville.org).

# 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, January 23.

## Hear Caffeinated Cantors Concert 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](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/coffeeconcert) to purchase tickets.

## Celebrate Tu b'Shevat with Hadassah

Hadassah invites the community to a festive Tu b'Shevat Seder on Sunday, January 24, at 5:30 p.m., at a private home. Families welcome. Bring a pot luck dinner item using one of the seven species as an ingredient—figs, grapes, dates, barley, wheat, olive and pomegranate.

RSVP to [LouisvilleHadassahChapter@gmail.com](mailto:LouisvilleHadassahChapter@gmail.com) for directions and more information.

## Take a Monday Night Class at The Temple

The next set of Monday night adult education classes at The Temple are on Monday, January 25.

**Text Study** with Rabbi David meets at 7 p.m. The class is called "From the Beginning." This class 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 our vocabulary and comprehension.

**Advanced Hebrew** with Rabbi Rapport meets at 8 p.m. This class, called "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.

**Basic Judaism** with Rabbi Rooks meets at 8 p.m. The focus is "Jewish Concepts and Basic Beliefs."

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

## Join the Wednesday Temple Scholars Program

The Temple's Wednesday Temple Scholars Program classes meet on Wednesday mornings. The next set of classes is Wednesday, January 27.

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 we 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 Historic Plum Street Synagogue.

## 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 am. The next classes are Wednesdays January 27 and February 24, and the theme is "Giving Thanks for Life." Coffee and refreshments will be served. For more information call 502-459-1770. All are welcome.

## Sip and Study at Jews and Brews

On Wednesday, January 27, 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](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Try some Talmud and Tonic with Rabbi Wolk

The community is invited to Rabbi Wolk's home on Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m., to discuss the Talmud's take on relevant issues and events, all while enjoying some wine and spirits with friends. All backgrounds are invited to join this class, which is free and open to the public.

For more details and directions to Rabbi Wolk's home, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Catch the Magical Musical 'Big Fish' at CenterStage

*Big Fish: The Musical*, presented by CenterStage and Platinum Travel, is a magical whopper of a tale about a father and son's complicated life journey, the incredible power of storytelling and the unending strength of unconditional love.

The heart and humor-filled saga, perfect for the whole family, runs Thursday, January 28-Sunday, February 14, at the Jewish Community Center of Louisville's Linker Auditorium.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. Purchase tickets by calling 502-238-2709 or at [CenterStageJCC.org](http://CenterStageJCC.org).

## Enjoy Havdallah with YAD

On Saturday, January 30, at 7 p.m., Jewish young adults are invited to YAD Havdallah at the Cherokee Triangle home of the JCC's new Young Adult Director Benji Berlow. Light appetizers, drinks, and old camp tunes will be provided. RSVP to Benji at [bberlow@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:bberlow@jewishlouisville.org) for the address and more information.

## Volunteer on Super Sunday

Sunday, January 31, is The Jewish Federation of Louisville's Super Sunday telethon. Volunteers will gather at the JCC to call members of our Jewish community and let them know about all the wonderful programs and agencies the 2106 Federation Campaign supports as we solicit the funds necessary to meet the needs of our vibrant community, here and abroad.

There will be good food, prizes, t-shirts and other surprises for participants. There are two volunteer shifts: 9-11:30 a.m. and 12 -2:30 p.m.

To sign up for one or both of the shifts, please visit <https://jewishlouisville.org/event/super-sunday-2016/> or contact Kristy Benefield at 502-238-2739 or [kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org). Please bring your cell phone and charger.

If you do not wish to make calls but would like to volunteer in another capacity for Super Sunday or any other aspect of the campaign, please contact the Federation, 502-238-2739. We are *Stronger Together*.

## 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 in Louisville. Cantor Sharon Hordes will lead the healing service, which will be followed by yummy appetizers and an address from guest speaker Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky, vice president of mission at KentuckyOne Health.

This event is \$5 per person and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## 'International Honor Quilt' on display at Hite Art Institute

The University of Louisville's Hite Art Institute will display the "International Honor Quilt," a collaborative feminist art project initiated by artist Judy Chicago in its entirety for the first time from February 1- March 19.

The quilt depicts a range of subjects from world leaders such as Queen Elizabeth II, well-known figures such as author Agatha Christie and groups such as the League of Women Voters to the mothers, grandmothers, artists and teachers who influenced the quilters. An online database of individual pieces and the stories of the women behind them is available at [uofl.me/intl-honor-quilt](http://uofl.me/intl-honor-quilt).

An accompanying exhibition of Chicago's work will be at the Cressman Center for Visual Arts, 100 E. Main St. from February 18 - April 16. "Fire Works" explores Chicago's work in glass, pyrotechnics and smoke.

For more information on the quilt, call 502-852-0906 or email [margaret.leininger@louisville.edu](mailto:margaret.leininger@louisville.edu). For information on the "Fire Works" display, contact Chris Reitz at 502-852-2566 or [chris.reitz@louisville.edu](mailto:chris.reitz@louisville.edu).

## Explore the Prayer Service at Keneseth Israel

Do you find yourself sitting at services, enjoying the atmosphere and seeing friends but wondering what it all means?

KI's Exploring the Prayer Service class, taught by Cantor Sharon Hordes, will shed some light on the history, structure and meaning of the 2,000 year old communal prayer tradition, including how to read and understand the Hebrew prayers in the Siddur. Meeting dates: After 5:45 p.m. minyan on February 1, 15, 22 and 29.

For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Adath Jeshurun Hosts Live Broadcast from New York's 92nd Street Y

On Monday, February 1, Adath Jeshurun will present the next "Live from New York's 92nd Street Y" broadcast, titled "Garrison Keillor: Reading & Remembering."

Radio host Keillor will read from his books *A Prairie Home Companion* and *The Keillor Reader: Looking Back at*

*40 Years of Stories: Where Did They All Come From?*

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.

## Decipher Jewish Symbols at Temple Shalom

Symbols will be the topic for Temple Shalom First Monday Adult Ed on Monday, February 1, at 7 p.m. at Temple Shalom.

Dr. Gary Weinstein, a psychiatrist and clinical associate professor at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, will discuss Jewish semiotics, or the study of symbols, in a presentation titled "Lost Meanings and Purposes of Familiar Jewish Symbols." Refreshments will be served after the program.

RSVPs are requested by January 29, by calling 502-458-4739. If you have questions, ask to be contacted by Norm Cummings.

## Do Yoga with the Women of Temple Shalom

The Women of Temple Shalom invite other women in the community to Temple Shalom at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, February 2 and 16, for a one-hour, \$5 gentle yoga class taught by Yoga Loft's Lisa Flannery. Participants can bring a mat or use a chair.

RSVP to Temple Shalom for the two sessions by February 1 and 15 by calling 502-458-4739.

## Discuss Literature with the Women of Temple Shalom

Women of Temple Shalom's Book Club will meet Thursday, February 4, at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 801 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy. This session's picks are *Playing with Fire* by Tess Gerritsen and *Saving Sophie* by Ronald Balson. Read one or both, and join WOTS for a lively discussion.

RSVP to Temple Shalom by February 3, at 502-458-4739.

## Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wolk

Rabbi Michael Wolk will hold a downtown lunch and learn program on Thursday, February 4, at noon, at The Bristol, 614 W. Main St. These lunches will be held the first Thursday of every month at the same time and place.

For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Have a Happy February Birthday Shabbat at KI

Keneseth Israel will have a family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat celebration on Friday, February 5, starting at 5:45 p.m. KI will celebrate all of the February birthdays and anniversaries with plenty of family-friendly food and desserts. All in the community are welcome to attend.

For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Celebrate February Birthdays and Anniversaries at Adath Jeshurun

Adath Jeshurun's February Celebration Shabbat will be held on Saturday, February 6, 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.

## Bring Your Little Ones to KI's Children's Shabbat Service

On Saturdays February 6 and 20, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Keneseth Israel will hold a high-energy children's service with stories, singing, prayers, Torah, and learning, followed by a delicious Kiddush. All in the community are

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welcome to attend. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Get Inspired at the World Interfaith Harmony Peace Concert

On Saturday, February 6, at 7 p.m., Interfaith Paths to Peace presents the World Interfaith Harmony Peace Concert led by Harry Pickens, at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2000 Douglas Blvd. Cantor David Lipp is one of the featured performers. Tickets are \$10 per person.

To purchase tickets and for more information, call 502-214-7322 or visit <http://www.paths2peace.org/v-peace-concert.html>.

## Try Some Torah Yoga

There will be a free Torah Yoga class open to the public at Keneseth Israel on Sunday, February 7, from 1-2:30 p.m. The class is co-presented by Hadassah and taught by Cantor Sharon Hordes and yoga instructor Katey Brichto. Participants must bring a mat or towel.

For more information contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Adath Jeshurun Offers Free Hebrew Classes

Adath Jeshurun is offering three free Hebrew classes to anyone in the community interested in furthering their Jewish education. All classes are taught by Deborah Slosberg. The classes will take place on Sunday mornings at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. at AJ on February 7, 14, 21 and 28.

For more information, contact Slosberg at [dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com) or 502-458-5359.

## Get your questions answered at Chabad House

The Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) will present The Jewish Course of Why, the institute's new six-session winter 2016 course, beginning Monday, February 8. Rabbi Avrohom Litvin of Chabad of Kentucky will conduct each session on the same day and time at Chabad House, 1654 Almara Cir.

The Jewish Course of Why spans a diverse range of topics, from fun, light and off-the-beaten track questions, to more complex and controversial issues. The course also offers insight into mysterious Jewish practices, strange biblical narratives and enigmas of Jewish identity.

The course is designed to appeal to people at all levels of Jewish knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning.

The class costs \$80. All JLI courses are open to the public. Call 502-459-1770 or visit [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com) for registration and more information.

## Experience 'Dinyan' at Keneseth Israel

On Monday, February 8, from 5:45-7:30 p.m., Keneseth Israel invites the community to join them for Dinyan, a combination of dinner and minyan. There will be a musical service followed by a family-style seated dinner prepared by Chef Sasha Chack.

RSVP by February 1, to 502-459-2780 or [rsvp@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:rsvp@kenesethisrael.com). There is no charge but donations in support of the newly created Dr. Julius Wolk Dinyan Fund are welcome.

## Watch U of L Basketball at Adath Jeshurun

On February 8, Adath Jeshurun Men's Club invites the entire community to AJ to watch the U of L Cardinals take on the Duke Blue Devils. Pizza, beer and refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the game on the large screen TV at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per person. Make reservations at [www.adathjeshurun.com/gamenight](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/gamenight). The reservation deadline is Thursday, February 4.

## 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 Tuesday, February 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.

## Attorney to Shed Light on the Second Amendment at Temple Shalom

Attorney Aaron Silletto, who is with Goldberg Simpson LLC law firm, will speak about the Second Amendment, The Right to Bear Arms, at the Temple Shalom Men's Club brunch on Sunday, February 14, at 10 a.m. at Temple Shalom. The brunch is \$5 per person.

Silletto will discuss the meaning of the the words of the Second Amendment and comparable provisions of the Kentucky Constitution. He also will talk about how the courts have interpreted them and what they say to us today. RSVP to 502-458-4739 by February 11.

## Let Harry Pickens and Louisville's Cantors Entertain You at KI

Keneseth Israel will present Harry Pickens and the cantors of Louisville in "Stars of David: Jewish Voices from the American Songbook" on Saturday, February 14, at 7 p.m., at KI.

From 7- 8 p.m., Pickens, a renowned jazz pianist, will explore the connections between the composers of the great American popular songbook and the jazz legacy in his own special, interactive style.

The Cantor's Concert, from 8-9 p.m., will feature Cantor Sharon Hordes, Jennifer Diamond and Cantor David Lipp singing favorites from the great Jewish musicals, with accompaniment from Harry Pickens and The Birdies. A desert reception will follow.

To buy tickets, which start at \$20, go to [tinyurl.com/KIconcert2016](http://tinyurl.com/KIconcert2016) or call 502-459-2780. For more information, call Yonatan Yussman at 502-459-2780 or email [concert@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:concert@kenesethisrael.com).

## AJ's Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation Is for Families

On Saturday, February 20, 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.

## Adath Jeshurun Hosts Book Club

On Sunday, February 21, at 2 p.m., at Adath Jeshurun, Deborah Slosberg will lead the next meeting of the Adath Jeshurun Book Club. The Club will be discussing *The Dove Flyer* by Eli Amir. Following the meeting, the Louisville Jewish Film Festival will be showing the film adaptation of *The Dove Flyer* at 3 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun.

The Book Club program is free of charge and open to the community. Tickets for the movie can be purchased by calling 502-459-0660, or at [www.jewishlouisville.org/filmfestival](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/filmfestival).

## JFCS Presents Jazzy Jewelry Sale

Jewish Family & Career Services will host a Jazz & Jewelry Sale with refreshments and live jazz music on Thursday, February 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at JFCS, 2821 Klempner Way.

JFCS is seeking donations of new, gently used and antique fashion jewelry that is clean and in excellent condition. Jewelry displays and gift boxes will also be accepted. Donations can be delivered to Kim Toebe at JFCS by January 30. Contact Kim at 502-452-6341 or [ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org](mailto:ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org) for more information.

This event benefits the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund for JFCS.

## Pay Tribute to AJ's '2015 Minyanaire of the Year'

The community is invited to Adath Jeshurun on Friday, February 26, and Saturday, February 27, to pay tribute to AJ's 2015 Minyanaire of the Year, Dr. Bruce Tasch. On Friday, the Kabbalat Shabbat service will begin at 5:45 p.m., followed by a Shabbat Dinner & Awards Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations can be made at [www.adathjeshurun.com/minyandinner](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/minyandinner) by Monday, February 22. For questions, contact Molly Evancho at 502-458-5359 or [mevancho@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:mevancho@adathjeshurun.com). At Saturday's Shabbat service, Minyanaires will participate and have special honors. A festive Kiddush lunch will follow.

## Catch a Free Louisville Orchestra Concert at AJ

The Louisville Orchestra will play a free concert at Adath Jeshurun on Sunday, February 28, at 3 p.m. This concert will be a small ensemble of musicians with Teddy Abrams. The featured piece is Argentine composer Osvaldo Golijov's *Dreams and Prayers of Isaac the Blind*, featuring Andrea Levine on clarinet.

Seating is general admission and reservations are not needed. For more information, contact the Louisville Orchestra at 502-587-8681 or visit [www.louisvilleorchestra.org](http://www.louisvilleorchestra.org).

## Make Plans for AJ's Annual Music Festival

Adath Jeshurun's Annual Music Festival will be held on Sunday, March 13, at 7 p.m. Cantor Jack Mendelson will perform his new one-man show, "The Cantor's Couch" with Director Erik Anjou on hand to shoot footage for the film sequel of the documentary "A Cantor's Tale."

Tickets purchased prior to the event cost \$12.50 per adult and \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the night of the event for \$15 per person.

Sponsorships are available and qualify for a tax deduction as allowed by law. Please visit [www.adathjeshurun.com/musicfestival](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/musicfestival) for more information and to make advanced ticket reservations.

## AJ Changes Weekly Lunch & Learn Study Session

This winter, Adath Jeshurun 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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## B'nai Mitzvah

### Warren Andrew Van Nort

Warren Andrew Van Nort, son of Abby Gordon and Jim Van Nort, and brother of Joshua Van Nort, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, February 6, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple.



Warren is the grandson of Suzanne and Teddy Gordon of Louisville, KY, and Dorothy and the late Joseph Van Nort of Carbondale, PA.

Warren, an alumnus of Adath Jeshurun Preschool and St. Matthews Elementary School, is an Advanced Program seventh grader in the Math, Science, and Technology Magnet Program at Meyzeek Middle School. At Meyzeek, Warren is a member of the Academic Team. He is the Pittsburgh Steelers' #1 fan and loves to play and watch anything sports-related, especially soccer and basketball.

Warren participated in the JFCS Pledge 13 Program and fulfilled their requirement by volunteering at various locations here in Louisville. With Warren's love of sports and his Torah portion, Mishpatim (Chapter 22 of Exodus, 19-29), Warren and his family will be donating sports items in honor of his bar mitzvah to The Home of the Innocents.

Warren and his family invite the community to join them at his bar mitzvah ceremony and the dessert Kiddush following the service.



### Benjamin Gabriel Burke

Benjamin Gabriel Burke, son of Nancy and Paul Burke and brother of Leah, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, February 27, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple.

Benjamin is the grandson of Connie Lusher and the late William Lusher and the late Ruth and Harry Burke.

Benjamin is in the seventh grade at Louisville Collegiate School where he participates in cross country and track. He loves music and plays the saxophone. He enjoys spending time with his friends, technology and cooking. Benjamin is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program and volunteers at Dare to Care.

The Burke family invites the community to celebrate Benjamin's bar mitzvah and to the Kiddush luncheon following the service.

## Engagements

### Klein/Chaimovitz

Laura and Jon Klein happily announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to David Chaimovitz of Highland Park, IL. Rachel is the granddaughter of Beverly and Elias Klein as well as the late Alex and Shirley Roter.



David is the son of Denise and Donald Chaimovitz and the grandson of Beverly Stein, the late Sol Stein, Beverly Bloch Stein Seedman, Dorothy and David Chaimovitz. Both Rachel and David graduated from Indiana University at

Bloomington.

They reside in Chicago where she is a Marketing Associate for Jewish National Fund and he is Director of Sales for CMT Manufacturing. A wedding is planned for October 2016, in Louisville.

## Obituaries

### Beatrice Sessmer Herbert

Beatrice Sessmer Herbert died November 12, in San Diego, CA.

Over 94 years of a very full life, Herbert had a grand time, spreading joy wherever she went. She was born June 12, 1921, in Louisville, KY, to Jewish immigrants from Ukraine. Ricca Sessmer and her five children, including Bea and Oscar (who was killed in World War II and whose memorial collage hangs today in remembrance at Adath Jeshurun), became members of Congregation Adath Jeshurun. She married J.I. Goldstein after WWII and raised two daughters (Jeannie and Deborah). Together Bea and J.I. owned and operated the old Fairmeade Pharmacy on Shelbyville Rd.

After her divorce, Herbert often worked two jobs and went to the University of Louisville at night to earn her degree in accounting. After moving to California, she became a highly successful accountant, often getting to know her clients and treating them like family. A longtime resident of Del Mar, CA, her strong commitment to social justice won her the democratic nomination for Congress in 1992.

Herbert traveled the world, seeing nearly every continent, never letting age hold her back. Auntie Mame and the Pied Piper rolled into one is how her niece Nancy described her.

### Herbert Vine

Herbert Vine, 91, of Louisville, KY, died Saturday, December 19.

A Louisville native, Mr. Vine graduated Male High School and attended Michigan State University and Indiana University. He served in the United States Army in World War II. He founded Bluegrass Lincoln Mercury in 1965 and expanded it into what is known today as Bluegrass Motorsports.

He was preceded in death by his parents Aaron and Jenny Vine, sister Annette Gale and brother Kenneth Vine, as well as his loving wife of 54 years, Peggy Cohen Vine.

Survivors include brother Eugene Vine of Louisville; daughter and son-in-law Sara and Jim Haynes of Louisville; Valerie and Michael Miller of Dunwoody, GA; sons and daughters-in-law Dr. Jack and Sheri Vine of Dallas, TX; Andrew and Mandy Vine of Louisville; Michael and Susan Vine of Louisville; and grandchildren Travis and Ashley Haynes, Jeffrey Haynes, Megan Miller, Justin, Matthew, Cameron, Lisa, Drew, Ryan, Zachary and Ellie Vine.

A special thanks to Robbie McDonald and Dammon Wells of Almost Family.

Burial was at The Temple Cemetery.

Contributions to Gilda's Club of Louisville, 633 Baxter Ave., Louisville, KY, 40204 or The Temple, 5101, US Highway 42, Louisville, KY, 40241.

### Ronda Christine Allgeier Gordon

Ronda Christine Allgeier Gordon, 50, passed away on December 20, after a long and extremely courageous battle with cancer.

A lifelong resident of Louisville, she was born on October 16, 1965. She grew up in Jeffersontown, attending St. Ed-

ward, and later moved to Goshen, KY, where she graduated from Oldham County High School in 1984. She met her husband Michael in 1992, and married in 1995.

She was the co-owner of Any-time Waste Systems, and worked there until her first cancer diagnosis in 2007. Since that first diagnosis, she actively fought her four cancers with the utmost class, pride and dignity. With her husband and two sons in tow, she traveled the world, went to all 30 Major League Baseball stadiums, and attended every significant University of Louisville sports game, just to name a few things.

She is preceded in death by her father, Ronnie Allgeier; her sister-in-law, Miriam Fine; and brother-in-law, Dennis Fine.

She is survived by her loving husband, Michael Gordon; her sons, Kyle and Mitchell Gordon; her mother, Donna Allgeier; her sisters, Kim Sears (Terry) and Annette Smith; her grandmother, Margaret Scott; her nieces and nephews, Christopher (Elizabeth) and Nicholas Sears, Victoria and Benjamin Smith, Meredith Lefkoff (Ryan), Max and Molly Fine and Alec and Dana Gordon; her great nephew, Isaac Sears; her in-laws, Barbara and David Gordon; her brother-in-law, Phil Gordon (Jane); and loving dog, Brady.

Her family wants to extend their gratitude to Dr. Michael Kommor, The CBC Group, and Dr. Haraden for their tireless efforts and assistance in ensuring that Ronda lived the absolute fullest life possible.

Burial was at The Temple Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Baptist Health Foundation Greater Louisville, 4000 Kresge Way, Louisville, KY, www.SupportBaptistHealth.org or The Temple, 5101 U. S. Hwy 42, Louisville, KY, 40241.

### Selma Schneider Rosen

Selma Schneider Rosen, 100, died Wednesday, December 23, at Episcopal Church Home.

She was a native of Louisville, born September 16, 1915, to the late Ruby Moseon and Gilbert Schneider. She was a graduate of University of Louisville and a member of The Temple.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Harold Rosen.

She is survived by her daughter, Rubyanna Pollak (Richard) of Edina, MN and her son, Larry Rosen and his former wife, Sue Rosen; her grandchildren, Geoff Pollak (Gabrielle), Lori Cox (Douglas), Stacey Caplan (Jeff) and Shawn Rosen; and her great-grandchildren, Adam and Sophie Pollak, Ellie and Arthur Caplan and Dylan and Logan Cox.

Special thanks go to caregivers at her home who served till shortly after her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Nicolette Greene, April Hamilton-Sloss, and Annie Miller and the staff at Episcopal Church Home in her last days.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or Hosparus, 3532 Ephraim McDowell Dr., Louisville, KY, 40205.

### Zelda Shalinsky Tasman

Zelda Shalinsky Tasman, 92, died Sunday, December 27, at her home. She was a native of Kansas City, MO, born January 24, 1923, to the late Freda Iskowitz and Herman Shalinsky. As a young woman she was an executive sec-



retary, and later a devoted housewife and mother and a volunteer for almost 30 years at Jewish Hospital.

She always made her family the highest priority in her life, and was a loving and supportive daughter, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. No one could have been a more caring and loyal friend. She was also a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, NCJW, Louisville Section, and a life member of Hadassah.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Goodman Tasman; her brothers, Joseph, Lester, Milton, Marvin and Leo, and sisters Eleanor Rutlader and Harriet Waldman. She is survived by her sons and their wives, Norman and Alice Tasman, and Allan and Cathy Tasman; her grandchildren Aaron and his wife Jennifer, Jason and his wife Jenna, Natalie, David, and Sarah and her husband Kyle Hathaway; her nieces originally from Louisville, Alyce Waldman and Sheryl Rosenberg and their families; and 17 other nieces and nephews and their families originally from Kansas City.

Burial was at Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Louisville or Keneseth Israel Congregation.



### Doris Levitch

Doris Levitch, 87, died Tuesday, December 29, at Norton Brownboro Hospital. Born March 20, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Agnes Belle Kohler and William Clarence

Lindley. She was a housewife and a member of Anshei Sfarad Congregation.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Leon Levitch.

She is survived by her children, David Levitch (Rhonda), Aaron Levitch and Lisa Levitch; and her grandchildren, David, Jax, Alana and Sarah.

Burial took place in Anshei Sfarad Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Anshei Sfarad Congregation, Jewish Community Federation or the Jewish National Fund.



### Dr. Yair Riback

Dr. Yair Riback of Louisville, KY, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 31.

Riback was born October 16, 1933, in Tel-Aviv, British Mandatory Palestine (now

Israel) to Sarah (Shura) and G'daliahu (Lusia) Riback. He spent his childhood in Holon, a city built on Mediterranean sand dunes, and then in Tiberias, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. His moral, ethical and cultural identities were formed not only by his parents, but from his active participation in the humanistic Nohar Ha Oved youth movement. In his teens, he was a champion swimmer and cyclist, and later served in the Israeli Defense Forces.

He received his B.S. in mathematics and physics at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, later teaching those subjects to high school seniors, and was instrumental in organizing many science fairs in Israel. He was also director of the Department of Theory and Practice of Education at the Tel-Aviv/Jaffa Board of

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Education.

On April 27, 1960, Riback married the love of his life, Nira Brodetzky, and for over 55 years they shared a wonderful life. After the birth of their two daughters, Riback earned his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh in the field of Industrial Psychology, and upon his return to Israel worked in a civilian position for the Israeli Defense Forces Psychological Unit doing research on soldiers with post-traumatic stress disorders.

In 1972, he accepted a similar position with Human Resources Research Organization (HUMRRO) at Fort Knox, KY, and moved his family to Louisville. A few years later he went to work for the Legislative Research Commission in Frankfort as a researcher, where he was involved in various studies for the Kentucky legislature. He retired from the LRC after 25 years.

Riback will be remembered for his intelligence, sense of humor and voracious appetite for learning. He was a true Renaissance man with great knowledge of the arts, literature, philosophy, religions and history. He also practiced yoga and meditation, and enjoyed theater, ballet and orchestra.

After his retirement, he returned to the poetry writing he enjoyed in his younger days and became an accomplished artist in 3D media and photo-art. His works have been exhibited at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, and his 9/11 related works were exhibited at Actors Theatre of Louisville and other locations. Four of his works have been accepted in the permanent collection of the Kentucky Folk Art Museum in Morehead, KY.

Over the years, the Ribacks traveled extensively throughout the world and around the U.S., also yearly visiting Israel, which they loved dearly, to see their family and many friends. He was a lover of peace and hoped that one day the region would find it.

In 2013, he was very happy and excited to move with his wife to the Treyton Oak Towers. He enjoyed his new friends and didn't have enough words of thanks for the residents and staff who were always expressing their interest in him during his illness, sending cards and notes of good wishes and encouragement. He felt very lucky to have joined such a warm, welcoming and caring community.

He is survived by his adoring wife, Nira, whom he loved dearly. During his illness she was absolutely resolute in his care. He is also survived by his two daughters, Tamar (Rick) Schwartz and Michal (Rand) Kruger, and five grandchildren, Eric (fiancée Lizzy Fleagle),

Natalie, and Jessie Schwartz, and Jordan and Arielle Kruger.

The family extends its deepest thanks to Dr. Rodger Herzig, Dr. Cesar Rodriguez, Dr. John Chao and the other doctors at the Brown Cancer Center, along with the nurses of the clinic and the sixth floor nurses for their devoted care and attention that added immeasurably to the final years of his life.

Burial was at Cave Hill Cemetery. Memorial gifts may take the form of contributions to the J. Graham Brown Cancer Center, 529 S. Jackson St., Louisville, KY, 40202, or to the donor's favorite charity.

## Khana Garber

Khana Garber, 96, died Thursday, December 31. She was a native of Russia, born July 5, 1919. She was a seamstress and a member of Anshei Sfarad Congregation.



She is preceded in death by her husband, Mikhail Garber.

She is survived by her daughter, Yeva Unger; her son, Idel Garber; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Anshei Sfarad Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Alexander M. Roter MD

Alexander M. Roter MD, 91, died Friday, January 1, at Sunrise of Severna Park, MD. He was a native of Council Bluffs, IA and was raised in Chicago, IL.

Born in 1924, he served as an infantryman in World War II, earning the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Following the war, and using the GI Bill, he earned his medical degree at the University of Illinois and took training in obstetrics and gynecology at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

Following his residency, he moved his young family to St. Charles, MO, where he was the first obstetrician in this growing community. During his 39-year career as a solo practitioner he joyfully delivered over 6,000 babies. Over time, he delivered multiple generations of children in the same family.

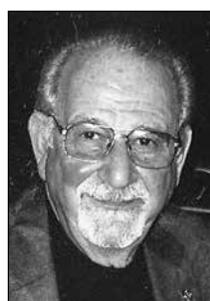
Not only did he find fulfillment in his medical practice but he also took great joy in his many and varied interests that included photography, opera, sailing, scuba diving and fishing, to mention only a few.

He is predeceased by his wife Farrah Faye Roter and his ex-wife Shirley Mae Roter. He is survived by his children Phil Roter (Gina) of Severna Park, MD, Laura Klein (Jon) of Louisville, KY and Brad Roter (Veronica) of Vashon Island, WA. His grandchildren include Rachel Klein, Sarah Klein, Calley Roter, Zachary Roter, Isaac Roter and Avi Roter.

Burial was at Congregation Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to donor's favorite charity.

## Stuart Grossman

Stuart Grossman, 86, died Wednesday, January 6, at Westport Place. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, past president of SPOT distributing company, a current member of the South Louisville Rotary, SCORE and Congregation Adath Jeshurun.



Grossman led a life of active community involvement. He was a member of St. George Masonic Lodge #239, a 33 degree Mason with Scottish Rite and a former director and disaster emergency response team member for the Red Cross, where he was a 19+ gallon blood donor. He was a former board member of Jewish Hospital, Jewish Hospital Outpatient Center and The Jewish Hospital Foundation, a member of the Louisville Jaycees, bringing the 1963 national convention to Louisville, a JCI World Senator, a delegate to the 1980 and 1986 White House Conference on Small Business, past chairman of the mayor's Citizens Advisory Committee and a former Scoutmaster. Grossman was part of the World Ostomy Association where he helped counsel others, bringing an Ostomate convention to Louisville.

He and his wife, Phyllis, were world travelers, visiting 53 countries. They were chairpeople for the Jewish Heritage weekends and welcomed five exchange students into their family. Grossman will be forever remembered as an extraordinary University of Louisville fan; the one waving the referee shirt.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Sidney and Ada Sara Grossman; and his wife, Phyllis Raab Grossman.

He is survived by his sons, Larry (Mary K.), Bob (Sharla) of Colorado Springs, CO and Jay (Kathy) of Orange City, FL; his brother, Arthur Grossman (Barbara) of Sarasota, FL; his longtime companion and friend, Bernice Rosenberg Leech; his sister-in-law, Mara Lai Raab; his brother-in-law, Sandy Raab of Los Angeles, CA; five exchange students; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Sidney and Ada Sara Grossman Nursing Scholarship Fund at Jewish Hospital or the World Ostomy Association.

## Robert D. Acland

It is with profound sadness that the family of Robert D. Acland, MBBS, FRCS, announces his death on Wednesday, January 6. Acland was born on June 20, 1941, to Sir Robert Thomas Dyke Acland and Anne Stella Alford in Exeter, England, who predeceased him, as did his older brother Sir John Dyke Acland.

A Renaissance man, Acland was brilliant, creative, and inspirational. He was a loving and generous teacher, husband, and parent.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Bette Levy, with whom he shared a love of the outdoors and the creative, the refuge of the outdoors, and a contented life, and his four children, whom he cherished: Beatrice Maud Acland, Daniel James Acland (Nicki Dub), Benjamin Thomas Acland (Jocelyn Matsuo-Acland) and Emily Grace Acland Michael (Jeffrey Michael); as well as his younger brother, Henry Dyke Acland (Di Steeds). He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and other relatives, as well as Sarah Acland and Susan Bishop, all of whom mourn his passing.

He will be greatly missed by the thou-

sands of medical students and practitioners who were taught by him personally, learned from his texts and videos, or used his microsurgical innovations. The many patients who benefited from their doctors' expertise enabled by Robert, will also suffer his loss. He was an extraordinary man with a broad reach, and he enriched the lives of all whom he touched. Many hearts are broken.

Aclund graduated from London Hospital Medical College in 1964 with a Bachelor in Medicine (MB). He received his MBBS from London University in 1969, completed internships in the UK and Tanzania, and residencies in plastic surgery in Glasgow (FRCS in 1969) and London (FRCS in 1970). In 1967, he became acquainted with Harry Buncke who had written about the possibilities of microsurgery in immediate distant skin transfer. Following a visit with him in San Francisco, Aclund decided to devote his career to microsurgery and he is credited with being one of the pioneers in plastic and reconstructive microsurgery.

In 1976, Aclund received an invitation from Dr. Joseph Kutz of Kleinert and Kutz Hand Care Center to run their microsurgery lab, the second of its kind in the U.S. In conjunction with this, he also received a teaching appointment to the University of Louisville School of Medicine. At this time, with help from a German manufacturer, he developed one of the first microsurgical instruments, the Acland micro-vessel clamp, an instrument that allows surgeons to create a hole in a vessel for end-to-end anastomosis, as well as the 10-0 nylon sutures and needles that are still used today.

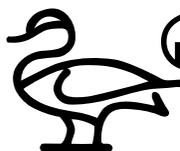
In his career at UofL as director of the Microsurgery Teaching Laboratory, he taught microsurgical skills to students and doctors alike, and continued to hold that position until 1998. During this tenure, Aclund published the first edition of *Acland's Practice Manual for Microvascular Surgery*, also known as the "Red Book", a manual on microsurgical techniques (1997). The current edition was revised in 2008 in a joint effort between the original author and Dr. Raja Sabapathy (Ganga Hospital) and is essential for any trainee in microsurgical techniques and fundamentals of surgical microscopes and their use.

While at UofL, he ascended through the professional ranks in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, becoming full professor in 1986. He also held associate appointments in the Departments of Physiology and Biophysics, and of Anatomical Sciences and Neurobiology. With his retirement, he served as professor emeritus in the Department of Anatomical Sciences at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Not content with one successful career as a reconstructive microsurgeon and director of the teaching lab, he forged a second career as a clinical anatomist and became a pioneer in the field of fresh tissue dissection. From 1981-2011, he established and ran the Fresh Tissue Anatomy Dissection Laboratory for surgeons and students at the University of Louisville, which was the first of its kind in the United States, and is considered one of the best and most respected facilities in the world. He was generous in sharing his expertise, and his technique of 'light embalming' at the UofL facility has been emulated at many other medical centers. In 2014, the lab was renamed in his honor.

His "Sistine Chapel" is the comprehensive Video Atlas of Human Anatomy into which he put his heart and soul. Beginning in 1993 and taking nine years to create, the atlas depicts moving structures - muscles, tendons, and joints - making the same movements that they make in life. The videos show complex structures, from bone to surface anatomy, to provide a foundation for understanding anatomical structure and function.

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He was a pioneer in developing new and highly effective techniques of anatomical videography that give the viewer a clear three-dimensional understanding of spatial relationships. He had gained expertise in instructional video during his first career as a teacher of microsurgical techniques. He achieved a unique 3-D perspective using innovative camera rotation techniques that he pioneered with his colleagues at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He also invented the many armatures and devices to enable the specimen to rotate along multiple axes.

Following the creation of the Atlas, he also created numerous other specialized videos on the inner ear, the eye, the heart and embryo development. The Atlas and other videos are now online and have become popular visual learning resources, used in most of the medical schools in the U.S. and with a large international market as well, having been translated into several languages.

The Video Atlas also is widely used by students and teachers in nursing, physical and occupational therapy, kinesiology and massage therapy, as well in many high school and undergraduate anatomy classes. A portion of the royalties from sales of the Atlas go to the UofL Medical School Department of Anatomy Phd program.

Aclund was a founding member of the International Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery and the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery. As an Active Member of the American Association of Clinical Anatomy (AACA), he twice served as Councilor, and organized the Association's premier Young Anatomist Event. His CV lists 80 publications, two of which have appeared in the journal *Clinical Anatomy*, and his many presentations have been highlights at the AACA's Annual Scientific Sessions. Over time, he also developed a strong keen interest in the history of anatomy and anatomical art, featured in his most recent lecture to the AACA.

His many honors include: Excellence in Education Award, University of Louisville Medical school (2012); Honorary membership in the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (2011); Career Achievement Award in appreciation of dedication to the division of plastic surgery (2010); Honorary Member, British Association of Plastic Surgeons, (2002); Honored Member of the AACA (2002); Honors Education Achievement Award KY Medical Assoc (1987); and Founders' Lecture, American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery (1987).

Not satisfied with two influential and significant professional careers, Robert also was a master carpenter who spent a great deal of time and love building his beloved creek house, a one-room house in Laconia, IN, situated above Mosquito Creek. He not only designed and constructed the house and outhouse, but also created all the electric, water, lighting and heating systems for making it livable. He built the suspension bridge that provides easy access for those unwilling to cross the creek in a car. Using only hand tools, he also built many beautiful pieces of furniture for family members that have already become cherished heirlooms.

The family would like to deeply thank Drs. Alexis Karageorge, Alfonso Cervera, Michael Hahl, Khuda Khan, and the staff at Hosparus, who cared for Aclund.

Burial was at Cave Hill Cemetery. There will be a remembrance of his life in about a month's time; please contact Herman Meyer & Son or Caring Bridge

for information about date and location.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the U of L Medical School Department of Anatomy, Caring Bridge, Hosparus or a charity of choice.

## Elizabeth Shaikun Weinberg

Elizabeth Shaikun Weinberg, 92, died Sunday, January 10, at Baptist Health.

She was a native of Greensburg, KY, born April 6, 1923, to the late Eugenia Lerner and Edward Shaikun. She graduated from Greensburg High School, attended Indiana University and received her master's degree from University of Kentucky.

Weinberg was a teacher and taught business and was co-owner of Plaza Shop clothing store in Madison, IN. She was an avid reader, loved Bridge, enjoyed movies and spent many hours researching her family genealogy. She was a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, KI Sisterhood, Hadassah, NCJW - Louisville Section, Indiana Jewish Historical Society, Jefferson County, IN Historical Society and Tri Kappa of Madison, IN. She served as past president of the League of Women Voters and authored three Jewish historical books about Madison.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 41 years, Jerry Weinberg; her daughter, Esmin Weinberg; her siblings, Dena Wirklich, Sandra Zelony and Lester Shaikun; and a niece, Robin Shaikun.

She is survived by her children, Danny "Daniel" Weinberg (Sally), James Weinberg (Mindy) of Atlanta, GA and Ilean Rowe (Lewis); her sister, Dolores Levy; her brother, Arnold Shaikun (Ellen); her sister-in-law, Joan Weinberg Wolf (Walter, Jr.) of Indianapolis; her grandsons, Evan, Adam, Zach, Schuyler, Jake and Reese; as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to also send a special thank you to her caregivers with Visiting Angels, Sharon Murphy, Amy Owens, Edythe Giles and Andy Block.

Burial was at Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

## Cecile (Fischer) Noe

Cecile (Fischer) Noe, 89, of New Albany, IN, passed away on January 11, at Floyd Memorial Hospital. She was born July 24, 1926, in Louisville, KY, to Meyer and Ester (Yussman) Fischer. A graduate of University of Louisville, Ceci taught art at Eastern High School in Louisville, and at Hazelwood and Scribner Junior High Schools in New Albany, IN.

She was an avid painter and sculptor and enjoyed experimenting with batiks. In later years she proudly remembered exhibiting her works at the Speed Art Museum and the governor's mansion in Kentucky. In retirement Ceci was a snowbird, wintering at her beloved South Padre Island, TX. Ever the art teacher, she taught a popular watercolor class for seniors each winter until she was 81. Ceci is remembered as a charismatic beauty with a loving heart and quick wit.

She is survived by her children, Michael (Paula) Sher, of Dix Hills, NY and Martin (Kerry) Sher, of Floyds Knobs, IN. She adored her grandsons, Benjamin (Denise) Sher, of Floral Hills, NY and David (Yukiko) Sher, of Tokyo, Japan; as well as her two great grand-

daughters, Scarlett and Lyla. She is also survived by her brothers, William and Stanley Fischer, both of Louisville.

Burial was at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Robert M. LaSalle

Robert M. LaSalle, 90, of Louisville, KY, passed away Sunday, January 17, at home, surrounded by his loving family.

LaSalle was born on October 30, 1925, in Cleveland, OH, to Frieda and Sam LaSalle, and within a few years, they moved to Springfield, OH, where he grew up.

He was most proud of having been a part of the Greatest Generation. In 1942, at the age of 17, his ROTC unit was called to service. He flew reconnaissance missions over Belgium and France with the First U.S. Army, often flying supplies to isolated units. He was cited by the French Government for meritorious service. Flying became his lifelong passion and he continued flying until health issues made it impossible for him to take the controls. But, even then, he took every opportunity to climb into a cockpit.

LaSalle attended Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, OH, and completed his education at Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH with dual degrees in marketing and economics.

In 1951, LaSalle married his first wife, Paula Alkow, and together they had three girls. In 1967, he married his second wife, Sue Davis Green, moving to Dayton, OH, and expanding his family to include her three children.

In 1971, they moved to Louisville, KY to found South Standard Enterprises, Inc., opening their first Gingiss Formal Wear store in Oxmoor Center. Subsequently, they opened three more stores in the Louisville metro area at Jefferson Mall, The Summit and River Falls Mall in Clarksville, IN. They also opened stores in Jacksonville, FL, where he met Michael Bauer, forging one of his most cherished relationships. When LaSalle retired, he enjoyed tennis, golf, traveling with his wife and entertaining his family and friends with his bad jokes.

He was a life member of the VFW, a Mason, a member of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), The Aero Club of Louisville and The Temple. Over the years he had been a board member of Shalom Tower, volunteer for SCORE, and a member of the Standard Country Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frieda and Sam LaSalle; son, Richard Green; daughter, Tracey LaSalle; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Maxine and Stanley Lapidus.

LaSalle is survived by wife, Sue; and children, Kym Burkhard and Jack Raley, Patti and Matt Cahill, Mauri Malka and Tony Lipka, Cathryn and Domenico Matarazzo; grandchildren, Betsey Burkhard, Angela Husted, Adam and Annie Cahill, Rachael and Colin DeWood, Jesse Cahill, Naomi Malka, Annie Malka, Genna Matarazzo and Richelle Matarazzo; great-grandchildren, Achilles, Samantha, Nola, Aubrey, Jake and Nolin; and many loving nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Jane Cornett and Hosparus nurse, Kelli Smith, both of whom cared for him with such love.

Burial was at The Temple Cemetery. In his memory expressions of sympathy may be made to the JFCS Concierge Services, 2821 Klempler Way, Louisville KY 40205, Hosparus of Louisville, 3532 Ephraim McDowell Drive 40205 or The Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758512, Topeka, KS 66675-8512.



# D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Michael Wolk  
Special to Community

The Shabbat on which we read the Torah portion of *Beshalach* is traditionally known as *Shabbat Shirah* or the Shabbat of Song. In *Beshalach*, we read the story of our ancient Israelite ancestors standing on the banks of the Red Sea. They had just left Egypt after hundreds of years of slavery, but Pharaoh had changed his mind about freeing them and chased after them with his entire cavalry.

The Israelites are stuck between the sea on one side and Pharaoh's chariots on the other. Their situation looks dire until God splits the sea and they walk through on dry land. As the Egyptian army follows, the walls of water on either side collapse back into place and the army is drowned.

Standing on the other side, the Israelites realize that they are finally truly free of Egypt and they react in joyful singing. Their song is recorded in the Torah and has become part of our daily prayers. Because of the connection between this Shabbat and song, many communities have special musical services or programs in commemoration of the earliest recorded instance of Jewish music.

I am not a particularly musical person. My ear is very poor and I can't keep a rhythm, but music has still played an important part of my Jewish life and researching certain types of Jewish music is something of an avocation for me.

There is a *midrash* about the Israelite's song that teaches that Moses acted like a teacher and taught the words and melody to the people phrase by phrase and they would sing it back to him. Whenever I read this story, I think back on the countless hours my father spent teaching me how to daven for the amud (lead prayer services) in the proper music modes. He too would sing a phrase over and over again until I could repeat it back to him.

This was a foundational part of my Jewish education as leading services not only made me feel comfortable in any synagogue, but was also the activity that gave me the confidence to stand on a stage or pulpit in front of people.

There is another *midrash* about the Song at the Sea that is both somewhat humorous, but very powerful.

Rabbi Yossi the Galilean taught that even the infants being held by their parents, sang the song. Rabbi Meir trumps his colleague and says that even the fetuses in their mother's wombs sang along.

Good music has the incredible power of bringing together people of different generations. It affects us in a way that is deeper than our intellect and goes straight to our *neshamas* (souls).

The next time that you are in shul and hear a melody that you may have heard many times, close your eyes and just listen to the people around you singing. You will hear old voices and you will hear young voices. Some will be very refined and some will be rough, but the sound of the melody being sung together has a power that can't be replicated.

As we celebrate *Shabbat Shirah* this year, let us appreciate the beauty that music has brought to our tradition. One of the best pieces of advice I ever received was "no one walks out of services humming the rabbi's sermon."

Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, January 22 at 5:36 p.m., January 29 at 5:44 p.m., February 5 at 5:52 p.m., February 12 at 5:59 p.m., February 19 at 6:07 p.m. and February 26 at 6:14 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi Michael Wolk, the rabbi of Keneseth Israel Congregation (Conservative), has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

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