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Jews, Muslims partner

National interfaith project establishes Louisville council

By Lee Chottiner

Community Editor

Louisville has become the 11th American metro area to establish a regional presence of the Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council (MJAC), developing a new platform from which to fight hate crime and promote religious minorities.

The Louisville MJAC was rolled out during a Dec. 8 program at the Muhammad Ali Center, which included national leaders of MJAC and its sponsoring organizations: The American Jewish Committee (AJC) and the Islamic Society of North America.

Farooq Kathwari and Stanley Bergman, co-chairs of the national council, spoke at the program.

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), a major partner in the project, has been working with others over the past four months to make the new MJAC a reality. Several JCRC members were on hand for the event.

Louisville now joins New York, Philadelphia/New Jersey, Washington, Detroit, Southern Florida, Houston,



Becky Ruby Swansburg and Dr. Muhammad Babar will chair the new Louisville chapter of the Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council. (Community photo by Chris Joyce)

Dallas, Kansas City and Los Angeles as metro areas with an MJAC.

Becky Ruby Swansburg and Dr. Muhammad Babar will co-chair the Louisville MJAC, which includes a mix of noted leaders from both

communities here. Swansburg, a member of the Jewish Community of Louisville Board of Directors, called Muslim-Jewish relations in Louisville an “unexpected alliance” that is increasingly becoming “very, very

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Wolk to leave KI, congregation announces

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

R a b b i Michael Wolk will be leaving Keneseth Israel Congregation in 2020.

In a letter to the congregation, which was also sent to *Community*,



Rabbi Michael Wolk

KI President Joan Simunic announced that Wolk has decided not to accept an offer to extend his contract beyond its June 30 expiration date.

“It has been a wonderful opportunity working with a professional, dedicated, and a passionate person like him,” Simunic wrote. “He has helped guide KI through some challenging times, he has supported many of us through personal trials, and he has celebrated simchas with us.”

Wolk provided “early notice” of his intent to relocate, she added. Scott Weinberg will now chair a search

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Boxes of Memories: Archives Committee starts photo phase of digital project

By staff reports

In the basement of the Standard Country Club, 11 people sat together in a small room at three tables pushed together, hemmed in by stacks of boxes.

In the adjoining hallway—more boxes. They all contained photos – albums of photos, folders of photos, news photos, photos on poster boards.

The dozens of boxes easily contained thousands of photos.

That doesn't even count the countless strips of negatives, stacks of slides, newspaper clippings from long ago.

The job of these 11 volunteers? Sort through these images, put them into order, discard the duplicates, get them ready to be identified – whenever they can be identified. It's the kind of hard work and commitment they have been putting in for a solid year.

Welcome to phase II of The Jewish Community of Louisville Archives Governance Committee's on endeavor

to process and eventually digitize JCL papers, pictures and media into an organized and searchable resource.

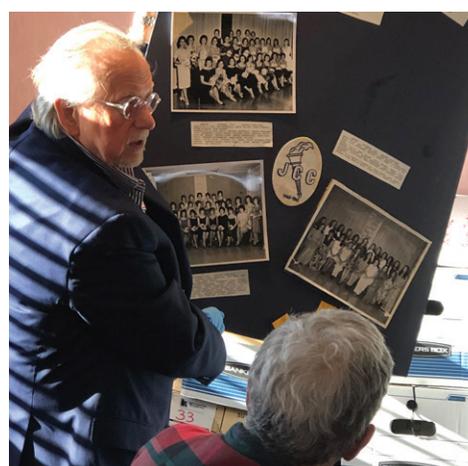
Phase II of the process started in earnest on Dec. 4 at the Standard Club. Abby Glogower, curator of Jewish collections and Jewish Community Archive at the Filson Historical Society, which is creating an online archive, is guiding the effort.

Phase I of the archiving project, a yearlong effort that involved culling and organizing JCL documents, is continuing.

But Fred Joseph, co-chair of the archives committee, said phase II will make phase I look like a walk in the park.

“Preserving our Jewish history is an important endeavor and couldn't have been done without the countless and selfless hours of the committee volunteers,” he said.

At the same time, the Filson has



JCL Archives Governance Committee Co-Chair. Frank Weisberg discusses the process with members. (Community photo)

been working on other collections, including the records of Jewish Hospital. It also has contracted with a company in New York to digitize

the back issues of *Community* on a searchable internet platform, which the museum will host on its website. So far, papers from the '70s and '80s have been digitized, while the 90s are being processed now.

The JCL initiated the archives project, using a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, which pays for staff, storage space and archival supplies. The Filson is working with the Archives Committee.

Separately, the Filson also is collecting historical materials from Jewish individuals, families and organizations. It is collaborating with the Jewish Studies programs at the universities of Louisville and Kentucky, using those collections in teaching and research, and designing exhibits, programs, and workshops.

Eying the stacks of boxes at the

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Rabbi Beth
Jacowitz
Chottiner

A few days before Thanksgiving, I received the following emails from three separate Christian colleagues. All were responding to a disturbing video I had shared with them.

There was this:

"I am so sorry you have to put up with these anti-Semitic threats. I have never heard of this guy, so hopefully his popularity is overstated. I was slightly encouraged that no one in the comments section defended the guy. It seems this type of inflammatory speech should not be legal. I stand with you. If you and Lee ever feel threatened and need a place to stay, you are always welcome in my home. If you want to join us for Thanksgiving it would be our great honor and treat. I so appreciate you. I am praying the fear you feel will not consume your thoughts or invade your sleep."

And this:

"I'm so so sorry, and also horrified, that this sort of hate exists.... I have never heard of this man, but I denounce his rhetoric whole-heartedly. I choose not to call him a minister because nothing he stands for aligns with the calling that I accepted as a minister for Jesus. And I vow to do what I can to make sure this ideology has as little influence as possible in our city. Please know that I ... offer my home and my church as refuge to you and your loved ones if you ever need it. We got your back.... Love wins."

Then this:

"I too stand with you, and not this bigoted minister. Most of the people who follow me on social media would not take such talk seriously, and again I've never heard of the person. But I'd be happy to denounce him publicly if you think that would help."

These emails were in response to my sharing a video of Rick Wiles, a highly controversial American pastor based in Florida. When I first saw one of his online broadcasts, I couldn't believe what I was hearing.

Wiles broadcasts on *TruNews*, an online internet "news" source that promotes racist and anti-Semitic theories. In his broadcast that I shared with my colleagues, he makes the following heinous accusations:

"They (the Jews) are deceivers. They plot, they lie, they do whatever they have to do to accomplish their political agenda. This Impeach Trump movement is a Jew coup, and the American people better wake up to it really fast.... This is a coup led by Jews to overthrow the constitutionally elected President of the United States, and it's beyond removing Donald Trump, it's removing you and me.... They're coming for you. There will be a purge; that's the next thing that happens when Jews take over a country – they kill millions of Christians."

While I don't want to do anything to promote Wiles' disgusting sentiments, we need to be aware of him and those who think like him.

Shaken, I emailed the video to two ministers and a college professor with whom I have worked on interfaith programs.

"I'm wondering what you know about this minister and how widespread his reach is," I asked them. "I was sitting here eating sushi and now – to be honest – I'm truly scared! Any thoughts or input would be greatly appreciated."

I'm grateful for their responses, their affirmations of love and support. I know their remarks are sincere.

However, never in my life did I expect it would be necessary – in this country – for my family to be offered sanctuary! Let us be grateful for our neighbors as we remain vigilant in the protection of ourselves.

Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner is the spiritual leader of Temple Shalom.

Snapshots: Momentum



Jewish Louisville's third JWRP Momentum women's trip went to Israel in December. The participants are sending back photos of their experiences in the Jewish state.

Candles

Here are the candle lighting times for Shabbat in January:

- Jan 3 @ 5:17
- Jan 10 @ 5:23
- Jan 17 @ 5:31
- Jan 24 @ 5:38
- Jan 31 @ 5:46

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day, Jan. 31.

Submitting an item for *Community's* weekly eblast? Please submit it by Friday. The eblast is sent out every Monday afternoon.

Corrections

The Nov. 22 story, "You Cry AND Laugh," was intended only to report the release of the movie lineup for the 2020 Louisville Jewish Film Festival. A more detailed story, including dates, venues and information about special programs and guests, will be in the January *Community*.

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NEWS

Commitments kept

Coan won't seek reelection to Metro Council District 8; touts achievements

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

After four years on the job, plus one year of planning and campaigning, Louisville Metro Councilman Brandon Coan has decided that's enough.

The first-term Democrat representing District 8 (The Highlands), and the only Jewish member of Metro Council, has announced he will not seek reelection next year.

"It has been a challenging, rewarding, sometimes frustrating and deeply meaningful personal experience," Coan said in his District 8 newsletter to his constituents.

He said in that statement that he has kept the commitments he made during his 2016 run and that he was "on track" to accomplish most of his four-year objectives as they relate to local politics, reorienting the transit system, protecting the environment, cleaning and beautifying District 8 and organizing against crime.

But there's only so much a councilman can do, Coan told *Community*.

"There are some limitations on what

you're able to accomplish as a council person," he said, "You don't get to remake government in your own image."

He cited a "competition for resources" among all 26 districts that only complicates the job.

"I felt I was reaching the limit for the kind of things you could accomplish," he said.

A Louisville native, practicing attorney, husband and father, Coan said leaving office does not mean he's going away.

"I haven't lost my interest in the community," he said.

Nor would he rule out endorsing a candidate to succeed him next year.

He said there are issues the next District 8 councilmember must take up. Chief among them are the redesign of Bardstown Road as a safe, attractive corridor for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and shopkeepers.

"That's a big project," Coan said, "a major thing that will define our traffic network and the heart of our commercial corridor for generations."

He also cited the need for "strategic partnerships" to compensate for

scarce revenue. Specifically, he said Louisville Metro and the Jefferson County Public Schools must work closer together.

He's interested in seeing the city and school district develop the idea of "community schools" as centralizing structures for neighborhoods with their own libraries, computer labs and playgrounds, avoiding duplication of effort.

He also called for more regionalization, developing closer partnerships with communities in southern Indiana.

Coan is a trustee of the Norton Foundation and a past director on the boards of Louisville Public Media, Brightside and the Kentucky College of Art and Design at Spalding University. He also co-chaired the capital campaign at Louisville Public Media and has been recognized as a New Face of Philanthropy.

He lives in Tyler Park with his wife, Summer Auerbach, and their son, Simon.

He's not the first Jewish member of Metro Council or the old Louisville City Council. Jerry Abramson also served.



Brandon Coan

Prior to him were Alan Steinberg in the 1970s and Dan Byck in the 1940s.

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NEWS

KFC relaunching in Israel, but it won't be kosher this time

By staff and wire reports

Louisville-based KFC is relaunching in Israel for the fourth time, but this time its restaurants will not be kosher.

The first branch is set to open this month in the Arab city of Nazareth, in northern Israel, Israel's *Mako* news reported.

Negotiations are underway for dozens of other branches throughout the country, according to the report.

But the restaurants won't be kosher, said Omer Zeidner, head of KFC Israel, in response to written questions from *Community*. KFC's recipe is not kosher, he said, nor does the company have kosher restaurants anywhere in the world.

"We will listen to the market demands and will certainly consider future options as we expand our presence," he said.

KFC has tried kosher restaurants in Israel before. In its last incarnation there, franchise owner Udi Shamai's eight locations went kosher after the company allowed him to switch the milk powder in the crispy coating to soy and to use chickens slaughtered by kosher methods instead of those provided by the company.

"The moment we switched to kosher, sales began to plunge and it was no longer economically viable," Shamai told *Globes* in February. "The product was less good, whereas things had gone fine with unkosher chickens."

Zeidner said KFC tries to maintain the same product standard wherever it does business.

"One of the key lessons learned from KFC's experience in Israel is to not settle on taste," he said. "This is by no means an ideological choice. We



KFC is again trying to enter the Israeli fast food market.

closed in Israel in the 1980s and the '90s, and then remained open between 2003 and 2012.

The company has 23,000 outlets in at least 141 countries, including six outlets in three West Bank Palestinian cities.

Zeidner said the decision to reenter the Israeli fast food market with non-kosher restaurants "was taken after a long and in-depth market study that examined the potential of the Israeli market and local preferences."

"Our focus is to ensure that as we launch our restaurants, the menu options are exactly the same as they are in other markets," he said. "Israelis enjoy KFC when they travel abroad and are looking for the same freshly prepared tasty KFC at home in Israel."

simply want to offer the best tasting experience for our customers."

Kentucky Fried Chicken opened and

JTA contributed to this story.

Jewish students assaulted trying to enter Indiana University fraternity party

By JTA

Three Jewish students at Indiana University trying to enter a fraternity party were physically assaulted and subjected to anti-Semitic slurs by members of the fraternity.

The university in Bloomington said in a statement that it was "fully

investigating" the incident, in which the Jewish students were attacked when attempting to enter the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house on Friday night. They allegedly were set upon by a group of 11 fraternity members.

The university has suspended the fraternity.

"IU police detectives are investigating in consultation" with police, the university said, adding that Pi Kappa Phi "was placed on an organization Cease and Desist, meaning members may not host or participate in organization activities" until the case is resolved.

The university, which hosts the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, one of the most prominent centers of academic research into anti-Semitism in the United States, said it "condemns bias or violence in any form and will hold individuals and organizations accountable."

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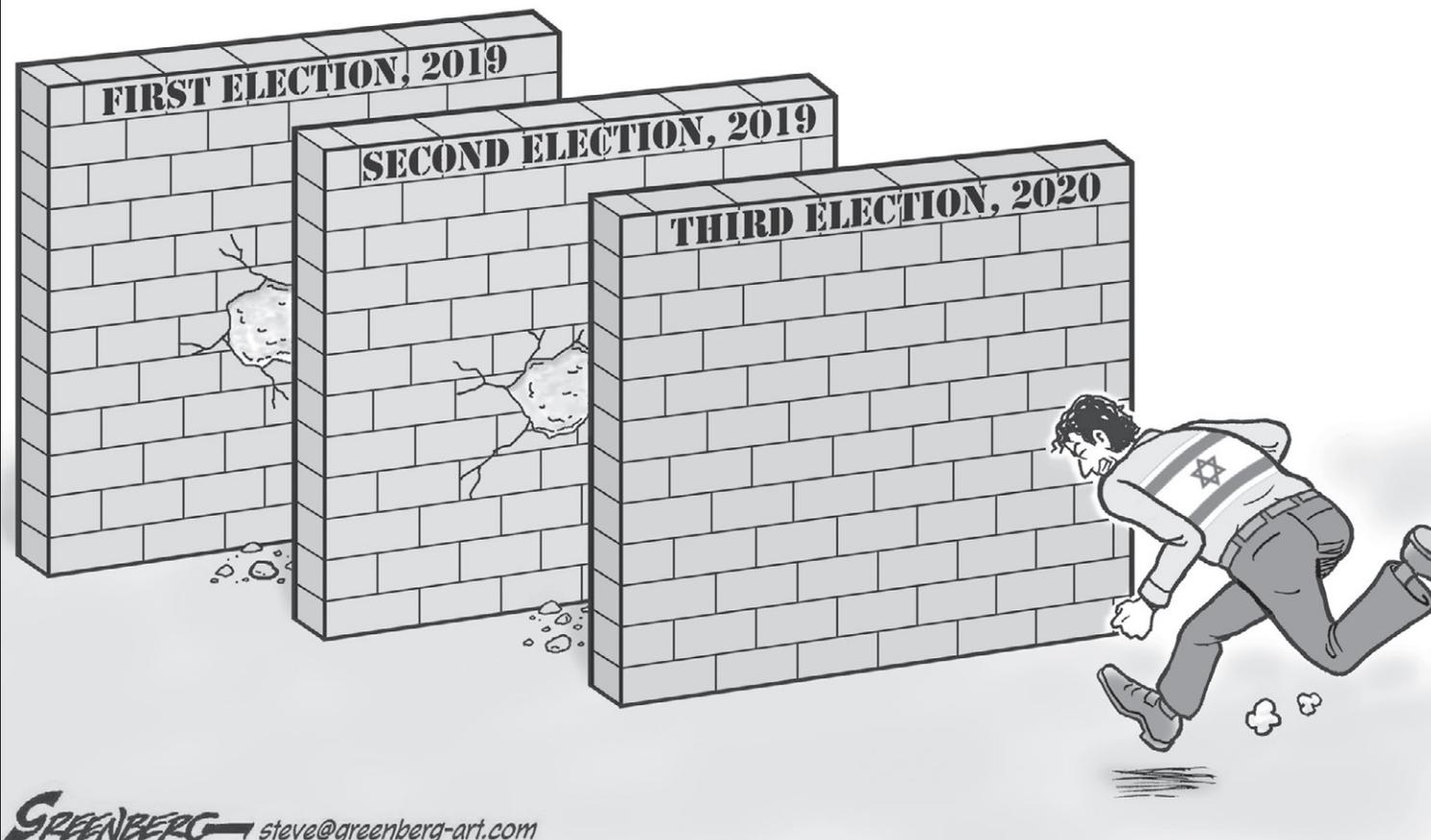
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FORUM

“Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”



Most Jews are not single-issue voters



Human Resources

Lee Chottiner

I have a fraternity brother who likes to debate me on a host of issues. We never agree.

No matter what we're discussing, though, he invariably breaks off, changes the subject and asks me, "but don't you like that the embassy has been moved to Jerusalem?"

We could have been talking about health care, climate change, Supreme Court choices. It doesn't matter. What about the embassy, that's his default question.

It became clear to me – sad to say, since I have known the guy for over 30 years – that because I am a Jew, he considers me a single-issue voter. And Israel is the issue.

What if I were a Protestant? A Catholic? A Hindu? What if I were black, Hispanic, East Asian? Would he still pick out one issue, deciding that it alone eclipsed every other matter that an informed American voter should care about?

Yeah, I was a little ticked off at my friend, which was why I never actually answered that question when he posed

it – again and again and again.

(For the record, yes, I want Jerusalem to be universally recognized as Israel's capital. I want that recognition to come within the framework of a comprehensive peace plan, one that all sides can live with, but that's just me. Back to the column.)

I got to thinking about my friend, and his impression of me as a single-issue voter, when I recently read about a new poll by J Street, which asked Jewish voters to name their two most important issues. Just 4 percent of those responding chose Israel, even though that same survey found that 65 percent said they were somewhat or very emotionally attached to the state.

The J Street poll isn't the only one to reach those results. The American Jewish Committee found a similar gap when it surveyed Jewish voters in 2015.

There are two things to unpack here. First, even though most voters polled didn't name Israel as one of their top two issues, that doesn't mean they wouldn't have put it third, fourth, if they had that option. Those positions are still pretty good, in my book.

Second, it's a historic fact of life in this country that Americans overwhelmingly vote on domestic issues over foreign policy. Their health, their money, their air and water mean more to them than the Middle East, Europe, pretty much anywhere else in the world. That, of course, includes Jewish Americans.

Which brings me back to the single-issue thing. Whether you're a Republican

or a Democrat, a conservative or a liberal, an interventionist or an isolationist, a capitalist or a socialist, when political groups seek your vote, assuming that you care about Israel to the exclusion of almost everything else, that's not exactly a compliment. It's not that you don't care about Israel (you probably do if you're reading this paper), but because few, if any, other voting blocs are subjected to the same litmus test.

Many people are, indeed, single-issue voters. They vote on abortion, gun rights, climate change. Many vote straight party tickets.

And yes, many of them vote on Israel.

But when people are assumed to be single-issue voters simply because of their ethnicity, religion or skin color, then they tend to be "othered," which breeds, exclusion, resentment, hostility and, for Jews, anti-Semitism.

The 2020 election year will begin in a matter of days. Settle in for a solid year of debates, commercials, rallies, hacking, bots, junk mail, emails, conflicting newscasts, charges and countercharges.

Jewish voters ought to make Israel part of their political calculus – too much is at stake to do otherwise – but when they go the polls, they should be treated as all other voters. Most of us care about the world around us, not just one small part. That's what *tikkun olam* is all about.

Lee Chottiner is the editor of The Jewish Louisville Community.

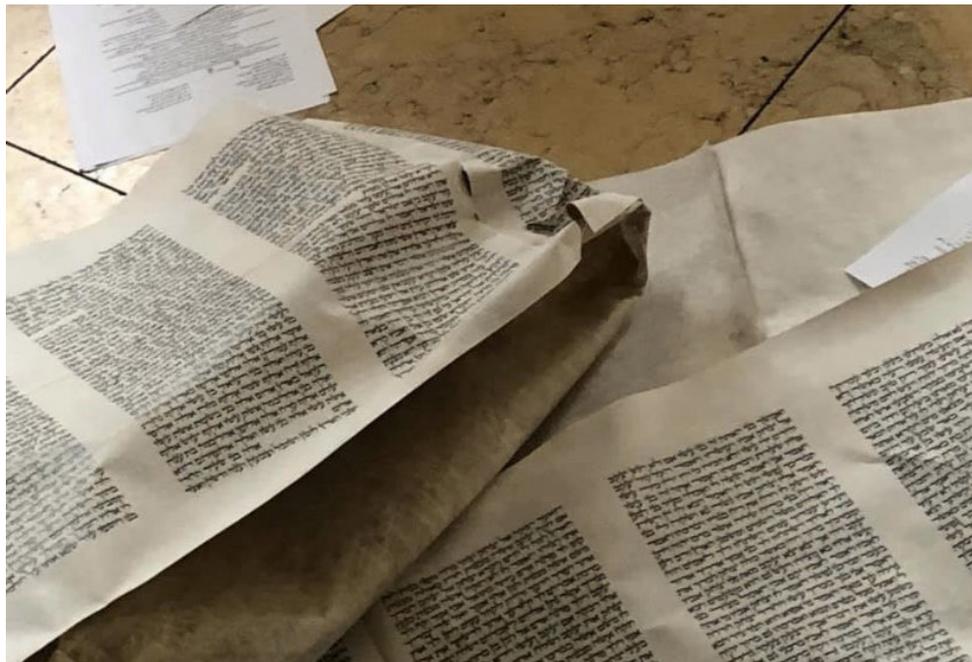
FORUM

Anti-Semitism is on the rise; silence is not the answer



JCRC Scene

Matt Goldberg



Torah scrolls were unrolled crumpled, torn and left on the floor of the Nessah Synagogue in Beverly Hills during the vandalism of the building on Saturday, Dec. 14. (photo by George Haroonian)

Things have not always been this bad. Until recently, incidents of anti-Semitism have been at historic lows. Jews generally felt safe in their own communities, in their Jewish institutions, and in their houses of worship.

But things are awful right now, and this past month is a microcosm of how far we have fallen in such a short time.

In Beverly Hills, California, a Persian synagogue was desecrated by vandals and the visuals were shocking. Pictures of Torah scrolls defaced and strewn about, relics destroyed, and prayer books ruined were scenes reminiscent of a very different time and place, not something happening in Beverly Hills in 2019.

At Indiana University, three Jewish students were assaulted while trying to enter a fraternity party. Anti-Jewish epithets were hurled at the students involved. IU is investigating.

Shockingly, at the White House Chanukah party, a pastor who once claimed Jews (and other non-Christians) were going to hell was introduced by the president and welcomed with open arms there.

And last week, we saw the horrible

tragedy in Jersey City, New Jersey, where two gunmen killed a police officer and then aimed their guns inside a kosher supermarket, killing three more people. The situation could have been far worse, with authorities claiming that the real target of these killers was a Yeshiva

next door with over 50 children inside. Thankfully, the quick work of the brave police officers prevented an even greater massacre.

These are just snapshots of global increases in anti-Semitism, and it is not just anecdotal. Statistically, there are massive increases in anti-Semitic acts all over the world. (A Jewish cemetery was defaced in France last week as well.)

This follows an election in Great Britain where Jeremy Corbyn, the leader of one of the Labour Party, has utterly failed to deal with a systemic and pervasive anti-Semitism problem in his ranks and who is complicit in anti-Semitic acts and statements himself. He was deemed such a threat to the Jewish community that British Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis took the unprecedented step of urging people not to vote for the Labour Party, and over half the Jewish community was considering leaving Britain had Corbyn won.

There are no easy answers here, but there is room for a small amount of optimism. Corbyn's party was ultimately defeated – soundly – (although his opponent, Boris Johnson, has said deplorable things about Muslims; the Jewish community should not embrace him until he apologizes and those

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FORUM

What to tell children in the aftermath of Jersey City shooting

By Rabbi Dovid Fox
For JTA

LOS ANGELES — Another Jewish community has sustained a bloody attack that left Jews everywhere reeling. On Tuesday, Dec. 10, a small enclave of Hasidic Jews in Jersey City, New Jersey had their world shaken and disrupted during a frightening siege. Schools were on lockdown, four people were murdered and people from around the Jewish world suddenly were on high alert yet again. Whether overheard in adult conversations, picked up on radio or TV news broadcasts, or through word of mouth in the schoolyard, many of our children are undoubtedly aware of this truly horrific event. In my line of work with Project Chai, the crisis intervention, trauma and bereavement department of Chai Lifeline, I have sadly encountered these situations all too frequently. From Pittsburgh to Poway to Jersey City, anti-Semitism knows no bounds. In the wake of this devastation in our community, we – as parents, educators and community leaders – must address the emotional and psychological impact

such incidents can have on our children. The following are some general guidelines for those of us asking “What do we tell our children now?”

Talk with them.

Do not assume children will speak up if they need to; be proactive. Ask them if they have heard about the event. Encourage them to talk with you about what they know, and what they do not know, at a level, pace and degree that is appropriate to their age and maturity. Respond to their questions, correct misinformation and provide reassurance about their safety.

Assure them they are safe.

Children need to ask their questions and be given short answers that satisfy and are sensible. Listen attentively when they share their views. Validate their concerns.

Maintain a regular routine.

Eating, sleeping, attending school and other responsibilities are important for growing minds (and for all of us). Structure is healing. Normalcy is soothing. Be patient and gentle, but help them return to regular functioning as soon as possible.

Offer encouragement.

A person’s initial reactions will change with time, and it is helpful to point out to children that what they are now experiencing is a normal stage, and that they likely will have different thoughts, feelings and attitudes as the days pass. Be an open door for each child to speak with you and check in with them regularly. Do not assume that a child’s silence means that they are not struggling. Do not “pathologize” and assume that a child’s reactions are indicative of deeper problems.

Don’t act as judge and jury.

Your responsibility is to educate and support your child, not to editorialize about the crime. Assert to the pondering child that murder is wrong – focusing less on the perpetrators of the crime and more on the concept of right and wrong. Refrain from offering your opinions about the perpetrators, which only serve to distract from the larger issues that may need your attention.

Steer clear of misleading.

Now is not the moment to inspire or scold your child for their reactions, feelings or thoughts in any way. Now is

the time to support and nurture them and console them, for their fears and sadness. Stay focused on the present.

Give space to process.

Allow your children to have their own reactions, but aim to help them regulate their thoughts and behaviors. Offer them the opportunity to discuss their confusion with a trusted authority or mentor. You are there to guide them, to educate them, to encourage and inspire them.

Remember that the ways in which children are “walked through” a crisis or trauma will shape the ways in which they respond to subsequent life challenges. Your words, your demeanor, your honesty, your sincerity and your respectfulness can teach them resiliency and can equip them with tools and skills for coping and handling the stresses they will encounter later in life.

Rabbi Dovid Fox is the director of interventions and community education at Project Chai, the crisis intervention, trauma and bereavement department of Chai Lifeline.

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After many beautiful days in our neighborhood, Sadle and Cahen to retire from The J



Sara's View

Sara Klein
Wagner

The late Fred Rogers – *the Mr. Rogers* of the long-running children's TV show, *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood* – has not lost his popularity or relevance.

Mr. Rogers debuted in 1968 singing his way into the hearts of children and reminding his audience every day how happy he was to see them again.

In our polarized world it is understandable that we also crave the warm community of neighbors. People of all ages find familiar welcoming neighbors at The J just like children wanted to come back to Mr Rogers neighborhood day after day to experience the World of Make Believe, with Lady Aberlin and King Friday XIII.

So whenever I take guests on a tour of The J, I always point out one area in particular that serves as a unique "neighborhood." I show off the senior adult lounge sandwiched between our early learning classrooms and directly across from the offices of our Early



Norma Cahen

Learning Center (ELC) director and assistant director.

This special neighborhood has been led by two passionate and caring leaders, Diane Sadle, senior adult director, and Norma Cahen, director of early learning. As both Diane and Norma approach retirement this month, I can't help but point out that we have had our own versions of Mr. Rogers (or, in this case, Mrs. Rogers) right here on Dutchmans Lane.

Mr. Rogers debuted over 50 years ago, capturing the attention of children for generations. He understood that



Diane Sadle

young people need and deserve attention. Like Mr. Rogers, Diane and Norma have spent vibrant careers and countless moments culminating at The J, sharing gentleness, kindness and empathy.

Anyone who has spent five minutes in the ELC-Senior adult neighborhood has observed Diane and Norma engaging the children and seniors, offering them respect and one-on-one attention.

Diane started her work at the then-Jewish Community Center 27 years ago, working part-time as

a nutritionist for the senior lunch program. Today, she is responsible for planning, gathering seniors together and delivering over 250,000 meals.

Norma came out of retirement five years ago to lead the ELC. She took it to a new level of excellence while infusing her wisdom and warmth along the way.

Norma has written emails each week to ELC families. This excerpt from her most recent message shows why every day is a beautiful day in our J neighborhood:

"As we put into motion the final frenzied buying of gifts for family and friends for Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanza and Festivus (!)," she wrote, "remember what Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks said, "For though my faith is not yours and your faith is not mine, if we are each free to light our own flame, together we can banish some of the darkness of the world."

Diane and Norma will be succeeded by well-qualified professionals, each of whom will move their departments forward. Still, the flames that these two women lit during their years at The J will continue to light the way, and for that, we are grateful to them.

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



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NEWS

Israeli journalist: U.S. media 'toxic' while Israel's is overregulated

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

An Israeli broadcast journalist bemoaned the "toxic" state of the American media in politics during a recent visit here.

"What has become of the U.S. media, I don't even know how to define it," said Tal Heinrich, until recently an anchorwoman in the New York City studio of i24 News. "It has changed so much; it's toxic, it's polarized."

As a result, Americans are bombarded by waves of harsh rhetoric from their news outlets and distrust those they disagree with. Result: Americans from different ends of the political spectrum don't talk to each other.

Things aren't that bad in Israel, she said.

"It feels like dirty games, just dirty games, in American politics and in Israeli politics," Heinrich said. "I'm just happy that the rhetoric in Israel is a bit less toxic."

She added, "Even the Israeli atmosphere around this crazy year of political turmoil (the inconclusive national elections) is nothing like that [in the states]."

Heinrich, 35, who visited Louisville on Dec. 10, spoke at an AIPAC program at the home of Frank and Barbara Weisberg. She spoke about the Middle East in 2020.

Heinrich sat down with *Community* earlier in the day in her hotel lobby, in a meeting that was not part of the AIPAC program.

The Israeli media has problems of its own, Heinrich said. Namely, overregulation of its media market, making it difficult for a new news outlet such as i24 to get established.

"The system in Israel, it's a very socialist country; people tend to forget," she said. "It's very hard to change regulation, and regulation is eating every sector almost – not the tech sector, but in the media sector. It is very prominent."

Unless that changes, she said the



Tal Heinrich

few Israeli media will struggle gaining the trust of readers and viewers.

"This is why people feel that they don't get represented on air. They don't see people who think like them."

Founded in 2013 as a 24-hour news and current affairs network that broadcasts in English, French and Arabic, i24 has been called "Israel's answer to Al Jazeera," a network that would provide a more factually balanced view of the Jewish state.

Even so, i24 didn't begin broadcasting in Israel until 2018, which Heinrich blamed on the regulatory issue.

This month, i24 was the subject of an investigative story by the Israeli daily Haaretz, which reported the news network "gelded" its independence, becoming more pro-Netanyahu to gain a broadcast license.

Heinrich was critical of the story.

"Never, ever, I was told what to say or who to interview," she said. "I never had these issues."

An i24 anchor since 2014, Heinrich hosted the Crossroads program weeknights at 6 p.m. until recently. She also served as a correspondent covering the United Nations.

She has previously worked as a producer for CNN International in the network's Jerusalem bureau, covering the 2014 war between Israel and Gaza, the 2015 national election and the "Knife Intifada" that same

year. She also hosted news shows on Israel's Channel 20 and Walla News and was a broadcaster on Israel's premier sports channel.

Heinrich visited Louisville hours before the Knesset dissolved itself, meaning the country would go to its third national election in less than a year.

She was not optimistic about the process.

"You know what's the saddest part about that? Even if tomorrow morning there is government, there is a parliament, I don't believe they will even start changing the system ... having a constitution or a presidential system, direct vote for the premier, just changing the system so this won't happen again," she said. "That's the saddest part about it all. It's the system that's not working."



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THE J CENTERPIECE

TOP ART

Two portraits, one landscape, winners at this year's Mazin

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Two oil paintings and an acrylic portrait took top honors at this year's Mazin Juried Art Exhibition at The J Patio Gallery.

First place and a \$1,000 prize went to Elizabeth Bizianes for her oil-on-canvas work, "Morning II," Ronald Anderson took second place (\$500) for his acrylic workn "Derby Dreams," and Shawn Marshall took third place (\$300) for "Dreamers," an impressionist-style landscape.

Bizianes said Morning II is a portrait of her 24-year-old son, Alex.

"I have actually painted him several times, from the time he was small until now," she said. "That was the most recent time. I guess it's the danger of having an artist for a mother."

She said the painting, the second of two (hence the title), employs light streaming in from a nearby window.

"That was the real interest for me," she said, "and the shadows the window creates on him."

A private art teacher with her own studio on Bardstown Road, Bizianes said she dabbles in all forms of media, enabling her to better help her students work with them.

But she prefers painting—oil, acrylic and watercolor.

"I like to be adventurous, but it usually comes down to portraiture because that is what I find interesting. The human face never gets boring to me."

She studied art at the University of Louisville and went to work as a graphic designer before stopping to stay at home with her kids.

"When I came back to work, I decided to be a painter instead."

A painter now for 25 years, Bizianes has been exhibited around town, including three to four times at the Mazin.

"The first time I was in the Mazin, Julius Friedman was the judge," she said. "That was special; I always idolized him."

Friedman was a graphic designer and artist who produced posters for the Kentucky Center for the Arts, the Louisville Ballet and other organizations. "He was excellent; he had a real eye," she said, "so it was awesome to be chosen by him to be in the show."

As an added treat for Bizianes, she was exhibited at this year's Mazin with one of her students: Howard Klein.

"It was his second show ever, so he was very pleased, and rightfully so, to be chosen," she said. "Since it is a juried exhibition, it is an honor just to be chosen. You have already won something just by being in it."

Anderson took second place for "Derby Dreams,"

A life size acrylic portrait of his son, Ian, smoking a cigar at Churchill Downs on Derby Day.

"My son and I enjoy going to the Derby every year, going to the infield," Anderson said, "and the portrait is my son smoking a cigar (near the paddocks). That's just a time I cherish; it means a lot to me."

At 34 by 36 inches, the canvas is the largest portrait he's done.

"I've always liked a challenge; everything I do is because it challenges me."

A nurse by profession, Anderson describes himself as an amateur artist who has been painting most of his life. He works in the acrylic and oil media.

"They both have their advantages," he said. "For a larger canvas, I generally do acrylic. For smaller canvases, I generally work in oil."

"I do it for fun," he said.

It's the not the first time he's entered the Mazin.

"The only time I've really shown my work is at the Patio Gallery of the Jewish Community Center. I've belonged to the Jewish Community Center since the 1980s."

Marshall won third place for her oil-on-canvas painting Dreamers, an expansive landscape painting that speaks to the hopes of immigrant families trying to cross the border from Mexico.

"I tried to imagine what they might have imagined it would be like to cross into America and live the American dream, looking at the American horizon in front of them," Marshall said. "But instead, they are being detained in horrible conditions in camps."

A self-described "third-culture kid," who grew up overseas," Marshall said she knows what it's like to

be a stranger in a strange land.

"My family moved many times," she said. "Along with Cyprus and Germany, I also lived in Beirut, Lebanon in the midst of the civil war in the '70s. I saw violence and lived in fear."

"The one thing that appeared to remain peaceful was the distant landscape, specifically the horizon. In dreams, the distant horizon represents hope and an inspiration of a better future."

A visual arts teacher at North Oldham High School, Marshall paints with oil on canvas as her primary medium. She trained as an architect at the University of Kentucky and Cornell University, where she also minored in fine arts. She started her art career in sculpture and is a member of ENID; Generations of Women Sculptors.

She is a self-taught painter whose works has been exhibited in Louisville, Lexington, Chicago and Ft. Worth, Texas, and numerous private and in corporate collections.

Honorable Mention went to Colleen Reasor for her 3D artwork "Quiet Zone."

The Mazin exhibition is funded in part by the family of Bernice Mazin – its founder and a prolific artist throughout her life. The family includes Dennis and Judy Hummel, Arnold and Marilyn Miller. This year's exhibit drew 53 entries. The exhibit runs through Dec. 26.



Clockwise from the left, the winning entries at this year's Mazin were "Morning II," "Derby Dreams" and "Dreamers."

So long, Diane: J staff fetes senior adult director at retirement party

After 27 years at The J, Diane Sadle, director of the Senior Adult Center, was given an emotional farewell during a Dec. 10 event in the auditorium.

Health & Wellness Director Susan Kwasny, the master of ceremonies, wished Sadle well and introduced the other speakers,

including JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner, Nutrition Site Manager Natalie Kusyo, Film Festival Director Marsha Bornstein Sadle's husband, Elliott, and past employees.

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Birkenau, I had the same feelings. I was standing in the spots that I knew people had walked on to their death. Thankfully, I do not have any family members that died in the Holocaust but seeing the concentration camps gave me a sense of understanding that I didn't have before. Seeing this inspired me to take a class about the 'Rise & Fall of Nazi Germany.' I hope to continue to learn more myself, and hopefully be able to educate others.

What stood out to me most during my trip was my visit to the Western Wall. Being able to physically touch what is said to be one of the holiest places in Jerusalem really rounded out my trip. The connection I made in Israel is completely unmatched. I was in such a special place with the people I had been waiting for years with to go on this trip. I reconnected with old friends and got closer with new friends. I left Israel feeling a connection with the country as a whole – knowing I needed to make many more visits soon.

-Hannah Geller

I consider the opportunity to visit Israel this summer a life-changing experience. Having travelled there before with my family many years ago, I knew what to expect, but the way everything made me feel, was extremely memorable. What stuck with me the most was visiting concentration camps in Poland. When I walked under the 'Arbeit Macht Freit' sign at the entrance of Auschwitz, feelings of disbelief went through my head. Standing on the train tracks at

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From Deb Frockt JFCS CEO

At Hanukkah, we are reminded that even during the darkest hours of the darkest days, a single candle can pierce the night. Hidden things are illuminated. Their power to frighten is dispelled when we are able to see clearly what's in front of us and name what was previously lurking in the shadows.

Far too often, mental health continues to be that hidden thing.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, half of Americans will be

diagnosed with a mental disorder or illness at some point in their lifetimes. But, as a society, we remain uncomfortable and ill prepared to discuss mental health.

When people experience a physical injury or illness – cancer or heart issues, for example – we tend to rally around them, as we should. However, when someone experiences a mental health issue, what do we tend to do?

We back away from them.

We prioritize physical health over mental health. As a society, we still don't know how to talk about, much less provide support for, individuals experiencing mental illness or substance use challenges. We have, likely without even realizing it, created a culture in which people feel ashamed to ask for help – to seek the anchor of support so necessary for healing.

JFCS believes each of us has the power to be a first-responder when we encounter someone in crisis. We have invested in

training our staff so that we can now offer Mental Health First Aid courses.

Our vision is a community collectively more prepared to respond to those in need and to help them find a path to professional services and recovery.

The first step in addressing the challenge is to combat the stigmas associated with mental health and substance use. Through Mental Health First Aid trainings, we explore the power of the words we use and how our language can amplify or reduce stigma.

Through Mental Health First Aid trainings, we also equip individuals to offer support. We are planting seeds so that people in the community are prepared as “noticers.” We empower them to recognize the signs of mental illness and to develop the skills necessary to respond with non-judgmental social support. We know that once people feel comfort and acceptance, they are more likely to seek professional help.

And, of course, we offer professional services at JFCS. In addition to individual, couples, and family counseling, we can also provide our clients psychiatric medication assessment and management.

Mental Health First Aid is just one of the evidenced-based modalities we use. Many of our staff are trained in cognitive behavioral therapy and other best practices that are tailored to meet individual needs. As an agency, we are highly collaborative and networked with other service providers. We often connect people to community resources outside of JFCS, if their needs extend beyond our purview.

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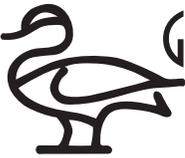
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The Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council, a national effort to promote religious pluralism while supporting efforts to fight hatred, rolled out its new Louisville council during a program on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Muhammad Ali Center. The national chairs and Mayor Greg Fischer spoke at the event while members of the local council were introduced to the audience. Lonnie Ali, widow of the late heavyweight champion, said her husband would have been “elated” by the news that the MJAC was established here. (Community photos by Chris Joyce)





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SENIOR EVENTS CALENDARS

Chavurat Shalom for January

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will present, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Israeli Politics but Were Afraid to Ask," followed by speculation about who will be Israel's next prime minister. Lunch will include a deli platter, chicken and rice soup, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and cookies and brownies.

THURSDAY, JAN. 16

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will present, "Jewish Women and Women's Suffrage." Lunch will include three-cheese quesadillas, Mexican-style rice, Mayan-style lima beans, Caesar salad, fresh fruit and Mexican style chocolate

mousse with raspberries.

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

Jessica Hyden will perform a harp program. Lunch will include cheese tortellini with smoked salmon, broccoli with roasted red peppers, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and banana pudding.

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

Jeff Springer will perform a piano concert in the Waller Chapel. Lunch in the Heideman will include roast turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, kale salad, fresh fruit and apple cobbler.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

Jason Parroco, Hosparus Health manager of community outreach, will perform on the ukulele. January and February birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated. Lunch will include chicken and dumplings, mixed vegetables, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and celebratory carrot cake.

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. All programs will be held in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Hwy. 42, unless otherwise noted in the listing, with lunch starting at noon, followed by our program at 1 pm. Transportation can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services at 502-452-6341. Transportation to Chavurat Shalom is \$5 round-trip. Chavurat Shalom is funded through the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, The Temple, The Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood, NCJW, the Jewish Federation of Louisville, and other donors.

The J Senior Center for January

TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 12:45 P.M.

Mike O'Bryan will lead a selection of musical melodies on accordion. Refreshments will be served after the program.

FRIDAY, JAN 17.

Deposits are due for the Travel Club's trip to Savannah, Jekyll Island, Georgia, and Beaufort,

South Carolina. The club will leave Louisville on Monday, June 1, and return Saturday, June 6. Prices start at \$625; the deposit is \$75.

MONDAY, JAN. 20, 11 A.M.

The Book Club will meet in the library to discuss *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.

MONDAY, JAN. 20, 5:30 P.M.

The Gourmet Dining Club will have dinner at The Oriental House on Shelbyville Road. Cost of transportation is \$4.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21, 12:45 P.M.

Sara Robinson will lead a Martin Luther King presentation, playing 1960s music on the

piano. Refreshments will be served after the program.

TUESDAY, JAN. 28, 12:45 P.M.

Jessica Hayden will perform musical selections on the harp. Refreshments will be served.

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Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism in Theory & Practice	Dr. Marcia Texler Segal	Sounds & Stories of the American Jewish Experience	Cantor David Lipp (course dates 1/16 – 3/12)
Sounds and Stories of the American Jewish Experience **	Cantor David Lipp (course dates: 1/14 – 3/10)	(M) Bereshit (Genesis) I: Creation to Abraham & Sarah	Deborah Slosberg

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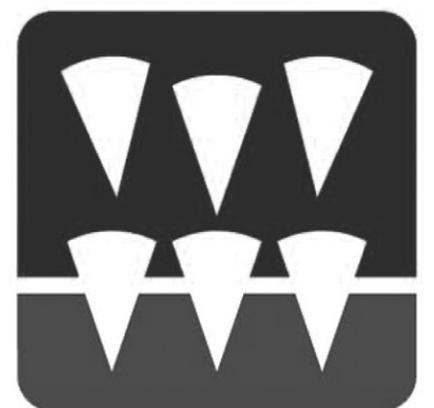
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PICTURE THIS: FEDERATION NIGHT

Jewish Louisvillians turned out for Federation Night at the Kentucky Center for the Arts on Saturday, Dec. 7. In addition to a Middle Eastern dinner and remarks by Leon Wahba, the crowd saw the Tony Award-winning musical "The Band's Visit," an uplifting story of a lost Egyptian band's arrival in an Israeli town and the way the musicians change lives. (Community photos by Jessica Budnick)



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Louisville wins it all at annual Drew Corson Tourney

By staff and releases

Jewish Louisville teens – boys and girls – prevailed at the 25th Annual Drew Corson Basketball Tournament, which ran from Nov. 15 to 17 at The J.

The Louisville A team beat Indianapolis A in the boys division, while Jay Levine BBG bested B'yachad BBG (Indianapolis) by a single point.

It was the first time girls basketball

has been included in the tournament.

“The girls coached themselves,” said Becca Waller, Jewish teen & tween director at The J and BBYO city director.

In all, 83 teens from the Kentucky Indiana Ohio BBYO region took part in this year’s tournament, which, in addition to basketball, included Shabbat services and Shabbat dinner on Friday night, along with a program

and a dance Saturday evening.

Both championship games were played Sunday, as was the Drew Corson alumni game.

The tournament is held every year to honor the memory of Drew Corson, a Louisville teen who passed away at the 1994 JCC Maccabi Games in Cleveland.

Louisville and Indianapolis each put two teams on the court for the boys

division; Cincinnati and Columbus, one team in each. In the girl’s division, are four cities fielded a single team.

Waller began exploring the idea of a girls basketball tournament with the BBGs following last year’s Corson tournament.

“After they expressed great interest, I worked with them to make their wish a reality,” she said. “It was only in the works since the last tournament.”

AANP honors nurse practitioner Abraham



Alyce Goodman Abraham

Alyce Goodman Abraham has won the American Association of Nurse Practitioners’ State Award for Excellence for 2020. The award is given to an individual in each state who has demonstrated excellence in clinical practice.

Abraham pioneered the role of the pelvic pain nurse practitioner. Nationally recognized for her work, she is known in Kentucky for her compassionate care in treating a difficult and often under-appreciated problem.

A 1995 graduate from Vanderbilt University, Abraham is board certified in women’s health and has a certification in pelvic muscle therapy. She is a member of the International Pelvic Pain Society and has lectured locally, regionally and nationally, raising awareness of pelvic pain.

Employed by the University of Louisville Physicians Group, the Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery-Urogynecology Department,

Abraham is involved with research, collaboration with other professionals and precepting students.

Lights exhibit draws record crowd



Lost Tribe Klezmer Band and festival dreidel.

The Lights Exhibit at the 30th Annual Festival of Trees and Lights enjoyed a record crowd on Sunday, Nov. 17 (Jewish Heritage Day).

Nearly 3,000 donuts were given out, along with hundreds of dreidels and chocolate coins.

Every synagogue had a display of menorahs and dreidels along with signs explaining the significance of Chanukah.

Klezmer band Lost Tribe performed at the festival and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Louisville sponsored the lights exhibit.

Ocheretner becomes Indiana U. Hillel VP

Alan Ocheretner, a Louisville native, has joined the newly formed Presidents Council of the Indiana University Hillel. He will serve as

vice president.

As part of his new position, Ocheretner will join the fundraising effort to build a new \$20 million Hillel center, for which groundbreaking is expected in 2022.



Alan Ocheretner

“I am going to be helping to raise money in the Louisville area,” he told Community.

The IU Hillel serves approximately 4,000 undergraduates and 2,500 graduate students.

A son of Inna Gurevich and Iosif Ocheretner, Alan, 19, is a sophomore at IU’s Kelley School of Business, majoring in finance and business analytics.

He was recently accepted into IU’s Investment Banking Workshop, a rigorous program that prepares students for careers in investment banking.

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ARTS

'Sefarad' an epic film of one man's effort to 'rescue' Crypto-Jews

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Sefarad is unlike any Jewish-themed motion picture you are ever likely to have ever seen. Most movies of that ilk are not produced by Jewish communities far smaller than Louisville's.

The tiny Jewish community of Porto, Portugal, made this movie about its history. Total budget: \$1.2 million.

The Porto Jewish community has 400 members.

An epic film, *Sefarad* is based on the life of Artur Carlos de Barros Basto, a Portuguese army officer in the early 20th century and a convert to Judaism, who leads the tiny Jewish community of Porto. Barros Basto takes on two challenges: He rides into the countryside to contact and "rescue" crypto-Jews, Jews who have managed to keep their identities secret ever since the inquisition. He also oversees construction of a large new synagogue in Porto, where those crypto-Jews may someday worship. Years later, the synagogue would serve as a refuge for eastern European Jews fleeing the Holocaust. It is still used today.

Barros Basto faces challenges along the way. Many Jews around the world see the crypto-Jews as lost, unable to adapt to modern day Judaism.

Further, his military career is ended



Above, the court martial scene from "Sefarad." Below, the synagogue of Porto, Portugal, which is still in use today.

in 1937, when a Portuguese army board of discipline dismisses him from the

service for allegedly participating in circumcision ceremonies, an "immoral" act

under its code of conduct. (Years later, Barros Basto's descendants successfully petitioned the Portuguese parliament to reinstate him.)

But even though the great synagogue of Porto still stands, Barros Basto never realizes his dream of a great worship space filled with Crypto-Jews restored to their faith.

In a sense, *Sefarad* is the story of Portuguese Jewry, a sweeping movie portrayed with meticulous detail. (The early scenes of the Jews of Porto in 1497, shortly before the expulsion, are remarkable for their costumes and set design.)

The film does have some shortfalls. A little too long, the story is told chronologically, so it tends to lose its impact in the later scenes, which probably could have been cut altogether without hurting the final product.

The Dec. 15 release of *Sefarad* on Amazon Prime rides the growing interest of Sephardic Jews in rediscovering their heritage. In 2015, Portugal and Spain passed laws entitling such descendants to become citizens as atonement for past persecution. Jewish communities vet the applications.

That alone makes *Sefarad* worth seeing. But there's much more to this picture.

JTA contributed to this story.



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GLOBE

Jersey City's Jewish mayor wasted no time calling shootings anti-Semitic

By Josefina Dolsten
JTA

Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop was one of the first New Jersey officials to describe the Dec. 10 shooting at a kosher market as a hate crime motivated by anti-Semitism.

He did so a day before the state's attorney general did.

"Had I said that we were unsure of the motives or the reasons or whether it was a hate crime, I feel like it would've jeopardized my relationship with the community, the trust I've built, and at the end of the day we would have looked very foolish," he told the JTA in a phone interview. "So I knew at the time, based on the circumstances, that it was a hate crime."

Three days later, Fulop added another chilling piece of information about the shooting that left six people dead, including the two assailants: He believes the suspects had been targeting the yeshiva next to the store where 50 kids were studying.

Police also found an active pipe bomb in the van the shooters drove from a cemetery, where they shot and killed a police detective, to the JC Kosher Supermarket, where they shot and killed five more over one hour.

Along with the 39-year-old officer, Joseph Seals, the victims in the attack were two members of the city's small Orthodox Jewish community – Mindy Ferencz, 32, the market owner with her husband, and Moshe Deutsch, 24 – and a store worker, Douglas Miguel Rodriguez, 49, who was shot after helping to save a wounded Jewish man.

"Had the police not responded how they responded, this it could've been far far worse," Fulop said. "So as I said, even in all the darkness, there's a little bit of light on that front."

The attack hurt Fulop both as the mayor of the city and as a Jew.

"Any time there's hate or targeting of one religious or racial group, I'm saddened by it," he said. "It's obviously personal for me in this situation because [it was] targeting the faith that I am part of."

Following the attack, Fulop worked



Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop

with the Met Council, a Jewish charity organization, to distribute kosher food to the Orthodox community surrounding the market for Shabbat. The community, in Jersey City's diverse Greenville neighborhood, is made up of nearly 100 families who have moved from Brooklyn in recent years.

Fulop, 42, has an eclectic background. He grew up in Edison, New Jersey, and though his parents were not religious, they sent him to study at Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva, a nearby Orthodox school, through sixth grade. He also attended the Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union, a Conservative Jewish school, for two years.

His parents thought it important to instill a strong sense of Jewish culture in their son because of his family's Holocaust history – 35 members of his mother's family were sent to Auschwitz and only seven survived. After World War II, his mother's parents returned to their native Romania before moving later to the United States.

His father's family also came from Romania but settled in Israel, where his father served in the army before coming to the U.S.

Fulop says that having attended day school and studied Jewish texts "guides

a lot of my principles and judgment."

"When you study Gemara and Mishnah and all that stuff, it talks to you about patience and fairness and justice and being a good person and treating people respectfully, and I think that's the foundation I took away from my time in yeshiva. Those are things I try my best to embody in my job," he said, using the Hebrew terms for the Talmud and the oral law it is a commentary on.

Today he belongs to Temple Beth El, a Reform congregation in Jersey City, with his wife, Jaclyn, who converted to Judaism, and their son, Jaxon.

"I'm like any secular Jew, I would say, in the area," the mayor said. "I appreciate the values and I hope to instill some of those in my 1-year-old son."

After graduating from college, Fulop worked at the investment firm Goldman Sachs. But the tragedy of the 9/11 terror attacks inspired him to enlist in the Marine Corps. He was in the first wave of troops that were deployed to Iraq.

"The reason I enlisted was because I viewed that as a partial payment for citizenship," he said. "I viewed the fact I had so much to be thankful for, that the country embraced me, that was my responsibility."

Fulop returned to Goldman Sachs following his service in Iraq but later decided he wanted to go into politics. He credits the late Jersey City mayor Glenn Cunningham, who took him under his wing, with his success.

In 2004, he lost in his bid for Congress, but the following year he won an election for the Jersey City City Council. In 2013, he defeated the incumbent mayor, Jerramiah Healy, to gain his current post.

With an ambitious agenda, Fulop says he wants to make Jersey City into the "best mid-sized city in the country." The city just across the Hudson River from Manhattan has seen an influx of artists and young professionals in recent years leaving New York City in search of cheaper rent. In addition to the Hasidic families who moved to the city in recent years, non-Orthodox

Jews are also flocking there, Fulop says, adding that his Reform synagogue is "bursting at its seams."

He says Jersey City's diversity should make the country pay extra attention to the attack.

"Diversity is not something new for residents of Jersey City," he said, "and this incident speaks to the fact that if you can have hate and anti-Semitism in a place that has known diversity and inclusivity since its existence, it should send a message that this sort of sentiment can and sadly does exist everywhere," he said.

But there had been tension in the Greenville neighborhood, he said, as the Hasidim moved there in recent years and attempted to buy up properties to grow their community.

"Anytime you have a community change and gentrify and different communities moving in there, it can create and does create tension. That did happen when the Jewish community started to move in," he said.

At times, some of the Jews "aggressively" attempted to buy homes, Fulop said, which led to resentment and complaints from some local residents, although there were no previous attacks.

In recent months, some of that tension seemed to have abated and he had not heard of any complaints from non-Jewish Greenville residents in the last six to eight months. People familiar with the Greenville Jewish community told JTA after the shooting that community members had gotten along well with locals.

What's most important to Fulop is building trust with his Jersey City residents. That's one of the reasons he has been quick to share his assessments of the attack with the media.

"The way I see my job is that it is a relationship between me and the constituents based on trust," he said, "and if I compromise that trust I no longer will have the ability to do this job, so I try to be as upfront and straightforward with people as possible."



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AROUND TOWN

Homeless Outreach

Keneseth Israel will make sandwiches and care packages for the homeless beginning at 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 5. Bring your own supplies (bread, peanut butter and jelly, blankets, underwear, socks, flashlights). Around 4:45 p.m., the group will caravan downtown to give out the food and supplies. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ Book Club

The Adath Jeshurun Book Club is reading *The Last Watchman of Old Cairo* by Michael Lukas. The members will discuss the book at their next meeting, 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12, at AJ. Ted Shlechter will facilitate the discussion.

Jewish Poetry Night

Chailands Chavurah of Temple Shalom will hold its next Jewish Poetry Night, an open mic event, at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13, at Vines Wine Bar & Spirit Shop, 1985 Douglass Blvd. Read your own work or that of an established Jewish poet. RSVP to chailands@temple-shalomky.org and please indicate if you wish to read.

MLK food packaging

The Temple will package food for the hungry from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 20, 2020 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – in the Heideman Auditorium. RSVP to Becky King at 502-212-2028 by Jan. 17.

Sunday Night at the Movies

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will begin a series of six films highlighting the evolving image of Jewish identity through the movies, Sunday, Jan. 19, at The Temple. The first movie is *Gentlemen's Agreement*. The pizza dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; the film and ensuing discussion, 7 p.m.

Grand reopening

The Sonny & Janet Meyer Food Pantry will hold a grand reopening on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. An open house will be held at the time. The Jewish Family & Career Services is moving the pantry to a new and expanded space in the building, increasing its capacity to provide fresh produce for clients. The community donated approximately 8,000 pounds of food and personal needs to the pantry during its Feeding Families Food Drive. The pantry received a Dare to Care/Care-Source Innovation grant to support the changes.

NCJW Scholarship Fund

National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, is accepting applications for the NCJW Scholarship Fund through March 16, 2020. Eligible students must be of Jewish faith, reside in Kentucky, have completed at least one semester of college or university, have a cumulative college GPA of at least 2.5, and demonstrate financial need. The application is available on the Community Foundation of Louisville's website at cflouisville.org/apply-today/apply-online/.

House of Boom

The Temple Join will host an afternoon for families at House of Boom, 100 Urton Lane #101, at 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26. Parents are responsible for bringing their children and staying for the event. They also must sign waivers if their children don't have them on file. Visit thetemplelouky.org for details, and to RSVP.

Temple Shalom Book Club

The Temple Shalom Book Club will next meet at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30, at Barnes & Noble on South Hurstbourne. The club is reading *The Fixer*, by Bernard Malamud, and *Saving Sophie*, by Ronald Balson.

Bridge Club

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

Worship

Shabbat, deli luncheon

Chabad will celebrate Shabbat on Saturday, Dec. 28, followed by a deli luncheon. The service begins at 10 a.m., followed by a kiddush and the meal. The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is partly sponsoring the event. Call 502-459-1770.

Celebration Shabbat

All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of January may participate in a group aliyah at Adath Jeshurun during Shabbat services, which begin at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 4.

Tot Shabbat

Keneseth Israel will hold a Shabbat service for children from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 4. The service is geared to kindergarten-age children and younger. Miriam Bird and Rabbi Michael Wolk will lead. A kiddush lunch will follow. The regular service will still begin at 9:30 a.m.

Friday night service, dinner

Chabad will celebrate Shabbat on Friday, Jan. 10, at the Chabad House, 1654 Almar Circle, with a kabbalat service at 5:30 p.m. A three-course traditional dinner will follow. The program is sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770.

Professor to speak

Johanna W.H. van Wijk-Bos, professor emerita of Hebrew Bible at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will be the Shabbat speaker on Friday, Jan. 10, at The Temple. She will discuss her new book, *Joshua and Judges: The End of the Beginning*. Her sermon title is, "Border Crossing." Books will be available for purchase.

Imagine Shabbat

Keneseth Israel's next Imagine Shabbat will be on Saturday, Jan. 11. Imagine Shabbat is an initiative to make Shabbat morning services more inspiring. Breakfast will be held from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m., followed by interactive Torah study from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m., an abridged traditional service from 10:30 a.m. to noon and an "enhanced" kiddush lunch afterwards.

Short & Sweet service

Students in grades K through 7, and their families are invited to Adath Jeshurun at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, for the Short & Sweet Family Service. Rabbi Robert Slosberg will lead. Students will join the main service at its conclusion, helping to lead closing prayers.

Rabbis' Shabbat Dinner | The Temple's next Rabbis' Shabbat Dinner – Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat – will be held Friday, Jan. 17. Dinner is at 6 p.m.; the service, 7 p.m. Alton B. Pollard III, new president of Louisville Presbyterian

Theological Seminary will be the guest speaker.

Dinner is \$10 for adults, free for children 12 and under, \$5 for reservations before Jan. 14.

RSVP to thetemplelouky.org or 502-423-1818.

Family Shabbat

Keneseth Israel will hold its next Family Shabbat at 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17. Musical services will be followed by a meal. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (a \$20 maximum per family). Send checks to KI or visit kenesethisrael.com/payment.

Beginning of Exodus

The Temple's Infamous No-Rehearsal Brotherhood Choir will sing at the Torah Celebration during Shabbat services marking the beginning of Exodus, 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 18. Immediately following services, the Brotherhood will sponsor the oneg, including gravlax, matzah and bourbon.

Mini Minyan

Adath Jeshurun will hold its next Mini Minyan for children ages 2-6, from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 18. John Gage, host of the Kentucky Homefront, will lead the music and storytelling.

No Shush Shabbat

Temple Shalom will hold its next No Shush Shabbat at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner and Benji Berlow will lead an interactive PowerPoint service. A potluck dinner will follow.

Shabbat, deli luncheon

Chabad will celebrate Shabbat on Saturday, Jan. 25. The service will begin at 10 a.m. with a kiddush and deli luncheon to follow. The program is sponsored in part by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Call 502-459-1770.

AJ Torah Yoga service

Rabbi Diane Tracht will lead a 45-minute session of meditation and yoga for kids at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, at Adath Jeshurun. The service, which is based on mussar, the Jewish practice of developing ethical qualities in body and spirit, is for children in grades K-7 and their parents. Participants may wear comfortable clothing. Contact Tracht at dianetracht@gmail.com.

Family Shabbat Dinner

The Temple's next Family Shabbat Dinner will be held on Friday, Jan. 31. Dinner will start at 6 p.m.; Tot Shabbat (with oneg), 6:45 p.m.; family Shabbat led by Grade 5 students, 7 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$10 for adults, free for children 12 and under, \$5 for reservations made before Jan. 28. RSVP to thetemplelouky.org or 502-423-1818.

Adult Education

Lunch and Learn

Rabbi Michael Wolk will lead his next lunch and learn class at noon, Thursday, Jan. 2, at The Bristol on Main Street. RSVP to mwolk@kenesethisrael.com.

Ethical wills class

Rabbi Michael Wolk will lead a two-part class on ethical wills at 6:15 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 6 and 13. Participants will learn how to write ethical wills,

articulating values, legacy issues and significant moments in their lives. A fully catered meal will be served at both classes. RSVP by Dec 23 to 502-459-2780 or rsvp@kenesethisrael.com. Cost is \$5 per person. Pay by check or visit kenesethisrael.com/payment.

New Louisville Melton course

A new Louisville Melton course will begin in January at Adath Jeshurun. "Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism in Theory & Practice," is a study of ancient and contemporary texts. The course will be offered Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 7. Cost is \$165. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com for details.

Kabbalah Month by Month

Cantor Sharon Hordes teaches a monthly Kabbalah class through the prism of each Hebrew month's holidays, Torah portions, healing areas and astrological connections. The class will next meet at 6:15 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 9. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Adult education series

Chabad will teach a six-week class, "Judaism's Gifts To The World," starting Jan. 13. The class will explore notable values and attitudes that Judaism has initiated and shared. Classes will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays at the Jewish Learning Center, 1110 Dupont Circle. Cost is \$80. Call 502-459-1770 or visit myJLI.com to register. Fee: \$80. The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is a sponsor.

Torah Yoga

Cantor Sharon Hordes and Lisa Flannery's next Torah Yoga will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, at Keneseth Israel. Temple Shalom and Louisville Hadassah co-sponsor. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Naamani Lecture

Israeli writer Ayelet Tsabari will be the guest speaker at the 2020 Naamani Memorial Lecture at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 16, in the Chao Auditorium, of the Ekstrom Library, on the University of Louisville campus. Tsabari is the author of the short story collection *The Best Place on Earth*, which won the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish fiction, and a memoir, *The Art of Living*. A reception, including book signings by Tsabari, will follow. The Creative Writing program and Department of Comparative Humanities at UofL are co-sponsoring the lecture. RSVP to 502-852-0460 or joshua.boydstun@louisville.edu.

Monday adult education

The Temple offers the following adult education classes on Mondays: Advanced Hebrew, from 6 to 7 p.m.; Text Study: "Praying from My Heart vs. Praying from the Prayer Book" with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, from 7 to 8 p.m.; Beginning Hebrew Part 2 with Mark Goldstein, from 7 to 8 p.m. To register for Hebrew Part 2, visit mdgoldstein01@gmail.com.

Wednesday adult education

The Temple offers the following adult education classes on Wednesdays: "Nationalism and Tribalism in a Global Era" with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, 9:30 to 10:35 a.m.; "American Jewish Herstory" (the American Jewish experience through the eyes of women), with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport, from 10:45 a.m. to noon.

Brown Bag Torah Study

AROUND TOWN/ LIFE CYCLE

Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner leads Torah study Tuesdays at noon at Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Road. Participants should bring their own lunches.

Jews and Brews

Rabbi Michael Wolk leads a Torah-study session over coffee, Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in The J library.

Torah study

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel leads Torah study Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Fishman Library of The Temple. Coffee, bagels and cream cheese are served.

Chanukah

Light Up 4th St Live

Chabad will celebrate Chanukah and its Project Friendship at Light Up Fourth St. Live, 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22. Mayor Greg Fischer will light the giant Chanukah menorah at 6 p.m., followed by the kickoff of Project Friendship – a Chabad of Kentucky initiative to distribute over \$5 million of new shoes and clothing to the needy. Contact chabad@chabadky.com for details.

Chanukah at Peerless Distillery

Chabad will host a tour and tasting at The Peerless Distilling Company, 10th and Main Street, at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23. Participants must be 21 or over. Contact rabbishmully@jewishlearning.center for details.

Standard Club dinner

Anshei Sfarad will hold a Chanukah dinner at the Standard Club, on Monday, Dec. 23. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$8 for children ages 6-10, and free for children 5 and under. There is a \$50 maximum per family. Reservations are requested by Dec 18. Call the office at 502-451-3122.

Dinner and a show

Chabad will host dinner and a show at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 25, at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Circle. Contact chabad@chabadky.com.

Paddock menorah lighting at Paddock

Chabad will light a giant outdoor menorah at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26, at the Paddock Shops. Refreshments will be served. Contact chabad@chabadky.com.

Wine and cheese tasting

The Neshi/Women of Valor Club will hold a Chanukah party at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 28. Wine and a cheese tasting are included. Women 21 and older may attend. Contact Chabad at chabad@chabadky.com.

Free family skate

Chabad will hold a family skate from 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29, at the Alpine Ice Arena. A menorah lighting will be held on the ice. Refreshments will be served pictures with Judah Macabee will be taken. Contact chabad@chabadky.com.

Births

Baby girl Litvin

Rabbi Shmully and Duby Litvin announce the birth of their daughter, Esther, born on Oct. 29. Esther is the granddaughter of Rabbi Avrohom and Goldie Litvin of Louisville and Rabbi Yossi Dubov of Morris-town, New Jersey, and the late Esther Dubov. The community is invited to celebrate with the Litvin family for services followed by a dessert reception kiddush at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Circle.

B'nai Mitzvah

Jonathan Benjamin Bornstein



Jonathan Benjamin Bornstein, son of Bob and Shifrah Bornstein and brother of David, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 11, at The Temple.

Jonathan is the grandson of Marsha and Ed Bornstein of Louisville and Kathy and Alan Ehrlich of Cincinnati, Ohio.

A seventh grader at Noe Middle School, Jonathan is a member of the varsity basketball team and the choir. He has attended Beber Camp for the past five summers.

For his Pledge 13 project, Jonathan is collecting new or gently used plush toys for children in Jefferson County Family Court.

Jonathan and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.

Samuel Itai "Siggy" Gross



Samuel Itai "Siggy" Gross will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, at The Temple.

Siggy is a son of Michael Gross and Jenny Johnston, stepson of Greg Johnston

and grandson of Alyce and the late Sam Gross and Herb and Kitty Glantz, and brother of Elliot.

A seventh grader at Collegiate, Siggy enjoys robotics and quick recall, and he participates in various sports. He is an avid space and science fan.

For his mitzvah project, Siggy is volunteering time fostering cats and fundraising for The Shamrock Foundation.

Siggy and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.

Obituaries

Estelle Gordon Cohen



Estelle Gordon Cohen, 91, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019 in Louisville.

An attorney and judge, Cohen was born in Salisbury, Maryland, a daughter of the late Morris and Mae Gordon,

but moved with her family to Louisville when she was 4.

She was in the first class of women accepted to the University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law. In 1950, while on the Belle of Louisville, she met her future husband, the late Arnold B. Cohen. After they married, the couple moved to New Jersey, where she continued to practice law as a tax attorney and raised two daughters.

Cohen was appointed to the bench in New Jersey during the late 1970s. She became an organizing member of the National Association of Women Judges, with Judges Sandra Day O'Conner and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

After she retired, Cohen moved back to Louisville, enjoying her time with family and friends. Known for her beautiful needlepointing, she received many awards at the Kentucky State Fair.

She is survived by her daughters, Ruth Kimball (Conrad) and Sharon Babbitt (Jed); grandchildren, Aaron Herman, Marc Herman, Edith Reeves and Adam Kimball; brothers Teddy Gordon (Suzanne) and Harry Gordon (Sue); six great-grandchildren and her large extend family.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. Burial followed in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 2401 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Kay Morrissey



Kay Morrissey passed away Friday, Nov. 22, 2019, at her home in Louisville. She was 98.

Born 1921 in Detroit, a daughter of the late Fanny and Nathan Partney, Kay served in the Navy Waves during World War II. Honorably discharged in 1946, she later volunteered as chairman and master of ceremonies of the USO Show Stars, who entertained servicemen and women monthly at Fort Knox and traveled to other military bases.

An entrepreneur, Kay was awarded the Weight Watchers franchise for Kentucky and Southern Indiana in 1967 by Al Lippert, president, and CEO of Weight Watchers International.

In 1973, Kentucky Gov. John Y. Brown, Jr. asked Kay to run his state women's campaign. After acquiring the Kentucky Colonels of the American Basketball Association and forming the first all-women board of directors, he appointed Kay to that panel.

She and her late husband, Jim Morrissey, supported several charitable causes, focusing on the Home of the Innocents. The directors named the Kay and Jim Morrissey Advanced Therapy Center on East Main Street in their honor. That facility provides a saltwater pool for medically fragile adults and children and offers aquatic classes to the public.

Kay was a former vice president of The International Society in Palm Beach, Florida, and a supporter of the Palm Beach Pops.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Dinah, and her sister and brother-in-law, Anne and Albert Fishman.

Kay is survived by her three children, Dr. Richard Mazey (Susan), Sally Wilder (Beem) and Janice Weintraub (Philip); her grandchildren, Michael Mazey, Tyler Mazey (Meredith), Andrew Mazey (Caroline), Wynn Mazey, Myra Morgan (Patxi), Tash Wilder and Chloe Wilder (Greig), Jeremy Casher (Tik), Jesse Casher (Jillian), and five great-grandchildren, Isabella Casher, Nicholas Casher, Ryan Casher, Samantha Casher and Andrew Bennett Mazey, Jr. She is also survived by her brother, Joseph Partney, and many nieces and nephews.

The family is grateful to Kay's caregivers, Carmelita Clay, Juliana Ayuba, and Rebecca Frazier, and for the loving care and friendship of many years by Paula Markuson, Mary McKinney, and the late Mary Wade.

A private interment was held in Cave Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Kay's

memory to The Home of the Innocents, The Temple or the donor's favorite charity.

Ethel Lea Schwartz



Ethel Lea Schwartz, age 105, passed away Saturday, Nov 16, 2019.

Born in Chicago on Aug. 27, 1914, she moved to Louisville with her family when her husband, the late Manuel Schwartz, became a professor at the University of Louisville.

Family and friends were most important to her and she kept in close contact with all, even in her advanced age. Several of her friends had children who considered her to be an aunt.

She was an avid baker, sometimes making 12 to 15 loaves of breads at a time, and always had the freezer stocked with cookies, which she readily shared.

She was a leader of several Girl Scout troops in Chicago and Louisville.

Perhaps her most dedicated involvement was with The Little Loomhouse in Louisville. She went there to get weaving lessons for her daughter and fell in love with the place as well as with weaving. During the 30+ years as an on-site volunteer, she taught countless children and adults weaving and the art and tradition of weaving. She also held several leadership positions in the organization. Though she moved to St. Louis a few years ago to be closer to her family, she continued weaving and gave hand woven bookmarks to people in her community as a gesture of friendship and welcome.

She was also able to teach the older of her great-grandchildren to weave. For her work at The Little Loomhouse and other volunteer efforts, she was appointed to The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

She is survived by her children, Joel (Barbara) Schwartz and Susan (Mark) Winter; her grandchildren, Michael (Clara Perry) Schwartz, Dori (Stuart) Dunster, Danielle (Micah) Langer, Benjamin (Michelle) Winter and Jonathan (Emily) Winter; her great-grandchildren, Ingrid Schwartz and Lainey and Oakley Dunster; her sister, sister-in-law and other friends and family.

A graveside service was held on Nov 21, at United Hebrew Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. Memorial contributions are preferred for The Little Loomhouse, Lou Tate Foundation, PO Box 9124, Louisville, KY 40209.

Rabbi Marc A. Susman

Rabbi Marc A. Susman, 67, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital.

Born May 22, 1952, a son of Milton and Gertrude Weiss Susman, he was a native of Cleveland, and a real estate investor and developer.

In addition to his parents, Susman was preceded in death by a brother, Eric Susman.

He is survived by his children, Basha Goldstein (Moshe), Laevi Yitzchok Susman (Chaya Miriam), Yisroel Shmul Susman and Rabbi Buruch Susman (Chaya); his nine grandchildren; his brother, Kenneth Susman; and his sister, Paula Susman.

Graveside services were held on Friday, Dec. 6, at Mount Olive Cemetery, Solon, Ohio. May his memory be for blessing.

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MJAC

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expected,” while Babar said MJAC’s establishment here is “a celebration of two beautiful faith traditions.”

One standout name on the new MJAC is Lonnie Ali, widow of three-time heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, who will serve as honorary co-chair.

Ali, who received a standing ovation when she spoke, said her late husband would be “elated” by the establishment of an MJAC council in Louisville, and she pledged to work hard for it.

“This is the work my husband would want me to do,” she said.

MJAC promotes religious pluralism in America, builds coalitions and advocates for legislation and other

measures that will tamp down on hate crime, which is on the rise.

According to the FBI, hate crime reached a 16-year high in 2018 with 56.9 percent of the anti-religious incidents motivated by anti-Semitism and 14.6 by Islamophobia.

“We love our country, and we say we are better than this as a country,” said Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer, “but it’s happening in our country, so we can’t be naïve to that fact. Good people of all faiths and all backgrounds have to stand up, but also stand together.”

Speaker after speaker at Sunday’s program invoked memories of the 2015 vandalism at the Louisville Islamic Center and the 2017 bomb threat at The J as examples of how Jews, Muslims and Christians close ranks here during times of turmoil,

coming together at a rally or scrubbing away anti-Islamic graffiti.

JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner touted the MJAC as the latest achievement in the “long journey” of Jewish-Muslim relations in this city.

“It took us quite a long time to open doors and to open minds,” she said. “Today is really about individuals and people saying ‘I’m here and I want to be part of change.’”

Matt Goldberg, director of the JCRC, said his committee had worked for four months to establish the council. He said the Jewish community first became aware of MJAC through Melanie Pell, AJC managing director of regional offices, who lives in Louisville.

“Babar and I thought it was perfect for us because we have already been advocating together,” Goldberg said. “We are working with Muslim

Americans for Compassion.”

The new council will meet quarterly, identifying priority issues and legislation for which to advocate or rally against.

“We will look at Hate Crimes legislation, bias crimes reporting, and other areas of common concern to our two communities,” Goldberg said.

In addition to Swansburg and Babar, the rest of the local MJAC members are Pell, Dr. Ian Mutchnick, Haleh Karimi, Matt Golden, Maha Kolko, Dr. Anna Fietelson, Dr. Tahir Raza, Jasmine Farrier, Dr. Waqar Saleem, Rabbi Joe Rapport, Djenita Pasic, Rabbi Stanley Miles, Ozair Shariff, Aly Goldberg, Azra Terzich, Matt Goldberg, Cham Abdoulie, Ben Vaughan, Farhan Abdi, Corey Shapiro, Abanur Saidi, Kevin Trager, Jeff Jarfi, Sabeen Nasim, Beth Salamon and Jasmina Pasic Smailhodzic.

MEMORIES

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Standard Club, including several framed photographs that once hung on some forgotten wall, Joseph described the project that lay ahead.

“We went through about 400 boxes of paper,” he said of phase I. “That was easier than this, because the generations that could identify them (the photos) are gone.”

Glogower also acknowledged the enormity of the job.

“The amount of material itself is overwhelming,” she said, “and there’s more material we’re learning about.”

But it has to be done, Glogower said. These documents, ledgers, minutes, photos, press releases, newspapers and other records constitute the collective record of Jewish Louisville – a memory of sorts – that becomes even more important as generations of living memory pass away.

“The records of the JCL and the other Jewish collections we are building at the Filson have enormous potential for increasing knowledge about ourselves and others and the issues we face in the present.”

As the committee members donned blue latex gloves, they discussed how best to begin the job.

Some wanted to tackle the stack of poster boards in the corner, all mounted with photos.

Some of the boards had sheets of papers taped to their backs with

names of people in the photos – the product of an earlier effort to identify the images.

“Some of the work is done,” said Sheila Steinman Wallace, editor emeritus of Community and a member of the committee.

But Glogower said there were “preservation issues” with the poster boards.

“Glue is very destructive in the long term, so is the non-archival paper board to which the items are pasted,” she said. “Chemicals in the glue and the paper will hasten the degradation of the things we are trying to save.”

So they started with the boxes.

Demonstrating how the process should work, Glogower opened one box and started sorting through it herself for the committee’s benefit. Most of its contents were photos of a trip to Israel, but some were of completely different subjects. Those shots Glogower deposited in a stack on the tabletop, which she called her “wild pile.” They would be sorted through later.

The box also contained several strips of negatives, which the Filson can preserve, she said, though it wasn’t immediately clear if they matched up with the prints in the box.

Shuffling through the photos one by one, Glogower urged the committee to concentrate on which images should go into what envelopes.

“I’m not thinking too hard right now about who’s in it (the photo) or what they’re doing,” she said. That, too, will



Committee members went through boxes of photos, organizing them into categories.

happen later.

She did tell committee members to look for “clues” in the images that may help in organizing them. She held up one shot of a woman seated in a chair, holding a basketball, with balloons decorating the backdrop behind her – all signs that this was a Super Sunday event.

Other shots were easier to identify, like two turn-of-the-century (the 20th century) photos of JCC basketball teams, complete with names of the teams and players scrawled at the bottom, or a year painted on one of the balls (1910).

Many photos were snapshots. Many others were shot for use in Community, according to Wallace.

And still others will be discarded, like a copy of a UJA Press Service from the 1970s or 80s of an emigrant from the Soviet Union donning a gas mask at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel. Since there’s no discernable connection to Louisville, it probably won’t be archived.

Glogower hopes the committee can have the photos sorted and ready for review by Filson’s curatorial staff by mid-March.

The multi-year endeavor to arrange and catalogue all the materials will eventually result in a resource accessible to the public.

But that doesn’t mean every document or image will be searchable, she warned.

“Our finding aids and catalogs make an archive’s materials searchable online, so in that sense they are digital,” Glogower said. “But will we be actually digitizing every item in the collections? Absolutely not. No archive does this because it is not possible.”

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ANTI-SEMITISM

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remarks are retracted).

Countries such as Britain, France, Germany and Austria have accepted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition on anti-Semitism, which provides examples of this specific form of hatred, including the delegitimization of Israel.

Community support after acts of anti-Semitism are heartwarming and important. But these bright spots shouldn’t lull us into a false sense of security. Something is terribly wrong, both here and abroad. Hatred of the “other,” whether that other is Jewish, Muslim, black, Hispanic, female or gay, is on the rise.

We can hope and pray that 2020 will see a marked decrease in anti-Semitism and

a steady increase in acceptance of all the different people the world over, but it’s not enough.

As Jews, it is our obligation to call out hatred wherever and whenever we hear it. Whether it’s our state and national leaders, our media, even our clergy (see the D’var Torah column, page 2), hate speech, let alone overt acts of hatred, must be demonstrably opposed. Winks and nods, formal statements dismissing hate speech as “inappropriate,” are no longer enough. If hatred is to be penned up and placed back in its dark hole (it can never be truly eradicated), then we must all take a stand.

Jersey City, Beverly Hills, these are just the latest warnings.

Matt Goldberg is the director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

WOLK

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committee for a new rabbi.

In addition, Simunic wrote that KI established an ad hoc committee several months ago, as part of its strategic planning, “to address opportunities for KI.”

Community is planning an interview with Wolk at a later date.

A native of Plainview, New York, Wolk, a son of a cantor and a CPA, was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. KI, where he was hired in 2012, is his first full-time pulpit.

He and his wife, Heidi, have two children, Klara Rose and Julia.

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