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## Coming soon: A new J

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Smiles filled the upper JCC classrooms on Wednesday, August 26 for the first day of Camp J 365. See the full story on page 10.

## Historic holy days

### Cantors getting creative, going hi-tech, with High Holy Day music

By Lee Chottiner  
*Community Editor*

Come Kol Nidre, cantors in Louisville will once again stand before their open arks, beseeching God on behalf of their congregations to declare all vows in the coming year null and void if, after honest effort, they cannot be fulfilled.

Only this year, the congregations won't be there. At least, not physically.

Because of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the worshippers for whom cantors are pleading, will stream this ancient ritual on Zoom and YouTube, as

they will all the musical liturgy for the High Holy Days.

It won't be the same.

"I miss terribly the experience of singing with a congregation and hearing the active joining in singing, harmonizing, participating," said Cantor David Lipp of Adath Jeshurun. "I get so much energy from hearing and feeling the rhythm and spirit they bring to the prayer."

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has identified singing as a form of "superspreading" for the coronavirus. The virus is spread by droplets and aerosols which are projected by the singer.

In a May 12 report, the CDC spotlighted a March choir practice in Sagitt County, Washington, where one symptomatic singer infected at least 42 others in the 61-singer group. At least two of those infected have died.

So cantors must do what they can to make remote music during the Days of Awe as spiritually accessible as possible. That means getting creative with technology.

"We're adapting to the situation, and I feel that's a very Jewish thing to do," said Cantor Sharon Hordes of Keneseth

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## JCC announces winners of 2020 teen awards

By Lucy Calderon  
*For Community*

The Jewish Community of Louisville Teen Awards are awarded annually to high school student leaders who are engaged in Judaism and community service. Some of the awards are centered around involvement in the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO), where Jewish teens take on leadership roles in their chapters at the local and international levels. Here is a look at the 2020 award winners:

**The Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Awards** are presented to incoming juniors or seniors who are leaders in their BBYO chapters, growing the program while staying active in their schools and communities. **Miriam Bird** has a passion for Judaism and music. Since joining BBYO, Miriam has been a KIO song leader, leading teens through prayer with music at regional events.

Miriam attended BBYO's Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC) in 2018, its International Convention (IC) in 2019 and 2020 and held the JLBBG chapter board positions of sh'l'icha (vice president of Jewish en-

See **TEEN AWARDS** on page 12

## Synagogues strive to make HHD services engaging during pandemic

By Lee Chottiner and Michael Ginsberg  
*Community Staff*

For this year's High Holy Day observances, you could say some rabbis have written the book, or at least compiled it.

In the case of The Temple, Rabbis Joe Rooks Rapport and David Ariel-Joel have compiled a two-volume set of prayer books, one each for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, with brevity and reading selections to reflect observance

of the Days of Awe online during a dangerous pandemic.

The Temple published its own customized prayer books (52 pages for the Rosh Hashanah volume, 120 pages for Yom Kippur), to make the service "flow more smoothly," as Rapport said, while giving worshippers experiences that are familiar and not electronic.

"There's something really different about holding the prayer book in your hand that will connect the prayer to the

reader and to the congregation they're sharing the service with," he said.

The book project is one of many ways Louisville's synagogues will creatively observe the High Holy Days during coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Following advice from medical experts, most synagogues here are keeping their buildings closed and designing services for virtual prayer.

No two synagogues will conduct ser-

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## Word of the Month

A different Elul, but just as holy



D'var Torah

Rabbi Laura Metzger

*Mah nishtanah ha-hodesh ha-zeh* – how is this month different?

Though the words are almost the words we say during the Passover seder, they speak of **this month**, the month of *Elul* and how very different this month is from all other months, from all other *Eluls*.

This is the month that takes us to that intensely holy time, the Days of Awe, from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur.

This is the season when we're usually busy buying school supplies and new shoes, planning family gatherings, getting ready to share the latest news with friends we haven't seen since the last Jewish holidays.

This year, though, we're stuck at home. School is the kitchen table. Work is in the dining room. New shoes hardly matter when we don't go anywhere, and it'll be way too long before we see friends up close and personal.

How, then, will we greet the new year when we can't welcome friends into our homes and won't sit in those familiar synagogue seats?

If ever we needed holy time, it's now.

We need **these** holy days. We need time set aside from ordinary time, time to check in with our innermost selves, to review our lives, to renew our commitments.

We need holiness. Though holiness can be anywhere and everywhere, it's hard to feel the Divine Presence when surrounded by dirty dishes, piles of bills, computer notification pings and relentless emails.

For many of us, when Rosh Hashanah comes, it is to the synagogue where we go. It's in the sanctuary where we greet each other and the new year, singing familiar music and praying eternal prayers.

*Ma nishtanah?* Yes, it will be different this year. We'll pray as best we can, each in our own space, with rabbis and cantors, choirs and Torah readers via screens.

Awkward, probably. Distanced, certainly. But it need not be distracting, nor confusing. Not if we prepare. Just as we prepare for Passover by attic-to-basement spring cleaning, we can prepare for the Days of Awe with some space-arranging along with soul-cleansing.

In this month of *Elul*, set aside a place for worship, and if possible, not the same place where you work and teach. Do it now. Make it a different space for the time of holiness. Make it a comfortable place, where you'll sit, where you'll stand and face east if you can. Remove distractions and bring in items that speak holiness to you, perhaps a table covering, candlesticks, a plant or flowers. Try to set up your computer/notebook so that you don't have to fiddle with it during services. Be sure to turn off distractions – email and text message notifications and other unplanned sounds.

If you wear kippa and tallit, place them in your sanctuary space along with your High Holy Day prayer books. Make the space sacred in your own way. Do it now, during *Elul*, with awareness and intention.

Do it now, in *Elul*, and try it out on Shabbat. See how it feels. Make adjustments that enhance your experience of holiness.

Come Rosh Hashanah, we'll miss praying together in the sanctuary. Little Zoom boxes on a computer screen are a faint version of community. But we **will** pray together – we here in Louisville, our loved ones in places near and far, our compatriots throughout the world. Come Rosh Hashanah, we are a people united in prayer.

Look at your screen not as an electronic device, but as a window through which we see each other. Because we'll be there, together while apart, each in sacred space, creating a community of holiness.

In this new year, may we all be inscribed for blessing.

## Snapshots: Teen Boot Camp



Sylvester Davis, a personal trainer at the JCC Health & Wellness Center, leads teenagers in an early August workout under the pavilion during Teen Boot Camp. The exercise series, which lasted from July through August, offered group fitness classes twice a week for young people, members and nonmembers alike. (Community photo by Robbyn McClain)

## Candles

Here are the candle lighting times for Shabbat and the High Holy Days in September:

- Sep 4 @ 7:49 p.m.
- Sep 11 @ 7:38 p.m.
- Sep 18 @ 7:27 p.m. (RH)
- Sep 19 @ 8:23 p.m. (RH)
- Sep 25 @ 7:16 p.m.
- Sep 27 @ 7:13 p.m. (YK)

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## >> A new J is on the way! <<

**The new JCC is scheduled to open in early 2022!**

We are excited to share the most current updates and plans for our new JCC as they develop. We want you to have firsthand information and important details so that you can share the new J story and join in the excitement.

### When will construction for our new building begin?

Construction will begin in September 2020 and will continue for approximately 18 months. All construction will take place on the property behind the current JCC where the ballfields and pavilion are currently located.

### Will the current JCC building be open and accessible to members while construction is occurring?

We anticipate that our current JCC building will be open and operational during the majority of the time when construction of the new JCC is taking place. We will keep members apprised of any and all updates. Our goal

is to not inconvenience members or guests.

### What parking areas will be available to members?

Parking may be mildly affected during construction. We will alert members and provide ample signage regarding parking areas as needed. A construction entrance will be established on the North side of Anshei S'fard where trucks will be asked to enter/exit the property in order to not impact daily operations.

### What are some of the unique program and operational features of our new building?

The new JCC will be a hub for all ages and will include a spacious and secure central lobby with

gathering area and arts space. A 30,000-sq. ft. health and wellness center, a 13,000-sq. ft. modern indoor aquatics center including a six-lane lap pool, a recreational pool featuring a splash and play area with water slide, and a full size gymnasium are included in the plans. The outdoor pools will remain in place and will be supplemented with additional outdoor recreational areas, courts and a fitness yard. A large flexible space to be used for community events and CenterStage will be part of the new facility as well as a bright, engaging and safe early learning center with multi-use classrooms and designated

outdoor courtyard.

### Where can I find out more about the new JCC building and when will it open?

Visit [www.jewishlouisville.org](http://www.jewishlouisville.org) to learn more about the plans for the new JCC and check us out on social media at the links below. The new JCC is scheduled to open in early 2022.

### How can I get involved?

We invite everyone to help create our new home and gathering space. For more information on donating to the new JCC, please contact Stacy Gordon-Funk at [sgordonfunk@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:sgordonfunk@jewishlouisville.org).

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See our construction updates on our website at [jewishlouisville.org](http://jewishlouisville.org) and on our social media. Take photos and tag us at #ANewJ!



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## NEWS

# Chevra Kadisha performs sacred rituals despite COVID-19 pandemic

By Lee Chottiner  
Community Editor

When the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic shut down Louisville in March, things didn't feel too different to the members of the local chevra kadisha.

After all, the "holy society" – the English translation for chevra kadisha – which washes and watches over the dead until burial in accordance with Jewish custom, had always taken precautions when doing its job. Specifically, the members used personal protection equipment (PPE).

"We've always worn masks; we've always worn booties on our shoes; we've always worn aprons; we've always worn gloves," said Fred Levein, a member of the chevra kadisha for 20 years. "That's been the protocol from Day One."

And, as their records recently showed, the number of times they have been called out since March is keeping pace with the rate for the same period last year.

The society, following guidelines set out by the National Association of Chevra Kadishas, has tightened its protocol.

Instead of changing into their PPE in the same room at Herman Meyer & Son funeral home, as members normally do, they now change in a separate room.

"That was recommended by the National Association of Chevra Kadishas," said Jack "Sonny" Meyer, the CEO of Herman Meyer & Son. "They recommended a changing location outside the room, because you're touching fewer things that could be infected."

In addition to face masks, the mem-

bers also wear face shields now, and instead of half aprons, they have opted for full-length ones.

But the rituals haven't changed.

"I take great comfort in the fact that most of the people in the chevra kadisha have been doing it for years and years, so we feel very comfortable with each other," Levein said. "We know what to do, and I didn't really have any concern during COVID."

The job of a chevra kadisha is twofold: tahara (purification), performing the ritual cleaning of the body (by men for males and women for females); and serving as shomrim (guards), watching over the body, which is never left alone until it is buried.

Judaism lauds members of chevra kadishas, teaching that the service they perform is a kindness that can never repaid.

Jim Loeser, the longest-serving member of the Louisville chevra kadisha, said people in the community may not be aware of the service that the society performs – until they actually need it themselves.

"A lot of people probably don't think about it or know about it," he said. "Unless you have somebody you lose and you need to get it (the rituals) done."

"It's not something that just anybody could do either," he added.

So far, the chevra kadisha has not prepped any patients that have died from COVID. But if they do, a modified protocol is already in place: The members will place a folded shroud atop the deceased, which comes sealed in what Meyer calls a "disaster pouch" (body bag). They then recite the traditional



A chevra kadisha, as depicted in this painting in the Jewish Museum of Prague, is a holy society that washes and watches over the deceased prior to burial in accordance with Jewish customs. In Louisville, the chevra kadisha is continuing its work even during the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

prayers. The deceased is never touched.

According to Meyer, the funeral has handled arrangements for four COVID cases so far. One was cremated and the others were sent from out of state for rites and burial.

But Loeser said the staff at Meyers has already explained the protocol to chevra members in case they do get a COVID case.

"They pretty much walked us through what we would have to do," Loeser said. "If we actually get one, I'm sure one of them will be there to go through it again with us before we do it."

Indeed, the biggest challenge facing the chevra has nothing to do with COVID at all: It is age.

At 54, Levein is now one of the younger members of society, most of whom are about 20 years older than he. What's

more, there are 13 members – five men and eight women – making it difficult at times to find people who can come out when called.

For now, according to Loeser, who has served on the chevra for 30 years, members continue to come out when called.

"It's always kind of difficult, but I think every one of us on the list feels it's their obligation to come when they need them. Just like any other time."

But they do need help, Levein said.

"It seems that it's harder for them to find people to come in," Levein said. "I know I had to go in kind of very early or very late once because they just needed a person. And my guess it's because so many members of the chevra kadisha are older. We really could use more younger people."



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## AJ issues statement on racial justice, rededicates self to reaching that goal

By Lee Chottiner  
Community Editor

Responding to the wave of nationwide demonstrations for racial justice since the killing of George Floyd, Adath Jeshurun has issued a written statement formally aligning itself with the Black community.

Adath Jeshurun's Social Action Committee drafted a "Statement on Racial Equality," which its board of trustees adopted on July 23.

"The Book of Deuteronomy of our Bible teaches: 'Justice, Justice shall you pursue,'" the statement reads. "We the Jewish people have a religious and moral obligation to pursue justice for ourselves and for all people. This applies especially to those whom justice has been denied and inequitably administered."

According to the statement, the congregation:

- Accepts "collective and individual

responsibility" to acknowledge that the Black community suffers from continuous hate, discrimination, and "a law enforcement system that too often deprives them of justice."

- Affirms its "obligation to learn about racial diversity" and to "confront our implicit biases, challenge the deep systemic and cultural sources of those biases," and address racial disparities in society.
- Rededicates itself to work with the Black community.
- Accepts responsibility to pursue justice with those who will work with them.

"We recognize that our shared destiny is inextricably bound to the just treatment of the Black community," the statement says. "As we have learned from our own history, when others suffer, we too will suffer."

The complete statement can be found at [images.shulcloud.com/1603/uploads/](https://images.shulcloud.com/1603/uploads/)

RacialEqualityStatement072420.pdf.

AJ President William Esakov said the statement was inspired by a 19-page call to action drafted by the Louisville Urban League, which area rabbis signed, asking Mayor Greg Fischer to start discussions on race issues in the city.

"The board decided we wanted to do something, so a committee was formed," Esakov said. "We created a statement that represented Congregation Adath Jeshurun from a Jewish ethics point of view."

He added, "We decided it was more of a sin to keep quiet."

AJ is believed to be the only area synagogue to have drafted such a statement, though other congregations have expressed their agreement with it.

"We do not have anything in writing, although we do concur with those sentiments, to be sure," said Yonatan Yussman, director of Keneseth Israel. "Everything they wrote is vitally important."

## NEWS

## NTI vs. in-person

## Religious schools split on virtual, in-person sessions as fall semester opens

By Lisa Hornung  
For Community

Louisville's five Jewish religious schools are taking different approaches to starting school this fall. Some have delayed their starts, some are meeting virtually, and some are conducting classes in person with serious sanitary measures.

#### Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad

LBSY, which serves students from Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel and Temple Shalom, is beginning the year virtually, said Head of School Bev Weinberg. It will meet online, twice a week, for at least the first five weeks before re-evaluating.

During that time, "we've modified our program, and we're going to do enhanced family programming and individualized tutoring and Hebrew tutoring as part of our program," Weinberg said.

The school is hosting a drive-through orientation on Aug. 30, with a "drive-through Jewish history kind of quiz with prizes," and entertainment.

Weinberg said there will be interactive classroom programming, and the third- through seventh-graders will have shortened class sessions for their Hebrew lessons on Wednesdays.

LBSY also is planning an initiative called Mishpacha Boker Tov on Sundays, in which families will sing songs, learn about Torah or holidays, followed by breakout sessions with their teachers.

#### The Temple, Chester B. Diamond Religious School

School will start on Aug. 30, meeting virtually for at least the first semester, said Principal Sarah Harlan.

She said the school has divided into smaller groups online and has more targeted teaching through Zoom. Also, all classes will come together periodically for music or more spirited activities.

The school is at about 60 percent of its normal enrollment because of the pandemic, Harlan said.

"We knew going into this school year that no matter what is happening in regular school, this was not going to be a regular year for us," she said.

Students will still have classes together, including specialized classes in Jewish cooking, writing with Jewish prompts, community service, or other subjects that interest the students.

In addition, some graduates of the school who are now in rabbinical school will teach some classes via Zoom.

Harlan said the experiences of last spring have left them excited and encouraged about this fall.

#### High School for Jewish Studies

HSJS is meeting virtually, but classes will not begin until Oct. 11 because of the timing of the High Holidays, said Harlan, who doubles as that school's principal.

Because classes will be held over

Zoom, session times have been reduced, but Harlan said they could be tweaked, depending on students' desire.

She doesn't yet know if the pandemic has affected enrollment because of the late start, but she is optimistic.

"We're glad our families are sticking with us," Harlan said. "We're going try to give the best Jewish education we can."

#### Montessori Torah Academy

Classes began Aug. 17 in person with all the recommended precautions, said Rabbi Yitzzy Mandel, who runs the school.

"We had an inspection from the Department of Health, and interestingly, they told me that we were the first school that they inspected in terms of COVID-19," Mandel said. "We passed with flying colors. We had another inspection from the (Kentucky) Division of Regulated Childcare, so we were cleared to go."

Mandel said parents are expected to inform the school of symptoms or suspected COVID cases within their households or "even within their synagogue or places that they're going."

"If they're traveling, they need to tell us, if they are going to [COVID] hotspots, they cannot come to the school," he continued. "There are daily health checks for the children. They answer a questionnaire. They get a temperature check before they enter the building."

The elementary and preschools are separated, with staggered arrival times and enhanced cleaning policies. Instead of a rug, which is a staple for Montessori schools, there will be yoga mats, which can be cleaned better after use.

Enrollment in the school, which runs through the third grade, has risen from five to 12 students since last year. Mandel said he is willing to accommodate parents who want their kids to participate from home.

#### Louisville Jewish Day School

Though the school, which has 20 students, will open on Aug. 31, Principal Goldie Litvin said plans to open are still fluid.

Litvin said the school is complying with Gov. Andy Beshear's guidelines.

"We took everything out of our building and we power washed and sanitized everything that we own," she said.

Children from the same family will be allowed to sit together, Litvin said, but the rooms are big enough to space out the other desks. Teachers will have Plexiglass barriers on their desks and will wear masks, along with students, when working one-on-one.

They also will be familiar with cleaning protocols.

"They're going to learn a lot about cleaning," Litvin said, "so you know Clorox wipes and Lysol are going to be paramount in our school this year."

If Beshear mandates school closures, Litvin said LJDS will switch to non-traditional instruction (NTI). She also



A beekeeper explains his work to LBSY students ahead of the 2019 High Holy Days. This year, most local religious schools are starting the year virtually because of the pandemic. (photo provided by LBSY.)

said enrollment has been affected by the pandemic.

"Some parents are planning to just homeschool," Litvin said. "If somebody

doesn't want to come, we're willing to be online for those students. But I think parents are just nervous, and I completely understand."

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## FORUM



## What murdered poets have to teach us



### Human Resources

Lee Chottiner

Itzik Feffer.  
David Hofshateyn.  
Leyb Kvitko.  
Peretz Markish.  
I don't expect you to know these names, even if you are poetry lovers.

They're not household names in Jewish circles, but they ought to be – especially now.

They were just four of 13 leading Jewish poets and intellectuals in the Soviet Union, who, on the night of Aug. 12, 1952 – 68 years ago this month – were executed in the basement of Moscow's notorious Lubyanka Prison – victims of one of Josef Stalin's final purges. Their fate is marked on Jewish calendars as the Night of The Murdered Poets.

And when you look at your calendar, you might gloss right over that notice or take a moment to ask yourselves, "What's this all about?"

Arrested in 1948 and 1949 and charged (falsely) with treason and espionage, these poets and writers languished in Lubyanka for three years, suffering torture, beatings and isolation before finally meeting their fates.

Most, if not all, had been members of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee (JAC), a wartime initiative that drummed up support among Jews in

the West for the Soviet fight against the Nazis. The JAC broadcasted pro-Soviet propaganda, dispelling allegations of anti-Semitism within the country. Some members traveled to the United States and the United Kingdom, meeting with leading figures such as Albert Einstein, Chaim Weizmann, Charlie Chaplin, Marc Chagall and Paul Robeson.

By 1952, though, Stalin decided their usefulness was at an end. Swept up in an anti-Jewish purge, under the guise of a Zionist "threat," they were specifically accused of acts as outlandish as trying to set up a Jewish state on the Crimean Peninsula.

Tried behind closed doors, their confessions extracted by torture, all but two were executed. One died after slipping into a coma. Another, a biologist, was exiled so she could continue her research.

According to *Segula*, a magazine of Jewish history, when the trial records were reopened in 1955, long after Stalin's death, a military tribunal determined that the charges were baseless and closed the case – too late for the victims, some of whom had been true believers in communism.

One of them was Feffer, who had served in the Red Army and even – ironically – penned an ode to Stalin.

In one of his poems, *I Am a Jew*, Feffer nevertheless embraced his Judaism:

*My people, my faith, and my flowering,  
It has not chained my freedom.  
From under the sword I shouted:  
I am a Jew!*

He wasn't alone in that embrace. Hofshateyn protested suppression of the He-

brew language. He even immigrated to Palestine in 1923. Though he later returned to Russia, he spoke glowingly of the future Jewish homeland.

Their poetry, like Russia, could be dark and sad, even when they wrote about Jewish themes.

Hofshateyn wrote:

*Sabbath is gone.  
On the far-off snow,  
A big someone  
Pours grey ash  
In the little store,  
Already waiting—  
A swallow girl  
With a black flask.*

Kvitko built his reputation by writing stories and poems for children. He wrote:

*Day grows darker  
And darker.  
Gangs come nearer to the town,  
Gangs muddled with blood  
From killing children hardened,  
Coming closer zealously greedy,  
Cutting heads,  
My head that's yet so young,  
And too my heart,  
That lullabied deep inside the joy of love.*

Dark stuff.

Markish, the only Yiddish writer to be awarded the Order of Lenin, wrote about heroism and suffering in his epic poem, *War*. You would think the authorities would have approved of him.

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# FORUM

## Federation and JCRC: they're one and the same



### JCRC Scene

Matt Goldberg

I have been involved in Federation for a long time.

I started in college, where my exciting Hillel experience was, in part, supported by the local Federation.

Over the years, I have used the services of Federation-supported agencies and volunteered for Federations in two different communities.

I have seen firsthand the breadth of Jewish life that Federation enhances and I am thrilled to have worked for Federation these last 10 years as JCRC

director.

The JCRC is not a separate agency, but a committee of the Federation. I am an employee of the Jewish Federation of Louisville. I am proud of the work we have done, particularly in recent months as racial unrest has gripped our community.

We have met this challenge by working with leaders in the Black community, pledging our support, and promoting A Path Forward, a comprehensive planning document that addresses systematic inequities in communities of color.

We have hosted several Zoom calls dedicated to racial injustice issues, hoping that education leads to positive action. Among other things, we learned about "the talk," a discussion young Black men have with their parents about how they must behave when confronted by the police – for their own safety – and how that behavior is neces-

sarily different than when white people interact with authorities.

We heard from Black women, who have their own unique experiences with racism, and from Rev. Joe Phelps, the 2020 Blanche Ottenheimer Award winner, who works on getting white Louisville out of its comfort zone, teaching it to recognize racism.

We heard from Marion Vasser, director of diversity education at the University of Louisville, as she explained what implicit bias is and how all are guilty of these biases.

Nationally, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), the umbrella group of Federations across the continent, allocates millions of dollars in government funding every year for security enhancements. This is largely because of the lobbying work done by the organization. The Secure Community Network, a project of JFNA, provides

security recommendations, monitoring and enhancements to all Jewish institutions. We have put them to good use right here.

Finally, the Israel Action Network, another JFNA project, supports Israel, monitors BDS activities and provides a national platform for pro-Israel activity. We are fortunate that JFNA and our own local Federation are so much more than fundraisers. The programmatic arm of Federation is doing work for our community that is so vital, particularly at this time.

This is not a pitch for more money, but a sincere effort to promote a sense of pride in an organization that was, is and will be working for Jewish interests and values.

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

## How your mail-in ballot can count in November



### Guest Columnist

Ruth Greenberg

*(Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series by the National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, on voting issues, leading up to the November election.)*

Thanks to Governor Andy Beshear and Secretary of State Michael Adams, Kentuckians can stop worrying about the coronavirus keeping them from voting.

The state Board of Elections has adopted the mail-in voting plan Beshear and Adams negotiated, which includes eliminating a photo ID requirement that would have increased Kentuckians' risk of exposure to COVID-19 by forcing them to visit ID-issuing offices to exercise their right to vote, and setting aside a requirement that voters qualify for one of a narrow list of excuses to vote by mail in the upcoming elections.

"The agreement reached by the gover-

nor and secretary of state, and the regulations adopted by the Board of Elections, ensure that no Kentucky voter will be forced to choose between their health and their vote this November," Corey Shapiro, legal director of ACLU of Kentucky, said in a prepared statement. The ACLU had filed suit against the state to protect voter rights during the pandemic.

Unfortunately for Kentucky voters, all their worries are not over.

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a Trump megadonor and the first postmaster in decades never to have delivered a letter himself, seems hell-bent on using his power to cripple the mail-in voting system that Kentucky's bipartisan leadership has just announced.

Over the past few weeks, DeJoy has ordered cuts in overtime and the removal of equipment used to sort ballots quickly. Just recently, his lawyer sent letters to states warning them that their mail-in ballots might arrive too late to be counted.

In an effort to work around the postal service, some states are planning to implement or increase drop-box locations so that worried voters can avoid mailing their completed ballots. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has called back House members to vote on a bail-out bill for the postal service, but Senate Major-



ity Leader Mitch McConnell responded that "everything will be fine" with the postal service. Stay tuned.

Let's not take our right to vote for granted. Please take a few minutes today to email Senator McConnell at [mcconnell.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact?p=ContactForm](mailto:mcconnell.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact?p=ContactForm) and urge him to work with House leadership to provide funds for the postal service, earmarked for mail-in voting. In the weeks ahead, the mail-in voting portal will open in Kentucky and all registered voters will need to stay informed as new information will tell them how and where to vote.

Thanks to the internet and local orga-

nizations, voting information is readily available. The National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, has begun sending weekly emails as part of its national Promote the Vote/Protect the Vote initiative. Earlier this month, NCJW encouraged members to email Secretary of State Adams, urging him to continue mail-in voting. In that same vein, NCJW recently reminded its members about voter registration deadlines.

Stay informed, stay involved, and protect your right to vote safely. This election is too important to skip.

*(Ruth Greenberg is member of the NCJW, Louisville Section.)*

### Please vote

The online portal for mail-in voting in Kentucky is now open. To request your mail-in ballot, visit <https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/go-voteky>. The deadline to apply online for an absentee ballot is Friday, Oct. 9, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

## CHOTTINER

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He was executed, too.

They all shared a belief in a better world. It's why they wrote, why they organized, why they spoke up ... why they died.

It's not so big a stretch to imagine these poets, were they alive today and living in Louisville, protesting racial injustice, downtown with the rest of the

demonstrators.

Or, if they were in Portland, Oregon, hustled into unmarked vehicles by unidentified, camouflaged strongmen.

We should know who they are. These poets, through their words and actions, remind us what has happened before in other lands and could happen again – even here.

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

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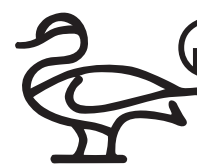


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## Local Jewish mom wants to 'Raise the Resistance'

By Julia Métraux  
Kveller

After the election of Donald Trump in 2016, many people across the United States who opposed his policies wondered what they could do.

Many mothers, women and allies attended the Women's March in cities across the country and the world.

There was a march in Montréal, where I was living at the time, but I couldn't bring myself to go because fighting what Trump's administration stood for felt very daunting. I remember asking myself what I could even do to help or where I could even start. Another person who felt frankly helpless at that time was Farrah Alexander, a Jewish mom of two young children from southern Indiana. She decided it was the time to fight for change.

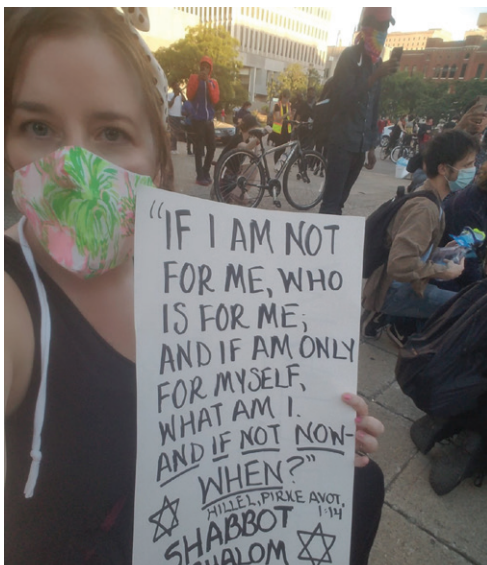
Almost four years after this turning point in her life, Alexander is now a Jeremiah Fellow in Louisville with Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice, an organization that aims to unite Jewish people to fight for justice for all people living in the United States, and also advocates for gun safety as a member of Everytown Author's Council. Notably, Alexander's first book *Raising the Resistance: A Mother's Guide to Practical Activism* has just been published this month. Alexander told me in an interview that she hopes her book helps teach the lesson that mothers should "raise [children] in a way that is loving not only to them but the entire world."

Alexander's book touches on topics and issues that affect the lived experiences of mothers, including racism, privilege, reproductive justice, toxic masculinity, feminism, and body positivity. In our conversation, Alexander also shared that she thinks that it is important now for non-Black people to follow the lead of Black mothers who "are leading the charge right now fighting racism and police brutality."

I chatted with Alexander about how Judaism influences her activism, the roles mothers have in creating a better future, and what white Jews could do to help create more inclusive Jewish communities:

**What led you to want to write the book *Raising the Resistance: A Mother's Guide to Practical Activism*?**

After the election of 2016, [there was] a really vibrant resistance movement in



Farrah Alexander (left) at a Black Lives Matter rally in Louisville earlier this summer; (right), the cover of Alexander's new book, "Raising the Resistance."

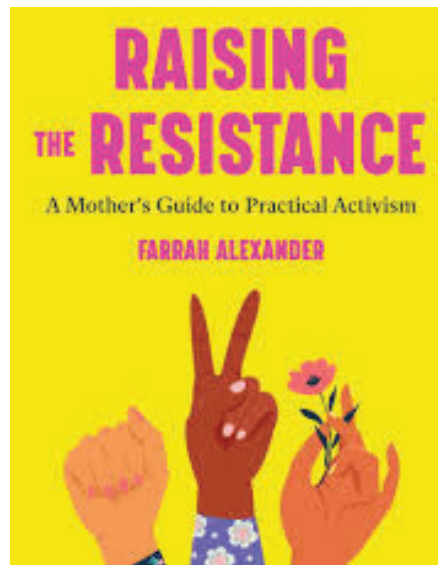
response to the heightened bigotry and misogyny. I noticed this movement was being led by women and especially mothers. Also, I noticed an influx of women engaged in political activism because they felt a moral obligation to rise up, but had never been politically active and felt daunted. I wanted to empower these women and provide some direction about how to incorporate effective political activism in their roles as mothers.

**In your own life, how did becoming a mother change your approach to activism?**

After Trump was elected, my son was just a toddler and my daughter was a baby. I felt completely overwhelmed and frankly hopeless that their first memories of a U.S. president would be the opposite of a role model. I knew they would hear the president say cruel things I discourage them, as small children, from saying. But more than that, I was so disappointed that the American people knew exactly what kind of person he was and just put a red, white, and blue seal of approval on his bigotry and cruelty. I realized, though, that things don't have to be this way. There is a path forward and it is up to us, as parents, to raise our children in the pursuit of a more compassionate and just future.

**What advice do you have for mothers who want to get themselves and their children more involved in social justice but do not know where to start?**

If mothers want to get engaged in



time. In college, I was enrolled in a world religions course and when I read more about Judaism, I immediately thought, "Oh. That's it. I'm supposed to be Jewish." I began learning and reading more about Judaism, eventually visited local shuls, and found one that felt like home.

**A theme in your book is anti-racism. What role do you think white Jewish mothers have in helping to make Jewish circles more welcoming to Jews of Color?**

I think we need to reject any hierarchy of Jewishness. Whether you ever go to shul, converted, don't know Hebrew, are secular – whatever – if you're Jewish, you're Jewish. Period. So Jews of color should feel fully welcome in Jewish spaces. Also, we need to listen to Jews of color and really honor their perspectives. One of my leaders in Bend the Arc is a really brilliant organizer and Jew of color. I spoke to her about some of the struggles I was having when anti-Semitism arose in the fight against racism. She just mentioned how living under the legacy of racism affects this perspective and it completely shook the way I perceived what was happening. As a white Jew, the perspectives of Jews of color are absolutely invaluable, especially right now.

**What tools do you hope that mothers who read *Raising the Resistance* implement in both their personal activism and as parents who can influence their children?**

I hope mothers realize their power. The weight of the world's problems feels so heavy right now and it's so easy to feel powerless. But we have an enormous responsibility as we are shaping what the future looks like. We can look at the legacies of injustice and cycles we've fallen into and declare it ends with us.

I mention many practical ways you can apply activism in a way that fits your life, but I really believe the most powerful thing we can do is to love our children and raise them in a way that is loving not only to them but the entire world.

*(Kveller is a Jewish parenting blog, offering information and inspiration for first-time parents, interfaith parents, queer parents, adoptive parents, and everything in between. Read the blog at kveller.com)*



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# GLOBE

## John Mann, a non-Jewish Brexit supporter, is the UK's loudest critic of anti-Semitism

By Cnaan Liphshiz  
JTA

On his way out of a London BBC studio in 2016, former London mayor Ken Livingstone was confronted by a short, robust man who waved his finger and yelled at him in a thick Yorkshire accent: "You Nazi apologist ... [you're] rewriting history!"

Livingstone had publicly claimed, falsely, that Hitler had supported Zionism in the 1930s. Eventually he was forced out of the Labour Party last year over the controversy.

The scene, which was filmed by two crews and grabbed mainstream media attention, captured the rancor felt by many British Jews toward Livingstone. But the heckler, whose neck veins were bulging with intensity, wasn't Jewish.

His name is John Mann, then a Labour member of the British House of Lords — the upper house of the British Parliament — and going on shouting tantrums at political rivals was not ordinary behavior for him.

Mann, 60, grew up in Leeds, in the so-called English Rust Belt, where he served as a trade union officer and rose through Labour's ranks in the 1990s. He's a remainder of the old, more moderate Labour guard, and speaks plainly and deliberately. He supports Brexit. Many observers call Mann a family man above all else.

He also happens to be arguably the leading British voice against anti-Semitism.

Last year Mann was appointed the

British government's top adviser on fighting anti-Semitism after chairing the All-Party Parliamentary Group Against Antisemitism for 15 years. He had been among the harshest critics inside Labour of its previous leader, Jeremy Corbyn, who was accused of allowing anti-Semitic sentiment to fester in the party.

"The battle against anti-Semitism has not only played a major role in my public life. It is also an issue which I am passionate about on a personal level," Mann said in a statement Thursday following the announcement that he had joined the advisory board of the U.S.-based Combat Anti-Semitism movement of organizations alongside others such as former Sen. Joe Lieberman and Natan Sharansky.

"The disease of anti-Semitism is not simply a problem for Jewish communities," he said, "it is a destructive force for all of society."

The 2016 scene earned Mann considerable appreciation among British Jews and others. It also prompted Judith Ornstein, a London Jewish woman in her 70s, to launch a Facebook group called The Mann Women, which has hundreds of members (including Mann's wife of 37 years, Jo White, a Labour politician in northern England).

"In a way, he's a modern-day Churchill," Ornstein told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "You see it on Lord Mann's face, that bulldog face, he doesn't hold back from saying what he thinks."

Amid the Corbyn controversy, British Jews held a large rally in 2018 against anti-Semitism. Mann was among the speakers.



John Mann

"What on earth is going wrong with our party when this kind of event even has to be considered?" he asked.

Jonathan Sacks, the previous chief rabbi of the U.K., wrote last year on Facebook that Mann's "friendship personally and to our community has been a blessing. He is a man of principle and purpose."

"Whilst the need for a position of this nature is deeply concerning, I cannot think of anyone more suitable to fill it," he said of Mann's current post.

Mann's family story shaped his politics and personality, according to Phil Woolas, one of Mann's best and oldest friends and the minister of state for the treasury under former prime minister Gordon Brown.

Members of Mann's mother's fam-

ily confronted fascists on the streets of Leeds in 1936, when the Nazi sympathizer Oswald Mosley and thousands of his followers tried to march through the center of the city to Holbeck Moor park. That street brawl happened about a week before a similar but far better-known clash that occurred on Cable Street in London.

But for the Mann family, Woolas said, the Leeds confrontation "set the example for what you do in such situations."

"It's a matter of being a good neighbor," Mann said. "When your neighbor gets targeted for being Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, whatever, you stand up for them."

Mann's father, James, a prominent local politician, was a "major influence" on him, Woolas said. James died when John was still a student at the University of Manchester. His mother, Brenda, died shortly afterward, leaving Mann, the oldest of their four children, responsible for his siblings.

That helped make him pragmatic politically, Woolas suggested. Mann's parents also inoculated him early on against the Marxism that became fashionable in some parts of British leftist politics in the 1960s and '70s.

Mann visited Israel in 1983 as a student union delegate along with Woolas. The visit, which included a few days in the already restive West Bank and Gaza Strip, and during which Mann and other participants met with the late Israeli president Shimon Peres, "was a big influence on John's understanding of the Arab-Israeli conflict," Woolas said.



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# CENTERPIECE

## It's not a school... ...but JCC program offers 'normalcy' for students as schools stay closed

By Lee Chottiner  
Community Editor

Classes may be virtual in Jefferson County schools to start the year, but that doesn't mean kids won't be grabbing their notebooks and devices in the morning and heading somewhere.

And that somewhere could be the Jewish Community Center.

The JCC has announced a camp-style school support program called Camp J 365, which will facilitate school instruction at its campus while also offering extracurricular activities. Kids from Jefferson County Public Schools and other area school systems may participate.

The program comes at a difficult time for public and private schools. Gov. Andy Beshear recently issued a new safety recommendation, saying Kentucky schools should delay their openings until Sept. 28.

The JCPS has delayed in-person instruction, while neighboring Oldham County is proceeding with it.

Camp J 365 is not a school, said Camp J Director Mindye Mannel.

"We are simply a support program offering a service," she said. "We don't want anyone to be misled; that's why we elected to maintain the camp name and the camp model."

What her college-educated staff will be doing, Mannel said, is supporting students with technology and assignments. She envisions helping kids access their home schools' nontraditional instruction (NTI) programs, helping them connect with their teachers, creating a classroom experience, and helping kids complete their schoolwork (focusing, finding online resources, etc.).

They will not be tutoring, Mannel said. "We're not content-oriented, specifically."

She also said students will be allowed to study together, much like a study hall.

Camp J 365 will offer an element of "normalcy" to an abnormal school year, Mannel said. The days will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. – similar to normal school hours.

Art, swimming, music, sports, drama, dance, physical education and games will be offered as extracurricular activities, scheduled to complement – not displace – school programs.

To keep the program safe, attendance has been capped at 60 kids, divided into "pods" of 9-12. Those pods will stay together throughout each session.

"There is no opportunity for the groups to mix and for there to be cross-contamination," Mannel said, "as there could potentially be in a school environment."

Social distancing and mask-wearing will be enforced. Health screenings will be done each morning for parents and kids, including temperature readings.

For now, two three-week sessions – Aug. 26 – Sept. 11 and Sept. 14 – Oct. 2 – are being offered. More can be added, Mannel said, depending on demand and available staffing, hence the name Camp J 365.

While other Louisville institutions – the YMCA and Frazier History Museum – are offering their own support programs, Mannel said Camp J 365 slots are filling fast. As of this writing, 30 of the first 33 slots to be opened were already taken.

Our camp has brand reputation in the community, and we want to go with that," Mannel said. "People trust camp; they know our camp has the proven ability to keep children safe."



The first day of Camp J 365 got underway on Wednesday, Aug. 26. Children brought their electronic devices and school materials, prepared to access nontraditional instruction from the JCC. (Community photos by Robbyn McClain)

### Interested?

For more information about Camp J 365, visit [jewishlouisville.org/camp-j-365/](http://jewishlouisville.org/camp-j-365/)

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# NEWS

## TEEN AWARDS

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richment), s'ganit (vice president of programming) and n'siah (president). At this past year's KIO's Regional Convention, Miriam won B'nai B'rith Girl (BBG) of the Year.

Miriam has attended Camp Livingston and is active with the Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS), delivering challah and grape juice to Jewish residents at Signature HealthCARE since the onset of the coronavirus. Miriam has also volunteered for WaterStep and New Roots.

At duPont Manual High School, Miriam participates in the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Ever since the eighth grade, **Hannah Geller** has tried to attend every single BBYO event. On JLBBG's chapter board she has held the positions of n'siah, morah and gizborit. At KIO's 2019 Regional Convention, she was awarded N'siah of the Year for bringing back traditions such as pairing older members with younger members to creating more meaningful relationships.

Hannah's aunt, Sally Weinberg, was a close friend of Nisenbaum, who helped establish The Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Awards.

Outside of BBYO, Hannah participates in North Oldham High School's Beta Club, Girl Up program and Diversity Club. She also holds a leadership position in the Young Democrats, co-creating the chapter at her school.

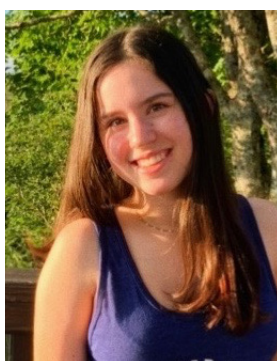
**The Stuart Pressma Awards** go to incoming juniors or seniors who are involved in their BBYO chapters and work to grow the program while showing devotion to community service: Following his brother into BBYO, **Ethan Tuvlin** committed to going to all the events. He took on a leadership position to keep the chapter alive, becoming the Drew Corson AZA chapter's moreh (vice president of membership and recruitment).

Ethan's community service journey started with Drew Corson and took off from there. During the pandemic, Ethan and some of his friends delivered old Chromebooks and other electronic resources to needy public schools students through a program called Unify Louisville.

Ethan's personal experiences have prompted some of his service initiatives. Because of his tree nut allergy and feeling left out of Halloween and birthday parties at his school when parents brought treats he could not eat, he did not want other kids to feel excluded. So he helped his brother with his bar mitzvah project, using it as a National Honor Society (NHS) project to collect and donate toys to 10 different schools in Louisville.

This past year, Ethan was a tutor at Educational Justice, helping underprivileged youth in the West End of Louisville. He remains in contact with one of the children he helped.

At duPont Manual High School, Ethan is in the NHS, Beta Club and



From top left:  
Miriam Bird  
Hannah Geller  
Ethan Tuvlin  
Elizabeth Davis  
Brett Mannel  
Ben Kaplin  
Elana Berger  
Jenna Shaps  
Katy Roemer

Key Club, all of which are programs centered around service and leadership. He created the Manual Cooking Club and participates in varsity tennis, the Manual Steering Committee and Manual's Executive Council.

**Elizabeth Davis** has been involved in BBYO since the eighth grade, but it was at a CLTC in 2019 where she fell in love with the organization. Elizabeth has attended IC and served two terms on JLBBG chapter board as the positions of sh'lichah and gizborit (treasurer). Elizabeth makes sure she to help her chapter with anything it needs. BBYO has changed everything for her.

Outside of BBYO, Elizabeth has participated in her school's Pride club and service days, when she writes letters to kids in the foster care system.

Elizabeth was to visit Israel this summer through the Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI), but the trip was canceled due to the coronavirus.

**The Tony Levitan Award**, which honors an outstanding high school senior athlete with proven character and demonstrated leadership in sports and Jewish events, goes to **Brent Mannel**. Since the eighth grade, Brent has taken advantage of all the opportunities to combine sports and Jewish engagement.

Playing for Drew Corson in the annual KIO Drew Corson Basketball Tournament for five years, Brent's teams won four out of five titles. He attended the annual JCC Maccabi Games twice – once as a golfer, once as a flag football player. He even attended BBYO's IC where he participated in its Sports Leadership Summit.

Brent was on Louisville Male High School's golf team for four years and its lacrosse team for three. He also completed three years of travel lacrosse.

Brent will attend the University of Kentucky this fall with an undecided major.

**Ben Kaplin** has played baseball since she was 6. He said that he loves the game so much that it never felt like

work. He made Ballard High School's baseball team as an eighth-grader and continued to push himself, spending summers and winters working with baseball trainers.

Ben competed in the JCC Maccabi Games three times.

Although Ben's last season on Ballard's varsity baseball team was cancelled due to the coronavirus, he looks forward to playing for Marietta College this fall.

**The Joseph Fink BBYO Community Service Scholarship** is a four-year scholarship presented to a senior who was an in BBYO during all four years of high school and also performed significant community service.

**Elana Berger** has been involved in BBYO since eighth grade in leadership positions. She was on JLBBG chapter board for two terms as mazkirah (secretary, publicist and editor) and gizborit. She helped with regional and international programming and went to all four of her international conventions, leading her to serve as KIO's 65th Regional S'ganit.

At Floyd Central High School, Elana was involved in NHS, World Affairs Council, the Global Citizenship Certificate program, and she performed with its orchestra. She also served as an ambassador for her school's Culture Club. She served as a peer mentor at her school for two years, taking time out of her class schedule to help about 10 underclassmen for a total of 96-plus hours.

Elana will attend the University of South Carolina as an international business major focusing on operations and supply chain management. She hopes to contribute to more women in the business field while helping prevent pandemics through managing the chains that import medical and sanitary resources from other countries.

**The Ellen Faye Garmon Awards** go to incoming juniors or seniors who

are involved in their BBYO chapters, working to grow the program, and their communities. Since her first convention, **Jenna Shaps** has sought out ways to get involved in BBYO, serving as the JLBBG chapter's morah and s'ganit, and currently as KIO's 66th Regional Mazkirah/Gizborit.

Jenna is the head of the Kentucky Country Day School's Upper School Media Makers club, is fine arts editor for the school's 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 yearbooks and a high school helper for KCD's middle school productions. She also volunteers as an educational justice activist leader, tutoring youth in the West End of Louisville.

From attending CLTC, to KIO's Regional Leadership Training Initiative (RLTI), to BBYO's international convention, **Katy Roemer** has always been involved. She served as the JLBBG chapter's Sunshine Girl, which promotes chapter spirit and sisterhood, morah and sh'lichah.

As s'lichah, Katy had planned to be part of upcoming programs that were canceled because of the coronavirus. But Katy still found ways to make an impact. Before the shutdown, she executed a Purim party and led Louisville's International Day of Jewish Teen Service (J-Serve), when over 700 bags of food were packed for the Blessings in a Backpack program for school children.

Katy is a religious school assistant. She plays on her day school's tennis and bowling teams and serves on the Multicultural Student Association and Student Council.

Jenna and Katy attended CLTC last year and were ready to attend BBYO's Perlman Summer (a combination of International Leadership Training Conference [ILTC] and International Kallah) until the coronavirus changed their plans. Now, they both attend Movement Makers, a virtual summer leadership program that was created to replace the Perlman Summer program. Katy also participates in two Jewish Enrichment Innovations (JEI) programs online.

# NEWS

## Jewish college students grappled with unrest, pandemic in different ways during this year

By Amy Niren  
Community writer

What does it mean to be a college Jew in a world that feels as though it is collapsing on itself?

Away from their campuses, Jews, like other college students, struggled to complete their schoolwork after campuses closed due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Many of those schools will not reopen this fall as scheduled.

Compounding the struggle are global protests against racial inequality and a desire by young people to be part of the movement.

Community interviewed several students, all white Ashkenazi Jews, asking them how they are processing the one-two punch of pandemic and protests, amid a climate of isolation.

All the students expressed at least one commonality: they felt an obligation to be part of the Black Lives Matter movement (BLM), either by being in the streets protesting, donating money (if they were able), educating themselves or in some other way.

Some students said they had taken part in protests. Others stated that they couldn't for safety reasons or out of fear of compromising the health of their family or friends.

All, however, noted that these two major stories of the year have somehow changed their lives.

Several students said they feel obligated to help the BLM movement because they are Jewish, citing the long history of oppression Jews have experienced themselves here and in other lands.

Kaelyn Harris, a junior at the University of Kentucky, supported the BLM protests.

"I definitely think the protests are necessary," she said. "As Jews, we have been here before. As Jews we are obligated to do something. This is part of our job, to both repair the world but also make sure that what happened to us doesn't happen again [to someone else]."

Likewise, Maia Davidson, a junior at the University of Cincinnati, she said her support of BLM stems from her own Jewishness.

"My Jewish values just line up exactly

with everything that the Black Lives Matter movement stands for," Davidson said. "It's second nature for me [to get involved]."

Some Jews are unsure how to contribute, noting that police were a constant presence at synagogues during the surge in anti-Semitic violence, especially after the shootings at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh.

"It's a difficult position for Jewish organizations because they rely so heavily on police protection," said Zak Lempert, a recent graduate of the University of Cincinnati.

Catherine Embury, a sophomore at Wright State University in Dayton, said one way to support BLM is simply to empathize with the Black community.

"I would urge anybody to take a moment if you aren't a person of color. It's not your time to argue, but it's your time to listen."

Sammy Rose, a rising senior at the University of Cincinnati, touted social media as a means for showing support for racial equality. But it has limits.

"Social media can be really great, but it can also be bad," Rose said. "Everyone is posting the black squares, and everyone is using the hashtags. You have to go beyond just posting."

Some students are immersing themselves in the BLM movement, like Jacob Ioffe, a sophomore at Vanderbilt University.

"My friends and I were able to start some different projects to raise money for the Black Lives Matter movement," Ioffe said. "We made bracelets, hand-carved wooden bracelets, and donated all those proceeds to Black Lives Matter. On top of that, our fraternity was able to raise over \$6,000 in the names of those victims who were killed."

Turning to the COVID-19 pandemic, the physical manifestations of the disease and the resulting isolation have been an equally challenging to Jewish students.

Elliot Draznin, a recent graduate from the University of Cincinnati, tries to be involved in Jewish life, but the quarantine has thwarted some of those activities.

"I know for me, it's been a little difficult after graduating," Draznin said. "I don't really have a synagogue I belong to, and

Hillel, because it's on break, is not doing services. There's no real Jewish community that I can go to right now because of quarantine."

However, "it's not like my Judaism is on hold, because it's never on hold," Draznin continued. "I still I go to my fiancée's family every Friday night and do Shabbat together."

Saralee Renick, a junior at the College of Wooster in Ohio, also believes the pandemic has tamped down opportunities for Jewish expression.

"I definitely prayed a few times," Renick said. "My mom has gone to a few Shabbat services online, but they weren't really her cup of tea, so I think that we haven't been as connected to the Jewish community since quarantine started."

Nevertheless, she thinks some good things have come out of quarantine.

"I have noticed we started doing Shabbat dinners more often, like lighting the candles and everything, and I have started learning how to make challah." Miriam Shir, sophomore at the University of Louisville, has tried connecting with Jewish life online during the pandemic.

"My rabbi is doing services online – Shabbat services – and I jumped on a couple times for that. It was nice just to

feel connected to people. I don't really go to services anymore, but a big part of growing up was going to services every Friday. I think it helped a little bit."

That experience may even have influenced her outlook on the pandemic.

"This will pass," she said, "and will not last forever."

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# HIGH HOLY DAYS

## As COVID-era High Holy Days approach, synagogues wonder if people will pay dues?

By Ben Sales  
JTA

Like many synagogues, Temple B'nai Hayim used to rely on the High Holiday season to survive financially.

The small Conservative synagogue in Southern California would receive the lion's share of its revenue in the run-up to the holidays: Members sent in their annual dues, which included entry to High Holy Day services, and non-members purchased tickets just for the Days of Awe.

But with the option of holding regular in-person services off the table due to the coronavirus, the synagogue is anticipating a decline in revenue this year and responding by reimagining its financial model from the ground up.

Going forward, as long as congregants give any contribution, they get access to everything the synagogue offers: worship services, a bar/bat mitzvah ceremony, even religious school – virtually for now, someday in person.

Annual membership dues, which once cost \$2,000 per two-parent household, will be abolished.

"We know a lot of people are hurting, and even if they give us a penny, we know they are a true friend," said Rabbi Jason van Leeuwen, the synagogue's cantor. He added: "We should be worried, and I don't think we should reasonably expect this new model to cover all of our expenses."

Across the country, synagogues are bracing for a significant reduction in revenues. Though many are seeing increased attendance at virtual services, without the annual cash infusion that in-person High Holy Day services bring, and with community members under financial pressure, congregations across the denominational spectrum aren't sure how they'll make ends meet this year.

"They're expecting that their revenue will be down, in some ways, for the next year," said Amy Asin, the Union for Reform Judaism's vice president for strengthening congregations.

"Congregations are places, now more than they have been in the past, where people want to belong," she said. "That



Synagogues are struggling to fulfill their missions as the pandemic and changing times combine to challenge the traditional dues model.

doesn't mean that they're in a financial position to pay what they've paid in the past."

Adas Israel, a 1,700-member Conservative synagogue in Washington, D.C., is expecting a 20 percent drop in revenue this year even as it has seen a spike in attendance at its online services. One recent Friday evening service had about 1,600 screens tuned in — or nearly one for each member household.

To keep congregants comfortable, the synagogue is not planning to increase its annual dues this year, which can run to more than \$3,000. And it's also hoping to save on expenses it no longer has, like food for kiddush after services. But whether Adas Israel can avoid any layoffs among its 170 employees as the synagogue moves into an unprecedented future remains unclear.

"My crystal ball broke a long time ago," said Laurie Aladjem, the congregation's president. "I believe that many of our members join and affiliate with Adas Israel not just for the High Holidays. We

have a really robust education department both for children and adults. We have a preschool. We have a religious school that is bursting at the seams. We have really robust adult education programming."

For many U.S. synagogues, a fixed yearly membership payment has usually included a High Holy Day ticket, with nonmembers paying for a seat for the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. (Discounts on fees are often reduced based on need, and few synagogues actively turn away those who want to attend services.) Because so many people generally pack the sanctuary on those days, the holy days are often the driver of synagogue revenue.

That's true across denominations, though it's especially pronounced in non-Orthodox congregations. Congregation Rodeph Shalom, a large Reform synagogue in Philadelphia, would get 150 or 200 people at its Friday night service — and 10 times that number on the night of Yom Kippur. Beth Jacob Congregation,

an Orthodox synagogue in Beverly Hills, California, sees as many as four times its normal Shabbat attendance on the Day of Atonement.

"We hope people understand that when they are buying a High Holiday ticket, what they're really doing is supporting the synagogue in its ability to exist throughout the year," said Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal, CEO of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly.

On the whole, High Holy Day revenue is less critical to synagogues than it used to be, according to Rabbi Daniel Judson, one of the authors of a 2016 UJA-Federation study which found that 57 synagogues nationwide had eliminated annual dues entirely and now just ask for donations. As more synagogues are making their High Holy Day services free, they are less dependent on the revenue they once generated.

Judson said, however, that those who donate to synagogues around this time of year do so regardless of the fee structure, and this year will likely be tough going. Historically, he said, for a medium-size synagogue, 60 percent of annual revenue comes from annual dues.

"I think synagogues are less dependent on High Holiday revenue than they've ever been before," said Judson, dean of graduate leadership programs at Hebrew College near Boston. "But it's still part of the regular calendar that people pay their dues so that they're ready for the High Holidays."

Orthodox synagogues may have an advantage, as surveys show that Orthodox Jews are more likely to attend synagogue regularly rather than just for the High Holidays. Still, Orthodox synagogues may see a drop in revenue, said Rabbi Adir Posy, the Orthodox Union's director of synagogue and community services. That issue, he said, could be particularly pronounced in large cities with big Orthodox communities, where families may bounce between synagogues and not feel a particular connection to one congregation.

## Some synagogues opting for high-quality over homegrown for online High Holy Days services; is that a good thing?

By Shira Hanau  
JTA

For the rabbis and cantor of Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook, Illinois, the to-do list to prepare for the unprecedented online-only High Holy Days season was long.

In addition to transforming their usual services for over 3,000 people into an experience that congregants will find meaningful online, they needed to figure out how to create a service for families that would be engaging for young children through a screen.

So when Cantor Steven Stoehr heard about Shirat Haruach, a program of video services for families recorded by some of the most popular Jewish children's song leaders, he jumped at the opportunity.

"We could have gotten it done," Stoehr said. "We just didn't think we could do it any better."

The hazzan's calculus reflects a new

dynamic this year as most non-Orthodox congregations choose to forgo risky in-person gatherings in favor of virtual services. No longer constrained to the people in the room or whichever visiting cantor they can fly in, communities are turning to outside talent over livestreams or video to improve their High Holidays offerings.

For some synagogues, the shift to virtual services has opened up new opportunities for how they run their services that could outlast these Days of Awe.

It's a new model for most congregations — generally they rely on their own rabbis or cantors to plan and lead services — but could be a glimpse into a future in which services traditionally offered by synagogues are transformed by technology or take place elsewhere. As the realization that the pandemic isn't ending anytime soon sets in, these services may be on the forefront of an upheaval in how synagogues operate and whether



Rick Recht: "We're heading toward a new paradigm...." (photo provided by rickrecht.com)

American Jews will look to synagogues as the primary purveyors of Shabbat and Jewish holiday programming.

The very idea has some worried.

"If our goals as congregations were

to have the best production value and to provide the highest-quality content, I think that has the potential to destroy what the individual community has to offer," said Hazzan Jeremy Lipton, director of placement and human resources at the Cantors Assembly. "Otherwise," he said, referring to some of the country's largest and most popular synagogues, "everyone would be tuning into Park Avenue Synagogue, or Hadar, or Sinai Temple in Los Angeles."

Stoehr acknowledged as much and said he would have to think hard about whether to continue to offer something like the Shirat Haruach program beyond the High Holidays this year or after the pandemic ends.

"It's dangerous in a way," he said.

To the creators of Shirat Haruach, the program isn't intended to pose a threat to synagogues. If anything, it's meant to support synagogues in pivoting to virtual

# HIGH HOLY DAYS

## Service times

### Adath Jeshurun

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#### Sat., Sept. 12, Selichot

8:20 p.m., havdalah  
 8:30 p.m., performance by Harry Pickens, followed by service

#### Sun., Sept. 13, Virtual Annual Cemetery Service

11 a.m., service (no actual cemetery visit)

#### Fri., Sept. 18, Ley'l Rosh Hashanah

7 p.m., service

#### Sat., Sept. 19, Rosh Hashanah, first day

9 a.m., shacharit  
 10 a.m., intergenerational family service  
 11 a.m., Torah service, sermon & musaf  
**Sun., Sept. 20, Rosh Hashanah, second day**

9 a.m., shacharit  
 10 a.m., children's service  
 11 a.m., Torah service, sermon, sounding the shofar, musaf service  
**Sun., Sept. 27, Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidre**  
 6:45 p.m., mincha  
 7 p.m., Kol Nidre service & sermon  
**Mon., Sept. 28, Yom Kippur**  
 9 a.m., shacharit  
 10 a.m., intergenerational family service  
 11 a.m., Torah service, sermon & musaf service

1 p.m., Rap & Reflect  
 5:45 p.m., Ask the Rabbis  
 6:15 p.m., Mincha  
 7:15 p.m., Neilah  
 8 p.m., Ma'ariv, final sounding of the shofar, Havdalah

### Anshei Sfard

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#### Sat., Sept. 12, Selichot

Midnight

#### Fri., Sept. 18, Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:25 p.m., mincha followed by maariv  
 7:27 p.m., candle lighting

#### Sat., Sept. 19, Rosh Hashanah, first day

9 a.m., shacharit  
 11 a.m. approximately, rabbi's speech  
 7:15 p.m., mincha followed by maariv  
 After 8:23 p.m., Light Candles

#### Sun., Sept. 20, Rosh Hashanah, second day

9 a.m., shacharit  
 11 a.m. approximately, rabbi's speech followed by sounding the shofar  
 7:15 p.m., mincha followed by maariv  
 8:21 p.m., Yom Tov ends

#### Sun., Sept. 27, Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidre

3 p.m., mincha  
 7:12 p.m., candle lighting  
 7:15 p.m., Kol Nidre followed by rabbi's speech and maariv  
**Mon., Sept. 28, Yom Kippur**  
 9 a.m., shacharit  
 12 p.m., rabbi's speech followed by yizkor  
 8:09 p.m., Fast ends

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#### Fri., Sept. 18, Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:30 p.m. Welcoming the New Year

#### Sat., Sept. 19, Rosh Hashanah, first day

10 a.m. Rosh Hashana 5780 – Covid -19, Protests and Elections – Where is G-d?

#### Sun., Sept. 20, Rosh Hashanah, second day

10 a.m., traditional service  
 12 p.m., sounding of the shofar  
**Sun., Sept. 27, Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidre**

7:30 p.m., traditional service

#### Mon., Sept. 28, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., Using Prayer as a Mode of Transcendence

12 p.m., yizkor and meditation

#### Mon., Sept. 28, Yom Kippur

### Evening

5:15 p.m., mincha  
 7:00 p.m., neilah  
 8:10 p.m., sounding the shofar  
 8:15 p.m. maariv, havdalah

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#### Wed., Sept. 16

6:30 p.m., High Holiday Class

#### Fri., Sept. 18, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m., Evening Service

#### Sat., Sept. 19, Rosh Hashanah, first day

10 a.m., Morning Service

6 p.m., Evening Service

#### Sun., Sept. 20, Rosh Hashanah, second day

10 a.m., Morning Service

6 p.m., Tashlich and Evening Service

#### Tues. Sept. 22

6:30 p.m., High Holiday Class

#### Sun., Sept. 27, Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidre

6:45 p.m., Mincha

7 p.m., Kol Nidre Service

#### Mon., Sept. 28, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., Morning service with Yizkor

6:15 p.m., Mincha

7:15 p.m., Neilah

8 p.m. Havdalah

### Temple Shalom

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#### Sunday, Sept. 12, Selichot

8 p.m., Selichot & Havdalah

#### Friday, Sept. 18, Erev Rosh Hashanah

8 p.m., service

#### Saturday, Sept. 19, Rosh Hashanah, first day

10 a.m., service

11:45 a.m., family service

*(Tashlich may be performed individually, contact TS for service copy.)*

#### Sunday, Sept. 20, Rosh Hashanah, second day

10 a.m., service

#### Sunday, Sept. 27, Erev Yom Kippur/

### Kol Nidre

8 p.m., service & sermon

#### Monday, Sept. 28, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., services

11:45 a.m., family service

1 p.m. original stories, Michael Ginsberg

1:45 p.m., classical music, Shawn Dawson

2:30 p.m., spiritual reflections, Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner

3:15 p.m., healing service, Shiela Steinman Wallace

4 p.m., favorite stories, Cantor Wendy Autenrieth

4:30 p.m., Yizkor

5:30 p.m., concluding service

### The Temple

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#### Sat., Sept. 12, Selichot

7 p.m., service (YouTube)

8 p.m., Tikkun Leil Selichot (Zoom)

#### Fri., Sept. 18, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m., children's service (Zoom)

7 p.m., evening service (YouTube)

#### Sat., Sept. 19, Rosh Hashanah

10 a.m., morning service (YouTube)

11:30 a.m., Pre-K to Kindergarten Hugim (YouTube)

1 p.m., Tashlich at Captain's Quarters (YouTube)

2 p.m., Grades 1-3 Hugim (YouTube)

6 p.m., Grades 4-6 High Holy Days Your Way (Zoom)

7 p.m., Youth-Led Havdalah (Zoom)

#### Sun., Sept. 27, Erev Yom Kippur

6 p.m., Children's service (Zoom)

7 p.m., Kol Nidrei service (YouTube)

#### Mon., Sept. 28, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., Morning service (YouTube)

11:30 a.m., pre-K to kindergarten Hugim (YouTube)

12 p.m., Educational session with Rabbi Ariel-Joel (Zoom)

1 p.m., Educational session with Rabbi Rapport (Zoom)

2 p.m., grades 1-3 Hugim (YouTube)

2:30 p.m., afternoon service (YouTube)

3:45 p.m., Yizkor service (YouTube)

4:45 p.m., Concluding service (YouTube)

6 p.m., grades 4-6 High Holy Days Your Way (Zoom)

7 p.m., Youth-led Havdalah (Zoom)

## HOMEGROWN

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services, according to Rick Recht, a popular performer of Jewish music in the Reform and Conservative movements and one of three performers behind Shirat Haruach.

With two other song leaders, Shira Kline and Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, Recht is developing a customizable package of services featuring different options for families and intergenerational audiences, along with the opportunity for synagogue clergy to add their own videos. The services, which east cost \$1,175 to \$1,375, are being offered exclusively to synagogues, not directly to families.

Recht sees the program opening up high-quality song leaders and technical production to communities that otherwise would not be able to afford to bring them in.

"That's not competition, that's good hiring," Recht said.

He sees the Shirat Haruach service as something that could outlast this year's

High Holidays. In fact, Recht, Kline and Warshawsky have already begun creating a package of services aimed at synagogue religious schools for this year to incorporate prerecorded prayer services and concerts into virtual religious school curricula.

"I think it's important for us to realize that what's happening because of the pandemic is an extension of what was happening over the last couple of decades," Recht said. "I feel that we're heading toward a new paradigm of a hybrid, virtual and physical."

Not everyone offering online holiday and education experiences is working through existing institutions. Eliana Light, a popular children's song leader and performer, is offering streamed family services to both synagogues and individual families for a fee.

Light has seen an interest in virtual services from people who are not members of synagogues at World Synagogue Sing, a Sunday morning program she and several other Jewish musicians have run via livestream since the start of the pandemic.

"There's plenty of people who come

who aren't affiliated with synagogues," she said.

Others see an opportunity to more comprehensively reimagine what synagogue services could look like if technology is incorporated in creative ways.

"I love the idea of yeah, let's find really talented people and let's have them create something online for our members to experience and for others to experience," said Lex Rofeberg, a digital educator who has advocated for the use of digital media in building Jewish community.

Rofeberg himself is leading High Holidays services via Zoom from his home in Providence, Rhode Island, for a synagogue in Arkansas. He would have been there in person if not for the pandemic, as he has been for the past five years, but he wonders whether the virtual services being offered now could continue even after congregations can return to gathering in a sanctuary.

For smaller congregations, streaming services could be a more affordable option than hiring a rabbi, he said, or simply a better option than rotating among a small group of members who know how to read from the Torah. Streaming

services in a sanctuary when congregants can gather again could combine the best of both worlds – high-quality content streamed from outside the synagogue with the community feeling that comes from gathering together.

"There's no reason we couldn't come together in an on-the-ground space and stream in somebody our congregation has decided they love," Rofeberg said.

Online services do not represent the first challenge to the primacy of synagogues at the High Holidays. In recent years, independent rabbis and prayer leaders have offered pop-up services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at little or no cost in places like bars or hotel ballrooms. The services often attract young people and those who do not affiliate with a synagogue.

Virtual services offered in nontraditional ways during the pandemic build on the trend, said Jack Wertheimer, professor of American Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He said he doesn't anticipate the new breed of services sticking around after the pandemic to the point that synagogues would fall out of fashion.

# GLOBE

## UAE cancels public meeting with U.S. and Israel as Bibi balks at F-35 aircraft sale

By JTA

JERUSALEM — Not all is rosy with the United Arab Emirates and Israel in the aftermath of their peace accord.

The UAE canceled a public meeting with the United States and Israel meant to celebrate the so-called Abraham Accords over Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's public opposition to the U.S. sale of F-35 advanced fighter jets to the Arab nation.

Senior UAE officials wanted to send a message to Israel that they were disappointed with Netanyahu's public statements on the sale of the F-35s, the Hebrew-language Walla news website first reported, citing an unnamed source involved in the cancellation.

Ambassadors from the three countries were scheduled to meet Friday at the United Nations.

The Emirates also will hold no other public political meetings with the two countries until Israel's position on such a sale is "clarified," according to the report.

Netanyahu and U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo discussed the potential sale during meetings Monday in Israel, as did Pompeo and Defense Minister Benny Gantz. Pompeo is scheduled to visit the UAE on Tuesday.

White House senior adviser Jared

Kushner said Sunday in an interview with CNN's Fareed Zakaria that the peace agreement between Israel and the UAE "should increase the probability" of an F-35 jet sale to the Emirates.

### Pompeo makes convention speech from Jerusalem, sparking congressional query

Mike Pompeo, the U.S. secretary of state, spoke from Jerusalem to the Republican convention supporting President Donald Trump's reelection, an unusual if not unprecedented act that has triggered a congressional investigation.

"I'm speaking to you from beautiful Jerusalem," Pompeo said in remarks broadcast Tuesday and taped a day earlier atop the King David Hotel, with the Old City as a backdrop.

Pompeo's message was that Trump was reasserting a robust U.S. posture in the international arena. He cited several policies that have pleased the centrist and right-wing pro-Israel community.

Pompeo was the latest of a number of convention speakers who mentioned the Jerusalem embassy move during the convention, including Trump's son, Eric, former ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley and Jason Joyce, a Maine lobster fisherman.

Pompeo has drawn sharp criticism

from former state department officials for politicizing the office, and Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, the chairman of the oversight subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, on Tuesday wrote to the State Department to say Pompeo may be violating the Hatch Act, which forbids federal employees from participating in some kinds of political activity.

Pompeo has said that the filming did not incur government expense, but he is in Israel on official business, to speak with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about Iran and the nascent normalization process with the UAE. The King David Hotel has for decades been the preferred hotel for secretaries of state.

A cable Pompeo sent to State Department staffers last month forbade "using one's official position or official resources for partisan political purposes or engaging in partisan political activity while on duty."

### Biden campaign forcefully denounces endorsement of white nationalist Spencer

WASHINGTON — Joe Biden's presidential campaign forcefully denounced the Democratic nominee's endorsement

by a white nationalist, Richard Spencer.

"When Joe Biden says we are in a battle for the soul of our nation against vile forces of hate who have come crawling out from under rocks, you are the epitome of what he means," campaign spokesman Andrew Bates said Sunday on Twitter, responding to a tweet by Spencer. "What you stand for is absolutely repugnant. Your support is 10,000% percent unwelcome here."

Spencer, a prominent white nationalist, said in a conversation that he was shifting his support to Biden from President Donald Trump, whom he supported in 2016, not for ideological reasons but because Biden was more competent.

"I plan to vote for Biden and a straight democratic ticket," Spencer tweeted. "It's not based on 'accelerationism' or anything like that; the liberals are clearly more competent people."

"Accelerationism" is a white nationalist strategy that advances liberal policies as a means of sowing chaos, which white nationalists believe will bring about a white supremacist revolution.

In 2016, Trump at first declined to reject the endorsement of white nationalist and former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, then did so on multiple occasions.

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# NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

## Pantry plans virtual food drive

Just when the Sonny & Janet Meyer Food Pantry needs donations, probably more than ever, its traditional collection points are closed – literally.

Donors normally leave bags of groceries in collection bins at Louisville's synagogues, and the Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS), especially during High Holy Days.

Not this year. The buildings are closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, but the need for food is soaring.

"We have more than doubled service and we're not seeing a drop-off," said JFCS CEO Deb Frockt. "More people need more food more often."

To offset the loss of grocery drop-offs, the pantry is running a virtual food drive from Aug. 20 through Sept. 18.

The Virtual Feeding Families Food Drive is asking supporters to contribute dollars instead of groceries this year. Specifically, it has set up four suggested giving levels:

- \$1,000, which equals supplemental food and household goods for one family for one year;
- \$250, which equals twice-monthly pantry service for four families;

- \$100, which equals 200 meals; and
- \$50, which equals 12 cans of tuna and 12 jars of peanut butter.

Donations can be made by visiting [jfcslouisville.org/virtualfooddrive/](http://jfcslouisville.org/virtualfooddrive/).

Frockt said the drive is simply a response to extraordinary circumstances.

"The synagogues are closed, our building is closed," she said. "We're not done with in-kind drives forever. This is just a temporary solution to a very challenging situation."

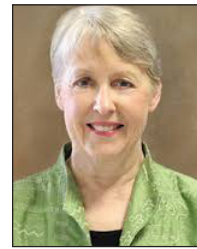
## Rothstein, Omer-Sherman win UofL teaching honors

Ranen Omer-Sherman and Laura Rothstein are among the 2020 Distinguished Faculty Award recipients at the University of Louisville.



Omer-Sherman, the JHFE-endowed chair in Judaic studies, won in the category of outstanding scholarship, research and creative activity. His research covers diasporic identities in literature, orientalism, the literature of "passing," and graphic novels. His work also

examines ethnic American literature, British romanticism, Holocaust narrative, Israeli and Palestinian literature, and representations of utopia/dystopia.



Rothstein, who won for distinguished service, has been on the faculty of the Brandeis School of Law for 20 years, including five years as dean. She was named a distinguished university scholar in 2006, primarily for her work in the field of disability discrimination law. She also co-chaired the UofL Community Partnership Advisory Board from 2007 to 2017 and still serves as a member of the panel.

## Goldberg to begin rabbinic training



A Jewish Louisville is about to start rabbinical school – remotely.

Lisa Rothstein Goldberg has been accepted by the Academy for Jewish Religion (AJR) in New York for a part-

time virtual program over Zoom.

She will continue her work at Adath Jeshurun while enrolled in the program.

"Rabbi Stan Miles told me about this program when I had told him that I still had a long-held dream to go to rabbinical school and never thought I could because I couldn't relocate, Said Rothstein Goldberg, who already, has a master's degree in Jewish communal service from Baltimore Hebrew University (now part of Towson University).

She also has a master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

Rothstein Goldberg is married to Matt Goldberg, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

In a related development, Michael Fraade, former JOFEE director at the Jewish Community of Louisville, has announced that he is about to start rabbinical school at Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts.

Both AJR and Hebrew College are nondenominational.

# AROUND TOWN

## Adath Jeshurun

A summer series of virtual programs including education, entertainment, wellness, and social justice is being offered via Zoom and Facebook Live. The final program of the summer series, "Sunday Night Live" will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30. Comedian, Mark Klein will perform his act, "Comedy & Handicapping." A fall series of virtual programming will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 14, with "Coffee Break." More information is available at [adathjeshurun.com](http://adathjeshurun.com).

Virtual Shabbat worship services are held via Facebook Live and Zoom. Twice-daily minyan services are on Zoom only. Links to join all services may be found in AJ's weekly email blasts. To be added to the email database, contact [info@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:info@adathjeshurun.com).

A virtual Selichot service will be held at 8:20 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12. Musician Harry Pickens will perform prior to the service. The Zoom link will be included in AJ's weekly email blast.

A Zoom cemetery service will be held at 11 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 13. The Zoom link will be included in AJ's weekly email blasts. No actual service will take place at the cemetery, though all are encouraged to visit graves of loved ones during the month of Elul, which runs from Aug. 21 through Sept. 18.

## Anshei Sfard

Morning minyan services are held at 6:40 a.m. at the synagogue; evening services, at 8:15 p.m.; Shabbat services are held Saturdays at 9 a.m. Social distancing and masks are required.

Rabbi Simcha Snaid holds three Zoom classes: "Talmud Trek," Sundays at 9:30 a.m.; "The Spice of Life," Wednesdays at

7 p.m.; "Make a 'Prophet,'" Thursdays at noon. Contact Snaid at 912-704-2769 or [rabbisnaid@ansheisfard.com](mailto:rabbisnaid@ansheisfard.com) for the Zoom link.

## Keneseth Israel

The following classes are held on Zoom, [tinyurl.com/KICzoom](http://tinyurl.com/KICzoom):

Mindful Meditation with Cantor Sharon Hordes is held Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Jews and Brews, a Torah study class with Cantor Sharon Hordes, is held Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Torah Yoga, a community to a yoga class with Cantor Sharon Hordes and Lisa Flannery, is held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Temple Shalom and Louisville Hadassah are co-sponsors.

Kabbalah Month by Month, a kabbalah based on the months of the Hebrew calendar, with Cantor Sharon Hordes on the Second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Baking Club is held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Check [facebook.com/kilouisville](https://facebook.com/kilouisville) for exact dates and recipes.

## Temple Shalom

To RSVP for the following programs on Zoom, contact Temple Shalom at [information@templeshalom.org](mailto:information@templeshalom.org).

Services are held with different song leader each week on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Havdalah is held Saturdays at 8:30 p.m.

Torah study with Rabbi Beth Jacowitz

Chottiner is held Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

Asaf Angermann, visiting professor philosophy and Jewish thought at the University of Louisville, will be the guest at the next Chailands Chavurah at 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13. He will speak about the winners and losers of Israel's normalized relations with the United Arab Emirates and the chances of a fourth national election in Israel in 11/2 years.

## The Temple

All services and programming are online. Shabbat services will be streamed at [thetemplelouky.org/streaming](http://thetemplelouky.org/streaming). Adult education and religious school will move to virtual classrooms. Visit [thetemplelouky.org/virtual](http://thetemplelouky.org/virtual) for details.

Torah study is held Saturdays at 9 a.m. on Zoom. Rabbi David Ariel-Joel leads the sessions prior to morning services.

Email Ariel-Joel at [rabbidaj@gmail.com](mailto:rabbidaj@gmail.com) for Zoom info.

Selichot Services and Tikkun Leil Selichot will held Saturday, Sept. 12. Services start at 7 p.m. Service on YouTube. The program will continue at 8 p.m. with Tikkun Leil Selichot on Zoom. Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will share a Hasidic legend surrounded by a niggun, a song without words.

The Temple will hold Shabbat Shuvah services at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25 on and 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, both on YouTube. Torah study will precede the Saturday service at 9 a.m. on Zoom. Contact The Temple office for more information.



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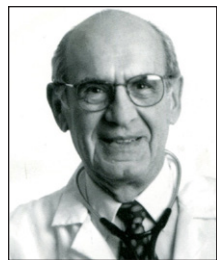
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# LIFECYCLE



## Dr. Albert G. Goldin

Dr. Albert G. Goldin, 97, died at his home on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

He was born in Lima, Ohio, and graduated from Ohio State University in 1943. He then graduated from medical school at the University of Louisville in 1946 and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Goldin completed his internship and became a pathology resident at Detroit Receiving Hospital. He then studied internal medicine and completed a cardiology fellowship at Louisville General Hospital in 1952.

Goldin served in Korea and Japan as a Captain in the Army Medical Corps from 1952 to 1954. He held his private practice of internal medicine in Louisville from 1954 until 1992, associating with Jewish and Norton hospitals. He also became an associate clinical professor of medicine at UofL.

Goldin authored 15 medical articles and wrote a book, *Your Guide to Care of the Heart*. He was a member and fellow of many medical societies.

Goldin was an active member of Adath Jeshurun. He loved the Yiddish language and led a Yiddish speaking group at the Jewish Community Center for many years. In his late '80s, he translated a Yiddish novel into English.

Goldin also was a passionate clarinet player and organized and participated in the River City Klezmer Band.

Goldin is survived by his wife of 69 years, Anita Ades Goldin; his children, Dr. Harry Goldin (Jane Kaplan) of Evanston, Illinois, and Joyce Goldin of Louisville; his grandchildren, Mark Palgy (Lindsey Carter Palgy) of Louisville, Jacob Goldin (Dr. Deborah Schwartz) of Menlo Park, California, and Elise Goldin of Brooklyn, New York; and his great-grandchild, Naomi Lorelei Goldin.

Graveside services were held at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery on July 29. Memorial gifts in honor of Goldin may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

## Lil Kittower

Lil Kittower died on Sunday, July 26, 2020, at the age of 90.

Raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Lil happily chatted away whenever she found someone else who spoke Spanish. Her background also led her to volunteer to help teach Spanish at Hawthorne Elementary and St. Agnes Catholic schools and to do recordings for the blind in Spanish.

She loved to garden, giving away countless cuttings. Her late husband, Art, joked that her passion for gardening stemmed from her parents, who never let her play in the dirt when she was a child.

She enjoyed swimming and, until a few years before her death, swam regularly. She proudly held a part-time job as a salesperson at Stewart's department store.

She donated the bulk of her inheritance from her parents to Jewish charities, including the Holocaust Memorial in Nashville, Tennessee, where they had lived.

Survivors include her children, Diane (Denny Buck) and Phil (Wanda); her grandchildren, Madeleine Conroy (Chris), Martin, and Max (Alisha); her three great-grandchildren, Tyler, Kelsey and Jackson Conroy; and her cousins, Mark and Jerry Starkand, Annette Duffy

(Joe Wright), Fred (Gloria) Glusman, Marvin (Jane) Glusman, and Roz Lemel (Gary Ruben).

She also was fortunate to have many extraordinarily thoughtful friends and neighbors who made her part of their lives.

Graveside services were held privately at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Donations in Lil's memory may be made to Dare to Care food bank, La Casita Center, or the Jewish National Fund Tree Center to plant a tree in Israel. Arrangements were by Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. The family plans to hold a memorial service at a later date.



## Debra Ellen Osoffsky

Debra Ellen Osoffsky, 70, of Louisville, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2020 of natural causes.

Born in November 1949 in Louisville, the daughter of Sylvia (Parnes) and the late Samuel Osoffsky, Debra was a graduate of Knox College and Spalding University.



A lifelong educator, Debra believed social and family support are essential for learning. She delighted in her grandchildren and their unique personalities and strongly supported their love of chocolate.

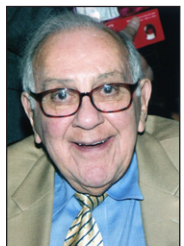
She was an avid gardener with a natural cottage or "wild" aesthetic. She always took pictures of the first snowdrops of the year and remarked on their resilience to rebloom after many frosts.

Debra was a strong advocate for a healthy community-oriented environment in her Clifton Heights neighborhood. She appreciated the wisdom of the natural world and connected deeply with the islands of Hawaii.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Steffanie. In addition to her mother, Debra is survived by two daughters, Hedley (Cyrus) and Danielle (Allen); four grandchildren, Sacha, Josephine, Constantin and Juliette; and her brothers, Harris Osoffsky (Sheila) and Michael Osoffsky (Betsy).

Memorial services were private.

Debra's energy will continue to be connected to the earth and with us always. Aloha.



## Charles F. Rosenberg

Charles F. Rosenberg, 93, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, at Baptist Health.

Born April 12, 1927, a son of the late Sarah Pearl and Bernard Rosenberg, Charles became a 1944 graduate

of Male High School and a 1949 graduate of University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, discharged in 1946.

A pharmacist, Charles partnered with his brother in Shelby Street Pharmacy from 1953 to 1991. After that partnership, he joined Taylor Drugs, Revco Pharmacy and CVS from 1991 to 2011. He retired from pharmacy in 2011.

Charles served as president of the Jefferson County Academy of Pharmacy in 1955, received the State Pharmacy Award in 1962 and was the President of the Veterans Drug Club of Louisville in

1987. He also was a Kentucky Colonel.

In addition to his parents, He was preceded in death by his brother, Arnold.

Charles is survived by his wife of 69 years, Estella Katzman Rosenberg; his sons, Army Lt. Col. (ret.) Lee R. (Ashley) and Dr. Paul S. Rosenberg (Kathy); his daughter, Susan L. Rosenberg (Brad Adams); his grandchildren, Dana Willis (Gary), Leah, Michael, Amanda, Sarah and David Rosenberg; and his great-granddaughter, Avery Willis.

Graveside services were held Monday, Aug. 10, at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, 2926 Preston Highway. Expressions of sympathy may be made to J. Graham Brown Cancer Center, 529 S. Jackson Street, Louisville, KY 40202 or the donor's 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, 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 Disabled American Veterans.

## Eugene "Gene" Vine

Eugene "Gene" Vine, 92, of a lifelong Louisvillian, died on Sunday, July 26, 2020.

Family meant everything to Gene. He relished the various roles of a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend.

Born on July 4, 1928, he was the youngest of Jennie and Aaron Vine's four children, and the last to survive them.

As a young man, Gene served in the Kentucky National Guard. Professionally, he was a successful salesman of plastic and paper. He also was a food broker, winning many national awards.

A founding member of The Standard Club, Gene enjoyed many rounds of golf there. He loved the "ponies" and was the "go-to" guy when it came to the horses and handicapping, crunching the numbers into his 91st year. When this avid race fan walked into a room and talked horses, his face lit up with a huge smile. He loved the sport, the stories and the camaraderie that came with his "hobby."

Over the years he grew especially close to his brother Herb. The two were affectionately known as "The Golden Boys."

Gene also became a successful thoroughbred owner with Victor and Vine Stables, showcasing their star gelding, Prory.

He cherished his wife of 49 years, Betty (Cohen), who preceded him in death in 2001.

Gene is survived by his daughter, Patti Sue Vine, his grandpup, Palmer, and his long-time loving companion, Kay Powers, who brought him much joy in his later years. He also will be missed by his friends. Among them are Ed Goldberg and his nieces, and nephews from the Vine and Cohen families, including Neil Cohen, and many long-time friends in the paper business.

The family thanks the nurses and staff of Jefferson Place, who provided compassion and support in his final days, as well as Hospirius.

Donations in his honor may be made to The Temple, Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS), The Humane Society, or a charity of the donor's choice.



## Maxine L. Weinberger

Maxine L. Weinberger, 98, of Louisville, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020 in Englewood, Ohio, where she resided for the past four years.

Maxine loved to sell women's clothing. Customers valued her keen sense of fashion and asked for her advice. She worked for Robert Halls Clothing Store from 1946 to 1971 and at the Fashion Shop in downtown Louisville from 1971 to 1981, when she retired. She was socially active, volunteering with Meals on Wheels.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernie and Sarah Weinberger and her granddaughter, Deborah Scaggs.

Maxine is survived by her children, Janice (Melvyn) Berman and Larry (Joann) Weinberger; her grandchildren, Shelley Berman Davis (Chip), Bonni Buchanan (Dennis) and Jody Densford; her great-grandchildren, Josie and Molly Buchanan, Coral and Logan McLean, Jade Callahan, and Jillian and Abigail Densford; and her great-great-grandsons, Matthew and Elijah.

Graveside services were held Monday, Aug. 10, at Cave Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of the donor's choice in memory of Maxine are appreciated.

# NEWS

## CANTORS

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Israel. “Being flexible and being able to adapt has kept the Jewish people alive for 4,000 years.”

But the technology they will use isn’t always up to the challenge.

Many congregations have complained about the time delay on Zoom, which puts song leaders and worshippers out of sync, creating what Lipp and Hordes have called a “cacophony” of sound.

So most virtual congregations will be muted during the services, singing (hopefully) by themselves at home.

“I try to let people know that I get a lot of pleasure watching them sing with me, even when muted,” Lipp said, “but the truth is it requires a great aural imagination.”

Which is probably why cantors, at least in Louisville, will experiment with recorded music during holy days.

KI will play a pre-recorded duet that Hordes and vocalist Sherre Fox sing every year during the Musaf service, Hamol al Na’asecha.

“People would definitely miss it (the duet) if we didn’t do it,” Hordes said.

In another pre-recorded performance, KI will bring its members a blast from the past.

Traditionally, Kol Nidre consists of three separate repetitions of the prayer. This year, for one of them, Hordes plans to play a recording of Cantor Meyer

Elias, the chazan of KI from 1952 until his death in 1981. She will sing the other two repetitions herself.

“That’s something we wouldn’t doing in a normal year,” Hordes said.

At AJ, Lipp is contracting with a production company to collect individual video recordings that choir members create on their smart phones and put them together as prerecorded audio-visual choral pieces.

“I just don’t want to tell the choir... that we’re not doing anything this year,” he said. “I want them to have a project.”

Lipp also said that a dress rehearsal will probably be recorded as a backup in case technical snags interfere with the service.

Some congregations are sticking with live music. The Temple won’t have a cantor this year, but its choir will sing live in the building, though its members will be scattered throughout the sanctuary and social hall with doors open and the divider down, Director Craig Goldstein said.

Likewise, Lipp, who is the president of the Cantors Assembly, the umbrella group of the Conservative cantorate, said some of his members have considered some form of live service with limited attendance, Plexiglass in front of the singers, even “drive-by shofar services.”

At Temple Shalom, Cantor Wendy Autenrieth, who is in her second year there as visiting chazan, said she is choosing shorter musical selections for



**Cantor Wendy Autenrieth, who is in her second year as visiting chazan at Temple Shalom, is, like other cantors, struggling to adjust musical liturgy to fit High Holy Day services hemmed in by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. (photo provided by Cantor Wendy Autenrieth)**

this year’s services, mindful that services can’t be as long as they normally are.

“There are lots of different pieces of music for the liturgy,” she said, “so I’m selecting things that are a little shorter, so it’s not so taxing on anyone.”

While few people will be in the building with her, Autenrieth probably won’t

use the full range of her voice either – as a precaution.

“Because of the knowledge of this pandemic and what the singing voice spews, very dangerously possibly, I think I’ll hold back a little bit,” she said.

## SYNAGOGUES

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vices the same way. For instance, The Temple is planning a live tashlich service at Captain’s Quarters. Adath Jeshurun and Temple Shalom are encouraging their worshippers to do it on their own and providing guidance. Keneseth Israel will hold a Zoom service.

Most are truncating the liturgy, tacitly acknowledging that most worshippers will not livestream for more than two hours.

And during the actual services, some synagogues will have their rabbis and cantors together on the same bima. Keneseth Israel will have its clergy perform their roles from separate sanctuaries.

“This is uncharted territory,” said Rabbi Robert Slosberg of Adath Jeshurun. “They did not teach us this in rabbinical or cantorial school, [but] we’re going to give it our best shot.”

Anshei Sfard and Chabad will hold in-person services in their buildings, though Anshei Sfard Rabbi Simcha Snaid also said services “will look different.” Their length is still under discussion.

All synagogues are planning to at least conduct their services from their buildings, so rabbis and cantors will be there. In some cases, so will the presidents, a choir, accompanists and those acting as technical producers for the services.

Here are some ways Louisville synagogues will reach worshippers during the Days of Awe. See page 15 for service times.

### Adath Jeshurun

Intergenerational and main sanctuary

services will be combined this year, with Rabbi Robert Slosberg, Rabbi Laura Metzger and Cantor David Lipp officiating together in the main sanctuary to keep the experience as normal as possible.

The service will be divided into the main service, followed by a family service and Torah/musaf.

“We’re juggling the reality that we don’t want – people spending hours by their computer screen – with the highlights of the service and yet having people feel this is still a traditional service,” Slosberg said.

As a rabbi, he said that delivering sermons this year will be challenging without hearing congregational reactions.

“It’s hard to feel reaction when connecting to an audience you can’t see,” Slosberg said. “The stuff I deal with [in my sermons] deals with people’s lives.”

Standard prayer books, which Slosberg says give him more options, will be used, and a donor has offered to subsidize the cost of the books for any member who wishes to purchase theirs. Another donor is paying for the installation of streaming equipment in the sanctuaries.

While seats will not be sold this year, many have made voluntary contributions.

“I’m really proud of the congregation. This has been one of our great accomplishments,” he said. “It may be our greatest accomplishment.”

### Keneseth Israel

Cantor Sharon Hordes will conduct services with Temple Shalom Rabbi

Emeritus Rabbi Stan Miles this year.

Like The Temple, KI had considered compiling its own prayer book this year, but opted for a PDF machzor offered by Rabbinical Assembly.

“It’s a PDF of the Lev Shalom machzor,” Hordes said. “It’s an exact digital copy that people can download and use at home if they wish.”

This year’s abbreviated services also will include pre-recorded services for congregants who do not have access to computers, tashlich on Zoom and a yizkur slide presentation.

“We’re asking people to send in digital photos of their parted ones,” Hordes said. “We will show the photos as a slide show.”

### Temple Shalom

Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner, Cantor Wendy Autenrieth and accompanist Shawn Dawson will lead services from the building.

The rabbi and cantor also will lead children’s service on both holy days, using a new pray book for kids; Storytellers will recount holiday takes on Yom Kippur after and Dawson will do a classical music performance.

While costs of producing services have actually increased during the pandemic, reservation fees will stay the same, she added.

In memory of Temple Shalom member Barry Berlin, who died from complications resulting from COVID-19, congregants may participate in a High Holy Day tzedakah project – Berlin’s idea. Temple Shalom tzedakah cans – one per

family – are available at the office.

### The Temple

Each family is receiving everything it needs for the High Holy Days in a single bag.

Each bag contains a set of the new prayer books, a mini challah, a yahrzeit candle, honey candy, even an HDMI cable so members can hook their laptops to their big screen TVs.

Children’s services, which will have Dr. Seuss and Wild Thing themes, will be held on Zoom, as will Havdalah. Main services will be streamed.

“We’re trying to engage our members as much as we can,” Director Craig Goldstein said.

That’s especially true for the new prayer books, which were printed thanks to donations from the Temple’s WRJ/Sisterhood and its Brotherhood.

Ariel-Joel said the text of the prayer books is eclectic, drawing from 20 sources.

Asked if this set could become the standard prayer books for future High Holy Days, he was adamant. “No,” he said.

“It’s made for streaming, it’s designed for shorter High Holy Day services because of streaming,” he said.

But Ariel-Joel predicted that the pandemic will change the way Jews pray going forward.

“The Jewish world isn’t going to be same after COVID-19,” he said. “There are going to be changes, and there are scholars in our field who say one of the changes will be shorter services.”

“I really hope we will not have to do purely online streaming again in my lifetime after this is all gone.”

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