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'Impressions' for the future Frocht lays out blueprint to move JFCS forward

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Deborah Frocht didn't have to start cold as the new CEO of the Jewish Family & Career Services, and she is grateful.

The Louisville native, who spent the last six years at the Jewish Family Service of Seattle (JFS), spent two weeks in December working with outgoing CEO Judy Freundlich Tiell. She also met with the board at that time, presenting her initial thoughts on moving the agency forward.

This month, she has been in meetings – lots of meetings – with her staff, learning the intricacies of the operation she now leads.

"I think the most important thing in any job is to get to know it from the inside out and from the outside in," Frocht said in an interview with *Community* – her first since returning to Louisville.

"No matter how much structure you have around something, there's just a human intelligence that exists when somebody has the job for a very long time," she added, "so I'm grateful to Judy, and to the board, for how they planned this transition, to make sure I could get that handoff from her."

Frocht, who formally started in February, brings diverse experience to her new job.

In addition to her time at the JFS – five years as director of marketing & communications, one as annual giving direc-



Deborah Frocht, the new CEO of the Jewish Family & Career Services, spells a blueprint for advancing the work of the social service agency. (Community photo by Jessica Budnick)

tor – she also spent six years as director of advancement at Seattle Jewish Community School.

The Stanford University graduate also has an extensive background in drama, working as literary manager for both the Seattle Children's Theatre and Actors Theatre of Louisville, but more on that later.

Frocht's experience is informing her as she fleshes out a four-point plan of ideas

– she prefers "impressions," since they're still in development – for the future of the JFCS and its service to Louisville:

- Volunteering and engagement: "The JFCS has the potential to be a central address in Louisville for volunteering," Frocht said. "What I think people – especially people who are in their

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Judge dismisses Anshei Sfard case; plaintiff says they'll appeal

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

A Jefferson County judge has dismissed an appeal of Louisville Metro Council's revocation of landmark status for the Anshei Sfard synagogue, but a plaintiff in the case says they will appeal yet again.

If they follow through, the next appeal would be to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. The plaintiffs, Avram Kahn and Jeff Levy, have 30 days to file.

"As we've been informed of new facts that make the landmarking more urgent than ever, we are planning to appeal the decision, on behalf of the heart and soul of the Jewish community of Louisville," Kahn said in a written statement. He did not say what those new facts were.

Steve Porter, the attorney of record for Kahn and Levy, has not returned calls from *Community*, but attorney Donald Cox, who represents Anshei Sfard, called the case "a tremendous waste of time and money caused by people who don't have a legitimate claim."

Circuit Court Judge Mitch Perry threw out the appeal in an order entered on Feb. 8. The judge added in his own handwriting, "And twenty (20) days having passed since the filing of the motion."

He was likely referring to the lack of a response to Anshei Sfard's motion to dismiss.

The only Orthodox congregation in Kentucky, Anshei Sfard reached a conditional agreement with the Jewish Community of Louisville last year to sell its building at 3700 Dutchmans Lane, the condition being that the landmark designation for the synagogue be removed.

The Metro Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission voted 5-4 on March 22, 2018, that the buildings on the property qualified for landmark status – a designation the congregation opposed, but the plaintiffs petitioned for.

Louisville Metro Council voted overwhelmingly on Aug. 9 to overturn the designation, but Kahn and Levy appealed to Circuit Court on Sept. 7.

The designation would have made selling the property harder.

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Kassow: Jews wrote to resist inside the Warsaw Ghetto

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

"Jews! Write everything down!"

-- Shimon Dubnov, Jewish historian, shouted before his execution in the Riga ghetto, December 1941

During the Holocaust, Eastern European Jews did write everything down. They wrote on anything from journals to toilet paper.

They also collected posters, newspapers, menus, tickets and poems.

Then they took these writings, rolled them up, placed them in tin boxes and milk cans and buried them in the ground. This is how Jews, many of whom died before the ghetto uprisings, unable to join partisans in the forests, fought the Nazis – with the truth.

The truth they told was preserved in their buried archives, which were unearthed after the war. The best known of was by a team of writers, researchers, journalists and historians in the Warsaw



Samuel Kassow describes the impact the Oyneg Shabes had on Jewish history and research of the Holocaust following the screening of "Who Will Write Our History?" (Community photo by Lee Chottiner)

Ghetto called the Oyneg Shabes.

Their story is told in a film shown at this year's Louisville Jewish Film Festival, *Who Will Write Our History*.

More than 200 people crowded into Cralle Theater at Bellarmine University on Feb. 9 to see the film – six years in the making – and to hear from the author whose book inspired it: Samuel Kassow.

"To write was an act of great optimism, because you had to believe the Germans were going to lose the war," Kassow, a professor of history at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, told the crowd after the screening. "If the Germans won the war, then what was the point?"

By 1942, after much of the Oyneg Shabes Archive was compiled and before the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, the Germans did seem to be winning. They controlled most of Europe, much of North Africa and were at the gates of Leningrad and Stalingrad.

"And yet they wrote," Kassow said.

Oyneg Shabes was started by a Polish Jewish historian named Emanuel Ringelblum. He organized a 60-member

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Don't worry, be happy; it works!



Rabbi
Chaim Litvin

I have made some pretty major changes in my life over the past year.

For one, I dropped 14 inches around my waist, and over 100 pounds! Many people might think this is quite an accomplishment, but I read something a year ago that aided me, and I have made part of my life ever since. It is the secret of this month, the Jewish month of Adar, the month of happiness.

The Code of Jewish Law states, that when the month of Adar begins, everyone should increase in happiness. This is in addition to the requirement that each of us serve G-d with joy.

It seems joy is a constant obligation that must be multiplied in the month of Adar. When we understand more about happiness, the challenges of life become manageable and goals easier to accomplish.

A person who is happy is empowered. Imagine a basketball team motivated by its coach. His (or her) excitement and enthusiasm helps them win even if their opposing team may have better stats.

Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, in his classic book of Tanya, writes, "Just as when two people are wrestling, the one who is passionate and joyous will overcome the other even if his opponent is stronger." He explains that joy can help one battle the evil inclination or any other obstacle in life.

How then does one become happy? How can one feel happiness when faced with all the ups and downs of daily life? Our sages tell us that the answer to this crucial life question is focusing on what's most important in our lives.

We are all mortal, which means we are finite. G-d is immortal, which means he is infinite. G-d should have no connec-

tion to any finite being, just like finite numbers have no connection with infinity. G-d chooses to embrace and uplift us with his divine presents.

If one recognizes the relationship that they have with G-d then they are bound to be happy regardless of the other things going on in their life. In the story of Purim, Haman recognized that the Jews had strayed from the path of G-d. He thought to take advantage of the situation and murder every Jewish man, woman and child. I won't get into the whole Megillah now, but G-d showed love for the people of Israel, not because of their actions, but because of his unbounded love for them. One who thinks deeply about this essential fact has no choice but to become engulfed in joy.

What more can individuals focus on to create a state of happiness, which will then give them energy to accomplish their goals and dreams? It is written in the Kabbalah, that happiness is derived from a feeling of gratitude. If people believe they are deserving of gifts, they will never be satisfied; whatever they have will never be enough. However, when people recognize that G-d is giving them so many things in their lives that they couldn't possibly deserve, they become filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and happiness.

Are you concerned about your weight? Would you like to change careers? Go back to school or write a book, but are scared and unable to reach your dreams? Try being happy and see if happiness doesn't provide you with more energy. In the words of the Talmud, "Joy breaks all boundaries and obstacles." (Bava Kamma, p. 41)

My next challenge is a triathlon, and I look forward to competing in one later this month. Will I accomplish it? I don't know. But I will face it with happiness and joy, and I am hopeful that this will carry me through. If I can do it, so can you. In the words of Bobby McFerrin, "Don't Worry Be Happy!"

(Rabbi Chaim Litvin is program director for Chabad of Kentucky.)

CenterStage Academy



Madagascar Jr. and The Lion King Jr. were the stage presentations in February at this year's CenterStage Academy. Madagascar Jr., the hilarious adventure of animal friends escaping from the Central Park Zoo, was performed by kids in grades 2-5. The Lion King Jr, for young actors in grades 6-8, is the coming-of-age tale of a young lion on the African savannah. (Community photos by Jessica Budnick and Tara Cocco)

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- March 1 @ 6:15
- March 8 @ 6:25
- March 15 @ 7:32
- March 22 @ 7:39
- March 29 @ 7:45

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The Dashboard photos of the PJ Library Birthday Party, which appeared in the Jan. 25 *Community*, were taken by Debby Rose. The caption contained an incorrect credit.

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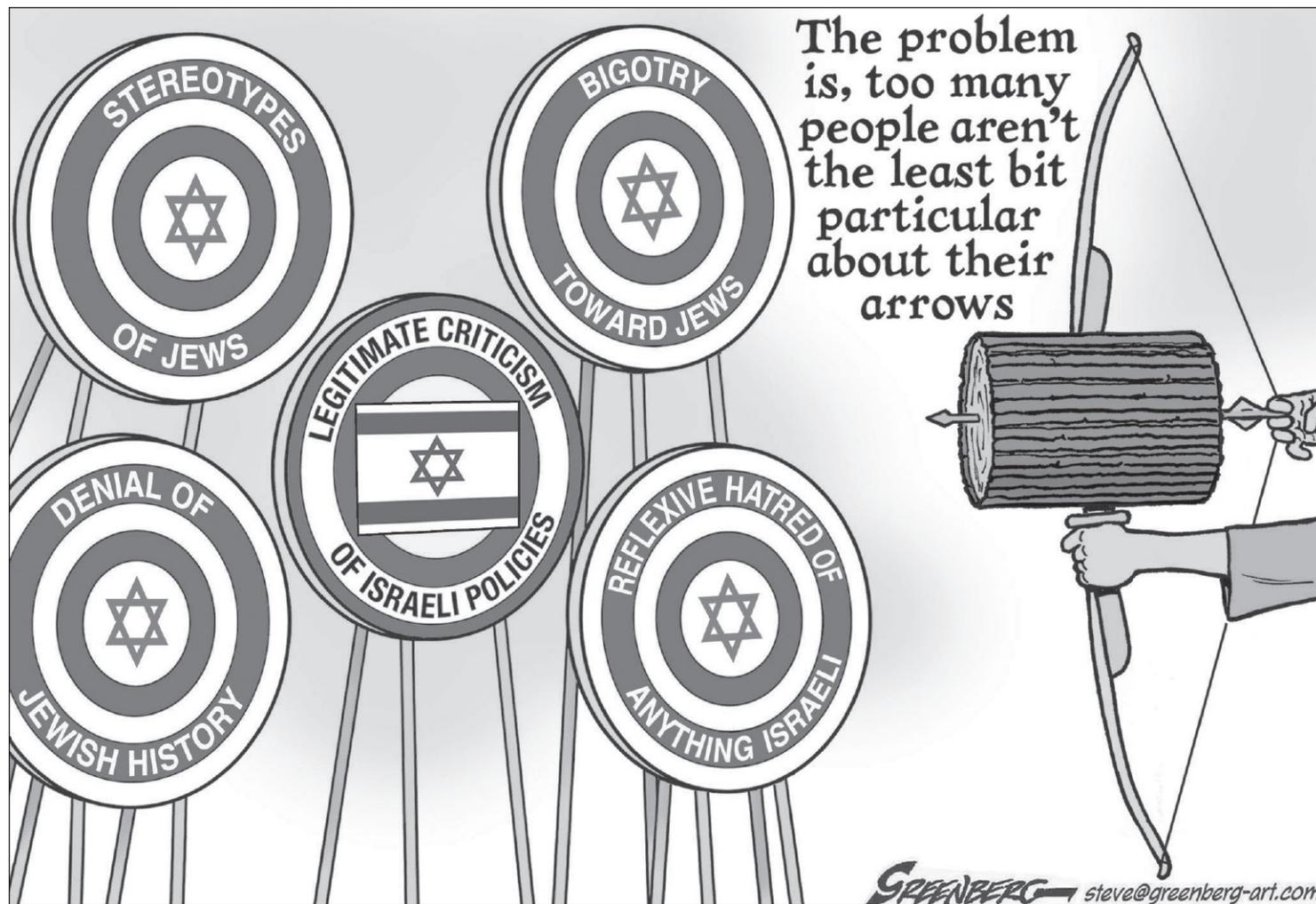
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FORUM



Religious freedom is a right best remembered by Jews

On Aug. 29, 1863, George Kuhne, a private in the Union Army of the Potomac – and a Jew – was marched on to a parade ground at Beverly Ford, Virginia, with four other soldiers – two Protestants and two Catholics.

There, the five, all charged with desertion, were seated at the edge of their coffins, their eyes bandaged and their hands tied behind their backs, as a firing squad shot them to death.

Desertion was a serious problem for the Union Army – some 200,000 cases between 1863 and 1865 were reported, according to Jewish historian Jonathan D. Sarna. That's why 25,000 troops were assembled to watch as the executions were carried out.

What made these cases notable, though, was that the clergy of the condemned men's faiths – a Methodist minister, a Catholic priest and a rabbi – accompanied them to the place of execution.

It was likely the first time that the Army of the Potomac, commanded by General George Gordon Meade, the victor at Gettysburg, had brought together clergy of different religions for this purpose, Sarna has written. What Meade taught his troops at Beverly Ford “was an enduring lesson in religious pluralism.”

Today, that lesson is being forgotten.

Earlier this month, the state of Alabama executed by lethal injection Dominique Ray for the 1995 rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl.

Just as Kuhne had a rabbi with him on the parade ground at Beverly Ford, Ray, who is a Muslim, wanted his imam with him in the execution chamber at Atmore, Alabama. That, he did not get.



Human Resources

Lee Chottiner

The Alabama Department of Corrections would only permit a Christian chaplain in the chamber, claiming that the imam posed a security risk because he was not acquainted with the protocol.

Ray challenged that decision and won a stay of execution from a Federal Appeals Court until it was determined whether the case violated The Establishment Clause of the First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

But the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 on Feb. 7 that Ray's legal challenge had not been timely (he had filed on Jan. 28, 10 days before his scheduled death), so the execution could proceed without the imam in the chamber.

Ray was put to death that evening. He refused a Christian chaplain; the imam watched from another room.

The high court's three Jewish justices – Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan – all voted to stay the execution. (Justice Sonia Sotomayor also joined their dissent.) Writing for the dissenters, Kagan called the majority ruling “profoundly wrong.”

“A Christian prisoner may have a minister of his own faith accompany him into the execution chamber to say

his last rites,” Kagan went on. “But if an inmate practices a different religion – whether Islam, Judaism or any other – he may not die with a minister of his own faith by his side.”

Dahlia Lithwick, senior editor and legal correspondent for Slate.com, who also is Jewish, put it more bluntly: “This was stomach churning.”

It's hard to imagine how delaying the execution until the imam was briefed on the protocol and properly vetted – if indeed that was the true reason for keeping him out of the chamber – posed such an imposition. Ray would still have met his fate. Justice – if capital punishment constitutes justice – would have been done.

And the Establishment Clause would not have suffered another assault

There have been others. States have proffered discriminatory acts targeting the LGBTQ community under the guise of religious freedom. Parents seeking to adopt or become foster parents have been turned away by state-sanctioned agencies because of their religion. Christian charter schools receive public funding with little, if any, oversight.

The Establishment Clause is under fire.

Freedom of religion is among the most precious rights American Jews possess. It was reaffirmed over 150 years ago on the parade ground at Beverly Ford. It was forgotten this month in Alabama.

We Jews, who know what it's like to live without religious freedom, forget that right at own risk.

(Lee Chottiner is editor of the Jewish Louisville Community.)

FORUM

Engaging community goes far beyond standing on one foot



Sara's View

Sara Klein
Wagner

We live in a world where everyone is in a hurry. We expect immediate results, instant answers and quick information.

There is a well-known talmudic lesson involving a man who asked Rabbi Shammai to teach him the entire Torah while the man stood on one foot. Shammai turned him away. He then asked Rabbi Hillel, who simply said, "What is hateful to you do not do unto others. All the rest is commentary. Now go learn."

Hillel's response reminds us that we are not the only generation to experience impatience, a desire for instant answers,

but this story demonstrates that we have faced this challenge for thousands of years.

I am often asked to describe the work of the Jewish Community of Louisville (JCL). Sometimes, I feel like I am standing on one foot, quickly trying to cover the variety and volume of what we do. There is no simple answer to the question.

In fact, Jewish Community Centers (Jcs) across the country engage more people in Jewish life than any other movement while federations support, secure and transform Jewish lives across the globe. Community relations councils, in Louisville and elsewhere, provide the voice of Jewish communities during good and bad times.

Rather than balancing on one foot, here is the recently approved JCL updated mission, vision and principles:

Our Vision

Inspiring meaningful lives while transforming our Jewish future

Our Mission

To be a community rooted in Jewish culture and values, providing a pathway to a changing world as we bring people together to discover, connect and flourish.

Our Values

Tikkun Olam – repairing the world
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Areyvut – caring unconditionally for one another

Klal Yisrael – unity of the Jewish people

It is a challenge to share everything we are doing and the countless stories and achievements. Here are just a few examples:

Volunteer Delores Levy and senior adult assistant Natalie Kusyo meet every week for two hours in the senior adult lounge to teach English to immigrants from the former Soviet Union, preparing them for the U.S. citizenship test.

LIFE & LEGACY works with Jewish

agencies, schools and synagogues to secure planned financial gifts to be left as legacy of someone's life. LIFE & LEGACY has commitments from 250 donors whose total gifts have an estimated value over \$6.5 million.

One Happy Camper, which financially assists first-time overnight campers, sends 10-12 new campers each year to a life-changing summer experience. Scholarship requests for teen Israel trips and summer camp shot up from two last year to 12 this year.

The Kindred Active Adult Series has engaged more than 17,000 enrollees in more than 23 exercise classes since January 2017.

There is something about this community and there is something about this place. We are here to help you find your connection.

(Sara Klein Wagner is president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville.)

Jews caught in middle as left, right fight over anti-Semitism

By David Schraub
Guest Columnist

I lived in Minnesota for five years. My wife is from there; her family still lives there.

When we return to visit, we have to reckon with a frightening reality: My in-laws' newly elected congressional representative is deeply implicated in anti-Semitism.

We are not dealing with minor missteps that can be overlooked. We're dealing, after all, with a person who, when asked what motivated Sen. Joe Lieberman's vote for the Iraq war, boiled it down to a simple question: "Jew or Arab?" We're dealing with a person who ran campaign ads stating that the opponent was "owned" by wealthy Jewish financial backers. When the representative was elected last November, we could no longer avoid confronting anti-Semitism from the elected officials in Congress tasked with representing our family.

I'm referring, of, course, to Rep. Jim Hagedorn – a Republican representing Minnesota's 1st Congressional District.

You probably thought I was talking about Rep. Ilhan Omar, who recently came under fire for claiming that attacks on her by GOP leader Rep. Kevin McCarthy regarding anti-Israel statements that allegedly crossed into anti-Semitism were actually motivated by "the Benjamins" (that is, big money) and "AIPAC." (She has since apologized.)

Like any elected official, Omar should be held accountable for her statements. We must call out politicians on both the left and the right who twist ancient anti-Semitic tropes to win votes and vilify our own.

But it's important to notice the fundamental hypocrisy in allowing those who have a terrible track record on anti-Semitism or any other form of bigotry to co-opt the conversation. We can't allow the loudest voices on both sides of the political spectrum to shout over the vast majority of Jews.

Even those of us who have been sharply critical of Omar see that many of her critics are not exactly equal opportunity in their attentions. Few politicians implicated in anti-Semitism receive the torrent of scrutiny and the ceaseless pile-

ons that Omar endures from the right.

Examples of mainstream right-wing anti-Semitism abound. The central play in the 2016 Republican campaign playbook was to cast the Democratic Party as in the pocket of Jewish financiers pushing an agenda of "globalism," open borders and foreign invasion. President Donald Trump himself pointed out that the neo-Nazi marchers included some "very fine people" in Charlottesville and used "sheriff's stars" that looked suspiciously like Jewish stars to vilify Hillary Clinton on his campaign literature.

A bevy of Republican politicians – including Rep. Matt Gaetz, Sen. Chuck Grassley, Gov. Ron DeSantis, Rudy Giuliani and the aforementioned Hagedorn – have promoted Soros-centered anti-Semitic dog whistles and have received nowhere near the attention that Omar gets. Gaetz even brought a Holocaust denier to the State of the Union.

Other Republicans seem similarly inclined to cast stones at liberals while ignoring the literal Nazi apologists in their midst. Rep. Lee Zeldin, who is Jewish, has been almost single-mindedly harassing Omar in demanding that she condemn random bits of anti-Semitic conduct with which she had absolutely no association, including asking if she "disagreed" with a hate-filled anti-Semitic voicemail that lamented the failure of the Nazis to finish their extermination of the Jews.

Say what you will about Omar, but she's never said anything that could be remotely construed as expressing sympathy for Hitler. Yet in Zeldin's own party, from Trump's praise of "alt-right" protesters to Rep. Steve King's endorsement of a far-right nationalist party founded by a former SS member to, most recently, Candace Owens' declaration that Hitler would have been fine if he'd contained himself to Germany, Nazi sympathizing remains a decidedly Republican phenomenon.

The entitled demand that Omar must nonetheless answer for literal Nazi apologists smacked of Islamophobia and racism. Omar's graceful reply to Zeldin's unreasonable haranguing was even more impressive when you remember that Zeldin was a public backer of Trump's nakedly Islamophobic Muslim ban.

Of course, the bigotry and anti-Sem-

itism of these conservative politicians does not excuse Omar's. But the fact is we are excusing a lot of anti-Semitism and a lot of bigotry – and the distribution of who gets a pass or a day's worth of bad press versus who remains forever under the microscope is neither random nor innocent.

We understand that the most tangible threats to Jewish lives and livelihoods in America – the anti-Semitism that sheds actual blood in America – emerges from the political right, including (especially via Soros conspiracies) the mainstream Republican Party. But we also claim special pain at anti-Semitism coming from inside our home and our political community – an anti-Semitism that hurts us directly precisely because it comes from those we are in coalition with.

There is no conceptual difficulty in holding to these positions together. A great many of us are wholly comfortable in our own skins on these issues. But to the extent these distinctions are impossible to maintain in practice – to the extent that "criticism of Omar" simply is encoded as part of a right-wing campaign, to the extent that "supporting Omar" simply is an endorsement of extreme-left anti-Israel politics – the net effect is that most Jews are silenced. We may speak the words, but they go unheard.

For all the talk about the Israel lobby and Jewish power, the clearest takeaway from this ordeal is the striking disempowerment of the Jewish community. Spoken about and spoken over, the Jewish community is being systematically stripped of our ability to contribute to the dialogue happening over our own lives. We are "represented," if you can call it that, by Glenn Greenwald on the one side and Lee Zeldin on the other (surely, this is the definition of Jewish hell).

In a real way, Omar's conservative critics and progressive defenders stand in a symbiotic relationship: They are united in their desire to silence the message most Jews want to send. The right insists on condemning the Democratic Party and any progressive conversation about Israel as institutionally anti-Semitic, never mind that most Jews are committed Democrats and often share the progressive critique of Israel's rightward

drift that Republicans are so eager to tar. Many of Omar's progressive defenders, for their part, are happy to simply dismiss all talk of left-wing anti-Semitism as conservative agitprop; they are content to rely on the usual assortment of fringe voices who – so long as Israel is on the docket – will offer to kasher even the clearest instances of anti-Semitic discourse.

It makes for a crushing feeling of powerlessness. The nation is having a conversation about Jews virtually impervious to the input of Jews themselves.

This, above all else, is what makes so many Jews want to scream in frustration. The right loudly proclaims it's standing up to anti-Semitism – but Jews know their 24/7 Omar coverage does us no favors, and that in any event, conservative solidarity with Jews runs out precisely at the point it requires challenging the sort of anti-Semitic conspiracy mongering that gets Jews shot.

The left self-righteously insists that it is saving its ammunition for combating the "real anti-Semitism," but Jews have long seen that for too much of the left, cases of "real anti-Semitism" beyond the most obvious murderous varieties seem almost as elusive as O.J.'s "real killer." Both sides, in the guise of allies, are silencing Jews. Both sides need to step back and knock it off.

We need to break this pattern at its root. That means taking Jewish testimony seriously and resisting the impulse to dismiss efforts to combat anti-Semitism – including anti-Semitism related to Israel – as hasbara. It equally means calling out those who purport to be allies in the fight against anti-Semitism, but really use anti-Semitism for political purposes while marginalizing the Jewish community the moment we're inconvenient to the ideological narrative.

We need to have a conversation about anti-Semitism. We also need to have a conversation about how, when we talk about it, we seem to always talk about Ilhan Omar and never about Jim Hagedorn.

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FEDERATION

Yarmuth named co-chair

Republic Bank Challenge seeks to draw younger crowd for 2019 event

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

When Aaron Yarmuth first visited Israel with his father in 2007, it wasn't your typical sightseeing trip.

Most visitors don't travel the country with a group of U.S. Congress members, and they don't get to shake hands with two future prime ministers. (Yarmuth met Ehud Olmert and Benjamin Netanyahu.)

"It was an amazing and unique opportunity to experience Israel and meet some of the leaders at that time," said Yarmuth, a journalist and executive editor of LEO Newsweekly.

That trip stands out in his mind as a red-letter moment in his Jewish identity. It wasn't his only moment, though.

Yarmuth, son of U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, grew up playing basketball at the JCC, and he recently sat on a committee that considered moving the future J to the Standard Club site.

Now, he is undertaking his biggest foray into the community to date, co-chairing the organizing committee for The Republic Bank Players Challenge, a golf tournament and one of the biggest annual fundraisers for the Jewish Federation of Louisville and Jewish Family & Career Services.

He is working with Mark Behr, who is in his second stint as co-chair of the event.

Careful not to laud himself too much just for co-chairing a fundraiser, Yar-



Aaron Yarmuth (photo provided)

muth said he decided to take on the task because of the times in which Jews and other minority groups find themselves.

"Granted, this is not necessarily changing the world or taking some grand stand," Yarmuth said of the tournament, "but this is a moment in time that I feel it's important to do what you can to support and secure certain groups of people's positions and safety in society."

"It was one of those moments," he said.

An avid golfer with a +1.3 handicap, Yarmuth 37, has played in his share of tournaments. Those experiences have taught him, among other lessons, that event preparation is everything.

"These are not uncommon events, and it's very easy to make it an unenjoyable day," Yarmuth said. "When people are asked for money and are taking off time from work or their families, they are eager to play golf, but they want that experience to be enjoyable. If it's not enjoyable, it's not likely that they'll do it again."

So his committee is already at work dissecting last year's tournament, looking for ways to make this year's run smoother.

"We have looked at last year," he said, "taking it as a block of wood and started carving at some of the things that didn't go as well as planned where we would like to see improvements."

The committee also is looking for ways to speed up the pace of play and make the tournament, from start to finish, more "loud and festive."

That includes bringing loudspeakers on to the course to play music, Yarmuth said, marking a cultural difference between older golfers and the younger ones the committee hopes to attract.

"That's something that young people want to get out there on the course," he said. "It's more of a party."

The committee also is looking at doing little things better, like making it easier to get drinks from the drink cart, and "flowing" the golf into the food and the rest of the evening.

"There's a little bit of a generational shift in golf, and society, that is changing the old way of doing golf events – and

golf in general," Yarmuth said. "It's integrating cultural trends into leisure golf where I can contribute."

Behr, who co-chaired last year's tournament, said Yarmuth, brings just the kind of energy the event needs.

"One of the reasons we brought him on is he's a lot younger. He'll provide new insight, give us new direction," Behr said. "He's played the game a lot, and he's been involved in a lot of golf outings, so he's seen what's successful and what's not successful."

He echoed Yarmuth, saying the committee wants to make the tournament more appealing to people who never even grip a golf club.

"We're really going to try shake things up from last year and, as he said, make it a little louder out there on the course."

He hopes Yarmuth will stay on the committee after this year and co-chair next year's event.

For now, though, "I enjoy getting to know him and spending the next four or five months with him."

Yarmuth was 25 when he accompanied his congressman father to Israel. The trip, led by House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, took the group from one end of the country to the other. Always on the move, the travelers had little time to spend anywhere, especially Tel Aviv, where the younger Yarmuth would have preferred to hang out for a couple days.

But the trip left its mark on him.

LIFE & LEGACY seminar guides donors here in actualizing gifts

By Jennifer Tuvlin
For Community

The Jewish Federation of Louisville invited attorneys, accountants and other professionals who specialize in estate planning to a Jan. 28 LIFE & LEGACY educational seminar at Mesh restaurant to learn how they could help clients actualize charitable wishes made in their wills, trusts, retirement accounts and life insurance policies into reality.

Created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, LIFE & LEGACY is a four-year program that assists Jewish communities across North America, through partnerships with federations and foundations, to promote after-lifetime giving to Jewish day schools, synagogues and social service organizations. At least 245 Jewish donors in Louisville have already committed to LIFE & LEGACY, accounting for more than 300 gifts worth over \$6.5 million.

Shelly Gilman, Louisville's LIFE & LEGACY chair, told the gathering that Jewish Louisville was sustaining itself for future generations through the gifts.

One of the first LIFE & LEGACY donors here, Gilman said the it was an easy decision to make a legacy gift to those Jewish institutions that have enriched his life.

Keynote speaker Steve Trager, chairman and CEO of Republic Bank, a long-time supporter of many Jewish, and non-Jewish, institutions across Louisville, said the needs of the Jewish community and broader groups have guided his family's philanthropic decisions.

He encouraged Louisville's professionals to assist their clients in supporting local causes.

Turney Berry, a partner and chair of

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP, Trusts Estates and Personal Planning Service Team, shared tax-saving strategies, enabling donors to maximize the benefits of their gifts.

Professionals attending the LIFE & LEGACY training session included: Chris Brice, Jewish Foundation of Louisville Chair; Tawana Edwards, Sherry Feldpausch, Ann Georgehead, Hugh Hines, Sidney Hymson, Henry Kelly, Mark Kull, Emily Lawrence, Alan Linker, Phil Mix, Robert Romemberg, Alan Rosenberg, Bea Rosenberg, Bruce Roth, Aaron Rothke, Linda Speed, Steve Stowers, Mark Switow, Corey Thorne, Jamie Traugher, Ed Weinberg, Jim Worthington and Jeff Yussman.

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(Jennifer Tuvlin is the LIFE & LEGACY coordinator for the Jewish Federation of Louisville.)

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Contact Jennifer Tuvlin at 502-238-2735 or jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org to arrange a legacy gift to Jewish Louisville.



Shelly Gilman (left), LIFE & LEGACY Coordinator Jennifer Tuvlin, Turney Berry and Steve Trager spoke at the LIFE & LEGACY educational seminar on Jan. 28 at Mesh. (photo provided)



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NEWS

Louisville comes together

Jews join hundreds to paint over vandalism at local Hindu temple

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Hundreds of people, including several from Jewish Louisville, flocked to the Shree Swaminarayan (Hindu) Temple & Cultural Center in West Buechel Saturday to paint over symbols of hatred and show solidarity with yet another religious group under threat.

The overwhelming turnout answered a teenager who broke into the temple on Sunday or Monday, spray painted slogans throughout the building, and left a knife stabbed into a chair.

The painted vandalism included crosses, defacement of a religious image and phrases such as "Jesus is the only Lord." Police have arrested a 17-year-old boy for the crime.

According to the mayor's office, between 1,000 and 1,200 people turned out to clean up the graffiti.

So inundated with support was the temple that its parking lot quickly filled up, so members directed cars to the Kossair parking lot next door – which also quickly filled up.

A steady stream of people, most toting brushes, rollers, paint cans, drop cloths and other items, filed into the building – a former church – climbed the steps to the sanctuary and balcony, removed their shoes and packed the worship spaces.

They heard speeches by state and local officials, including Gov. Matt Bevin and Attorney General Andy Beshear, denouncing the hatred that fueled vandalism while extolling the show of love the incident elicited.

State Rep. Nima Kulkarni (D-40, Frankfort) called Hinduism "a religion of peace, a religion of inclusivity and nonviolence" that inspired the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Let us celebrate that spirit today as we erase these acts of vandalism from this place of worship," she said.

Louisville Metro Police Chief Steve Conrad lauded the outpouring of "love" at the temple, but he said it's not enough.

"We need to do this in every neighborhood in our community," he said. "Louisville is not going to be the place we want it to be unless we continue to come together, continue to work together and continue to do what we can to help our neighbors out."

Pastor Jason Crosby of the Crescent



Visitors to the Shree Swaminarayan Temple and Cultural Center in West Buechel were invited to jot down notes of solidarity to the Hindu community on heart-shaped slips of paper (Community photo by Lee Chottiner)

Hill Baptist Church said the "ripple effects" of the vandalism "go far beyond these walls."

"Unfortunately, this is not the first time in recent years a place of worship in our community has been defaced," Crosby said. "Surely this act brings back difficult memories for many and understandably causes others to proceed with caution and trepidation."

He said he was "doubly disheartened" that the attack was carried out in Jesus' name, noting that Jesus was a Jew who "interacted with befriended, and I believe learned from those of different cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds."

Crosby warned that the youth accused of the crime did not act in a vacuum. He was "instructed" and "emboldened" by adults who taught him "faulty theologues."

"This was not just a hate crime," the Christian pastor said, "it was a Christian-motivated hate crime."

While no Jewish leaders were part of the program, Dr. Muhammad Baber, who represented the Muslim community, said he was also there on behalf of the Jewish Community of Louisville "who are observing Shabbat and are praying for all of us." The crowd greeted those words with applause.

Though preferring worshippers come to synagogue on Shabbat, Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner of Temple Shalom, quoting Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, encouraged her congregants, in an

out then to paint over the graffiti.

"I thought we had buried hatred and we had thrown it away in the Ohio River," Babar said.

Then a gunman shot to death two African-Americans on Oct. 24 at the Kroger in Jeffersontown. Shortly before then, the gunman, Gregory Bush, tried and failed to enter the predominantly black First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown.

"It reminds us that our work is not done," Babar said.

So many people were present Saturday that many of them did not get a chance to pick up a paint brush. But Sunder Iyer, a member of the temple, said the expression of support was what mattered.

"The good thing was everyone came," he said.

Notably, several Louisville Jews – and non-Jews – brought their children to the cleanup.

Judith Danovitch said her son, David, got to paint a few brush strokes over the graffiti while her husband, Nick, unable to find a parking space, circled the temple in the car.

"We brought David because we wanted to show him that all religious groups are deserving of freedom," Danovitch said, "to gather and worship in peace and that there are many minority religions in Louisville."

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THE J CENTERPIECE

‘The Letter I Never Sent’

Power of the pen to be presented in new CenterStage production in March

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

We all have something that was left unsaid. Maybe it was to someone who changed your life (for better or worse), someone who helped you change a tire, or someone spared that last dig you never deliver.

Wouldn't it be great to say it on stage? Or hear someone else articulate your feelings?

CenterStage is taking that concept and turning it into a new theater production, *The Letter I Never Sent*, showing 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 2, at The J. CenterStage accepted 18 of 36 submissions for the show, said Anne Ensign-Urteaga, the J Arts and Ideas operations and events director.

All the letters were good enough to read before an audience, according to Ensign-Urteaga and CenterStage Director Frank Goodloe III, except it would make the show entirely too long.

“Not that I would think that the letters would be written badly, but I was struck by how well they are written,” Goodloe said. “They really tell a story.”

In fact, the letters were so well-written that little editing was needed.

“You can really feel the person's anger, bitterness or sadness through the letters, the way they are written,” Goodloe said. “I think the people that come to hear the letters will feel that as well. It's like therapy. I'm not the only one who's been through this.”

The authors will read their own letters on stage during the show, addressing subjects such as “Life Lessons,” “Hard Lessons,” “Self-Discovery” and “Stolen Years.”



“The Letter I Never Sent” will be staged on Saturday, March 2, at The J.

The readings will be interspersed with songs by CenterStage singers.

The idea for the show came from CenterStage regular Tymika Prince. She had been working on some songs with her voice coach when it occurred to her that some of the tunes had powerful stories to tell. She suggested the idea of having people submit letters with CenterStage players singing songs around them.

The idea was tabled for a while; Prince even forgot about the whole thing until Ensign-Urteaga had a show fall through, so she brought the idea up with Prince again.

The producers were surprised that

only women submitted letters, despite getting calls from several interested men. The letters also tackled a wide range of topics, addressing parents, grandparents, grandchildren, strangers and even a student who said a curse word in a class.

“I read them at home in my bed, and I was like, ‘OK, I've gotta put these down for now,’” Goodloe said.

Ensign-Urteaga also took them home. She found herself crying as she read them.

“And I'm not a cryer!” she insisted. “I had to stop halfway through because I was emotionally spent. ‘She got up

early the next day and continued reading. ‘I wanted to give them the attention they deserved. A lot of them were pretty heavy.’”

One letter deals with abuse, Ensign-Urteaga said. “The author reached out to me and said that this letter is going to be really hard, and I told her it's the most important letter in here, bringing awareness to this issue. She's out of that situation now, but it's still a very tough letter to get out.”

The authors aren't going on stage cold. “We're trying to do things to ease our authors into it,” Ensign-Urteaga said. “We recognize that they probably aren't public speakers. We're doing coaching sessions over the next couple of weeks. With Frank's performer expertise and my public speaking, we're working with them on techniques that they need.”

The singers will go on stage and do a group number at the beginning and end of the show. During the program, they will each do a solo, for a total of six numbers. The singers are Prince, Andrew Newton, Alonzo Richmond and Katelyn Webb, who is new to CenterStage.

Goodloe, Ensign-Urteaga and Prince said they hope the show is successful enough to continue after this year. After all, there are many stories and letters left to tell.

Want to go?

Tickets for *The Letter I Never Sent* can be purchased online at jewishlouisville.org/letters or at The J front desk for \$18 apiece. There is a free reception after the show where guests can meet the authors and performers. The bar will stay open and there will be cheese and crackers.

Spiritual Wellness Workshop fine-tunes inner, emotional self

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

Rabbi Diane Tracht of Jewish Family & Career Services will host a Spiritual Wellness Workshop at The J on [time, date, location].

A counseling rabbi and chaplain with experience working in hospital settings, Tracht is now bringing her knowledge to J members for free.

“Instead of becoming a pulpit rabbi, what I love most is helping people when they're having a hard time,” Tracht said. “Emotionally, spiritually, for me it kind of all goes together.”

Tracht had been working with J management, looking for a way to help by bringing her expertise to the mix for members. They came up with this one-time workshop to bring members more insight into their own spiritual health.

“There's this emphasis on wellness and fitness, but it's not just the body,” she said. “It's always intertwined. I definitely know this from the hospital. There's all this research about social isolation being one of the biggest risk factors of poor health and dying sooner. So let's explore how to take care of our inner world and take care of our spiritual selves.”



Rabbi Diane Tracht will help J members look for their spiritual health through the new Spiritual Wellness Workshop she is leading. (Community photo by Jessica Budnick)

A study by the American Cancer Society in the November 2018 issue of the *American Journal of Epidemiology* found that social isolation is linked to a higher risk of death from all causes, and heart disease for all races studied. It's also associated with increased cancer mortality in white people and leads to decreased physical activity, smoking and other health risks.

Though Tracht is a rabbi, she emphasized that this workshop is not just for

Jews.

“Hopefully, everyone will come,” she said, “because this is humanity. This is humanness.”

Tracht will use the workshop to discuss ways of finding spiritual wellness – connecting with others, and mindfulness, gratitude practices – as well as having participants take a spiritual wellness assessment to gauge where they need help.

“I've adopted this model for several

reasons,” Tracht said. “First, it provides an opportunity for a mindful check-in with different aspects of our spiritual lives. The practices of mindfulness support our inner well-being and so the assessment is, in itself, a healing tool.”

“Second, the tool automatically highlights our strengths just as it highlights the areas that could use strengthening. Third, over time, I hope that we'll be able to see our own growth.”

Tracht said participants get a “basic lesson” in spiritual wellness “though I don't necessarily feel like it's a lesson. I'm not the person on high depositing all the knowledge on them, but I'm presenting a tool.”

Instead she asks questions such as “Who else feels lonely?” or tries a one-minute guided meditation: “I am loved – disagree.”

The Spiritual Wellness Workshop is open to all J members, and it's free. What types of people should attend?

“If you're human, you're welcome,” Tracht said. “If you come, we'll tend to your inner life. ‘Spiritual’ can be a weird word, but basically to me it's like the opportunity to connect to something larger than ourselves to feel a cosmic wholeness.”

REGION

Rabbi reports shooting damage at Ohio synagogue

By Marcy Oster
JTA

LIMA, Ohio – A synagogue was shot up with what police describe as a BB or pellet gun, although they caution it was likely not a hate crime.

At least two dozen holes were discovered in the windows of Temple Beth Israel-Shaare Zedek in Lima on Shabbat, according to the congregation's part-time rabbi, Howie Stein, who reported the vandalism in a public Facebook post that has since been deleted.

"Friday night, we prayed in a sanctuary with three bullet holes in its windows," Stein wrote. "Services followed a potluck supper, in a social hall with a minyan of holes in its windows, brought out from a kitchen with twice as many holes in its window. Shabbat morning we found three more holes in the upstairs classrooms, no longer used because of the shrinking and aging nature of the congregation. Thankfully, nobody was in the building at the time, and the damage, while emotionally and physically extensive, was not more significant."

Sgt. Jason Warren of the Lima Police Department told JTA that the incident, which likely occurred on Friday night, was not being treated as a hate crime. Police are treating it as an act of vandalism because there was nothing besides the bullet holes to suggest an anti-



Police are investigating shooting damage at Temple Beth Israel-Shaare Zedek in Lima, Ohio. The shooting has not been called a hate crime. (Facebook photo=)

mitic motive, he said.

Warren said the bullet holes appear to have come from a BB or pellet gun, and that shooting those weapons is a relatively popular activity for kids in the area.

Police have increased patrols around the synagogue, he said. There are no suspects at this time.

"We have kids who think it's fun to shoot houses and cars," Warren said. "It's a pretty common occurrence."

The rabbi said he called on the congregation to use Shabbat to "focus inward,

on our own rest and renewal. We must not allow those who hate, and those who act on their hate, to deter us from our cherished beliefs and practices."

In a statement released Tuesday, the synagogue thanked law enforcement for their assistance and said that "The outpouring of support makes it clear to us that Jews do indeed have a home in Lima."

Stein travels to the synagogue, a merged Reform and Conservative congregation, twice a month from his home in Pittsburgh to minister to the congre-

gation. His profile picture on Facebook is the Pittsburgh Steelers' "Stronger than Hate" logo, created after the attack on the Tree of Life synagogue building that killed 11 worshippers.

Lima is in northwest Ohio, between Toledo and Dayton. Temple Beth Israel-Shaare Zedek has 54 member families, according to the Union for Reform Judaism.

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FORUM

I was barred from fostering because I am Jewish

By Lydia Currie
Guest Columnist

GREENVILLE, S.C. – When my father was 7 years old, he was placed in an orphanage. His own father had died and his mother's mental illness prevented her from caring for him.

Growing up, I heard his stories of "kid prison," as he called it, and I dreamed of someday becoming a foster parent able to take children out of an institution and offer them a family.

In the spring of 2010, my husband and I were raising our three young biological children when we decided we were ready to foster. We had so much abundance and capacity: room in our house, enough money, a stable relationship, supportive extended family and plenty of love. I also was inspired by the core Jewish value of tikkun olam, repairing the world.

We knew that the number of children needing care had become a crisis in our state, South Carolina, and that older children were being warehoused in modern-day orphanages. Boys with a history in the system are hard to place in families because of the assumption that they might be violent, and we decided that we wanted to give one of them a home.

My husband and I initially reached out to the adoptions division of the state Department of Social Services office in Greenville County. However, the agency was backlogged, with expected wait times of about a year for a foster-adoptive license. The director suggested that we work with a private agency, Miracle Hill, which had an orphanage full of school-aged boys and would be able to move forward right away.

But when I requested Miracle Hill's application, I learned that we were barred because of our religion.

The agency only accepts Protestant Christian families. This publicly subsidized foster program is unwilling to place children with Jewish, Catholic, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist and agnostic would-be parents. Their initial screening form, now available online, asks for the contact information of your pastor and that you testify to your salvation in the text box provided.

Miracle Hill, which licenses foster families in 11 counties, is denying children access to loving families despite the fact that the state is paying the agency to find families for children who desperately need them – and our president has decided that's perfectly fine.

On Jan. 24, the Trump administration granted a request by the governor

of South Carolina to issue a waiver of federal regulations that prohibit federal funding for agencies that discriminate based on faith requirements.

This means that agencies like Miracle Hill will be allowed to continue rejecting families – and they're not alone.

Some eight states have passed laws that permit state-contracted, taxpayer-funded child welfare agencies to use religious criteria to exclude prospective foster and adoptive parents. Other states are now considering similar measures. In Philadelphia, a government-contracted foster care agency sued the city, claiming a constitutional right to exclude families that don't meet their religious criteria – specifically, same-sex couples.

The district court rejected that claim, but the case is pending before a federal appeals court.

There are thousands of children in foster care across our country who are and will be affected by the exclusion of good families based on religious requirements. For them, the time lost to an institution instead of spent with a loving family could alter the course of their lives.

In 2012 – two years after deciding to foster – my husband and I were finally able to welcome an older child to our family through Greenville County's partnership with another private agency. We brought home a 9-year-old boy who had been living in an institution. In 2017, we began fostering a daughter, who also came from an institution.

Even the best institution leaves marks. When he first came to us, our son would scrunch up into a tiny ball or chew his fist when presented with a routine sibling conflict. Our daughter would smack kids who were nearby when she was passed a plate of snacks and then gorge herself until her stomach hurt.

In South Carolina, orphanages and foster parents have tremendous authority over the religious lives of the children placed with them. Foster children are expected to attend religious services and celebrate holidays according to the custom of the adults who are caring for them. For us, this simply meant that the children in our care attended our synagogue's Sunday school rather than the Christian equivalent. They were not expected to become Jewish, only to participate fully in the life of their Jewish foster mom and siblings.

Our daughter, who had been baptized Catholic in her infancy, was forcibly converted to the Baptist faith at age 7 and was sent to an evangelical orphanage. While she was living there, many

special treats (McDonald's, Easter baskets, Christmas parties, field trips) were provided only for the kids who agreed to attend "optional" church services and vacation Bible camps.

Our daughter is now at the age where she enjoys fantasy-planning her bat mitzvah party, but we still have not formally converted her to Judaism. She has been coerced so much in her short life by adults who thought that they knew God's will for her. We would rather have a child who is not Jewish than a child who became Jewish as some sort of bargain – her soul for our love and protection. Our love and protection are freely given, no strings attached. All children in foster care deserve that same gift.

Children are resilient – it's amazing what a stable, loving home can do. Our son is now 15 and thriving; he loves sci-fi and video games and is training to become a professional dancer. Our family recently moved to Philadelphia so he could live with us while he attends the prestigious Rock School for Dance Education. After some homeschooling, our daughter has returned to public school and is making good progress. Slowly, with our consistent love and discipline, she is learning to trust. We have adopted both children.

Unfortunately, Greenville County's partnership with the agency we used did not last, and Miracle Hill is now the only private agency in the Greenville area to serve children without special needs. I adore my children and wouldn't alter the path that brought them to us. But I think often about the other older chil-

dren who were waiting for families, the ones in Miracle Hill institutions whom we could have loved if we had not been rejected because of our faith. I wonder what happened to them – and whether they are still waiting.

(Lydia Currie spent a decade living in South Carolina, where she served as a foster parent. She now lives in Philadelphia, where she is a member of Congregation Kol Tzedek. Her op-ed was distributed by JTA.)

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I am always moved by the opportunity to provide education about both our Catholic and Jewish legacies and am

touched by the reactions I receive. People frequently tell me that I am the first rabbi they have met.

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Understanding our founding stories helps our employees revere our mission. It ignites enthusiasm for our commitment to transform negatives into positives. Learning more about Catholicism and Judaism can even increase an appreciation for religious diversity within the broader population.

This connects to my own story. As the child of a Holocaust survivor, I appreciate the opportunity to provide education about Judaism to our employees. I know

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SENIOR EVENTS

Chavurat Shalom for March

Thursday, March 7 – Jennifer Diamond presents local singer-songwriter, Paul Moffett in the chapel. Moffett will sing and play guitar, showcasing his own songs and Diamond will join him on harmonies. Lunch in the Heideman will include pepper steak, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and caramel spoon cake.

Thursday, March 14 – Two of Diamonds will entertain. Lunch will include salmon croquettes, mashed potatoes, green peas, fresh fruit, couscous salad and cherry cobbler.

Thursday, March 21 – Senior University

Thursday, March 28 – Pianist Jeff

Springer will perform in the chapel. Lunch in the Heideman will include grilled chicken piccata, quinoa and black beans, roasted brussel sprouts, fresh fruit, mixed green salad and mixed berry trifle.

Thursday, April 4 – TBA, March and April birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated. Lunch will include a deli platter with assorted breads, chicken and rice soup, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and celebratory cake.

Senior University

The Senior University Purim Spiel, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,

Thursday, March 21 – University of Louisville President Neeli Bendapudi will share her vision for the university. Abby Glogower, curator of Jewish Collections and the Jewish Community Archive at The Filson Historical Society will talk about recent acquisitions; Barry Meyers will share details about financial planning; Bourbon 101 looks at the history of the spirit with tastings; and CenterStage will offer a behind-the-scenes look at its work. Jennifer Diamond will perform, and Mickey and Carol Heideman's famous mushroom barley soup for lunch will be served. Call 502-423-1818 or visit thetemplelouky.org/senior-university by March 14 to RSVP.

Cost is \$15. *Chavurat Shalom* is an opportunity for Jewish senior adults to meet socially and share ideas. Lunch is \$5 and reservations are due by the Tuesday before the program. RSVP to 502-423-1818 or sarahharlan86@gmail.com. A vegetarian option is available if requested in advance. Transportation can be scheduled by calling JFCS at 502-452-6341; the cost is \$5 per round trip. *Chavurat Shalom* is funded by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, The Temple, The Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood, NCJW, the Jewish Federation of Louisville, and other generous donors.

The J Senior Calendar for March

TUESDAY, JAN. 29, 12:45 P.M.

Senior retirees meeting, Chaplain Dale McAbee from Baptist Health will speak on "Wholeness: A House with Five Rooms." Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5, 12:45 P.M.

Nada returns for another classical music presentation. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19, 12:45 P.M.

Tyrone Cotton will perform on guitar some blues, folk and rock music. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26, 12:45 P.M.

"Calling all Sherlocks. Actors from Who Dunnit Murder Mystery will present three short murder mystery plays. Refreshments will be served.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27, 7:00 P.M.
AT ADATH JESHURUN

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 7:30 P.M.
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JFCS FOOD PANTRY

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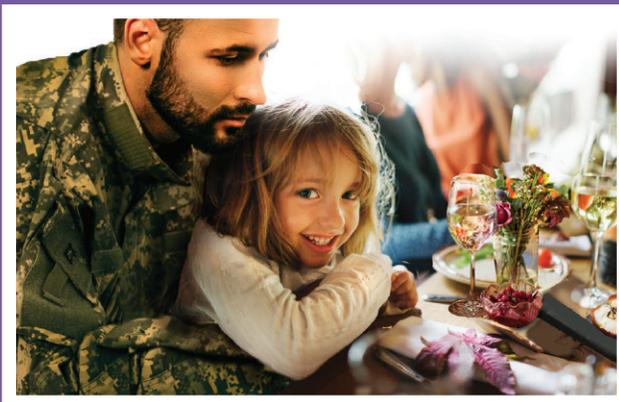
- Crackers/family pkg and individual pkg
- 1 lb. bags dried beans and 1 lb. bags rice
- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Ketchup
- Ramen noodles

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EVENTS

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**March 5, 4pm
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Meets first Tuesday of month at JFCS. Contact Naomi Carrico: 502-452-6341, ext. 249

**March 14, 1pm
Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group**
Meets second Thursday of month at JFCS. Contact Connie Austin: 502-452-6341, ext. 305.

**March 18, 12:30pm
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**
Meets third Monday of month at JFCS. Contact Jo Ann Kalb: 502-452-6341, ext. 335.

**March 18, 7pm
Parents of Young Adults in Interfaith Relationships**
Contact Diane Tracht: 502-452-6341, ext. 250.

**March 20, 10am
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**
Meets third Wednesday of month at Epworth United Methodist Church, 919 Palatka Rd. Contact Jo Ann Kalb: 502-452-6341, ext. 335.

**March 21, 7pm
Adult Children of Aging Parents**
Meets third Thursday of month at JFCS. Contact Mauri Malka: 502-452-6341, ext. 250.

PICTURE THIS: COMMUNITY TELETHON

Twenty-eight volunteers reached out and touched someone at the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Community Telethon 2019 on Sunday, Jan. 27, at The J. The annual event generates pledges for the Federation to support Jewish services and agencies here and worldwide. Approximately 800 calls were made, netting more than 180 pledges. Jennifer Jacobson and Carl Hatch co-chaired this year's event. (Community photos by Tara Cocco)



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AROUND TOWN

(Editor's note: To make Around Town more user friendly, items for adult education, services and regular weekly and monthly events are being grouped under separate headings. Also, more photos and color will be used to make the entire section easier on the eyes.)

WUPJ leader here

Temple Shalom and The Temple are bringing Rabbi Daniel Frelander, president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) to Louisville in April for a weekend series of events designed to shed light on Jewish life around the globe.

Established in 1926, The WUPJ is the international umbrella organization for the Reform, Liberal, Progressive and Reconstructionist movements. It serves over 1.8 million Jews from 1,200 congregations in more than 50 countries.

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is sponsoring Frelander's visit, which will include programs at both synagogues.



Rabbi Daniel Frelander

Frelander will speak Friday, April 5, at Temple Shalom, on the topic "Jews Move: Why New Reform Communities are Developing in Asia and Spain." Services will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Rabbis Beth Jacowitz Chottiner and David Ariel-Joel leading and Louie Bailey, Jennifer Diamond and Sam Thal providing the music. Transportation to Temple Shalom will be provided for members of The Temple for those who RSVP by March 28. There will be a short service at The Temple at 7 p.m. for those who cannot make it to Temple Shalom.

On Saturday, April 6, Frelander will speak at Temple Shalom during a lunch and learn at noon, following 10:30 a.m. services. Frelander's topic will be, "Will the Real Reform Judaism Please Stand Up": Understanding Progressive Judaism in North America, UK, Germany, Brazil and Israel."

Frelander will then speak at The Temple at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 7, on the topic, "Training Rabbis for Global Judaism: Stories from London, Berlin, Moscow, and Buenos Aires." The Brotherhood and Sisterhood are co-sponsors.

Frelander will interact with rabbinic students from Moscow and Buenos Aires via Skype during the brunch.

Polar Plunge

Temple Shalom member Tami Penner will take the Polar Plunge on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Texas Roadhouse in Middletown. Her plunge raises money from the Kentucky Special Olympics. Penner can be reached at dpenner7@msn.com.

Pasta Supper, Silent Auction

AJ Preschool's Annual Pasta Supper & Silent Auction fundraiser will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 3. A chef-prepared pasta supper, children's activities, entertainment, and a silent auction are planned. All proceeds directly benefit the AJ Preschool. Reservations are accepted online; visit visiting.ajpreschool.com/pastasupper or contact Shannon Benovitz at shannonbenovitz@gmail.com for details.

Knit & Qvell Circle

The Anshei Sfard Knit & Qvell Circle will next meet at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 7, at Shalom Towers. Knitted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. Call Toby Horvitz 502-458-7108 for details.

Homeless outreach

Keneseth Israel will make sandwiches and care packages for the homeless starting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7. Bring your own supplies (bread, peanut butter and jelly, blankets, underwear, socks, flashlights, etc.) Around 6:30 p.m., participants will caravan downtown to give out food and supplies to the homeless.

Torah Yoga

Cantor Sharon Hordes and Lisa Flannery host a yoga class that combines the flexibility and strength of yoga with teachings of the Torah. The next classes will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 14 and 21, at Keneseth Israel. The class, which is co-sponsored by Temple Shalom and Hadassah, is free.

AJ Music Festival

Adath Jeshurun will host its annual music festival, themed "In the Key of Play: Rock & Reparte," at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 17. The concert will feature pianist, singer and songwriter Cantor Randy Herman along with Cantor David Lipp. Musical guests include Cantor Sharon Hordes, Jennifer Diamond, Mike Jarvis, The Jewish Community Choir, and Louisville Orchestra Music Director Teddy Abrams. RSVP to adathjeshurun.com/musicfestival.

Sunday Night at the Movies

The Temple's next Sunday Night at the Movies will be held Sunday, March 24. The next part of GI Jews will be screened. The pizza dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; the movie and discussion, 7 p.m. RSVP to thetemplelouky.org or 502-423-1818.

Newstadt named Minyanair

Dr. Mark Newstadt, Adath Jeshurun's 2018 Minyanair of the Year, will be honored on Friday, March 29. The Kabbalat Shabbat service will begin at 5:45 p.m., followed by a Shabbat dinner and awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Visit adathjeshurun.com/minyandinner

by March 22 for reservations. Contact Molly Evancho at 502-458-5359 or mevancho@adathjeshurun.com for details. Minyanaires will participate and have special honors in the Shabbat service at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 30. A Kidush lunch will follow.



Dr. Mark Newstadt

AJ Book Club

The Adath Jeshurun Book Club is reading *Walking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen and will be discuss the book at its next meeting at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 31, at AJ. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359.

Spring plantings, headstone cleanings

Begonias and/or boxwoods may be ordered for gravesites in the Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Headstone-cleaning also is available. Visit adathjeshurun.com/cemeteryplantings for arrangements.

Chabad Community Seder

The Litvin family is sponsoring a community Passover seder on Friday, April 19. The Seder will be an interactive evening, drawing inspiration from Kabbalah and the mystical traditions of Judaism. Reservations must be made by April 4 by calling 502-459-1770. Space is limited.

Torah Yoga at The Temple

The Temple holds a Torah Yoga class with Lisa Klein, Sundays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Heideman Auditorium. Klein uses a curriculum based on "Torah Yoga" by Diane Bloomfield. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, strap and block. Cost is \$18 per person (50% of proceeds donated to the Temple Religious School Fund) Contact Klein at cardsmommy@gmail.com or The Temple at 502-423-1818 for details.

Yard Sale

Keneseth Israel will hold one of the biggest yard sales in Louisville from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 24 and 25. TV's, furniture, artwork, appliances, antiques, clothes, Judaica, toys, books, and other items will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the synagogue.

Adult Education

TS Scholar-in-residence

Author and educator Jane Larkin will be Temple Shalom's scholar-in-residence from Friday, March 8, to Saturday,

March 9. The author of *From Generation to Generation: A Story of Inter-marriage and Jewish Continuity*, Larkin will speak at Shabbat services Friday and Saturday, and head a lunch & learn session following the Saturday service. All the events are free. RSVP by March 1 to 502-458-4739 or information@templeshalomky.org.

Pragmatic Spirituality

Dr. Courtney Snyder and Marty Snyder meets at AJ to lead a discussion group on universal themes inspired by spiritual thinkers. Sessions begin Sundays at 10 a.m. The March 10 session addresses the topic "How to Listen to Your Body." The March 24 topic is "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" (Mary Oliver quote.)

Kabbalah Month by Month

Cantor Sharon Hordes leads a monthly class on kabbalistic teachings and meditations related to each Hebrew month's holidays, Torah portions, healing areas and astrological connections. The free class meets every second Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The next session is Thursday, March 14.

Filson lecture

The Filson Historical Society will hold a lecture at the Temple at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 28. The cost is \$10.

Visit filsonhistorical.org/events/ or call the Temple at 502-423-1818 for details.

Exodus class

Anshei Sfard Rabbi Simcha Snaid leads a class titled "Journey Through Exodus" Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Shalom Towers on the second floor. Call the office at 502-451-3122 for details.

'Make a Prophet'

Anshei Sfard Rabbi Simcha Snaid leads a class titled "Make a Prophet," Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon at Shalom Towers on the second floor. The class explores the Book of Joshua. Call office 502-451-3122 for details.

New Louisville Melton Classes

New Melton classes will begin in March at Adath Jeshurun: Continuation of "Beyond Borders" Tuesdays, beginning March 12 from 6:30 to 7:40 p.m.; "Vayikra/Leviticus: A Call to Holiness," Tuesdays, beginning March 12, from 7:50 to 9 p.m.; "Vayikra/Leviticus: A Call to Holiness," Thursdays, beginning March 14 from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m.; "Modern Midrash," Thursdays, beginning March 14, from 10:50 a.m. to noon. Contact Director Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359 to register.

The Temple classes

The Temple is offering the following adult education classes on Wednesday mornings:

"Building Character: Jewish Principles of How to be a Good Person," 9:30-10:35 a.m. with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel.

"The Torah of our Lives," 10:45-noon with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport.

The following Monday night classes

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are offered:

Advanced Hebrew: The Temple Torah Study Circle," 6-7 p.m. with Rapport

"Text Study: Beliefs and Lessons from Our Bible," with Ariel-Joel, 7-8 p.m.

"Beginning Hebrew, Part 2" with Mark Goldstein, 7-8 p.m., (email Goldstein at mdgoldstein01@gmail.com to register).

"Basic Judaism: Jewish Concepts and Basic Beliefs," 7-8 p.m. with Rapport and Ariel-Joel.

Weekly/Monthly Happenings

Torah study

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel of The Temple leads Torah study sessions Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the Fishman Library. Coffee, bagels and cream cheese will be served.

Bridge Club

The Keneseth Israel Bridge Club meets Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the small chapel. RSVP to gwishnia@gmail.com.

Purim

Queen Esther's lessons

Join DUBY Litvin will lead a class on the lessons of Queen Esther at 7 p.m., Monday, March 4. The class will be recorded on Facebook for those who can't attend. RSVP to Litvin at Mrsduby@gmail.com.

Learn to Bake Hamantaschen

Adath Jeshurun's annual Hamantaschen Bake will be held at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, March 10. Learn to make hamantaschen and take some home. Hamantaschen also will be given to residents of nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. Cards to accompany the hamantaschen will be available to decorate. The fee is \$5 per family. RSVP by March 4 at adathjeshurun.com/hamantaschen.

Hamantaschen baking

Jewish Woman's Circle will make Hamantaschen and discuss the Jewish woman's role in the story of Purim at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 10, at The Jewish Learning Center. RSVP to Goldie Litvin at 502-494-3774 or chabad@chabadky.com.

Purim Party at The Temple

The Temple Purim Party will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Saturday, March 16. A short family service led by second and third graders will start at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the party sponsored by The Temple Brotherhood, including a Megillah reading, groggers, face painting, carnival games, costumes, balloons and a photobooth. Costumes are encouraged. Cost is \$5 for adults, free for children 12 and under. RSVP by March 13 at 502-423-1818 or thetemplelouky.org.

Chabad Purim Celebration

Chabad is offering an audio-visual accompaniment to that traditional reading of the Megillah for children and adults at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at 1654 Almara Circle. A Hamantaschen bar, including pastry decoration, will follow

the reading. Call 502-459-1770.

Purim in Ireland

Chabad of Kentucky will host its annual Purim Feast and Celebration at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21. Purim in Ireland will be the theme. Irish food and Liam's Fancy, an Irish band from Lexington will perform. There also be Irish storytelling and a step dancing performed by the McClanahan School of Irish Dance. A visual presentation of the Megillah will begin the program. There will also be a Hamantaschen bar, a PJ Library Purim storytelling and Irish beer and games for adults. Dinner will begin at 6:30. Chabad will also highlight three communities in the world where Jews are being persecuted, inviting the community to connect to them through good deeds, encouragement and rapport. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. All adult tickets paid by March 10 will be discounted by 10 percent. Contact Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, at 502-459-1770 or info@CHABADKY.COM.

LBSY Purim celebration

The LBSY Purim Celebration and Dinner sponsored by Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel, Temple Shalom and LBSY, will begin at 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, AJ. An Adult Megillah-Reading with Beatles Music will follow at 7 p.m. There is no charge for this dinner, but reservations are required. Contact Bev Weinberg at lbsy.bev@gmail.com by March 13 to RSVP.

TS Purim Carnival

Temple Shalom will hold its annual Purim carnival at 10 a.m., Sunday, March 24. Gift cards will be awarded for the best costumes. Men's Club will make breakfast and WOTS will bake the Hamantaschen. There will be Purim parodies, a schpiel, Megillah reading, and finally carnival games with face painting, food and balloons. Cost is \$5 per person ages 5 and up. RSVP to 502-458-4739 or information@templeshalomky.org. Attendance is limited to 150.

Worship

Bring a Friend to Shabbat

Temple Shalom members will bring friends of all backgrounds to its Bring a Friend to Shabbat service at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 22, to enhance its sacred community. The congregation's newest members will be welcomed at that time. A light dinner will follow the service. RSVP to Temple Shalom by Feb. 20 at 502-458-4739 or information@templeshalomky.org.

WRJ/Sisterhood Shabbat

The WRJ/Sisterhood Shabbat Service, honoring the group for its dedication, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 1, at The Temple.

Sisterhood Shabbat

Temple Shalom will hold its Sisterhood Shabbat 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 2. A luncheon sponsored by the Women of Temple Shalom will follow services.

Celebration Shabbat

All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of March may participate in a group aliyah during Shabbat morning worship services beginning at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 2, at Adath Jeshurun.

Interactive prayer, deli luncheon

Chabad will celebrate Shabbat with an interactive prayer service followed by a deli luncheon at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 2. The program is free and sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770 for details.

Family Shabbat Dinner

The Temple Religious School Grade 4 students will lead Shabbat services at 7 p.m., Friday, March 8. A family Shabbat dinner will start at 6 p.m., the Tot Shabbat at 6:45 p.m. with special Tot oneg at 7 p.m. in the library. The fourth grade family-sponsored oneg will follow the main service. Cost is \$5, free for children 12 and under. Contact The Temple at 502-423-1818 or thetemplelouky.org by March 6 to RSVP.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Keneseith Israel will hold its Family Kabbalat Shabbat immediately following Friday night services, which begin at 6 p.m. Friday, March 8. RSVP to 502-459-2780 or rsvp@kenesethisrael.com. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child, \$20 maximum per family. Pay online at kenesethisrael.com/payment.

No Shush Shabbat

Temple Shalom's next No Shush Shabbat will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 8. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner and song leader Benji Berlow will lead the interactive PowerPoint service for children.

Sing-along Friday service, dinner

Chabad will celebrate Shabbat at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 8, at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Circle, with a sing-along Kabbalat Shabbat service. A three-course traditional Shabbat dinner will follow. The program is free and sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770 for details.

Simcha Shabbat

Keneseith Israel will celebrate March birthdays and anniversaries with a Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by desserts and appetizers, at 6 p.m., Friday, March 15. RSVP to 502-459-2780 or rsvp@kenesethisrael.com.

Isaac Mayer Wise Shabbat

The Temple will celebrate American Reform Judaism founder Isaac Mayer Wise and the congregation's classical Reform heritage at 7 p.m. Friday, March 15. The Shabbat will mark Wise's 200th birthday.

Guided Meditation

Chabad will celebrate the conclusion of Shabbat with a Havdalah service and guided meditation at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, March 16, at Chabad House 1654

Almara Circle. The program is free and is sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770 for details.

Short and Sweet Family Service

Students in grades K through 7, and their families may join the Short & Sweet Family Service at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 16, at Adath Jeshurun. The informal service includes a story. Students will join the main service afterwards to help lead the closing prayers.

Rabbis' Shabbat Dinner

The Temple's next Rabbi's Shabbat Dinner will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, March 22. The theme will be Middle Eastern. Adults are \$5, free for children 12 and under. RSVP by March 18 to thetemplelouky.org or 502-423-1818.

Brotherhood End of Exodus

The Infamous No-Rehearsal Brotherhood Choir will sing at the Torah Celebration during Shabbat services on March 23 at 10:30 a.m., at The Temple. Immediately following services, the Temple Brotherhood will sponsor the oneg, featuring Gravlax, matzah, and bourbon.

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Chabad will hold a 45-minute morning service and a 45-minute brunch at 8:30 Sunday, March 24. The free program will encourage people to both connect to G-d and to others within our community and to empower every participant with power and energy, both physical and spiritual. The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is a sponsor. Call 502-459-1770 for details.



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Benjamin Ethan Norton

Benjamin Ethan Norton, son of Kimberly and Scott Norton and brother of Alexander, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at 10:30 a.m.,

Saturday, March 23, at The Temple.

A seventh grader at Louisville Collegiate Middle School, Ben is a member of the school rock band and plays on the basketball, lacrosse and golf teams.

He attends camp at GUCI, where he enjoys spending a portion of his summers. He loves all things sports, especially football. Ben also enjoys playing piano, board games, card games and spending time with his friends.

Ben is participating in various activities to feed those in need. In addition, he volunteers his time playing board games at Sunrise Senior Living and has started a project called Ben's Birthday Box. The project consists of boxes that are assembled with various birthday supplies and donated to the JFCS food pantry.

Ben and his family invite the community to celebrate his becoming a bar mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.

Obituaries



Khana Naftaliyev

Khana Naftaliyev, 75, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019, at Baptist Health Hospital.

She was born Nov. 21, 1943, in Russia to the late Avil and Batio Danilovs.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Isi Naftaliyev.

Khana is survived by her sons, Anatoliy Naftaliyev (Izabella) and German Naftaliyev; her daughters, Yelena Naftaliyeva, Sofia Iffaimov (Mark) and Valentina Naftaliyeva; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held Monday, Feb. 4, at Anshei Sfarad Cemetery.



Myra Lois Klein

Myra Lois Klein, nee Chudacoff, 88, of Louisville, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019.

Myra was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late Tillye and

William Chudacoff.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother/nana, she is survived by her husband of 65 years, Bill; son Zell Klein, daughter Sara (Howard) Wagner of Louisville; and grandchildren Adison Klein, Elana and Yael Wagner of Louisville and Talia Wagner of Atlanta, Georgia. She was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Kim Klein.

She was a devoted member, board member and officer of Congregation Keneseth Israel, and president of the Sisterhood. She also was a life member of Hadassah, serving as its treasurer for 25 years.

Myra attended the University of Wis-

consin and graduated from National Teachers College in Evanston, Illinois. After teaching elementary school, Myra worked for over 40 years, side by side, with Bill as the owners of Klein Drugs until 2006.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. Interment followed in Keneseth Israel Cemetery.

The family would like to thank all who helped care for Myra over the past few years, and the staff of Hosparus.

Friends who wish may share their sympathies by donating to the Keneseth Israel Sisterhood, the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Louisville or a charity of your choice.

Rose Elaine Martin Kutchai

Rose Elaine Martin Kutchai, 89, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, at Jeffersontown Rehabilitation.

Born May 30, 1929, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a daughter of the late Samuel and Rachel Martin, Rose was a homemaker and a member of The Temple.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Kutchai, and her daughter, Norine Beth Kutchai Sokoler.

Rose is survived by her son, Richard Kutchai (Nicole) of Moraga, California; her grandchildren, Ashley Mason, Laura Watterson and Greg Sokoler; and her great-grandchildren, Adalyn Mason, Alex Mason, Carleigh Watterson, Cameron Kutchai and Noa Sokoler.

Funeral services were private. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the



donor's favorite charity.

Judith Margulis

Judith Margulis, nee Hershenow, of Louisville, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019.

Born Dec. 5, 1934, the daughter

of the late Solomon and Blanche Hershenow, Judy grew up in South Bend, Indiana. She attended Central High School and graduated from Indiana University while working full-time.

She was an avid reader and crossword puzzle expert. With her dear friends, Judy enjoyed mahjong, bridge, baking days, and two stock market clubs.

She was also active with Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood, B'nai Brith Dolls for Democracy, National Council of Jewish Women and Hadassah.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she is survived by Martin, her husband of 62 years; a daughter, Cari Margulis Immerman of Shaker Heights, Ohio; a son, Paul (Herlene) of Louisville; and grandchildren, Nathan and Noa Immerman and Bradley and Matthew Margulis.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Lois.

The family thanks all who helped care for Judy during her illness, including Drs. Harry Renco and Jane Cornett, and the staff of the Episcopal Home. For the past three plus years, the caregivers from Jewish Family and Career Services, including Rhonda, MaryAnn, Marion,

and Sarah, were exceptional and have become part of the family.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 28, at Herman Meyer and Sons, Inc. Burial followed in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Jewish Family and Career Services (JFCS), the Alzheimer's Association, United Hatzalah of Israel, or a charity of your choice.

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NEWS

FROCKT

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20s, 30s and 40s – desire is a hands-on way to get involved. People do want to see their impact.”

- Family strengthening and stability: Long a part of the JFCS mission, Frockt is eyeing new ways to help families in need that are “more expansive, more comprehensive, more holistic.” Those ways will address counseling, case management and skills building. One example is the JFCS’ new family strengthening programs.

- Multigenerational approaches to aging: Aging affects, seniors and the families who care for them, and both groups need assistance, Frockt said. “Louisville is a city that is growing older. There is a silver tsunami across the country, and we are going to be hit by that even more strongly here.”

- Skilled work force development: Louisville lacks skilled labor at every lev-

el, Frockt has been told. “That is quite a challenge, but it is also a great opportunity for this agency. We have been in this work for a long time. We have the know-how to do it; we have the track record; we have the relationships. Growing that part of our work is something that is in our plans.”

Not exactly a fifth point, though “interwoven” into the first four, Frockt said, is the growing number of “new Americans” in Louisville, and the role they play in growing the city.

“The growth in population in Louisville is coming from people who were born in other countries,” she said. “As the Jewish Family & Career Services, we were founded to help Jewish people from other countries become new Americans, and 111 years later that is what we’re continuing to do.”

Frockt said the JFCS is about helping people, and greater Louisville, reach their “full potential.”

“By having skilled working people, by

helping them know where their path is, it fills the gaps in the community.”

Frockt doesn’t come from a traditional social worker background – her college degrees were in English and creative writing. She even wrote and published a play for young audiences, *The Book of Ruth*.

But nonprofit work is changing, she said, and executives are entering the field from all sorts of backgrounds.

“This model of social workers as leaders is still a very valid model that agencies like this often apply,” Frockt said, “but in nonprofits in general, including social work, there are just as many today who did not come from those backgrounds.”

Asked how her background in the theater can be applied to the JFCS, Frockt cited team building.

“A theater is about team; it sounds a little bit corny, but that’s what it is. It’s about bringing people with discreet, diverse skills together in common cause to

do something, and that’s what any community leadership role is all about.

“Producing a play is not about everyone saying, ‘ooh look at the dress she’s wearing in that scene,’” she added, “it’s about the dress making sense for the character in service of the story. That’s how I have always thought a team works, how an organization works. It’s about bringing all those pieces together, all the disparate services, toward a common goal.”

A skilled fundraiser, Frockt said she will approach the task by building relationships with supporters, connecting people whose goals and values mesh with the JFCS’.

“It’s not about money, though it may express itself that way, it’s about really do we have a match?” she said. “Is there a true connection here? In my experience, when it reaches the place of mitzvah, feeling meaningful, it’s not a transactional exchange. It feels like something you’re compelled to do.”

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“They would have to exhibit economic hardship in order to demolish the building,” Will Ford, communications specialist for Develop Louisville, has said.

Anshei Sfard President Myrle Davis

said a failure to sell the property would complicate the 35-member congregation’s struggle to survive.

“Our position would be dire,” Davis said, “but I think Anshei Sfard is always going to survive; we have a lot of committed people.”

Jon Fleischaker, chairman of the JCL Board of Directors, hopes to buy the

property as soon as possible.

“I think this is a very good thing for the entire Jewish community to keep this property within the Jewish community,” he said.

The JCL wants the property to expand its campus as part of the construction of the new J, which is in the design phase.

Meanwhile, Davis said the historic

features of the synagogue, including its stained glass windows, plaques, photos, religious items and cornerstones, would be preserved.

“Anshei Sfard has a lot of history,” she said, “and it’s not our intention to forget that history or dispose of it.”

KASSOW

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team to document life behind the ghetto walls.

According to Kassow, Ringelblum and his team understood that if they did nothing, the Jewish history of the war would be written by their murderers.

“The Jews saw those film crews; they saw the propaganda posters,” Kassow said. “They knew very well how the Germans would portray them.”

The Oyneg Shabes buried at least three caches before the ghetto was liquidated, approximately 30,000 pages in all, chronicling Jewish life under the harshest of conditions.

At first they collected “stuff,” Kassow said: tickets, menus, candy wrappers, posters.

Then they created 80 different topics to research and document – women, children, religious life, Polish-Jewish relations, to name a few.

Finally, as reports from the death camps

seeped into the ghetto, they chronicled accounts of the escapees, some of which reached London and were reported by the BBC.

Only two caches were discovered after the war; a third, believed to be buried beneath the present day Chinese embassy, was never found.

And not all the papers in the other two caches – tin boxes found in 1946, milk cans unearthed in 1950 – survived.

“A lot of water had seeped in, a lot of mold,” Kassow said, “so many documents were spoiled; many photographs were spoiled.”

But because those boxes and cans were recovered, “we have the writings of Ringelblum, the diary of Abraham Lewin (another Oyneg Shabes member),” Kassow said. “We have the writings of one of the great religious thinkers of the 20th century, the Piaseczner Rebbe, of whom many books are being written now.

“We can write about the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto as individuals, as a community,” he went on. “We can write their intellectual history, their social history. A

lot of scholarship has appeared.

“Had the Ringelblum archive never been found,” Kassow added, “those half-million Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto would have been simply nameless, anonymous victims.”

The Oyneg Shabes wasn’t alone. Organized archives were compiled in Lodz, Bialystok and Vilna ghettos. Individuals wrote journals, including a woman in a Krakow death cell who wrote on toilet paper. Her journal has been published by the University of Massachusetts Press (*Justyna’s Narrative*, by Gusta Davidson Draenger, 1996).

Roberta Grossman, the writer and director of *Who Will Write Our History*, was originally scheduled attend the screening, but was forced to pull out at the last minute. Still, she and one of the project’s producers, Nancy Spielberg, sister of director Stephen Spielberg, videotaped a greeting to the Louisville audience.

The Goldstein-Leibson Second Century Fund made possible Kassow’s appearance.

Angeline Golden, past chair of the festi-

val committee, opened the program by noting how “fortunate” the city was to bring this film here.

“Those of you who live in Louisville know that it is a very special city that has long promoted interfaith dialogue, tolerance, the arts, history, social justice and equal rights,” she said. “It’s sometimes a challenge, but Louisville is always seeking the better way.”

Responding to a question from film festival Director Marsha Bornstein, Kassow described the difficulties in making the picture, including fundraising and writing a screenplay without first-person sources.

He said Grossman dramatized the film, using actors reading lines word for word for the journals saved by the archive. Among those actors were Adrien Brody (*The Pianist*) and Joan Allen (*The Bourne Supremacy*).

“No one is alive today who can talk firsthand about the archive,” he said.

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