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New J underway JCC groundbreaking slated for early fall

By Community Staff

While finding its new normal, the Jewish Community Center is showing signs of positive change.

A vacant lot now sits along Dutchmans Lane, where just a couple of days earlier, a house stood. Nothing unusual about that; demolition work happens all the time in Louisville. However, this demolition was special. It was the first physical sign that the multimillion-dollar project to build a new state-of-art Jewish Community Center is underway. When that lot, and the one next to it, are finally cleared, this will provide the contractor's entrance to the construction site for the new JCC, which will be built at the back of the campus, site of the current athletic fields.

Over \$38 million has been raised in major donor gifts, which gets the organization to 95 percent of the final total.

"This has surpassed expectations of our initial feasibility study and is a testament to the project, the timing, and See **SITE PREP** on page 15



Campers from Camp J hold a sign signaling changes are starting to happen for the future JCC campus. This month, demolition crews razed the first of two houses on Dutchmans Lane that were acquired in the Anshei Sfard purchase, making way for an access road for construction vehicles. Groundbreaking on the actual site of the JCC will be held later this year. (Community photo Robbyn McClain)

Green starts term as new JCL chair

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

When Ralph Green became next in line for the chairmanship of the Jewish Community of Louisville Board of Directors, he never could have expected to start his term this way.

A global pandemic shut down the entire community in March and nationwide protests for a societal change have rocked the community.

To complicate matters further, the sources of revenue that support the JCL and other institutions are only now starting to recover.

"These are really uncertain times," said Green, who assumed the chairmanship during the JCL's 11th Annual Meeting on July 6. "We really don't know what the next six to 12 months are going to bring."

On the flip side, the 65-year-old oral surgeon and lifelong Jewish activist also sees now as possibly the most exciting time to



Ralph Green

be chair: Ground is about to be broken for the new Jewish Community Center on the Dutchmans Lane campus, and Green expects much of his two-year term to be devoted to tackling issues related to construction and opening the state-of-art facility.

"I'm excited about taking over the chairmanship at a very unusual time," Green said. "I feel very fortunate to have a very strong board of directors and an extremely talented and hardworking staff to work with. It will take all of us to navigate through all this craziness."

Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, Green came of age during the

Phelps' work for racial justice earns him the 2020 Blanche B. Ottenheimer prize

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Miracles still happen, according to the Rev. Joe Phelps – even when you least expect them.

For instance, the retired cleric recently taught a four-week virtual class on white privilege for the Earth and Spirit Center (ESC), a Louisville interfaith spirituality project. An algorithm on the ESC website was supposed to cut registrations off at 30.

It didn't work.

"Anyone who wanted could sign up," Phelps recalled. "We ended up with 450 people."

Phelps quickly readjusted his class format to suit the somewhat higher enrollment (lectures only, no discussion). "It was well received," he said.

And way more people than he first expected heard what he had to say: There is a disturbing privilege disparity between Black and white people in American society.

That disparity is one reason why, after 22 years as pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Phelps became justice coor-



Rev. Joe Phelps, this year's winner of the JCL's Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award.

inator at the ESC: to promote racial equality.

"Over the years, my understanding of scripture moved my ministry more toward where God is at work in the world today, and how to bring about healing," he said. "For me, it took me into the

Black community."

His work is why Phelps has been named this year's winner of the Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award, the highest honor presented by the Jewish Community of Louisville. He will accept the prize at a virtual program at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 5, before leading a discussion about "white fragility" (the responses of white people when confronted with their privilege).

In addition to his teaching at ESC, Phelps, who also co-chairs EmpowerWest, a Black-white clergy coalition, has been getting personally involved in issues surrounding the Breonna Taylor shooting, meeting with Mayor Greg Fischer to urge him to take disciplinary action against officers involved in the incident.

He also has joined the protests for racial justice, as has his son, who was standing next to Tyler Gerth the night he was shot in Jefferson Square Park.

"In every protest I've attended, I've been the oldest by about 20 years," Phelps said,

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Word of the Month

Tisha B'Av spurs creativity amid pandemic

By Penina Beede
For JTA

For many observant Jews, the mourning over the destruction of the two ancient Temples in Jerusalem on the fast of Tisha B'Av actually begins three weeks earlier with the onset of a period of mourning during which it's customary to avoid joyful activities like weddings and music.

But with much of the world already in a state of mourning as the coronavirus pandemic continues its deadly march across the planet, Rabbi Hershel Schachter made an allowance.

In a religious ruling released earlier in July, the widely respected Orthodox rabbinic authority determined that one could listen to music if doing so was needed to stave off feelings of depression in the weeks leading up to Tisha B'Av, which began at sunset on July 29.

"At the current time due to the ongoing pandemic, the entire world is in a state of uncertainty and concern," Schachter wrote. "One who feels compelled to listen to music in order to help alleviate their tension or pressure would be allowed to do so."

As occurred in the run-up to Passover in April, the confluence of the pandemic with a Jewish observance is prompting a wellspring of Jewish creativity. New liturgies are being created, new religious rulings are being published and a large number of online events are taking place for an observance that, unlike the widely observed Passover, often passes unnoticed for many Jews.

Also, unlike Passover, which celebrates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt, Tisha B'Av lends itself far more naturally to a pandemic that has left a trail of sickness and death in its wake.

"As we were thinking about what spiritual tools this moment calls for, we realized we wanted to put out something for Tisha B'Av that honors the fact that it feels like we've been living in Tisha B'Av since the pandemic started," said Rabbi Rachel Barenblat of North Adams, Massachusetts, a co-founder of Bayit, an organization that creates new tools for contemporary Jews.

Bayit has released five poems inspired by the pandemic but written in the style of the somber Lamentations, known as *Kinot*, that are customarily recited on Tisha B'Av. One representative line: "Our synagogues are shuttered, we are exiled

to Zoom. We cry out from the depths. Do You suffer with us, God? Who will we be when the pandemic is gone?"

"It feels to many of us as if we're living through our own *churban*, our own destruction in our era," Barenblat said, using the Hebrew word referring to the destruction of the ancient Temple. "And we wanted to give voice to that."

Daniel Olson, a doctoral candidate in education and Jewish studies at New York University, rewrote one of the best-known *kinot* for the moment in collaboration with his husband, Rabbi Benjamin Goldberg. *Eli Tzion* is typically the final reading of the Tisha B'Av service and acknowledges the suffering of the Israelites following the destruction of the Second Temple.

But in the version by Olson and Goldberg, the poem describes the suffering caused by the pandemic. Olson said he was inspired to write the piece after seeing a Facebook post estimating the number of Torah scrolls going unread in the world while synagogues are closed.

"This image was so sad to me," Olson said in an email. "All these Torah scrolls sitting in Arks, excitedly waiting to be taken out on Mondays, Thursdays, Shabbat, and holidays, seeing each one pass, but remaining trapped inside. And for the people unable to gather to hear their sacred words, especially those who were experiencing illness or death in their families."

For Orthodox Jews, who traditionally abstain from the use of electronic devices on Jewish holidays, Tisha B'Av also offers the rare opportunity to employ livestreaming in the observance of a holiday – something the liberal denominations have embraced since the pandemic began. Prohibitions on the use of electronic devices do not apply on Tisha B'Av.

At the Hampton Synagogue in Westhampton Beach on New York's Long Island, a reading of the biblical Book of Lamentations and a musical gathering with the Maccabeats a cappella group will air multiple times throughout Tisha B'Av on the Jewish Broadcasting Service.

Rabbi Marc Schneier, the synagogue's head rabbi, compared the ravages of the coronavirus to the fear that previous generations of Jews had of anti-Semitism.

"I can't even fathom what it must have been like for 2,000 years to be a Jew going through the pandemic of the anti-Semitic virus and not knowing each and every day what kind of destruction would come tomorrow," he said.

Snapshots: Camp scenes



The pandemic hasn't stopped J campers from having fun. While protective measures are being taken, the kids continue to run, dance, play and engage in their units while wearing multi-color masks. (Community photos by Robbyn McClain)

Candles

Here are the candle lighting times for Shabbat in August:

- August 7 @ 8:27 p.m.
- August 14 @ 8:18 p.m.
- August 21 @ 8:09 p.m.
- August 28 @ 7:59 p.m.

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The photo caption for the June 19 story, "Jewish Louisville joins calls for racial justice," should have clearly stated that the demonstrators pictured were at an Interfaith Paths to Peace program in Old Louisville. Louisville Metro Police officers spoke at the event. ... David Y. Chack authored the June 19 opinion piece "Performance

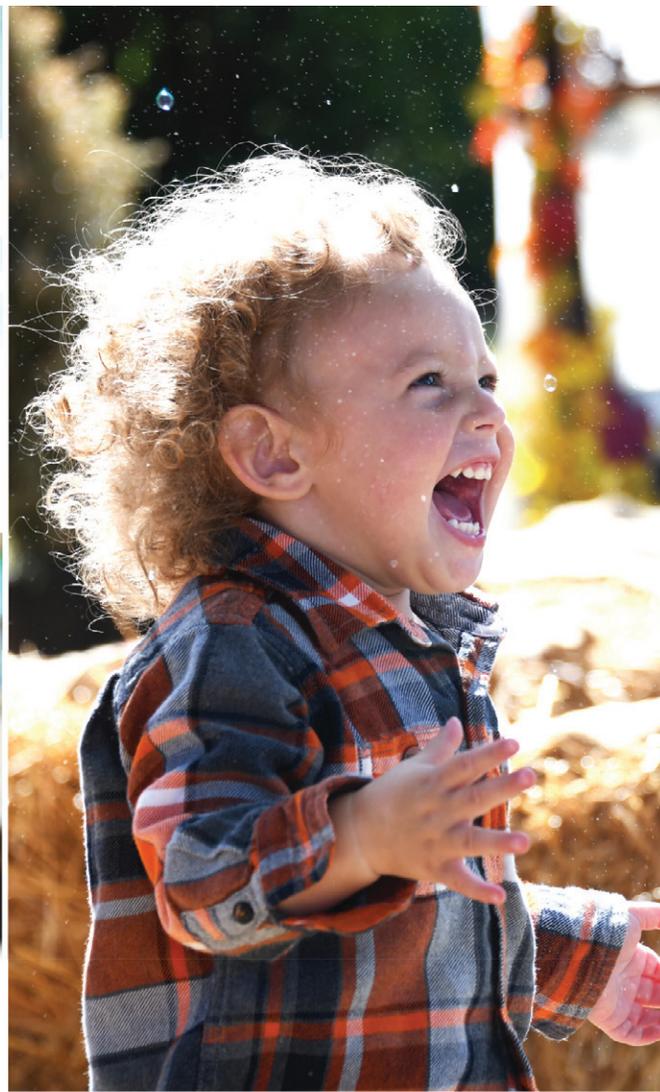
and protest: The roles Jews and theatre play in racial justice." His name was misspelled in the byline. It appears correctly in the online version.

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NEWS

Berg wins special election for state Senate

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Dr. Karen Berg decisively won a June 23 special election for the state Senate from District 26, guaranteeing that a Jewish lawmaker will be part of the next session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

With all 82 precincts reporting, in a district that spans Jefferson and Oldham counties, Berg, a Louisville Democrat, won with nearly 58 percent of the vote against Republican Bill Ferko.

Ballots took several days to count because of Kentucky's experiment with no excuse mail-in voting. Ballots were counted even if received after election day, as long as they were postmarked in time.

When the results were known, though, Berg became not just the only Jewish member of the legislature, but its first female physician.

In another contest involving a Jewish candidate, Daniel Grossberg lost his primary bid to unseat incumbent Demo-

crat Tom Burch in House District 30.

"I'm very excited; I'm humbled; I'm ready to get to work," said Berg, who will serve out the unexpired term of Ernie Harris, who resigned earlier this year. "There's a lot of good work to get done."

A diagnostic radiologist at the UofL Health, Berg has credited her Jewishness for motivating her professional and political work. "My faith drives me to be compassionate, respectful and help people in every way I can," Berg said.

Even though the General Assembly is not expected to convene again this year, unless a special session is called, Berg said she will receive her committee assignments and get to work, preparing for next year's regular session.

"The senators and representatives all work out of session," she said. "You need to spend the year getting ready for the work you do in the session."

As a physician, Berg supports Gov. Andy Beshear's plan to reestablish Kentucky's health insurance exchange, which was dismantled by his predecessor,

Matt Bevin. But she said her top priority in the Senate, at least initially, will be to "listen and learn."

There are currently no Jewish members of the General Assembly. The last one, Kathy Stein of Lexington, left the Senate in 2013 to become a Fayette County Family Court Judge.

Grossberg, a Louisville realtor, was making his first run for the legislature, but it won't be his last.

"I'm running again in 2022 – same seat," he said.

He credited Berg for showing that candidates from minority communities – in this case, the Jewish community – can still win election to state offices in Kentucky despite a polarized political climate.

"She didn't win because Jews voted for her," Grossberg said. "She won because non-Jews were willing to listen to her message, and they thought she would be the better senator. Karen had a vision, and people bought it."

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Dr. Karen Berg's recent election to the Kentucky Senate from the 26th District makes her the only Jewish lawmaker in the General Assembly and the first female physician to serve in either house. (photo provided by Dr. Karen Berg)

KI surveys members on reopening; other synagogues consider same question

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Keneseth Israel is surveying its members about reopening the synagogue before deciding if, when and how to do it.

The congregation sent a five-question survey to its members earlier this month to gauge their comfort level with returning to the building or at least gathering in person to worship.

One option the survey puts to the members is outdoor or parking lot services.

KI President Joan Simunic said the congregation has already explored online Shabbat services and daily minyan.

"We're kind of looking to see what people are thinking in general," she said.

The survey is merely one method synagogues in Louisville are using to decide about reopening. Anshei Sfard and Chabad of Kentucky have already resumed in-person worship.

Following Gov. Andy Beshear's directives, Jewish Louisville's synagogues, schools and agencies shut down in March due to the spread of the coronavirus, which causes COVID-19. The community, like much of the state, began a gradual reopening in May, though most synagogues are still holding services online and their buildings remain closed.

Responding to a surge in infections, Beshear signed an executive order that requires Kentuckians to wear masks in stores and public spaces when social distancing cannot be maintained. The order was to stay in effect for 30 days.

Among questions the KI survey includes are:

- How do you currently feel about being inside the building for services and events? (possible answers: not comfortable going back inside, comfortable but with stipulations, comfortable with no stipulations)
- What are the things you would need

to have happen in the local area and in the building to feel comfortable coming back in person?

- In which of the following would you be interested in participating, in person, "in the near future?" (possible answers: parking lot prayer services as worshippers remain in their cars, prayer services in their building with social distancing and following CDC guidelines, prayer services on the lawn with the same restrictions; classes, programs such as holiday celebrations, games such as Mah-jongg and Bridge, or no interest in any in-person for now)

The idea for the survey grew out of a task force KI organized in March, which includes a physician and a public health expert. Simunic said the panel meets regularly, tracks pandemic updates and offers input to the issues related to reopening.

"The question is: How do we do it from a practical perspective?" she said. "When you see people you haven't seen for a while, how do you make sure people don't shake hands and hug?"

Simunic said the task force will offer input on the annual Big Rock Shabbat. KI, along with the Adath Jeshurun, The Temple and Temple Shalom have already decided to hold virtual High Holy Day services this year.

KI isn't the only congregation to have assembled a pandemic panel. Adath Jeshurun has a team of physicians and attorneys from various specialties in the medical and legal professions addressing these questions. Some are from out of state. Others are not members of AJ or even Jewish.

So far, according to Rabbi Robert Slosberg, the panel opposes reopening,

though its preschool resumed classes on July 6.

"We're relying on their judgment," Slosberg said. "So far, their opinions have been unanimous."

Slosberg said the decision to reopen, when it comes, must be based on science.

"This is a decision you can't get wrong," he said. "There isn't a lot of wiggle room for error."

The Temple also has a reopening task force that includes "a diverse range of congregants, our rabbis and head of The Temple preschool," Temple President Reed Weinberg said.

Right now, Weinberg said, The Temple is in no rush to reopen. "However, we do have a well-thought-out plan for b'nai mitzvahs to be held in the building."

Like KI, he said, The Temple also is exploring the idea of outdoor worship. "We are beginning the conversation about potentially having some safe outdoor activities on our campus this summer."

As for congregating indoors, "we are thinking ahead on plans to re-open the building and will be ready when the time is right."

Temple Shalom's building also remains closed, though an outdoor concert with members of the Louisville Orchestra was held July 18.

Outgoing President Dr. Rich Goldwin said the congregation is watching infection rates and will decide when to reopen based on those numbers.

"We're just watching the statistics," he said. "When we are comfortable that it (COVID) is not presenting an unnecessary risk, then we'll get back to having in-person services."



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CENTERPIECE

Pass the popcorn J Family Drive-In pulls community together with big screen event

By Lisa Hornung
For Community

Jewish Louisville, hungry for some kind social gathering amid a coronavirus surge, got what they wanted Sunday, July 26, in a retro sort of way: a drive-in movie.

About 100 people from the Jewish Community Center traveled to LaGrange for J Family Drive-In Movie Night at the Sauerbeck Family Drive-in. Families gathered in their cars, with lawn chairs, snacks and pillows to watch *Despicable Me* and *The Goonies* on the big screen.

The theater asked motorists to park six feet apart and required masks for those walking around or getting concessions. The movie cost \$5 per carload, thanks to a grant by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

Alison Roemer, director of Jewish journeys and experiences, planned the event to offer JCC families a chance to come together for fun, but to stay socially distant and safe.

"We're just trying to give people opportunities to connect with the Jewish community," Roemer said. "That's sort of what this event was, you know. We can't really be together, but we want to bring the Jewish community out in a way that's socially appropriate."

Rachel and David Goldman brought their two boys, Judah, 8, and Shai, 4, to

the drive-in for a chance to get out of the house.

"I actually had just been looking at the drive-in movie, and we got the email (about the event) like the next day," Rachel said. "I was like, 'Let's do it with some JCC people.'"

The Goldmans, who met at the JCC as children, were pleased to stay connected with other J families.

"We're always happy to do things with the JCC and to get together with other people," Rachel said. "We've been stuck inside. Now, we have camp, and the pool is open, which is great. But we've been kind of stuck, not getting to do a whole lot."

Emily Renco and Elizabeth Davis – area teenagers – sat in the back of an SUV, waiting to watch the movies. They had been to the drive-in before with BBYO, they said. This time, according to Davis, they were just "looking to do something, to get out of the house."

Sara Klein Wagner, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville (JCL), praised the event.

"It's an unusual summer, and therefore we have to take advantage of extraordinary opportunities to bring people together safely," Wagner said. "People binge watch everything in their homes, so this way they can get out outside and enjoy people from afar."

Neil Davidoff and his son Richard, 12, sitting in their lawn chairs ready to watch



Families from across Louisville came together Sunday, July 26, for the J Family Drive-in and a rare chance to connect during the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. (Community photo by Robbyn McClain)

the movie, were grateful that JCC events are resuming.

"We did go to the JCC pool just the other day, and you know, it's good, that there's still community events going on," Davidoff said.

Marsha Bornstein, director of the Louisville Jewish Film Festival, went to the movies with her daughter, Michelle, and her three grandchildren. Their two cars were parked side by side, prepared for a fun night.

"We came early so we could get the best seat in the house, next to each other, and we're so excited," Bornstein said. "This is just perfect. I'm so thrilled to see people I know."

While Bornstein has been furloughed

from the JCC (she returns in August), she's been helping her daughter, who works from home, with the children.

"It's been really challenging," she said. "When the JCC pool opened, that helped. We went swimming yesterday."

Roemer said she was pleased with the turnout and hopes to keep encouraging families to stay connected.

"You know, we hope people will look for opportunities and ways to come out and try to get their children to be involved in some way during the coronavirus in whatever safe way is possible," she said. "Obviously, we're all kind of feeling the strain of not being able to get out and be with our friends."



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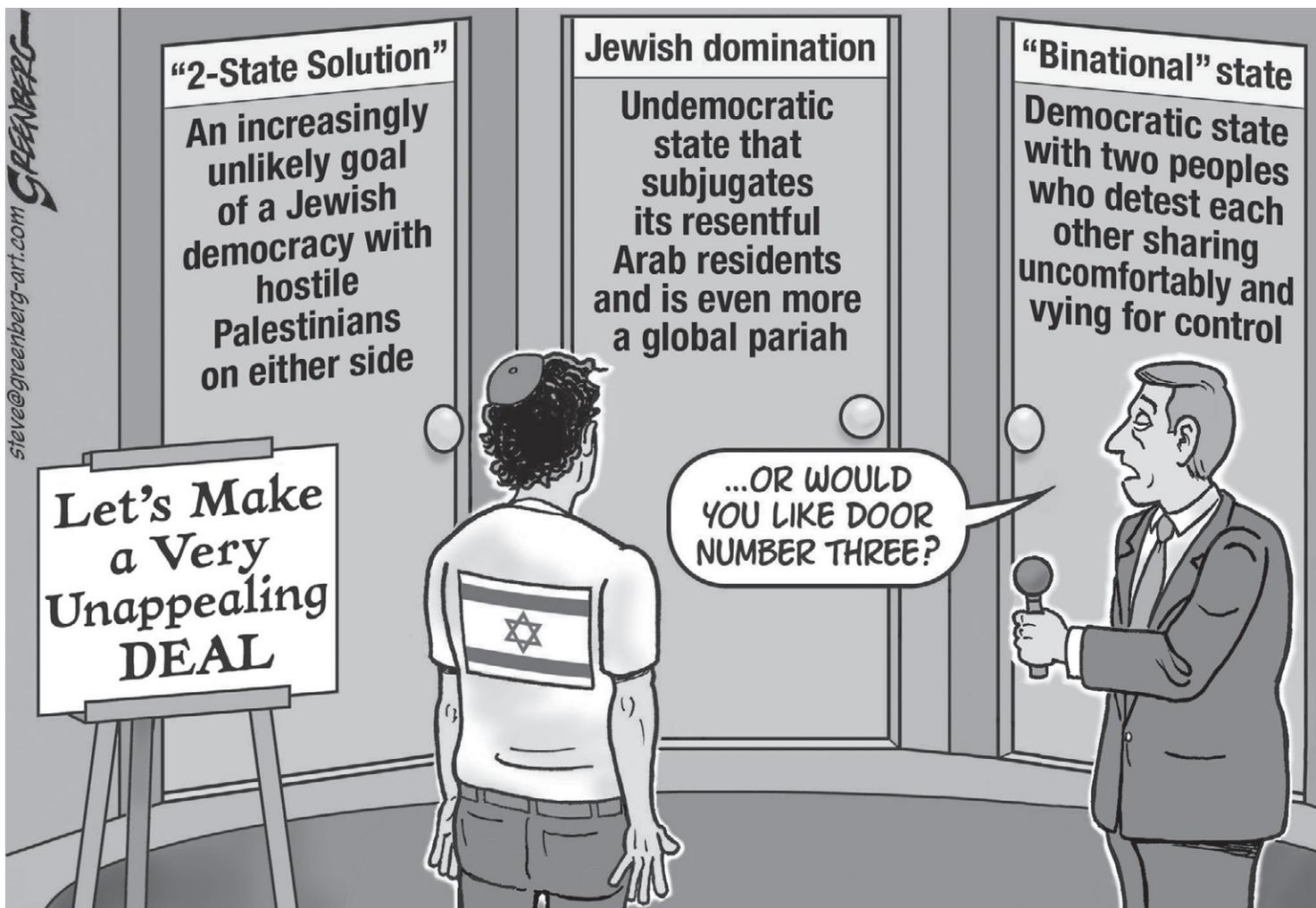
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FORUM



Marker flap dredges up Jewish-slavery history



Human Resources

Lee Chottiner

In this summer of racial justice, when Confederate monuments are toppled and the notorious battle flag is finally lowered in – wait for it – Mississippi, one might think that this national soul-searching surrounding America's history with slavery and racism has little to do with the Jews.

One would be wrong.

Even though just 150,000 Jews lived in the United States by 1860 – an infinitesimal figure compared to the 6.9 million living here today, and the forebears of most American Jews hadn't even arrived here by the Civil War, some Jews who were here were indeed complicit.

Some (not many) owned slaves. Many more, though, supported the Southern status quo by fighting against the Union or simply by their silence.

Some even took leadership roles in the Confederacy, leaving a legacy that Jews are still debating. More on that later.

In an interview with me, Jonathan Sarna, professor of American Jewish history at Brandeis University, said Jewish loyalty to the South cut across political and religious lines.

On the eve of the Civil War, Sarna said, three of Louisiana's most powerful

leaders – A U.S. senator, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the state House – were all Jews.

Then there were religious leaders.

"Southern rabbis were very much part of the Southern cause," Sarna said. "We have prayers for the South."

He also referred to the diary of a Southern Jewish woman during the war, "clearly quite active in the synagogue, and boy! You can see the hatred of Abraham Lincoln, the horror that the slaves are going to be freed."

After the war, a cemetery for Jewish veterans of the Confederate army was established in Richmond, Virginia. "Jews wanted to prove we fought for the Confederacy."

There was a reason why some Jews would fight for a cause that accommodated slavery: Their own standing in Southern society likely depended on it.

"Jews in a Southern society – that is, divided Black and White – could be accepted as white as long as they didn't rock the boat, as long as they behaved," Sarna said. "But they knew that if they were seen as dissenters for folks who didn't quite accept the laws of white society, they could easily be stripped of that white status."

In short, Sarna said, Southern Jews "were not quite white."

By the 1950s, though, when rabbis and lay Jews began supporting the civil rights movement, he said synagogues were attacked and Jewish businesses were boycotted.

Not all Southern Jews supported slavery. Some moved north rather than live in such a society. Others were openly antislavery, like the family of Louis-

ville native Louis Brandeis, the first Jew to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Brandeis's uncle, Lewis Naphtali Dembitz, became a delegate to the 1860 Republican National Convention, which nominated Abraham Lincoln for president.

But many Southern Jews simply remained silent. Some even assumed leadership roles.

The most famous among them was Judah P. Benjamin, Confederate secretary of state and the right-hand man to President Jefferson Davis, who 155 years since the war's end, is back in the news.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, two synagogues, one of which now claims Rabbi Michael Wolk as its new spiritual leader, have been trying for years to remove a monument to Benjamin, which was erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The governing boards of the synagogues initially approved the project in 1948, according to Rabbi Asher Knight of Charlotte's Temple Beth El, but they quickly soured on the idea when anti-Semitism within the local chapter of United Daughters became apparent.

The engraved stone, not much bigger than a headstone, bearing the names of both congregations, was finally taken down in June amid the protests for racial justice. The mayor also appointed a task force, which includes members of the Jewish community, to address all Confederate monuments in the city.

But the story of the Benjamin monu-

FORUM

Remember those two flags when we call for justice



JCRC Scene
Matt Goldberg

Just about three years ago, white supremacists from around the country gathered in Charlottesville, Virginia, in one of the largest hate rallies in many years.

Their message wasn't new. It's a message that has been repeated in this country for decades, even centuries; it's a message of extreme xenophobia and hatred.

Watching those images on TV was alarming and heartbreaking, but one image in particular caught my eye: that of white supremacists in the march proudly holding the swastika and the Confederate battle flags aloft, side by side. It reminded me that African Americans and Jews are common

targets, sharing this unique bond in which our collective fates are intertwined.

As Jews, we are obligated to fight for racial justice. This scene was just another reason why.

It is our obligation to fight for justice and defend our Jewish values wherever necessary. With the lessons of the Holocaust (and the painful image of the swastika flag) as our guide, we are keenly aware that standing on the proverbial sidelines is simply not an option for us.

In fact, it is not only our own country's injustices that need to be mitigated. Suffering around the world continues to this day. Ethnic cleansing in Bosnia, Rwanda, Darfur, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Burma and China clearly show that humanity has not learned its lesson, and we delude ourselves if we think it will just end. Remembering and acknowledging is the first step towards actualizing our "Never Again" mantra.

This week is Tisha B'Av, the fast day

when we commemorate the destruction of the Temple (and many other tragedies affecting the Jewish people throughout history). The Talmud teaches that the First Temple was destroyed because of idol worship and bloodshed, but the Second Temple was destroyed because of causeless hatred, affirming that the sin of hate is as bad as murder and idol worship.

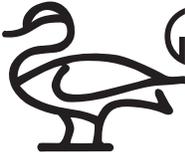
We should be proud that our tradition has what is now a 2,000-year history of working to atone for this sin. Causeless hatred is everywhere; our mission is clear; our obligation to our fellow human beings is incontrovertible.

Black people in the United States are fighting for their lives today, and we will do what we can to support that fight by educating our community and advocating for policies and laws that address structural inequalities. Around the world, we must also hold up a virtual banner for those who are victims of injustice.

If we ever have any doubt about our

obligations, we just need to remember that all-too-recent image of those two flags of hate flying together.

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



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Letter to the editor

Why have a bar mitzvah in a pandemic?

My grandson, Mason, just completed his bar mitzvah commitment. It was very different than previously planned by his parents, having been constantly altered and adjusted. His bar mitzvah was live streamed at The Temple.

The extremely limited number of guests had their temperatures taken before entering the building and were offered hand sanitizer and facial masks before going into the sanctuary. The pews were socially distanced and marked "ok to sit here." The rabbi and The Temple did a tremendous job under these trying circumstances; we appreciate them so much. Our extended family and friends

were encouraged to join us virtually.

The answer to my question, *why* have the ceremony now would be: *Because* of this very difficult time, we strive to find ways to come together and find reasons to rejoice. We look for our Jewish traditions to continue to lead and guide us. It is so important to search for small bits of joy and tranquility in our daily life. *Why not* have a bar mitzvah during difficult times? It is amazing the creativity that has been implemented by so many to fulfill our ancient rituals.

Jill Ginsburg
Louisville

CHOTTINER

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ment is not finished.

For one thing, a North Carolina law requires the city to store the monument, which was spray-painted and damaged with a crowbar days before it was taken down, for 90 days while gauging public reaction. It could still be re-erected.

For another thing, many Southern Jews are not happy that it's gone.

"I have been contacted by Jews in the South who were angry about it," Knight said. "There are a lot of Jews who are proud of their Southern heritage. It hasn't been universal support for removal of the monument."

If nothing else, he hopes the monument will lead to a serious discussion by Southern Jews over their role in slavery.

"I think there's a real discussion we have to have about that, what it means

to be proud of our past," Knight said, especially if that past "has included painful experiences for others."

He added, "It is incumbent on us to focus on ways we were complicit in the perpetuation of racism and segregation."

Sarna echoed that point. While noting that all Jews are not responsible for the actions of a few, "on the other hand, Jews are very happy to take pride in the great deeds of earlier Jews, We're proud of the Jews of Newport [Rhode Island], who sent a letter to George Washington. No one says, 'but wait a minute, you weren't here at that time.' Most groups are like that. We learn and role model on the heroes, not on the villains."

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

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GLOBE

Ex-British lawmaker: Getting Twitter to thwart hate speech means governments must step up



Guest
Columnist

Caroline Flint

DONCASTER, England (JTA) – This past Monday at 9 a.m., along with thousands of others, I joined a 48-hour boycott of Twitter following the actions of a rapper I must admit never having heard of.

Richard Cowie, aka Wiley, received the Music of Black Origin award for best male artist in 2013 and was awarded the Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) medal in 2018. These career landmarks passed me by, but his anti-Semitism did not.

I don't know why he would compare Jews to the Ku Klux Klan. I don't pretend to understand what motivated him to suggest Jews were "at war" with Black people and "would do anything to ruin a black mans [sic] life."

The tirade spoke volumes; it was a diatribe of Jew hatred. I don't want to hear his explanation or his apology. But I do expect Twitter to keep him from using its platform to peddle these

views to his almost half a million followers.

Instead, I was shocked to see that the tweets remained online for 12 hours. Then Twitter appeared to act, taking his account down for a few hours and removing some of the offending tweets, only for the account to spring back to life to spew fourth more hate.

Now Twitter has imposed a seven-day ban. Wow! If that is what Twitter thinks makes a measured response to anti-Semitism, or any kind of hate speech, then we are living in parallel universes.

Let's be clear: Twitter's 12-hour period of inaction is not a small matter. This company has algorithms that spot trends and red flags dangerous content. It has monitoring teams that should have spotted this and taken action. Given the company's capabilities, those 12 hours of delay were unacceptable.

So why only a 48-hour boycott? The answer is simple. The **#NoSafeSpaceForJewHate** campaign has focused huge attention on the responsibility of social media platforms to get their houses in order. We use Twitter because we love it, sharing news, reaction, jokes and gifs with friends and followers, and expect the company to maintain a space free from the vilest

forms of hate.

At times, social media has been vital in exposing abuse and injustice, from human rights violations in Syria to the George Floyd killing. Twitter connects us to the big issues of the day or the humdrum of life during the United Kingdom's coronavirus lockdown. Millions of voices, angry, funny, opinionated.

We value this small freedom at our fingertips; we like the variety, the free expression. But we draw a line at hate, incitement to violence and racism. And if platforms like Twitter, Instagram or Facebook cannot or do not remove hateful content quickly, then many will lose faith. (Facebook suspended Wiley on Tuesday when he moved his messaging toward Jews there.)

We should not feel forced to remove ourselves. The first course of action should be to remove the preachers of hate. The fact that Twitter does not produce the posts does not absolve the social media network of responsibility to monitor for any that spread hate.

In the U.K. specifically, an Online Harms Bill is long overdue. We must create a regulator, independent of the social media behemoths. This bill should ensure that, in the U.K. at least, these sites would become responsible for their content, just as publishers

are. Yes, we know billions of words and videos are posted every day. We also know this content earns the companies billions of dollars each year – so deal with it.

Twitter and other social media companies have a duty of care to have proper policies in place and the mechanisms to act quickly. Indecision or poor systems leave the likes of Wiley to run rampant.

Maybe a 48-hour silence in support of **#NoSafeSpaceForJewHate** is a modest response from users. Maybe it is not enough. But it is the start of taking a stand, not just against anti-Semitism but against all hate speech.

If not driven from the mainstream, hate speech affects us all, corrodes relationships and diminishes tolerance and happiness. In the end, hate undermines all our freedoms. Social media at its best enables us to share and enjoy our differences, our diversity, our many cultures, religions, loves and pastimes. Perhaps one day soon, Twitter will be a safe space to celebrate those, too.

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Letter to the community: Tough year gives way to 'exciting' Jewish future here

Dear JCL friends,

Like everything, this year our annual meeting is different. While we wish we could have been in our JCC building greeting each other with hugs and smiles, we are thankful to be together virtually reflecting on an unprecedented year. We are most grateful to each of you, our donors, members, supporters and family of staff and friends.

This past year included many highlights as an agency, including phenomenal leadership gifts for the capital campaign, a new partnership for all Jewish children and our response to the COVID-19 crisis:

- The *Our Community, Our Future* capital campaign has quietly moved forward securing more than \$38M to date. The response from our lead donors including individuals, families and foundations has been remarkable. We hear over and over again how important the JCC has been and is to the entire community and

how it's shaped the lives of so many. Plans for the new building have taken shape even as the world took a pause during the early months of the pandemic. Our team continued to move forward with the pre-construction phase allowing us to keep the project on task.

- Jewish youth experiences, specifically overnight summer camp and Israel trips, took top priority in this fiscal year as a result of our partnership with the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Seventy-one children, teens and young adults received One Happy Camper incentive grants or financial assistance, but many of these programs were cancelled due to the pandemic. We are already counting down the days to next summer.
- To respond to COVID-19, along with our partner agencies and synagogues, we created the United Jewish Louisville Rapid Response Fund to support areas of greatest need. This included

assistance to continue the work of our partner agencies, congregations and the programs that provide critical community services.

Our year was interrupted on March 16 as we closed the doors to our JCC when the coronavirus impacted the world around us. We quickly created virtual programming online for our members, donors and community. The JCC reopened its doors on June 1 with limited capacity and reduced staff. Since then, we have been dedicated to the health and safety of our members while we bring health and wellness areas back online, our ELC children together and continue Camp J for our youth and teens.

Much of our work now is centered around defining a collective vision for our future. A significant part of this vision is helping families navigate and engage in every Jewish opportunity locally and globally. The Federation recently hired its first senior director of Jewish

Journeys and Experiences, Alison Roemer, to lead our work on this initiative.

As we enter an exciting and optimistic time for our community and the world at large, we also know that it is one that is a little different than what we planned for. We remain focused on our vision to inspire meaningful lives, while transforming our Jewish future. We share thousands of years of history, tradition and experiences, as well as our resilience and communal strength, which gives us both confidence in a strong future.

Sincerely,



Jon Fleischaker
Board Chair

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LIFE & LEGACY tops more than \$9 million in commitments in Louisville

By staff and releases

More than 300 local donors have committed to support Jewish Louisville through the LIFE & LEGACY initiative.

The commitments are part of a "collaborative endowment building effort" by nine Jewish entities here, including the Federation, synagogues, schools and other agencies, LIFE & LEGACY said in a release.

In Louisville, LIFE & LEGACY has secured 333 local donors, who have made 467 commitments (Some donors are supporting more than one agency or synagogue). The effort is part of nation-

al LIFE & LEGACY initiative that has that has secured more than \$1 billion in commitments.

"Our work continues," Shelly Gillman, chair of Louisville's LIFE & LEGACY initiative, said in a prepared statement. "While it has been made more difficult because of COVID-19 issues we continue to pursue our Jewishly committed supporters who give us hope that we will be successful in our efforts to make Louisville a meaningful Jewish Community for all of us and our heirs."

Started in 2012 by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, LIFE & LEGACY is a national effort to secure commitments

by individuals to remember their Jewish institutions in their wills as a way of supporting synagogues, agencies and schools after their deaths.

In less than eight years, LIFE & LEGACY has secured donations from more than 17,000 donors in 63 communities across North America. The commitments ensure that organizations providing impactful programs and services during both calm and turbulent times have the resources they need to adapt.

Jewish Louisville just completed its third year in the LIFE & LEGACY with a virtual celebration on June 24, featuring a panel of Jewish Louisville Archive

co-chairs: Fred Joseph and Frank Weisberg, and Abby Glogower, curator of Jewish collections and Jewish archives at The Filson Historical Society. Barry Bernson served as moderator for the program, which addressed preserving Louisville's Jewish historical legacy and impact.

"Even in the midst of so much disruption and uncertainty," LIFE & LEGACY National Director Arlene D. Schiff said in a prepared statement, "we continue to empower many generous and committed individuals and families to give back to the Jewish organizations that have played and are playing an important role in their lives."



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NEWSMAKERS

Impellizzeri named Kling honoree

The Jewish Community of Louisville has named JCC Chef Helen Impellizzeri the winner of its annual Arthur S. Kling Award.

Impellizzeri accepted her award during the JCL's virtual Annual Meeting on July 6

This year's Kling Award, which recognizes excellence by a JCC staff member, went to Impellizzeri for her efforts to feed hundreds of seniors left homebound by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

In presenting the award, JCC Vice President of Programs and Operations Tom Wissinger said Impellizzeri and her sous chef have prepared 6,200 meals since the JCC building shut down in March, doubling its normal output.

"The repurposing of the program would not have been possible without Helen's skill, dedication and expertise in meal preparation and delivery," Wissinger said.

A great-grand daughter of Depression-era grocers, Impellizzeri said providing food for the community is "in my blood" and said it was an honor to work for an organization that made community service its mission.

"People do depend on us, and what we do matters," she said, "and we definitely switched gears."

Roemer to build relationships with JCL



Alison Roemer

The Jewish Community of Louisville has hired Alison Roemer to be its senior director of Jewish journeys & experiences, a new position designed to build collaborative relationships with the JCL.

"My position is two-fold," Roemer said. "A big part is to encourage Jewish youth to attend Jewish overnight camp and to travel to Israel... The second part of this job is to connect

Jewish families to the many ways to engage in the Jewish community."

Roemer named the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Shalom Baby, PJ Library and the Jewish preschools and BBYO as her mission partners.

"The goal is to find a pathway for all Jewish youth to connect with Judaism in a way that is comfortable for them."

A career educator, Roemer has previously been director of education and assistant director at The Temple Trager Early Childhood Education Center, an instructional coach in the Jefferson County Public Schools and a mentor for new grade schoolteachers in Ohio. She holds degrees in education from the University of Tennessee and Miami (Ohio) University.

Roemer can be reached at 502-238-2730 or aroemer@jewishlouisville.org.

Louisville young adults win JFNA fellowships

Three young adults from Louisville have been named recipients of a fellowship from the Jewish Federation of North America (JFNA).

Baily Doctrow, Rebecca Halpryn and Brianna Dines have each won a Jewish Changemakers Fellowship, a JFNA summer program that offers learning opportunities in Jewish leadership, networking and community action for young adults ages 20-25.

More than 2,000 young adults applied for the first three-week session in July, so a second session was added for August.

Doctrow is a rising senior at the University of Cincinnati; Halpryn recently earned her Masters of Social Work from the University of Louisville; Dines is an occupational therapist with the Oldham County Public Schools.

The sessions, which are held virtually, involve cohorts of 12-16 young adults, each committing 15 hours a week to the program for three weeks. Each will receive a stipend at the end of their session.

Among the subjects they studied were "The Global Jewish Community," "Leading in a Time of Change and Crisis," "Resiliency" and "Defining Your Personal Mission Statement."

NCJW, Gilda's Club put on camp for kids

National Council of Jewish Women-Louisville Section partnered with Gilda's Club Kentuckiana for their annual Camp

Gilda in July.

Community Quest, as the camp is called, was held virtually from July 20 to 24 with 42 children ages 6-11. The campers explored Kentuckiana by touring museums, parks and other area attractions.

NCJW members provided 210 goodie bags filled with food, snacks and toys for campers. It also distributed gift cards for pizza meals to all of the families in the camp.

NCJW has partnered with Gilda's Club for about 10 years.

"Though we know the virtual camp is a necessity due to the ongoing fight against the coronavirus, the kitchen volunteers and I will miss the smiling faces and witty comments of the campers and staff this year," said NCJW Camp Gilda Chair Helen Wahba. "We look forward to having a normal in-person camp in 2021."

Other volunteers were Michal Atlas, Joyce Bridge, Susan Gardner, Ruth Gonzalez, Linda Ianke, Judy Shapira, Leni Sweet, and Beverly Weinberg.

Gilda's Club provides a place where children and adults with cancer (and their families and friends) find social and emotional support as a supplement to medical care.

Farrier named UofL advancement VP

Jasmine Farrier, chair of the University of Louisville Department of Political Science, has been named vice president for university advancement by UofL President Neeli Bendapudi.

"Dr. Farrier is an outstanding teacher, mentor and friend to many current students and alumni," Bendapudi said, in a letter announcing the appointment. "She has been very active in supporting and promoting her department, the college and the university.... She also is a prolific writer, speaker and public servant."

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Farrier earned her Ph.D. in government from the University of Texas at Austin. She joined the UofL political science faculty in 2002 after completing a fellowship at the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia.

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Chavurat Shalom

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tertain at 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20.

Thursday, Aug. 27, to be announced.

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Hordes and Lisa Flannery lead a virtual Torah-yoga class, co-sponsored by Temple Shalom and Hadassah, the first Thursday of each month on Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

Hordes teaches a kabbalistic class, based on the Hebrew month's holidays, Torah portions, healing areas, astrological connections. Second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

A baking class is held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Upcoming recipes are Avocado Blueberry Cheesecake, Crepes, and Challah. Check facebook.com/kilouisville for exact dates and recipes.

All classes are held on Zoom. Visit ti.nyurl.com/KICzoom.

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Temple Shalom

Fred Levein, member of the of the local Chevra Kadisha (holy society), which washes the dead and guards bodies until burial, following Jewish practice, will speak about his work at the July 31 Shabbat Experience. Services start at 6:30 p.m. Beth Olliges will be the song leader. Email information@templeshalomky.org for the Zoom link.

British poet Cheryl Moskowitz will speak at the next Chailands Chavurah, 7 pm. Saturday, Aug. 22. Moskowitz recently finished an e-book of poetry, The Corona Collection, which is based on interviews with London children about what they have missed since the COVID-19 lock-down. E-mail information@templeshalomky.org for the Zoom link.

Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner leads Torah study Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Email information@templeshalomky.org for the Zoom link.

The Temple

Take a Break, Breathe, and Bond with your Pet, an animal-assisted relaxation experience led by Jennifer Sinski, will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 2. RSVP to sarahharlan86@gmail.com for the Zoom link. The program should last

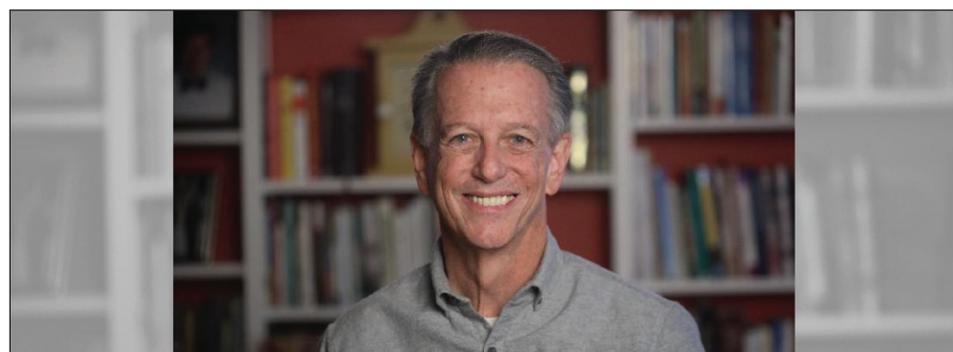
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The rabbis have created customized prayer books for the virtual High Holy Days services. A prayer book has been printed for every member with support from the WRJ/Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Each member will receive their copy, along with a High Holy Day gift bag with challah, wine, and a yearzeit candle. The gift bags and prayer books will be available for pickup will take place under the covered portico by the office on Aug. 17, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and Aug 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

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Blue Jean Shabbat and Family Dinner will be at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21. Take-home dinners are \$10 per meal for adults, by Aug. 14, \$15 afterwards, \$4 for children ages 12 and under. All Orders must be placed by noon, Wednesday, Aug. 19. RSVP to thetemplelouky.org/blue-jean/. Meal pick-ups will be on Friday, Aug. 21. Sign up.



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Obituaries



Karyn Beth (Hyman) Harkins

Karyn Beth (Hyman) Harkins, 50, passed away Saturday, July 18, 2020, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. She graduated Ballard High School and the

University of Cincinnati with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Karyn was employed by Broadway Across America, where she enjoyed meeting fellow colleagues, from around the country, whose work involved making Broadway shows available to their communities.

Her love of travel took her to New York for business. She also visited Israel three times, the first as a teenager on an archaeological dig while living on a kibbutz. Later, she did a photography study in the area. Finally, she traveled with a group of mothers, like herself.

Her dream of going to Belize was not realized but her spirit will be there in Karyn's next chapter.

Karyn was preceded in death by her husband, Eric Dawes Harkins.

She is survived by her children, Henry Dawes Harkins and Jason Louis Harkins; her parents, Janie and Dr. Roy Hyman; her brother Kevin Phillip Hyman (Jenny); uncles, Dr. Neil Wasserman (Ann), Steve Hyman (Peggy); her in-laws, Margaret and David Harkins; sister-in-law, Holly Borton (Mike); niece Danica Hyman; nephews Ivan Borton and Chris Knotts; and her cousins Adam Wasserman (Andrea), Brian Wasserman (Heidi), Lee Hyman (Debby).

The family thanks Karyn's brother, Kevin, who has spent this past month in Louisville attending to her needs as her health rapidly declined.

Due to COVID-19, funeral services were held privately with burial in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Donations may be made to the National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, 1250 Bardstown Rd #113, Louisville, KY 40205; or

the Kentucky Institute for Torah Education, 2310 Dorothy Ave, Louisville, KY 40205.



Dr. Donald Kaye

Dr. Donald Kaye of Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, a well-known physician and mentor, died Saturday, July 4, 2020, weeks before of his 91st birthday.

Born on Aug. 12, 1931, in New York City, son of the late Morris and Rose, Donald graduated from Yale University in 1953 and earned his M.D. from New York University in 1957. He completed his training at Cornell University and New York Hospital in internal medicine and infectious diseases in 1961 and then served as a faculty member there until 1969.

During his time at Cornell, he trained and influenced future infectious diseases luminaries, including Gerald Mandell, Merle Sande and, most notably, Anthony Fauci.

In 1969, he became chairman of the Department of Medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania (MCP) at the age of 38, a position he held until 1995. During his time at MCP (later known as Hahnemann), he transformed the department into a nationally recognized research and clinical institution.

An internationally recognized clinician, educator and researcher, Donald's particular areas of expertise were urinary tract infections and endocarditis, writing books on both topics. He also published more than 250 peer-reviewed articles in medical journals and authored more than 100 book chapters.

He received many federally funded grants, was elected to leadership positions in professional societies, received numerous awards and was named Master of the American College of Physicians.

Donald served on editorial boards on many professional journals and remained active in editing and publishing until the end of his life.

He was a mentor to hundreds of physicians, many of whom have become aca-

demical and clinical leaders, in whom he instilled values of integrity, loyalty, and compassion.

While medicine was a true passion of his, Donald valued family above all else. He married the love of his life, Janet Kaye (nee Sovitsky) in 1954, and had four children, all of whom are physicians, and was grandfather to nine. In all of them, he instilled a strong work ethic, family values and love.

Donald is survived by his beloved wife, Janet (nee Sovitsky); his loving children, Dr. Kenneth (Elaine) Kaye, Dr. Karen (Steven) Bloom of Louisville, Dr. Kendra (Jerry) Zuckerman and Dr. Keith (Jill Noll) Kaye; his cherished grandchildren, Alexander (Sarah Meyers), Caroline, Elizabeth, Sarah, David, Rachel, Emily, Aden and Travis; and his devoted sister, Harriet Sobol.

Services were private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Main Line Reform Temple (www.mlrt.org).



Harry Lee Meyer

Harry Lee Meyer passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Born March 30, 1932, the son of the late Evelyn G. Meyer. As a teenager, Harry Lee was adopted by the late Dr. J. Harold Meyer.

He attended Indiana University and then went to law school at the University of Louisville with a scholarship working at the law library.

After law school, he served in the Air Force as a navigator and as a Judge Advocate General legal officer. He retired a captain.

After the service, Harry Lee practiced law for over 50 years, mainly in the real estate field. He loved the law. Some of his favorite projects over the years were representing Oxmoor Shopping Center, Citizens Plaza Office Building, The Thomas Family at the Haymarket, and the purchase of the land and building of the 21 Willow Apartments. Many of his clients became life-long friends.

He also worked in family law, helping

many couples adopt children – one of his greatest joys and pride.

Harry Lee contributed to the community through his work for charitable organizations. He served as regional president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Louisville and served on its national board in New York promoting good relations between religions and races. While Harry Lee was president, Muhammad Ali was presented with the board's annual award.

Harry Lee served as president of the Temple Brotherhood and was on the board which helped establish the Sheltered Workshop which provided paying jobs for learning disabled adults. He donated his legal services as council to St Joseph Children's Home for many years.

After retiring, Harry Lee travel with his wife, going anywhere at a moment's notice to see the world and making many friends.

In addition to his parents, Harry Lee was preceded in death by his aunts, Cecil Wayne and Harriet Bloom Kessel, who helped to raise him, along with his grandparents Rhea and Harry S. Grab and great-grandparents Lilly and Victor Lorch.

He is survived and loved by his wife of 59 years, Debby Erlen Meyer, two sons and their families, Andrew Meyer, wife Page and granddaughter Alexandra of Hudson Ohio, and Thomas Meyer and wife Louise of Los Angeles. His family and friends meant the world to him; he will truly be missed but never forgotten.

The family thanks its friends and neighbors for their help, caring, and concerns at this time and throughout the years and feels We fortunate for their love and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, support for Harry Lee's favorite causes and organizations – the Filson Historical Society, the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law Library at the UofL, Hospice, and public radio station are appreciated.

Due to the pandemic, a private graveside service was held at The Temple Cemetery. A memorial service will take place at an appropriate later date

Did you hear the one about Carl Reiner and the anti-Semitic G.I.?

By David Y. Chack
For Community

We took Carl Reiner for granted.

He was always there, writing, playing the straight man to Mel Brooks' joke or acting as the foil for Dick van Dyke. He did it all with impeccable timing, a dapper physical presence and intelligence.

But humor was a survival mechanism for Reiner. Case in point, during the 2012 Alliance for Jewish Theatre Conference in Los Angeles, he told us a story about confronting anti-Semitism while in the Army:

There was a huge guy in his unit who hated Jews, Reiner recollected. Everything that was wrong with the world was because of Jews. Reiner would often respond quietly with jokes that sent the rest of the unit into hysterics. Finally, the anti-Semitic soldier couldn't take it any longer. He demanded that the two fight it out, but the rest of the unit pulled them apart, saving Reiner from a beating. Eventually, his humor even pacified



the anti-Semite.

Reiner truly believed that humor was not just a way to counter anti-Semitism; it could also build relationships.

His intelligence is not often recognized. The man steeped himself in world history, which was obvious in the genius of the routines he created with Mel Brooks for their "2000 Year Old Man" routine. My wife, Carol Ely, an American historian and now director of Historic Locust Grove in Louisville, met Reiner when she was the education director at the Paul Revere Historical House in Boston. She didn't know who he was

when they first met, but she recalls how he asked so many questions about the situation that no one else thought to ask.

He brought that love of history back to his comedy. For example, this skit he did with Brooks as the kvetchy Jewish 2,000-year-old man being interviewed by Reiner:

Reiner: Did you know Paul Revere?

Brooks: An anti-Semite bastard.

Reiner: What?

Brooks: He had fear they were coming into the neighborhood and he rode to every village and farm shouting "The Yiddish are coming! The Yiddish are coming!"

Reiner (crying out): No! He said the British are coming.

Brooks: Oy, mein Gott! I got to write his wife a note. I thought he said the Yiddish are coming.

Of course, the audience erupted in laughter.

But the play-on-words joke was not just about the anti-Semitic fear that Jews

were moving to WASP neighborhoods. Its complexity reflected how Jews carry that fear of anti-Semitism and outsiderhood in their cultural DNA. That was the intellect that he brought to his work.

Reiner believed laughter is an act rooted in our very existence and a way to bring people together. and even, more – as.. He and Brooks genuinely wanted to explore the human condition. Using their Jewish sensibilities of "laughter through tears," he showed how it is a remedy to deal with the disease of anti-Semitism, racism, oppression and suffering. Zichron l'vracha – May his memory be for a blessing.

(David Y. Chack is the artistic director of the ShPIeL Performing Identity with Bunbury Theatre, which has produced several Jewish-themed plays for Louisville audiences about the intersection of anti-Semitism and racism. He is currently working on another play about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel.)

LIFECYCLE



LaVerne "Mimi" Ontell

LaVerne "Mimi" Ontell, 93, passed away peacefully on Thursday July 2, 2020.

Mimi loved to play Mahjong and cards with her friends. An avid golfer, she played every hole with her "Big Bertha" club.

Always giving of herself, she was a member of Adath Jeshurun for over 70 years and volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Home of the Innocents and Jefferson Street Mission.

She was beautiful, kind and caring. Everyone that knew her loved her immediately.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Milton "Jerry" Ontell.

Mimi is survived by her daughter, Marlene (Sam) Gordon; her grandchildren, Kim (Stuart) Frankenthal, Hillary Gordon (Alex Smoler) and Lyle (Tracy) Gordon; her great-grandchildren, Seth (Andi), Jeremy (Jenna), Andrew Frankenthal, Avi, Penina and Yael Smoler and Zach Gordon; her great-great-granddaughters, Rowan and Scout Frankenthal.

Graveside services will be private at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Donations may be made to the JCC's Senior Nutrition Program or the donor's favorite charity.



Hinda Pressman Ordman

Hinda Pressman Ordman, a lifelong resident of Louisville, died Sunday, July 5, 2020, at the age of 79.

A daughter of the late Charles and Camille Pressman, who encouraged her love of music, Hinda graduated from Atherton High School and then moved to New York, where she studied piano at The Juilliard School. Upon returning to Louisville, Hinda taught piano privately to students of all ages at the University of Louisville, a few piano shops and in her home.

She is best remembered as a person who provided the most support to those who most needed it. Her music uplifted their spirits; her compassion filled their hearts.

Hinda is survived by her daughter, Jilana Ordman (Phillip Brigham); her

brother, Samuel Pressman (Gayle Eichel Pressman); and many people who she loved and who loved her.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 9, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. Burial followed in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Animal Care Society, 12207 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40245 or Brown Cancer Research, UofL - James Graham Brown Cancer Center 529 S. Jackson St., Louisville, KY 40202



Molly Bernard Rosen

Molly Bernard Rosen passed away peacefully on Friday July 3, 2020, in Louisville. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she will be missed and lovingly remembered by all who

knew her.

Born in Juarez, Mexico on Feb. 28, 1925, Molly immigrated to El Paso when she was 6 and spent the majority of her life there before moving to Louisville nine years ago.

Spanish was her primary language and she continued to "think" in Spanish throughout her life.

She selflessly cared for her husband, Norman, and her children, always putting herself last. Molly worked diligently to provide a loving and nurturing home for her family. Her cooking and baking were legendary, and she and her closest friends "walked" the streets of West El Paso for years before it was fashionable.

Her sense of humor was second to none. Always up on current events, she never shied from imparting pearls of wisdom to everyone, always with a glass of wine (or two). Everyone had the kindest of words to say about Molly.

Even though she moved to Louisville, she maintained her affiliation with Temple Mt. Sinai in El Paso, always referring to it as "my temple" and maintaining a pen pal relationship with the rabbi, even though she never met him.

Molly was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Norman, and her parents, Morris and Anna Bernard. Molly is survived by her three children, Eddie Rosen (Linda) of Louisville, Lorie Schoch (Stan) of Austin, Texas, and Richie Rosen (Kara) of Lubbock, Texas; her sister, Janice Katz of Millbrae, California; her grandchildren, Nikki Rosen, Jamie Pilon (Tom), Wayne Marley (Jennifer), Sandy Newell (Tucker), Elliot Rosen (Season), Mallory Rosen, Kevin Schoch (Meredith), Emily Guillory (Dave); her great-grandson, Thomas Nye Pilon; and her nieces and nephews and her other friends and extended family from El Paso and Louisville.

A private ceremony was held through Sunset Funeral Home West. The family thanks the staff at Westport Place Health Campus and her many caregivers/companions from Home Instead in Louisville, all of whom took superb care of Molly, and to Rabbi David Ariel-Joel and volunteers from The Temple.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a favorite charity.

Selma Rothstein

Selma Rothstein, 96, died on Monday,

July 6, 2020, in Louisville.

Born Dec. 5, 1923, in Philadelphia, a daughter of the late Leah and Jack Rosenfeld, Selma, at age 18, married her high school sweetheart, the late Dr. Sidney Rothstein on Sept. 19, 1942, while he was in the Navy.

They were married the day before Yom Kippur, a day normally forbidden for weddings, but the rabbi made an exception because of the war.

The couple loved traveling (especially cruises) and spending time in Atlantic City at their vacation apartment. They were married for 47 years.

A proud Philadelphian, Selma took family members to historic sites there.

She loved giving gifts and hosting parties for weddings, b'nai mitzvahs, birthdays and anniversaries. Her parties were always planned down to the smallest detail and always had lots of food. Whatever the occasion, she was always impeccably dressed.

A lifelong card player, she passed that love down to everyone in the family. She enjoyed baking, reading and was interested in sports and politics.

Of most importance to her was spending time with her family.

She was a member of Adath Jeshurun Congregation in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, and lived in the Philadelphia area until 2008, when she moved to Louisville, to be near her family. She became a member of The Temple.

In addition to her husband and parents, She was preceded in death by her daughter, Freddie Rothstein; her sister, Ann Hoffman; and her brother, Sidney Rosenfeld.

Selma is survived by her son, Mark Rothstein (Laura) of Louisville; her granddaughters, Jodi Donner of Indianapolis, Julia Irzyk (Bryan) of Sherman Oaks, California, and Lisa Goldberg (Matt) of Louisville, and her great-granddaughters, Leera Donner, Sascha Donner, Rachel Goldberg, and Molly Goldberg.

A private service was held in Philadelphia. Arrangements were by Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. with services in the care of Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Rothstein Scholarship Fund at the Fox School of Business at Temple University or The Disabled American Veterans.

B'nai Mitzvah

(Editor's note: All the kids in the listing are celebrating their b'nai mitzvah at The Temple.)

Mason Jonah Schneider

July 25

Son of Tara and Daniel Schneider, brother of Cooper, July 25, grandson of Jill and Eddie Ginsburg and Marsha and Larry Schneider of Cincinnati, Ohio; eighth grader at The J. Graham Brown School, member of the Beta Club, school orchestra and Kentucky United Nations Assembly; has attended Goldman Union Camp Institute; plans to attend URJ Sci-Tech Academy next summer. Pledge 13 project: assisted with Cap on Cancer and worked on projects for homeless shelters and nursing homes.

Parker McCurry

Aug. 1

Son of Anna Feitelson and Terry McCurry, brother of Hannah, Emily, and Caroline, grandson of Anne and Philip Feitelson and Joan and Terry McCurry; seventh grader at St. Francis School in Goshen, member of the baseball team, Northeast YMCA swim team; loves skiing, biking, cardistry, trap shooting; Pledge 13 project: teaches kids to swim.

Caroline McCurry

Aug. 1

Daughter of Anna Feitelson and Terry McCurry, sister of Hannah, Emily, and Parker; granddaughter of Anne and Philip Feitelson and Joan and Terry McCurry; seventh grader at St. Francis School in Goshen, member of the field hockey team, plays tennis, softball and swims for her neighborhood summer swim team; loves skiing and singing, baking; participating in a Pledge 13 project.

Dylan Yonover

Aug. 8

Daughter of Michael and Marissa Yonover, sister of Jake, granddaughter of Maxine Firestone and Ron Howard and Richard and Debra Yonover; freshman at Kentucky Country Day School, member of the field hockey and lacrosse teams; loves sports and hanging out with her friends.

Elijah Peppers

Aug. 15

Attends Jeffersonville High School; plays basketball and trumpet; thankful for his friends and four brothers (Gregory, Izach, Malachi, and Solomon); looking forward to continuing his Jewish education.

Henry Mason Hasselbacher

Aug. 22

Son of Lauren and David Hasselbacher, brother of Leo Hasselbacher, grandson of Linda and Sam Stein and Martha and Peter Hasselbacher, all of Louisville; eighth grader at Louisville Collegiate, plays basketball, soccer, and runs track; enjoys board and strategy games and watching movies. Service project: collected shoes for Waterstep with his brother, Leo.

Mark Samuel Zilberman and Ella Natalie Zilberman

Aug. 29

Children of Dmitriy and Julia Zilberman, grandchildren of Yuriy and Galina Zilberman and Arkadiy & Raisa Sarjay, proud owners of two cats, Simon and Toby, and a household parakeet, Mango; Mark: an eighth grader at North Oldham Middle School, member of the BETA club, Science Olympiad, and KUNA, passionate about science, math and movies; mitzvah mission: working on the Shabbos Friends project, reaching out to seniors during the pandemic to provide relief from loneliness and isolation.

Ella: a seventh grader at North Oldham Middle School, member of KUNA and Lakeside swim team; loves reading, playing with her pets, camp and hiking; passionate about space and hopes to work for NASA one day; mitzvah project: sending cards to seniors to keep up their positivity and energy during the pandemic.

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the community support to make this a reality," said Dr. Jeffrey Tuvlin, a Capital Campaign co-chair.

Tuvlin said the campaign has yet to enter its community phase, which he expects to move the drive past its goal. "We will look to our community very soon to take us over the finish line to complete the project."

"Stay tuned," he added. "We are incredibly proud that our initial phase has nearly 200 gifts exceeding projections and expectations. The healthiest sign I see moving into the community phase is that we have community members inquiring when we will ask them to participate."

JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner said the community should be proud of the support the project is receiving from donors and stakeholders, despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're getting closer," Wagner said. "The pandemic certainly caused a pause in our work, but not as much as people might think."

In an interview with Community, Laurence Nibur, construction committee chair, stated that construction on the JCC will begin this year.

"We are proud to be working with Calhoun Construction who will shepherd the project to completion," stated Nibur. GBBN Architects has also been with the project since the beginning.

"The original design of the building was thoughtful around multipurpose and flexible use of spaces organized to support JCL Mission activities, which



This danger sign may appear ominous, but it is the first physical indicator that work on the future JCC is under way. (Community photo by Lee Chottiner)

will allow us to adjust to COVID conditions with very little revision," Nibur said.

The "heart" of the project, as it's called, remains the floor-to-ceiling glass entrance, a meet-and-greet area that leads to another feature of the building: "the Street."

The Street will be an interior thoroughfare running the length of the building, connecting members to every section of the JCC. Parents can sit and watch their kids swim through panes of glass. The Street, Nibur said, will have a "coffee shop vibe."

The rest of the building's social section will include a large auditorium space, which can be divided into smaller units, handling large and small functions alike.

Health & Wellness, unlike the current JCC workout areas that are disconnected and do not offer an open flow, will have a new gym space that will be more unified, with a full indoor basketball court – there also will be an outdoor court – exercise and spin rooms and an elevated running track that will be larg-

er than the current one. The workout rooms, equipment and free weights will all be on the same floor and accessible to the running track.

The Early Learning Center will have 12 classrooms and a private entrance with an outdoor courtyard for activities.

In addition, the Aquatic Center will include a six-lane, 25-meter indoor pool, a "zero-depth entry" children's swim pool, a multi-story waterslide, splash pad features and a diving area. The existing outdoor pools will remain.

"We're trying to create something pretty awesome here," Nibur said of the Aquatic Center.

Nibur credits the entire construction leadership team, which includes Craig Greenberg, volunteer and business leader/entrepreneur; and Chris Carmicle of PLC Management, who serves as the owner's representative, for "stewarding" the project through to opening day.

The other Capital Campaign chairs – Madeline and Jerry Abramson, Barbara and Frank Weisberg – have brought relationships and fundraising experience that are critical to completing the task,

according to Tuvlin.

"Fundraising can be inspiring and invigorating and so many people were honored to give to make this happen."

The Capital Campaign committee has been the backbone of the project to this point, meeting several times each month and dedicating an incredible amount of personal time to share the vision of the project with donors.

Tuvlin, who had spent several years engaged in the JCC movement through his time on the national JCCA board, went on hiatus nationally to dedicate his time to the Louisville JCC project.

"Once we decided as a community that we were 'in the JCC business,' I knew I would have to be a part of the process," he said.

Completed in 1955, the current JCC has served the community for over 65 years. Wagner said the estimated completion date for the new JCC – 18 months from the date of groundbreaking – hasn't changed.

"The JCC has shaped so many lives including my own. The community provided us a gift where so many have grown, learned, formed lifelong friendships and thrived. It is our turn to ensure generations to follow have the JCC become part of their lifelong story," said Wagner.

"This is our collective future and I invite everyone to be part of it," Wagner says.

(Sara Klein Wagner can be reached at swagner@jewishlouisville.org; Stacy Gordon-Funk, senior vice president & chief development officer of the Federation, at sgordon-funk@jewishlouisville.org.)

PHELPS

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"and everyone I see stays socially distant from one another. It's not a perfect scenario, but we do the best we can."

For those who can't be at the protests or are uncomfortable with them, he said there are other ways to be part of the change.

"Other people need to stay home and watch film of protests. Still, others need to write letters to the editor," he said.

"There are multiple ways to be involved in the work."

But protest remain a necessity, he continued.

"Someone has to be out on the streets. There are times that require some people to get out and protest to show the world the depth of our passion for truth and rightness."

The Ottenheimer Award is given to people in the greater Louisville community who, in reflecting the values of its namesake, advance the cause of social development for people living here. Last

year's winner was Kentucky poet and activist Wendell Berry.

Blanche B. Ottenheimer was a Jewish Louisville community activist. In addition to serving as president of the National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, she worked for passage of the city's Model Registration Law, which curbed corruption and led to cleaner elections.

She also founded the Louisville Conference of the Jewish Women's Organization and was one of the first women to serve as a board member of the YMHA

(the present day Jewish Community Center).

A pacifist by nature, Ottenheimer opposed fascism during the Hitler era through education, disclosure and the courts.

"I'm deeply honored to be recognized by the Jewish community," Phelps said of the award. "All I do is my job, do what I'm supposed to do, and that is to be not only a pastor in a church, but a public voice for God's dream of harmony and justice and peace."

GREEN

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civil rights movement. He was a boy when Martin Luther King Jr. famously struggled to desegregate his hometown, and his rabbi, Milton Grafman, whom he credits as influential in his life, took part in the struggle.

"He was a very powerful and spiritual man," Green recalled, "a classic Reform rabbi, but a very spiritual guy. I just looked up to him in many ways – for civil rights and Zionism, he was very strong on all those subjects."

But civil rights wasn't the only force in his life. His parents, both Zionists, moved him and his sister to Israel in 1971, where they made Aliyah. Green finished high school there.

In 1973, though, instead of going into the Israeli army, he returned to the United States, to college and later dental school. He left in August of that year.

Two months later, the Yom Kippur War broke out.

Green never expected a war to start so soon after he left for college. "It was really a peaceful time and I knew I wanted to go to dental school," he said. "It was a kind of fateful thing that the war broke out two months after I left Israel."

He started college at Purdue University, excelling in his work. Two years he later, he received early acceptance to dental school at the University of Louisville, never graduating from Purdue.

"You could say I was a college dropout," he quipped.

Green stayed in Louisville after dental

school, establishing a practice and becoming active in the Jewish community. He calls it "home base," since his older brother already lived here and, his parents and sister were in Israel

He has now spent 37 years in private practice as a dentist and specialist in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Green said his involvement in the Jewish community "was hereditary for me," a reference to his Zionist roots.

His entry into the community was through Young Men's Division. He credited Stuart Frankenthal for getting him involved. Frankenthal was in the division at the time and his family was close to Green's.

Green later joined the Doctor's Division, served on the JCC board before the merger, did a two-year term as president

of the Adath Jeshurun, chaired the Annual Campaign and joined the planning and allocations committee at the same time he came on the JCL board.

Noting the tumult of the times in which he is starting his term, Green said the transition will be eased by his predecessor, Jon Fleischaker, who will stay on for about three to six months as co-chair.

"There's so much going on right now that's extraordinary," he said.

His job can't be done without good people around him he added.

"It's very comforting to me," he said. "It's not all on my shoulders."

Green is married to Dr. Shellie Branson. The couple has three sons: Jordan (Married to Abbie Green), Alex and Eric.



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