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Dennis Berman



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LBSY Celebrates 110th Year with Business Forum

Wall Street Journal Business Editor Dennis Berman and 21c CEO Headline; Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson Will Be Moderator

Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad (LBSY – the Louisville Hebrew School) has the distinction of being the oldest continually operating school of its kind in the country. This year is its 110th anniversary, and it is celebrating it with The Kentucky Business Forum on Sunday, March 9, at 5:15 p.m. at the 21c Museum Hotel.

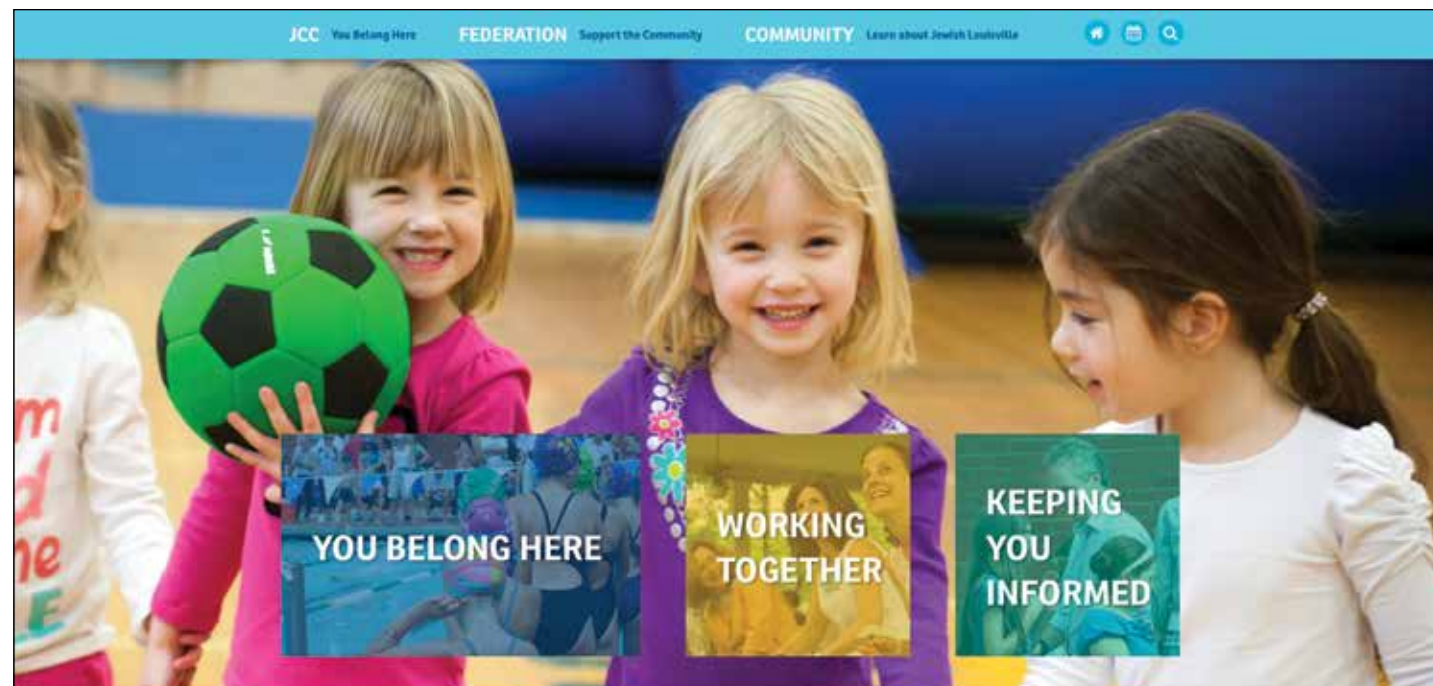
The event will feature three distinguished LBSY alumni. Craig Greenberg, president of 21c Museum Hotels, will discuss the downtown Louisville hotel and food scene; Dennis Berman, the Wall Street Journal's business editor will share an inside look at the esteemed national newspaper; and Jerry Abramson will serve as the event moderator.

The event will also include the music of The Lost Tribe Klezmer Band and dessert.

For those who would like to meet Berman and Greenberg, there will be a wine reception prior to the forum.

"This is the first-ever event like this that LBSY has done," said LBSY Pres-

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The Jewish Community of Louisville has launched a new, easier-to-use web site. Check it out at jewishlouisville.org. (See story, page 14.)

JFCS Names 2014 MOSAIC Award Winners

by Beverly Bromley

Director of Development and Marketing
Jewish Family & Career Services

An artistic director, an educator and pioneer for women's rights and social



Left to right, JFCS' 2014 MOSAIC Award Winners are Dr. Muhammad Babar, Dr. Johanna van Wijk Bos, Marta Miranda, Bruce Simpson and Joseph Twagilimana.

justice, a nonprofit CEO, a physician active in the interfaith community and a refugee mathematician who tirelessly helps African newcomers. These five individuals have made their mark in our community and will be recognized for their accomplishments at the ninth annual MOSAIC Awards to be held on Thursday, May 22, at The Galt House.

This fundraising event, which bene-

fits Jewish Family & Career Services, honors international Americans who have made a significant contribution in their profession and in our local/global community. JFCS was founded to assist newcomers to Louisville and this event honors its original mission.

The cocktail reception, which starts at 5 p.m., features a showcase of new mi-

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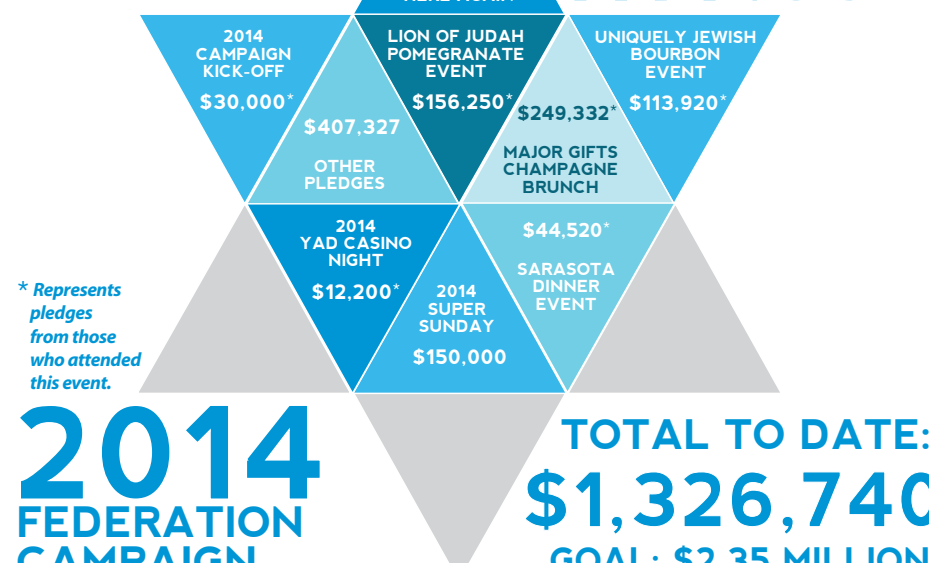


JCL CEO Stu Silberman, left, and Board President Karen Abrams, right, accept a check for \$101,000 from Beth Grafman of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. The check represents the investment the Foundation has made in Louisville's PJ Library program. (See story, page 10.)

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Presbyterian Committee distributes Anti-Semitic Study Guide

Every two years, the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) has their biennial convention, and this summer it is in Detroit. Also every two years (since 2004), PCUSA considers resolutions meant to demonize the State of Israel, accuse Israel of crimes she is not guilty of, and encourage their church and members to boycott and divest from companies doing business with Israel.
This year is no exception, but a recently issued publication indicates a new low point in their understanding of the Palestine/Israel conflict and is sure to further divide the Presbyterian and Jewish communities, communities which have so much in common and can work together on so many issues.
The Israel Palestine Mission Network of Presbyterian Church USA has just released *Zionism Unsettled*, a new study guide released for church members goes further than the church has ever gone in the past in denouncing Zionism.
Like previous reports issued by this committee, it accuses Zionism of being incompatible with Judaism, accusing it of being an evil plot foisted upon the Palestinians by guilty Western powers after WWII. It devolves even further than ever as it compares Israel to the Nazis and it absolves the Palestinians of any responsibility for the current situation, despite a long history of terror attacks that have necessitated many of the intrusive security measures that make their lives more difficult, even defending terror attacks as a legitimate method of advancing their national aspirations.

It excuses Israel's neighbors' vicious anti-Jewish attacks and mass expulsions (over 800,000 Jews in Arab countries were forcibly expelled subsequent to the creation of the state of Israel) of their Jewish populations as a natural "blowback" for Israel's treatment of the Palestinians. This document accuses our Christian Zionist friends of gross ignorance, lamenting "their uncritical endorsement of Israel's occupation."
There are so many misquotes, factual errors, and contextual inaccuracies associated with this document that to point out every one would require dozens of pages of analysis.
Israel's actions and policies sometimes deserve condemnation and that dialogue should be encouraged and debated seriously, but this document goes WAY beyond that.
I do not throw around the term "Anti-Semitic" lightly, but there is frankly no other way to describe this policy paper. Astonishingly, this document even appears to condemn the Catholic Church for Nostra Aetate, the Catholic document that absolves the Jewish people for the collective guilt of Jesus' death.
Condemning the Holocaust does not absolve someone of anti-Semitism. Avoiding the traditional canards of blood libels, greed, and seeking world domination does not absolve someone of anti-Semitism. But PCUSA's hateful form of anti-Zionism is a new form of anti-Semitism and it is with us. In fact, two prominent individuals/organizations that have endorsed *Zionism Unsettled* include former KKK leader David Duke, and PressTV, an Iranian news outlet.
We have many friends in the Presbyterian Church (such as Presbyterians For Middle East Peace, a Presbyterian

group that recognizes the complexities of this issue and seeks to encourage their church to support meaningful dialogue with all parties involved and we will make efforts to reach out to them and ask that they reject this document. In fact, we have already heard the outrage expressed by these friends regarding this document.
In previous Presbyterian General Assemblies, our outreach to our friends has resulted in rejections of any one-sided statement or action. Our hope is that this policy statement really does represent only a small minority of Presbyterian thought and it is given the categorical rejection it so richly deserves.

Farm Bill Cuts Food Stamps

After literally years of wrangling, our government finally passed a Farm bill this year, but unfortunately the Food Stamp program was cut.
Now, we can take heart in the fact that the actual cuts were far less than what was proposed by some lawmakers. Some proposals out of Congress included 40 billion dollars in cuts, which would have had catastrophic results.
The farm bill that passed *only* cuts Food Stamps by \$9 billion over 10 years (or 1 percent) mostly by closing a loophole which allowed for recipients of other government assistance programs to convert their excess funds to food stamps.
In a weird kind of way, we should be grateful for the limited scope of these cuts, as other government programs have been cut much more dramatically. However, this is a program that needs to be expanded, not cut in any way.
One in six Americans are food insecure, and that includes many people in Kentucky, including in our own Jewish community here in Louisville. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or Food Stamps) is a necessary program, which helps mitigate this insecurity by providing temporary food assistance.
Food banks do a fantastic job of additional food supplementation, but they are stretched thin as well. And while the immediate danger of a catastrophic cut has passed, our efforts to ensure a properly funded SNAP program should continue.

Federal Judge Orders State of Kentucky to Recognize Out-of-State Same Sex Marriages
This past week, U.S. District Court Judge John Heyburn II ruled that Kentucky's refusal to recognize same sex marriages performed in other states violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.
This is a *huge* victory for those who care about marriage freedom for all and it is most likely another step towards same sex marriages being performed and recognized all over the country.
Last year, our Jewish Community Relations Council co-sponsored a resolution before our national agency, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. The resolution was intended to guide national Jewish agencies, religious movements and local JCRCs on their policies regarding same sex marriage, encouraging them to advocate for full equality of marriage rights. Although we were unsuccessful in getting the resolution passed, we are looked to nationally as a JCRC that has led on the issue of promoting marriage equality.
Since last summer, when the Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act, there have been victories all over the country on this issue. And now that marriage equality has penetrated the South as in Kentucky (and, also this week, a federal judge in Virginia ruled similarly), hopefully, we can look forward to the inevitability of marriage equality throughout the country.

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Do the Mitzvah of Matanot L'Evyonim

This Year's JCRC Purim Appeal to Benefit Project Warm

Purim, with all its frivolity, will be celebrated on March 16. But there is more to Purim than costumes and graggers, reading the Megillah and singing songs, eating hamantaschen and sending gifts (*mishloach manot*) to friends.

The mitzvah of *matanot le'evyonim*, sending gifts to those less fortunate is also an important part of the holiday. Each year, the Jewish Community Relations Council makes it easy to fulfill this mitzvah by having a Purim appeal. This year, Project Warm is the beneficiary of this appeal.

Jessica Goldstein, chair of the JCRC's Social Action Committee, explained that there were three reasons the JCRC selected Project Warm as the beneficiary of this year's Purim appeal. "First," she said, "we all believe that making homes comfortable during the winter months helps fulfill the Jewish directive to shelter the homeless."

"Second," she continued, "is that we know that unusually high utility bills can really snowball for low-income people and cause tremendous financial hardship. I feel if you're poor and get a \$300 LG&E bill you spend the whole year catching up. Owing to the extremely low temperatures this winter, we were concerned that the financial hardship of heating poorly insulated homes would be greater than ever."

"And the third reason," she concluded, "was that when you insulate a home, you not only make it more comfortable, but also more energy efficient and we thought this was a good step to take to show the community's dedication to greening up our community."

Project Warm's mission is to provide energy conservation services and education, and to promote energy saving practices in the community. It has provided home weatherization to low-income households for more than 25 years.

Project Warm reduces the cost of energy usage for at-risk families and seniors by teaching people how to weatherize their homes and training volunteers to help seniors and the disabled. The agency works collaboratively with other weatherization service providers and stakeholders to share data, training and work to meet a higher standard of retrofits. Its efforts focus on air sealing, door and window repair and weather-stripping.

Frank Schwartz, the executive director of Project Warm, is also a JCRC member.

To help the JCRC support Project Warm,



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JCRC Co-sponsors GreenFaith Environmental Education Events

The Jewish Community Relations Council is co-sponsoring two GreenFaith Ground for Hope education and training events for clergy and lay leaders in Kentucky. The first, Ground for Hope – Bluegrass, will be Saturday, March 8, from 9:30 a.m.-noon at Central Christian Church in Lexington, and the second, Ground for Hope – Kentuckiana, will be Sunday, March 9, from 2:30-6 p.m. at Highland Baptist Church in Louisville.

At these interfaith religious-environmental events, participants will learn about Biblical and religious foundations for protecting the environment, "green"

facility management, religious education and preaching on the environment, faith-based environmental advocacy and more.

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Matanot L'Evyonim

Gifts to the Poor

Matanot La'Evyonim and Poverty Issues: On the day of Purim, Jewish tradition teaches that one must send gifts of tzedakah to the poor, to increase love and friendship between Jews, thereby dismissing Haman's accusations that there is strife and dissension among Jews. This concept has been expanded, and today, we offer help to all those in need.

Purim this year is March 16. The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Community of Louisville invites you to honor this Purim tradition by contributing to Project Warm, an organization that provides energy conservation services and education. Project Warm teaches at-risk families and seniors how to weatherize their homes and trains volunteers to help seniors and the disabled with air-sealing, door and window repair and weather-stripping. This is particularly important in light of the cold weather Louisville has experienced this winter.

To help the JCRC support Project Warm, send your Purim contributions to Jewish Community Relations Council, 3600 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY 40205. Please indicate that your contribution is for our 2014 Purim Appeal. You may also make your donation online at www.jewishlouisville.org.



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Adult Students Find Melton Classes Engaging, Meaningful

by Holly Hinson
Special to Community

If you could attend a school to learn more about Judaism but there were no exams, no homework and no grades – and the only requirement was to commit to a program of learning and participation – would that pique your interest?

If so, the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School of Adult Jewish Learning may be of interest. The Louisville franchise of the school invites participants to discover new dimensions of Judaism by participating in a world-class two-year curriculum created by scholars and educators at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The program provides an in-depth exploration of Judaism using a wide va-

riety of Jewish sources and offering text-based discussion designed for adults with all levels of Jewish literacy.

First-year students enroll in a pair of courses, “The Purposes of Jewish Living” and “The Rhythms of Jewish Living.” The two courses explore ancient and modern responses to many of the major issues of Jewish thought and theology and examine a wide variety of Jewish sources to discover the deeper meanings underlying Jewish holidays, lifecycle observances and practice.

“In the first year, along with the core curriculum, we are following along with the calendar of the Jewish year as observances and lifestyle events are happening,” student Lois Dunner said. “We can learn more about the reasons and history behind these observances from a biblical perspective but also look

at more modern interpretations at the same time. It shows how it connects to our current lives.”

“It’s a really nicely structured program with each component building on the one before it,” she added. “I feel very encouraged learning through the class that I do know a lot, but at the same time I am delighted realizing there is so much more to learn, too.”

This sentiment is a common theme with participants,” said Melton Director Deborah Slosberg. “Students find they are surprised with how much there is to know – and that the more you know, the more you realize what you don’t know,” she said.

In the program’s second year, students study “The Dramas of Jewish Living” and “The Ethics of Jewish Living.” “Dramas” investigates how the Jewish

past gives meaning to the Jewish present, and “Ethics” explores the wisdom of ancient and modern rabbis, scholars and thinkers, offering multiple Jewish approaches to conducting our lives in the communal and private spheres.

Slosberg said she believed one aspect of the program that has broad appeal is that it is so pluralistic – welcoming people with all different views and denominations of Judaism to come to the discussion table and glean unique perspectives from one another. “We also have access to the resources and scholarship of the Hebrew University scholars and administrators; you can pull a lot of inspiration from that,” said Slosberg.

“Through Melton I have discovered the wealth of knowledge that we Jews have at our fingertips,” agreed current student Barbara Franklin. “I liked that the class is conducted in a non-judgmental way. The students are fully engaged and ask great questions – there is such a camaraderie among us as we take the journey into the intricacies of Jewish texts to find the how and why of what we believe.”

“The Dramas and Ethics courses investigate how the Jewish past gives meaning to the Jewish present and surveys the wisdom of ancient and modern rabbis, scholars and thinkers,” student Barbara Isaacs said. “It offers multiple Jewish approaches to conducting our lives in the communal and private spheres,” an opportunity she relishes.

“Prior to the Melton School classes, I have not really taken advantage of any sort of intensive Judaic studies as an adult,” she added. “So far, the Melton School is exceeding my expectations. To be able to examine and discuss the texts and commentaries behind our Jewish beliefs and philosophies in an interactive atmosphere has given me the opportunity to develop a much deeper understanding and a different perspective of Judaism than I had before.”

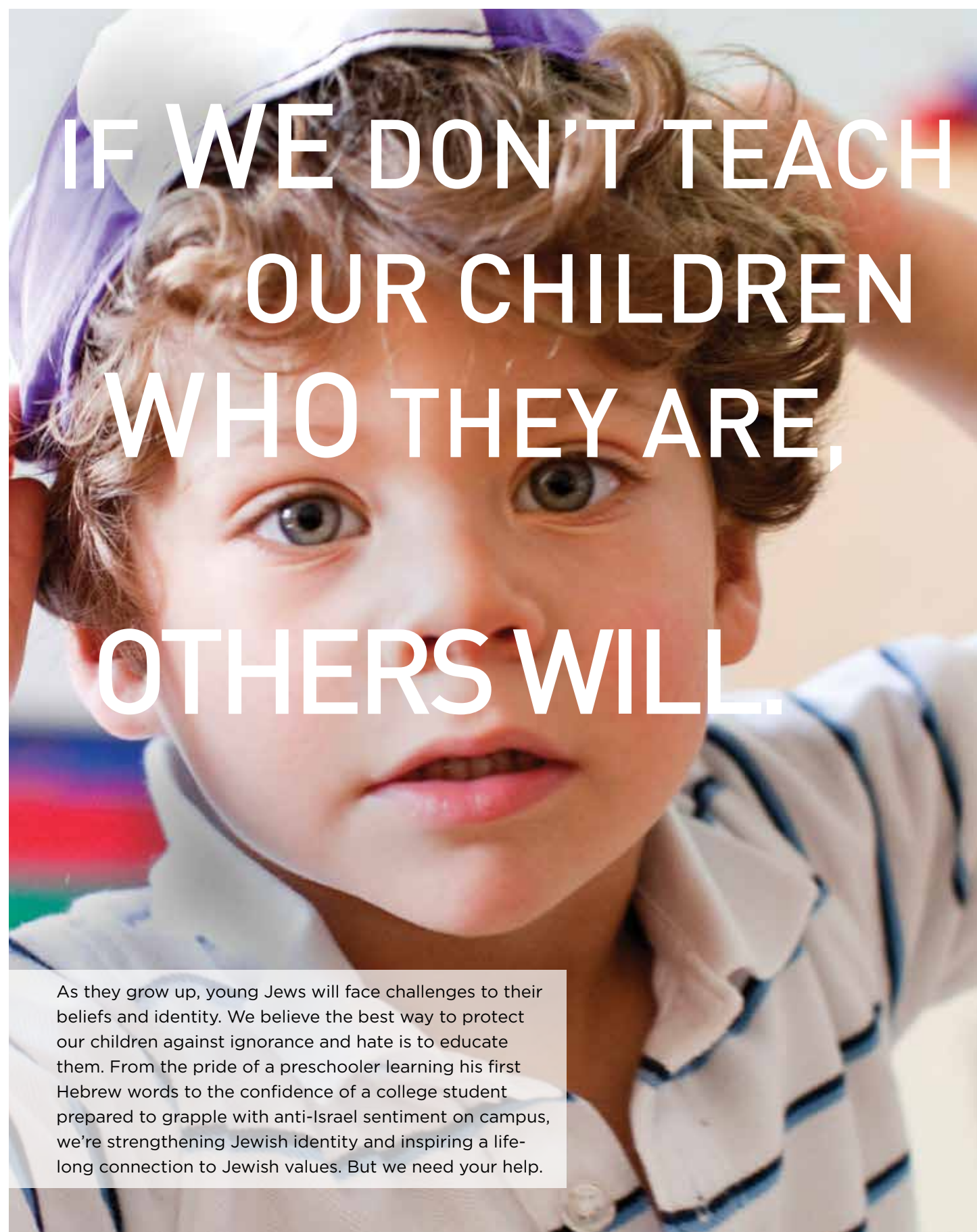
“I didn’t expect much from the Melton first-year program,” Bob Steinman, another student said. “I was wrong. The Melton teachers teach at a sophisticated adult level and with unbridled passion for what they do. From the first day, I learned new and in-depth perspectives on my old ideas and concepts. My attitude is being positively transformed by healthy discussions with teachers and fellow students. I feel challenged and am invigorated by this adult and newer way of thinking Jewish.”

Louisville Melton, which attracted 70 students in the current session, is exceptional, said Slosberg, in that most Melton franchises are located in cities with much larger Jewish populations. At a recent international Melton conference, the director said she took pride that Louisville’s program is somewhat of a national model. “It’s a big program to carry off for our size,” she said.

In addition to first and second year classes in the basic Melton Curriculum, Louisville’s Adult Mini-School also offers Melton’s Foundations of Jewish Family Living, a program that was developed to provide parents with a thought-provoking encounter with many of the core values of Judaism that can help them bring the conversation home to share with their young children. This 20-class program can be completed in under a year.

Beyond the core curriculum courses, Dunner is also taking an additional Scholars Curriculum course called “Beyond Borders,” which examines the Israel-Arab conflict. “With a small class size of only 8-10 students, the class traces the history of this conflict from the breakdown of the Ottoman Empire up until today’s challenges,” she said.

“We examine all kinds of artifacts including letters from Churchill, biblical



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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FEBRUARY 23-APRIL 1

Patio Gallery exhibit

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MARCH 2

Ben Gurion Society Event Bagels and Bloody Marys

9:30 a.m. Brunch, cocktails and a conversation with JCL Board Chair Karen Abrams for Ben Gurion Society members and prospective members. Solicitation event. Minimum gift to the Federation Campaign: \$1000. RSVP to Kristy, 238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org. See story, this page.

MARCH 2

Every Beat Counts Hadassah Heart Healthy Program

1 p.m. JCC. \$5 per person. Speakers, including medical professionals and Hadassah members, will focus on empowering women to prevent heart disease. RSVP to Michelle Elisburg, meehadassah@gmail.com or 645-4739.

MARCH 2 & 9

CenterStage's Acting Out presents *The Tale of Peter Rabbit (and Benjamin Bunny)*

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MARCH 16

Purim

MARCH 15

Teen Connections Programs

7 p.m. JCC. Choose a Rolling Video Games party, \$20, with video game theater with 4 large flat screen TV's, gaming chairs, PS3, XBOX 360, and Wii, and lots of games; or a Paint a Masterpiece Party with Pinot's Palette, \$35, and take your painting home. RSVP to Rachel Lipkin, rlipkin@jewishlouisville.org, by March 10.

MARCH 20

Adath Jeshurun Music Festival

7 p.m. JCC. Adults, \$12.50; seniors, \$10; at the door, \$15. "Thoroughly Modern American Musical Melodies" featuring singer/songwriter Zina Goldrich. Purchase tickets at www.adathjeshurun.com/musicfestival or through the AJ office, 458-5359. See story, this page.

MARCH 20-APRIL 6

CenterStage presents *The Color Purple*

\$18 per person in advance, \$20 at the door. JCC. Set to a joyous score featuring jazz, ragtime, gospel, and blues, *The Color Purple* is a story of hope, a testament to the healing power of love, and a celebration of life. For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to www.CenterStageJCC.org.

MARCH 24

Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

Adath Jeshurun. Reception, 7:30 p.m.; broadcast, 8. Simon Schama, author of *The Story of the Jews: Finding the words 1000 BC-1492 AD*. Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

MARCH 30

Louisville Jewish Film Festival Extra Kling Chamber Orchestra Concert and Orchestra of Exiles Film

7 p.m. The Temple. \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door; \$6 students. The Jewish Film Festival, with The Temple, presents the Kling Chamber Orchestra and the documentary film *Orchestra of Exiles*, the story of how Bronislaw Huberman rescued 70 of the world's greatest musicians from Nazi Germany. Reception sponsored by NCJW. Seating is limited. For tickets and information, call the JCC, 459-0660.

Ben Gurion Society Members Invited to Converse with JCL Board Chair

By definition, Ben Gurion Society members are young leaders in the community. Age 45 or under, they realize that they must volunteer and participate in the community. They also demonstrate their support through gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Federation Campaign.

On Sunday, March 2, at 9:30 a.m. (or after they drop children off for religious school), all Ben Gurion Society members and anyone interested in learning more about the Ben Gurion Society are invited to Bagels and Bloody Marys, for

brunch, drinks and a conversation with Jewish Community of Louisville Board Chair Karen Abrams.

Abrams will provide an update on the JCL and there will be plenty of time for those in attendance to ask questions and learn about the areas of interest to them.

The program will be held at the home of Ben Gurion Chairs Beth and Michael Salamon. The address will be provided when you make your reservation by contacting Kristy Benefield, 238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.

AJ Music Fest Features Modern American Music by Zina Goldrich

by Cantor David Lipp
Congregation Adath Jeshurun

Adath Jeshurun will present Zina Goldrich for the 2014 Music Festival, Thoroughly Modern American Musical Melodies, on Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m.

Every few months, I put on a program for the various nursing homes in town. Sometimes I play guitar and sometimes piano. Sometimes I teach about a holiday and sometimes I do a purely entertainment-based Broadway program. At one of these events, a nonagenarian said to me, "Cantor, why don't you play some more modern music?"

Well, at this, the 20th Music Festivals since I came to Louisville, I will meet her demand in full. Every single song performed will be contemporary and written by one very talented, living composer. In fact, this will be the first Music Festival in which I present the original creative work of only one composer/performer.

As the musical partner of a modern and budding female Rogers and Hammerstein duo, Zina Goldrich along with lyricist Marcy Heisler has produced two songbooks of engaging, funny, poignant music that most of us in Louisville haven't heard yet. One of her best-known melodies, thanks to Kristin Chenoweth who sang it on the Rosie O'Donnell Show and the Craig Ferguson Show, is *Taylor, the Latte Boy*. If you want a taste of Zina's work, search for it on your computer and have a listen.

She's won awards for excellence in songwriting and is currently working on the musical *Ever After*, based on the film starring Drew Barrymore and Angelica Huston and aiming for a Broadway Spring 2015 opening. Her music has been directed by Julie Andrews, commissioned for the Radio City Rockettes, sung by Audra McDonald, performed Off-Broadway, at Lincoln Center and on Television. An accomplished pianist, she has played and conducted on Broadway for *Avenue Q*, *Oklahoma* and *Titanic*.

In writing for Broadway, Zina has also tried her hand at some liturgical music, so you'll get to hear an *Ein Keloheinu* and *Adon Olam*. We may ask you to sing along with a new *Sim Shalom* as well.

I look forward to sharing her talents with my colleague Cantor Sharon Hordes, Junior and Adult community choirs and the rest of the Louisville community. The 2014 Music Festival is endowed by the Adolf and Sara van der Walde and Israel Rosenblum Charitable Fund.

Advance tickets for adults are \$12.50, adults and seniors \$10. At the door, tickets are \$15.

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M'chaiya Klezmer Band to Play at Anshei Sfar

If you travel over to the Congregation Anshei Sfar on Sunday morning, March 16, you will actually be taking a voyage that goes much farther than that, one that will cover many different countries, from America to Turkey. Your musical tour guide will be the Chicago-based Klezmer band, the Ensemble M'chaiya™, as they perform their unique brand of music at a special, free brunch concert to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Purim.

The community is invited to participate in the Purim services, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Following the reading of the Megillah, around 9:45, everyone can enjoy a free buffet brunch and the concert will begin around 10:30.

With a huge repertoire of music from four different Jewish traditions, this fascinating family band will transport your imagination on an exciting exploration of culture as they get your heart grooving to everything from American Klezmer boogies with a Balkan Gypsy sound to the even more exotic Sephardic Jewish songs. When was the last time you grooved to a *fraelach* played on a Bulgarian wooden flute or was mesmerized by a Purim piece set in a 12/8 time signature sung in Ladino, the language of the Sephardic Jews? This is clearly a trip worth taking!

This band was formed in 1983 after leader Terran Doehrer first heard Klezmer music at a concert by a band called the Klezmorim on their first trip to Chicago. Doehrer, the founder of the Balkan Rhythm Band™, immediately recognized that Klezmer had at least some of its roots in the Balkans. "It is no surprise," says Doehrer, "that when you run across a Klezmer tune called a 'Bulgar' it has some sort of connection to Bulgaria."

Doehrer's borderless musical curiosity led him to discover a second style of Balkan-influenced Jewish music, that of the Sephardim, the Jews who originated in Spain. Back in 1492, when Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand consolidated their power by marrying, they expelled from Spain all non-Catholics who refused to convert. Some Spanish Jews went eastward along the Mediterranean basin to Greece and other parts of the Balkans as well as to Turkey. Others hopped on the boats that Columbus led that year to the Americas.

"We once met," says Doehrer, "a woman who claims to be the a descendant of one of Columbus's navigators!" The Ensemble M'chaiya has a large enough Sephardic repertoire to do concert performances completely in that style, singing in Ladino, French, and Turkish.

"Our Sephardic repertoire is why we initially contacted Congregation Anshei Sfar," Doehrer pointed out. "Their name, 'Sfar,' made me think that they might be interested in our Sephardic music. Turns out that, even though the synagogue no longer has much of a Sephardic membership, happily they decided to invite us to come play for them anyway."

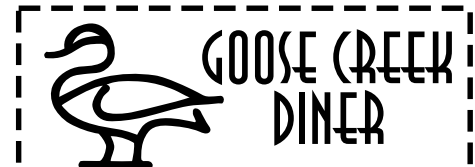
The Ensemble M'chaiya has an eclectic repertoire of Purim music. Moreover, see **M'CHAIYA** page 9

Louisville Jewish Film Festival 2014

Great Success So Far and There's More to Come. Encore Added: Orchestra of Exiles on March 30

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

The 16th Annual Jewish Film Festival is underway. While many of the films and events took place over the past two weeks, two



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more Festival events are scheduled for this weekend plus a special encore has been announced for Sunday, March 30.

Aftermath

Tomorrow night (Saturday), the Polish film, *Aftermath*, will be shown at the Village 8 at 7:30 p.m. It is the story, based on true events, of two brothers who dare to investigate the secret murder of Jews in a small Polish village. It is considered one of the most controversial and important films made in Poland and one of the best foreign films of the year. Tickets



Mark Klein in action

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are \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door and \$6 for students.

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will lead a discussion after the film.

Sonny Boy

On Sunday afternoon at 1:30p.m., *Sonny Boy* will be shown at the Muhammad Ali Center. This epic Dutch film, based on a true story and best-selling novel, follows a young man from Dutch Guiana who boards a ship to the Netherlands in search of an education. He finds love with Rika, a white woman twice his age, and they have a son. Through difficult years the mixed race couple fights to survive, and life becomes more dangerous when sheltering Jews during the 1940's in Nazi-occupied Netherlands. Admission is free, but tickets are required for admittance. Call the JCC, 450-0660, to reserve your spot. Come early and you can tour the Museum for just \$2.

Orchestra of Exiles

As an encore presentation, the Louisville Jewish Film Festival, in cooperation with The Temple, will show *Orchestra of Exiles* on Sunday, March 30, at 7 p.m. at The Temple. This special evening, a prelude to the Israeli Philharmonic's Louisville concert on April 1, will also feature the Kling Chamber Orchestra and its conductor and music director, Daniel Spurlock.

This suspenseful documentary depicts how one man, Bronislaw Huberman, used his resourcefulness to rescue 70 of the world's greatest musicians from Nazi Germany. In spite of resistance from Zionist officials, Huberman succeeded in creating one of the world's greatest orchestras.

This thrilling tale of escape is accompanied by an excellent musical score and contains interviews with Zubin Mehta, Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman, Joshua Bell and more.

The evening also includes a reception sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door and \$6 for students. Call 459-0660 for information and to purchase tickets. Seating is limited.

Earlier Film Festival Events

Many of the Film Festival earlier events drew large, appreciative crowds. Film Festival Director Marsha Bornstein reported that around 225 people turned out for the special program on February 9 at Congregation Adath Jeshurun for the film, *When Comedy Went to School*. They were also treated to a set with Mark Klein, live and in person.

Klein, a Louisville native who has been a successful stand-up comic on the national scene for many years, delighted the crowd with highlights and low points of his career and a few memories of home. His father, George Klein, even got into the act with one story.

Appetizers and desserts after the show topped off a delightful afternoon.

Following the film *The Attack*, shown on February 15 at the Village 8, Lior Yaron, a longtime member of the Louisville Jewish community, prominent businessman and veteran officer of the IDF and the Yom Kippur War, led a discussion during which he gave some perspective to the disturbing events depicted in the film.

In the film, an honored Israeli Arab doctor learns that his wife was a suicide bomber who committed her terrorist act in a pizza parlor during a children's birthday party, killing several civilians including children. The movie tells of his quest to understand her motives and, in the process, provides what Yaron described as a fairly accurate picture of both the Israeli and Palestinian perspec-



Film Festival Committee Chair Keiley Castor



Film Festival Director Marsha Bornstein

tives on the conflict.

Every year, the Festival includes offerings from the Maale School of Television, Film and Arts in Jerusalem. This year, the two short films, *Rabbi's Daughter* and *Ma Nishtana* were shown at The Temple. Rabbi David Ariel-Joel led a discussion of those films.

The remaining films were *Bethlehem*, *Wunderkinder* and *Fill the Void*, all shown at the Village 8. There were also two private showings of *The Other Son* for the Jewish religious schools' middle and high school students on Sunday mornings giving an opportunity to over 125 students to see this thought-provoking film.

Behind the Scenes

While Bornstein does most of the logistical work for the Film Festival, she works with a strong, involved committee and attributes much of the Festival's success to them.

"Keiley Castor, the Film Festival Committee chair, is a passionate and devoted leader who spends countless hours throughout the year" working on Film Festival business, Bornstein said. "The committee is hardworking, too. They review all the films and debate which would be best. They plan special events and help provide sweets for receptions."

"We are also most grateful to all our funders and patrons," she added. Without them, there would be no festival."

The Festival is funded in part by Congregation Adath Jeshurun, the Rosa Gladstein Fund, the Ann and Coleman Friedman Fund for Judaic Activities, the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, LEO Weekly, the Louis Levy Film and Theatre Arts Fund, the Muhammad Ali Center and The Temple.

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The Pointe buzzed with activity on Saturday evening, February 8, as members of YAD, the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Young Adult Division, enjoyed a variety of casino games, visiting with friends and good food at this annual Campaign event.

Throughout the evening, people tried their luck with craps, roulette or cards at tables run by professionals, collecting entry tickets for raffle prizes.

While most of the evening was fun and games, everyone took a few moments out to listen to Event Co-Chair Tracy Geller, made it passionately clear why the community supports the Federation Campaign and why YAD members, as part of the community, must support it, too.

When she first returned to Louisville, Geller recounted, she and her husband were not involved in the Jewish community, but when their children were born, she enrolled them in the preschool. Soon, the quality of the children's experience led them to greater participation in the community and to the decision to join the JCC.

The more involved they got, the more Geller realized she needed to participate and support the community. She began saying yes when she was asked to serve on committees, take on leadership responsibilities and support the Cam-

paign. She encouraged those present to join her in making a pledge to the 2014 Campaign and participating actively in YAD and the community.

Those who were present that night pledged \$12,200 to the Campaign.

Helping Geller ensure the evening was the best it could be were Co-Chair Keren Benabou and event hosts Olga Itkin, Faina and Ariel Kronenberg, Shannon and Ed Rothschild and Abby and Barrett Tasman. They worked with YAD Director Tzivia Levin Kalmes.

The 2014 YAD chairs are Keren Benabou and Ben Vaughan and the Ben Gurion Society chairs are Beth and Michael Salamon. Ben Gurion Society members contribute a minimum of \$1,000 to the Annual Federation Campaign each year.

Raffle prizes were donated by Fritz's Salon, Genesis Diamonds, Happy Nails Salon, the JCC, Ariel and Faina Kronenberg, Pure Barre, Stohl Keenon Ogden PLLC Attorneys, Tri State Gold & Diamond Jewelers and the University of Louisville.

The venue, The Pointe, is owned by Barrett Tasman and his family. The food was prepared by Ladyfingers Catering. The alcoholic beverages were donated by Heaven Hill Distilleries, owned by the Shapira family. Ted Wirth and Phil Cooley were the event photographers.



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Left to right, Beth and Michael Salamon, Becky Ruby Swansburg and Mark and Tracy Geller



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M'CHAIYA

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since the band's Spring Tour would bring them to Louisville exactly on Purim, Rabbi Golding found to be an opportunity too good to pass up.

Rabbi Golding explained that he decided to make this event a free brunch concert featuring this engaging family band. "The pairing of the band to this event just made sense because Purim is a very family-oriented holiday, with everyone getting to dress up in costume."

Purim celebrates that fact that Queen Esther and her cousin, Mordechai, were able to save the Jewish people from the extermination called for by Haman. Not much has changed since then as recent history and current events continue to demonstrate.

Thus, Klezmer music and Sephardic music both come out of very hard conditions and resonate from the thou-

sands of years of violent discrimination against the Jewish people. This gives rise to the same sort of searching for meaning and release as you find in American Blues and in the music of the Gypsies, another culture that has wandered the earth playing music, all the while facing extreme oppression, including actual slavery.

"Yet," reflects Doehrer, "despite all the suffering these various groups have experienced, their cultures have all survived and their musics all share a joyousness and a desire to celebrate life. The result is very, very powerful and very moving."

You can get a sense of what the band sounds like by visiting their web site, www.modalmusic.com/klezmer.

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Grinspoon Foundation Lauds Louisville's PJ Library; Will Continue Investing Here

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

Louisville's Jewish community has been participating in the Grinspoon Foundation's PJ Library program for five years. The Jewish Community Center just celebrated

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this milestone with a Rick Recht concert. (See story, CenterPiece, page 2.)

The Grinspoon Foundation chose to mark the occasion, too. Grinspoon's Program Officer Beth Grafman came to Louisville to provide the Jewish Community of Louisville Board of Directors with an update on the program and the relationship Louisville's program has with the Foundation.

PJ Library provides high quality, free, Jewish books and CDs to children from 6 months to eight years. When parents read the books with their children, they often spur conversations about Jewish values, holidays and practices; and those discussions lead to increased Jewish practice and community involvement.

Grafman reported that the Grinspoon Foundation is delighted with the partnership it has with Louisville, and she called us a model community that successfully uses the books as a strategy for

engaging Jewish families.

Currently, the JCC has enrolled 233 children and is reaching about a third of eligible children. Through Jennifer Tuvlin's efforts, she said, the Grinspoon Foundation hopes to increase that to 50 percent. Tuvlin is also continuing Louisville's practice of providing programming to bring PJ Library families together several times a year.

Others who have contributed to the success of Louisville's program are Marsha Roth, who has been chair since PJ Library started here; Becky Swansburg, who co-chairs the program; and Mona Schramko, who co-chaired the program before Swansburg.

Roth is also an accomplished storyteller and Grafman called her a "treasure in this community."

To date, Grafman said, 20,404 books have been given to children in Louisville. Louisville has invested \$74,000 in

the program and Harold Grinspoon has invested \$101,000 and endowed it "as a partner for as long as you will partner" with the Grinspoon Foundation. She presented JCL President and CEO Stu Silberman with a large replica of a check representing that \$101,000 investment.

Harold Grinspoon created the program to fill a void and engage young families. He gave \$125 million to the project, and with the additional funding from partners, PJ Library is about to give away its 5 millionth book.

Today, Grinspoon partners with more than 185 communities in the U.S. and sends 130,000 books a month. A parallel program in Israel, Sifriyat Pijama distributes 200,000 books a month. It is also being launched in Australia and Argentina, and soon will be in Russia, Argentina, England and France. There are even plans to start an Arab language program in Israeli schools.

Schwartz Named JCC Camp and Youth Services Director

by Niki King
PR Specialist

A new, tan face is taking the helm as senior director of camp and youth services at the Jewish Community Center. Betsy Schwartz landed in snowy Louisville fresh from Sarasota, FL, where she's been the director of major programs for Jewish Family & Children's



Betsy Schwartz

Services since 2007. Before that she worked at the Sarasota JCC for almost a decade in a number of leadership capacities.

Donning a hooded sweatshirt on a particularly teeth-chattering day, she promised she wasn't having second thoughts.

"I'm up for a new challenge," she said. She's ready to return to four seasons. After all, she grew up in Maine, earned her BA from the University of Vermont and her master's in social work from Boston University, and began her long career with JCCs in Massachusetts.

And, she's ready to work solely with kids and camps. For her, that's where the real fun is.

"I always said the perfect job for me

would be at camp 24/7," she said. "Jewish identity is important and camp is where you get it, studies show. I want to be a part of that."

Sarasota never felt like her forever home. She was thinking of making a move when the job in Louisville came open. Stew Bromberg, vice president and chief development officer for the Jewish Community of Louisville, encouraged her to apply. The two had worked together more than 20 years ago at the Leventhal-Sidman JCC in Newton, Mass., and hadn't lost touch.

"Betsy was the director of the singles department and she was always upbeat, smiling and developing programs that our single members of all ages could relate to and enjoy. We worked together on the development of two successful programs and I always found Betsy's optimistic and lively personality to be infectious. I truly believe that the Louisville Jewish community will benefit greatly from the addition of Betsy Schwartz to our staff," Bromberg said.

He told her she'd find the city of Louisville and the local Jewish community as welcoming as he has.

She visited only briefly when she decided he was right.

"It was the kind of town I was looking for," she said. "I'm looking forward to connecting to a warm Jewish community."

She's bought a bungalow in St. Matthews and is happy to have a basement once again and is enjoying how friendly the people of Louisville are, even strangers.

Her only regret leaving is that her two sons, Drew and Troy St. Pierre, back in Sarasota where one is finishing his first year of college and the other is finishing his senior year of high school.

She said she's looking forward to building relationships with the JCC's families and hearing what they'd like from camps and youth services.

She has big shoes to fill. Julie Hollander was the beloved camp director for four years before taking a position as the Senior Associate for Teen Programming at the Jewish Volunteer Connection which is part of the Associated Baltimore Federation. Under Hollander's watch, the camp program was lifted to new heights, the children's department enjoyed creative new programs and she worked successfully to bring together all JCL family programs to create a cohesive team.

Schwartz said she'd like to continue that forward momentum, with particular attention to building the camp program throughout the year so it's as recognized in other seasons as it is in summer.

"I hope to keep building the great reputation and grow the year-long presence of camp, so it's more than just summer camp," Schwartz said.

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by Stew Bromberg
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At last our weather seems to be warming up and our temperatures are actually above normal for February in Louisville. Alas, you already know my admiration for winter weather and please feel free to join the myriads of people who question my sanity because of this preference. Last week, however, I have to admit it was a pleasure to spend the week on a business trip in Florida.

My trip had two purposes: attend a conference with my colleagues from other Jewish Federations across North America to discuss the current trends in Financial Resource Development and planning for the future; and to visit some of our Louisville Jewish community supporters who have either relocated to Florida full time or have chosen to spend the winter months in a warmer climate.

I enjoy getting together with Louisvillians who have a great community history to share with me, and I enjoy updating them on the events and challenges facing us here in Louisville. In addition to meeting with individuals and couples at their homes on both coasts, it was my pleasure to co-host with our 2014 Campaign Chair, Doug Gordon, a dinner gathering with a group of our supporters in Sarasota, last Thursday evening.

The event was co-sponsored by Northern Trust Bank, the organization that manages our portfolio of endowment funds with the direction and guidance provided by our Investment Committee, chaired by Glenn Levine. Our thanks to Phil Donahue for his presentation on the services we receive from Northern Trust, and for including his wife Julie as part of our gathering.

As always when Louisvillians get together (I have learned), the conversation often turns to memories and 'the good ole days.' After presenting some updates on many of the discussions and challenges facing our community, Doug provided some light entertainment by sharing a few 'old Jewish jokes' and stories about Louisville and a short session of Jewish Louisville trivia.

Together we discussed the work we are

doing to complete our strategic planning process. There were questions regarding the future of the Standard Country Club property. As we shared with the group in Sarasota, I share with you that we look forward to having a seat around the table at the community conversation being chaired by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence regarding this community opportunity. All community agencies have been asked to select one representative to have a seat around the table.

Doug spoke about this year's Federation Campaign and his goal to re-engage many in the community who have not been as supportive over the past few years as they may have been before. He spoke about the importance of the programs and services we provide to a community that needs and deserves our community support.

Doug also spoke about the possibilities for our future and the progress we are making by raising funds even beyond our annual campaign. Last year we received over \$500,000 in grants from local and national foundations and funders to provide programs, services and support or organizational infrastructure needs.

We have received gifts outside of the Annual Campaign, some for specific services and mission driven programs and others to help offset expenses that are necessary to provide a safe and sustainable facility for today and the foreseeable future. We continue to pursue these funding opportunities, but the resources needed by the entire community are continuing to grow each year.

Our constituent agencies look to us for allocations that are necessary to help

their organizations continue their work and provide the services the community will need as we look to the future. As our grandparents provided for our future so many years ago, we must provide for the future our grandchildren and the Louisville Jewish Community.

In closing over dinner Doug asked those around the table to please support the annual campaign to best of their ability. Today I ask you to do the same. Our campaign is running ahead of last year and we need to keep up the pace to meet the community needs.

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texts, treaties, promises, whatever gives us different angles and contexts to draw from," she said, and some of the most powerful insights have come from students who were not raised Jewish.

"They are able to provide a fresh perspective of how someone else might view these issues. I feel privileged to be able to do these courses and I am looking forward to continuing these for years to come," she said.

Melton Director Slosberg said other Scholars Curriculum courses and registration for the next year of classes will begin in the spring. Students need not have any previous knowledge or education in Judaism in order to take part. The classes meet one day a week throughout the academic year.

For additional information or to register for fall classes, call Deborah Slosberg at 459-0660. Online registration will be available later this spring.

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning is sponsored by Congregation Adath Jeshurun in collaboration with the Jewish Community Center and with support from Congregation Anshei Sfard, Keneseth Israel Congregation, The Temple, and Temple Shalom. This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

Join Israeli and U.S. Readers in Partnership Book Discussion

There are a number of Jewish book clubs in Louisville and even more general ones. Now, the Jewish Community Center's Partnership 2Gether program offers you the opportunity to participate in a unique international book discussion.

This Partnership plans to host the Book Club webex once a year, and its first program will be Sunday, April 6. In Louisville, participants will gather at the Jewish Family & Career Services at 12:30 p.m. for registration and refreshments. At 1, we'll be joined by a group in Israel's Western Galilee as well as groups in other Central Area Consortium Partnership members for the webex chat, which will include a panel presentation and discussion. To date, that includes groups from San Antonio and Austin, TX; and Dayton, Toledo and Canton, OH.

The book we'll be discussing is *Our Holocaust*, by Amir Gutfreund and translated by Jessica Cohen. Readers will get to hear directly from Gutfreund, who lives in the Western Galilee and will participate in the panel.

In the book, Amir and Effi are children who collected relatives. With Holocaust survivors for parents and few other 'real' relatives alive, relationships operated under a "Law of Compression" in which tenuous connections turned friends into uncles, cousins and grandparents.

Life was framed by Grandpa Lolek, the parsimonious and eccentric old rogue who put his tea bags through Selektion, and Grandpa Yosef, the neighborhood saint, who knew everything about everything, but refused to talk of his own past.

Amir and Effi also collected information about what happened Over There. This was more difficult than collecting relatives; nobody would tell them any details because they weren't yet Old Enough.

This didn't stop the intrepid pair, and their quest for knowledge results in adventures both funny and alarming, as they try to unearth their neighbors'

stories. As Amir grows up, his obsession with understanding the Holocaust remains with him, and finally Old Enough to know, the unforgettable cast of characters that populate his world open their hearts, souls, and pasts to him.

The book can be purchased online in hardcover, paperback or Kindle format.

The Partnership Book Club is one of many Partnership 2Gether activities that connect people to people in the fields of medicine, arts, education, twinning,

co-existence, leadership development, culture, business development, economics, tourism and more.

Louisville has been active in Partnership since its establishment in 1997, and today is part of the Central Area Consortium of Communities that also includes Akron, Canton, Dayton, Toledo and Youngstown, OH; Indianapolis, Northwest Indiana and South Bend, IN; Louisville; Des Moines, IA; Omaha, NE; and Austin, Dallas and San Antonio TX.

These consortium cities partner with Israel's Western Galilee area that includes the city of Akko, the Western Galilee Hospital and the rural communities of the Matte Asher Regional Council along the Mediterranean Sea.

Partnership is supported by the Jewish Federation of Louisville Campaign.

For more information on Partnership 2Gether, contact JCC Senior Vice President COO Sara Wagner at 238-2779 or swagner@jewishlouisville.org.

Honor Your Family with Tributes at JFCS' MOSAIC Awards

by Dr. Laura Klein
Special to Community

JFCS offers a way to honor your parents, grandparents and other immigrant ancestors: recognize them with a Family Tribute at the MOSAIC Awards this spring.

In its ninth year, the MOSAIC Awards honors five new or first generation immigrants or refugees who have made significant contributions in their professions and in the local/global community. (See story, page 1.) As many from the Jewish community are descended from immigrants, whether it is one or three generations ago, there is a strong link between the message of the evening and Jewish heritage and ancestry.

The family tributes are part of a video presentation at the MOSAIC Awards, and family members in attendance will be recognized. Also, there is a permanent Family Tributes memorial on display in the lobby at JFCS that already includes the Tobin, Leibson, Bass, Belker, Berman, Blue, Goldberg, Hirsch, Klempner, Pressma, Shapira, Shapiro and Weisberg families.

It is a wonderful opportunity to spotlight our immigrant ancestors in the context of honoring new Americans in the Louisville community. Tribute sponsorships are \$500 and include two tickets to the MOSAIC Award dinner and ceremony, which takes place on Thurs-

day, May 22, at the Galt House.

For further information on how to create a Family Tribute, please contact

Beverly Bromley at 452-6341, ext. 223 or bbromley@jfcslouisville.org.

Standard Club Offers New Membership Plans

Recognizing that golf, recreational and entertainment spending trends have changed, On February 10, members of the Board of Directors of the Standard Club announced implementation of a new golf club model designed to focus on the 140 year old organization's championship golf course, located off KY 22 in eastern Jefferson County.

"We've listened to our members and they told us they wanted a leaner and less structured membership program that focuses on the activities members want, while maintaining the important traditions and opportunities of the Standard Club," said Board President Joe Cohen.

New "Members +" packaging is built around accessibility to golf, tennis, and swimming in three separate price packages that can be found at www.Standardcc.net. Renovation of the website is on schedule for spring.

The packages offered are Golf Only membership for a championship golf experience, Swimming Only membership at an Olympic-sized pool with one of the few high dives in the area; or Swimming and Tennis Only membership with har-tru clay courts. Members can choose a

membership with all three sports activities included.

There are no initiation fees, no food and beverage minimums and no periodic capital or operating assessments. Corporate and association memberships are also available.

Food and beverage service is available at a poolside snack bar, the pro shop and in the clubhouse for special member and select corporate events. A renovated Practice Range is provided for golfers and a scenic fishing lake is an amenity provided free for all members.

The approved changes, effective immediately, are reflected in a new name and logo. The name has been shortened to Standard Club and it has a new logo with a contemporary look and an original illustration of a golfer that is not gender specific.

Tee times are available any time, every day from Tuesday-Sunday. New this year, the Standard Club mobile app is scheduled to be released in the spring and will provide members with GPS on every hole. It also tracks individual golfers' statistics.

REVIEW: W;t

by David Wallace
Special to Community

The title of this play is spelled with a semicolon at its center framed by a "W" and a "t". It refers to the profession and precision of Vivian Bearing, Ph.D., and the British poet, John Donne, whose works are the love of her life. The wit referred to is not clever repartee, as in the poems of Ogden Nash, but a complicated search for Truth, a probing of the ultimate meaning of living, a rejection of superficiality, an uncompromising look at the complicated thing that we call life.

Dr. Vivian Bearing has spent her life teaching the complex works of John Donne in an uncompromising manner. Now she has to face what Donne is talking about in reference to her own life - she has stage four metastatic ovarian cancer. As she so poignantly puts it: "There is no stage five."

As we look back into her past we discover that she has been unbending in her standards and dedicated to understanding the most difficult of the British poets and conveying her findings to students, who don't necessarily share her love for Donne.

As cancer, the super disease, takes her life, Vivian has flashbacks of her life, including her childhood. Near the end, she is visited by her mentor, E.M. Ashford, D.Phil., played by Carol Dines. Vivian does not want to listen to the poems of Donne - her concentration is gone. Ashford, not knowing what to do, chooses to read to her from a children's book she is carrying for her grandchildren instead. Vivian does not object.

When cared for by her primary nurse, Susie Monahan, she just wants to suck on a popsicle to ease the pain and to be allowed to die in peace.

Monahan, played warmly by Lauren LeBlanc, serves as a foil between Dr. Harvey Kelekian, played by Russ Dunlap, and his assistant, Dr. Jason Posener, played by Andy Epstein. They are scientists, intellectuals, who are fascinated by cancer as an intellectual problem but forget that they are dealing with humans, not research animals. They want to prolong life to figure out how to "beat cancer" but are only superficially involved with their patients in any other way.

A constant mantra throughout the play is the phrase, "How are you doing." The answer from the patient's perspective is always "fine," which when intoned by Carol Williams, playing Vivian Bearing, means "what a stupid question."

Susie is there to try to bridge the gap between intellect and compassion. She is around to defend the patients right to die on her own terms and in the end she prevails. Vivian is allowed to die; her life is not prolonged in the name of science.

This play is a big change from the last CenterStage offering, *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. Kudos to Artistic Director John Leffert for selecting a play dedicated to an issue that affects everyone.

It is not easy to watch. It forces you to laugh at Vivian's "wit" at one level and agonize with her near the end. You rage at her doctors, love Susie and admire Vivian.

Ultimately, you have to watch her die and, in the end, learn about yourself, which is just what John Donne - and Vivian - would want you to do.

This play hinges on the performance of the actor who plays Vivian Bearing, in this case, Carol Williams. Williams is up to the task and that is what makes it an impressive experience for the audience.

"W;t" is complicated, frustrating in parts, difficult and prickly, as is its subject, Dr. Vivian Bearing and her literary mentor, John Donne. The audience is forced to face unpleasant truths and that's what elevates it to heights that most plays never achieve.

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Super Sunday Raises \$150,000 for Campaign

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

The weather was cold and a burst pipe forced the JCC to close the building on Friday, January 24.

When it came time for the 2014 Federation Campaign's Super Sunday telethon on January 26, Jewish Family & Career Services opened their doors and welcomed the Super Sunday volunteers to their Boardroom. Using their own cell phones, volunteers called donors across the community and the donors responded generously.

The entire community pulled together on Super Sunday and raised \$150,000.

Many thanks to all those who helped make Super Sunday a success, including JFCS who rearranged classes so the Federation could use the Boardroom, volunteers, sponsors and staff members.

Super Sunday Committee members Chris Cullip, Barbara Franklin, Sarah Harlan and Kate Kastenbaum helped plan, prepare and volunteer for the telethon.

Other Super Sunday volunteers were Karen Abrams, Keren Benabou, Alan Friedman, David Fuchs, Linda Fuchs, Tracy Geller, Lance Gilbert, Jeff Glazer, Steve Goldstein, Doug Gordon, Ralph Green, Fred Gross, Bailey Haskell, Matthew Haskel, Brett Kalmes, Jay Klempner, Jake Latts, Kate Latts, Shmully Litvin, Craig Lustig, Paul Margulis, Rhonda Reskin, Eileen Rowe, Louis Rowe, Ben Vaughan and Leon Wahba.

Special thanks to photographer Ted Wirth.

Community sponsors who provided gifts were Actors Theatre of Louisville, Baxter Avenue Theatres (APEX), Derby Dinner Playhouse, Graeter's Ice Cream, Kentucky Center for the Arts, the Louisville Bats, Sam's Club, The Temple Gift Shop, Tumbleweed, Vincenzo's, Wild Eggs and the Jewish Community Center's Health and Wellness Department.

Nancy's Bagels and Stevens and Stevens donated some of the food for the volunteers that day.

Federation Development Director Tzivia Levin Kalmes and Chief Development Officer and Campaign Director Stew Bromberg coordinated Super Sunday. Other Federation and JCC staff members who helped with Super Sunday were Kristy Benefield, Paula DeWeese, Matt Goldberg, Ben Goldenberg, Frankye Gordon, Ed Hickerson, Angie Hiland, Rachel Lipkin, Kathy Luxemburger, Linda McDonald, Lenae Price, Diane Sadle, Stu Silberman, Mary Jean Timmel and Shiela Steinman Wallace.



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jewishlouisville.org Has New Look, New Features

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

Jewishlouisville.org has a brand new look. It's contemporary in feel, moves quickly when you click and reorganized to make it easier to find the information you're seeking.

The site provides three portals for you to explore. In the Jewish Community Center area, you'll find details about all JCC classes, schedules and programs.

As always, a website is a work in progress. While you can't sign up for classes online yet, keep checking the site. We're working on that and it will be available soon.

The Federation portal is loaded with information about the Annual Federation Campaign and the Jewish Foundation of Louisville. It also offers transparency into the Federation's financial stewardship by providing easy access to the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Reports, Audited Financial Statements and IRS Form 1099s.

The Community portal is your go to place for information about the entire Jewish community. You can read articles from the current issue of *Community*. Some archived material is available

now and more will be coming on-line in the months to come.

In addition, if you're looking for information about a specific organization, the Community portal is your one-stop shop. You'll find the link you're looking for to under Louisville's Jewish Community. Just one click and you'll go to that organization's web site for their most current information.

The Community Calendar was up-

dated as well. Like the calendar on the old site, this one is open to all Jewish congregations, agencies and organizations in Louisville. The events that they submit are listed and color coded by category and you can choose to the whole calendar or just selected categories. Mouse over an event and you can see the details. You can also save the event to your personal calendar.

This new website was made possible by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. It was designed by Via Studio, with help and input from the JCL's Marketing Committee and staff. Marketing Director Ben Goldenberg spearheaded the project.

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ident Craig Lustig, "and I think people will really enjoy hearing from Dennis and Craig – two local boys who have done well." He added that the program is modeled after the Kentucky Authors Forum.

"The Hebrew School has not done an event of this caliber since its 100th Anniversary," added Elana Levitz, event co-chair. "It is our greatest hope that this becomes an annual event where the community can come together and learn more from LBSY graduates."

Dennis Berman

As business editor of *The Wall Street*

Journal, Berman oversees the staff and coverage of business around the globe. He also writes a column, "The Game," which covers the future of business.

Berman was previously served as the deputy bureau chief for Money & Investing, helping oversee the *Journal's* financial coverage during the 2008-2009 financial crisis and rebuilding its presence on WSJ.com. Prior to that he was the *Journal's* Global Deals editor, after serving as its mergers and acquisitions reporter for four years.

Berman broke the news on a series of large deals, including Bank of America's purchase of Merrill Lynch, AT&T's purchase of BellSouth, Sprint's purchase of Nextel, and Federated Department Stores' purchase of May Department

Stores.

In 2007, he launched Deal Journal on WSJ.com, now one of the site's most popular destinations.

Berman began his career at *Business Week Online* and joined the *Journal* in 2001 as a telecom reporter and technology columnist. He covered the historic collapse and subsequent accounting scandals at companies including Lucent, Global Crossing and WorldCom.

Berman shares the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for explanatory journalism, and the 2009 Loeb Award – business journalism's highest honor – for his coverage of the global financial crisis. He has been honored in "Best Newspaper Writing" published by the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania, is a media fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and is a Kentucky Colonel.

Craig Greenberg

Part of 21c Museum Hotels since its founding, Greenberg oversees the daily operations of the company including the management of all 21c properties and the development of 21c in new markets.

A strategic thinker and tireless advocate, Greenberg has spent most of his career creating and executing development strategies that turn important and challenging urban real estate projects into realities. His involvement with 21c started with the flagship Louisville property, where he structured and sourced the financing, which included federal, state and local public incentives, as well as traditional construction financing and equity.

Under Greenberg's leadership, 21c Museum Hotels has grown from a single property in downtown Louisville and stand-alone restaurant (Garage Bar in downtown Louisville's East Market District) to encompass three hotels and four restaurants with two more properties in the works. 21c Museum Hotels now employs over 500 people.

21c Museum Hotels has garnered critical acclaim. All three properties were voted among the Top 100 Hotels in the World in the 2013 *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards, with 21c Cincinnati being ranked the number one hotel in the U.S. The company has also been recognized for growth. 21c was named to the Inc. 5000, Inc. magazine's annual ranking of America's fastest growing companies.

Prior to joining 21c Museum Hotels, Greenberg was an attorney with Frost Brown Todd.

Greenberg is on the University Of Louisville Board Of Overseers. He is also on the Board of Directors of Republic Bancorp (NASDAQ: RBCAA). A 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan, Greenberg earned Bachelor of Arts degree and served as President of the Student Government before attending Harvard Law School and graduating cum laude in 1998.

"The event is something that should appeal to all, and it's wonderful to see and hear from successful LBSY graduates," said Business Forum Committee member Rhonda Reskin. "I am such a believer in Jewish education beginning

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Resolution

Upon the occasion of his death, the Jewish Community of Louisville wishes to publicly acknowledge and pay tribute to David Klein for exemplifying Jewish values as a dedicated leader, committed to ensuring that the Jewish community is strong and ready to meet today's needs and those of the next generation.

Whereas, David Klein served three years as Board chair of the Jewish Community of Louisville from 2010-2013 and dedicated countless hours to this work, during which he initiated a number of changes at the JCL and encouraged Board members to take leadership roles in addressing a variety of issues resulting in a clearer understanding of Board member responsibilities, increased transparency for the agency and the beginnings of a true strategic plan; and

Whereas, David Klein reached out to Jewish congregations, agencies and organizations across this community as collaborators in the positive work of the community; and

Whereas, David Klein wholeheartedly supported the Annual Federation Campaign as a major donor and continually encouraged others to make meaningful gifts without regard to personal feelings about past issues or personalities, and through his generosity, he enabled the launch of innovative programs that helped many Jewish teens and young adults to connect with their Jewish identity; and

Whereas, David Klein made positive connections with many people and encouraged them to find ways to participate with the JCL as committee or Board members, helping with Campaign, engaging with Partnership 2Gether, attending a CenterStage play or other meaningful ways; and

Whereas, David Klein was an inspiration for all, as through his 18-year battle with cancer, he continued to tackle a myriad of difficult challenges, demonstrated by example that an individual can live and be active even while fighting cancer, and helped ensure that Gilda's Club was there to help all who are touched by cancer; and

Whereas, David Klein had a successful 25-year career with the Bank of Louisville, and supported and provided leadership to many other organizations, including the Fund for the Arts, Metro United Way, Jewish Hospital, the Jewish Hospital Foundation, the Urban League, the Downtown YMCA, Louisville Metro Parks Advisory Board and its Foundation, the Louisville Visual Arts Association, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Lance Armstrong Foundation;

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that the Jewish Community of Louisville, Inc., its Officers, Board and Staff, hereby offer their grateful appreciation for David Klein's commitment and dedication to the JCL and the community; express their deep sense of loss at his death; and extend their sincere expressions of condolence to his family on this *twenty-seventh* day of *January* 2014.

This resolution shall be kept in the permanent records of the Jewish Community of Louisville, and a copy is herewith presented to the family of David Klein.

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Rubin Hired by Vaad as Kashruth Administrator

by Karen Siegelman
Special to Community

Rabbi Evan Rubin moved to Louisville recently for one employment opportunity, but then the Louisville Vaad HaKashruth offered him to take on an additional role where he could use his talents and expertise.

Rabbi Rubin was hired in January as the Vaad's new kashruth administrator. He is a newcomer to Louisville, but not to the vital work he will carry on in this role. He has worked as a kashruth administrator for over 25 years, and his interest in this work began while he was still a student at Yeshiva University in New York City.

"I started working with caterers," Rabbi Rubin said. "I was trained to check out everything from the kitchens where the food was prepared, to the trucks that delivered it. I had to be sure that the meal that left the caterer's premises was the same one being served to the customer."



Rabbi Evan Rubin

When Rabbi Rubin moved to Toledo, OH, in 1994 to serve as cantor at Congregation Etz Chayim, he worked with large manufacturing plants throughout the state of Ohio.

"I was involved in every aspect of production," Rabbi Rubin explained, "from sanitizing the equipment early in the mornings, to working on the assembly line, to showing up periodically and unannounced to make sure all of the standards continued to be met."

In his new position with the Vaad, Rabbi Rubin is looking forward to assisting the organization in its mission of promoting and providing kosher food, facilities and services to the Louisville community. He succeeds Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, who served in this role from 1985 to 2013.

"I am here to nurture what we already have," Rabbi Rubin said, "and to see if there is anything else we can do to make it as convenient as possible for our community to acquire kosher food."

Rabbi Rubin came to Louisville to work as an educator. A year ago, he was recruited to help establish the school, Aryeh Kaplan Academy, and serve as its director of Judaic studies. The school is still in its early formation stage, he said.

At first, Rabbi Rubin commuted back and forth between Toledo and Louisville, but in August he, his wife, Kerry,

and three daughters moved to Louisville. His parents are also planning to join Rabbi Rubin's family and make this area their new home.

Rabbi Rubin said that his two new roles in the community ensure that his days are "action packed."

"I love what I do," Rabbi Rubin said. "I live to get up in the morning and go to work."

During a typical day, Rabbi Rubin teaches students who are already en-

rolled in the Aryeh Kaplan Academy and visits the Jewish Community Center during the senior lunch hour and the food preparation facilities at Jewish Hospital.

"I am checking on procedures and inventory," Rabbi Rubin said, "and making sure that the food preparation is being done in a way that is appropriate."

Rabbi Rubin expects his days to become even busier as time goes on. "We are looking to expand the umbrella of the Vaad," Rabbi Rubin added. "We welcome new ideas, and ask the community to share those ideas with us."

Over 140 Attend Community Shabbat



Beverly Weinberg and her granddaughter Anne Miriam Weinberg enjoyed the program

This second annual Community Shabbat Dinner at the JCC was a huge success again this year, with more than 140 people in attendance – up from 100 last year.

This year's event, which was hosted by Tracy and Mark Geller, Lisa and Howard Kaplin, Carol and Paul Levitch and Kim and Scott Norton, was Friday evening, January 31, in the JCC auditorium.

Families were encouraged to enjoy a kosher Shabbat dinner, songs, crafts and children played in the gym. They also brought Shabbat candlesticks and challah covers so everyone could participate in welcoming Shabbat with the appropriate blessings. Keneseth Israel's Rabbi Michael Wolk led the blessings. For dessert, everyone decorated their own cookies.

Tzivia Levin Kalmes, Jewish Federation of Louisville development director, who helped organize the event, said it's the only Shabbat Dinner of the year at the JCC and it's a great way for families from across Louisville's Jewish community to meet and spend time together.

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when our children are young. "I truly hope that even if you cannot attend this event the Louisville community will support LBSY."

Tickets for the entire evening, including the wine reception are \$50 per person. Tickets to the event, excluding the wine reception, are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. To purchase tickets, contact Renee at LBSY, lbsyrenee@twc.

com or through the Jewish Community Center, 459-0660.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For details, contact David Gould at davidg@gouldsdiscountmedical.com or 664-2703.

Leigh Bird, Rob Gates and Elana Levitz are co-chairs of The Kentucky Business Forum. Craig Lustig LBSY president, Rabbi David Feder is LBSY principal and Elana Levitz is the individualized education planner.

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How Jennifer’s Bat Mitzvah
T-shirt Wound Up in Africa

by Adam Soclof

December 10, 2013 (JTA) –While reporting on the phenomenon of t-shirts originating in the U.S. and winding up in Africa, NPR’s “Planet Money” turned up a bat mitzvah t-shirt in Nairobi and asked for help tracking down the owner.

What we know: Jennifer’s Bat Mitzvah was on November 20, 1993. The theme may have been cartoons. And there’s a nametag in the shirt labeled Rachel Williams.

After some Facebook sleuthing – and pinging the wrong Rachel Williams a couple of times – I finally got in touch with Rachel Aaronson, who led me to Jennifer. Interviews with both below.

JTA: Rachel, super random, but recognize this bat mitzvah shirt? Let me know...

RACHEL: It is my shirt! Williams is my maiden name. The bat mitzvah girl is Jennifer Slaim, she is married now. That picture is crazy!

(Brief Jewish geography interlude)

Can you give me your best guess as to how this shirt wound up in Africa? Do you remember ever donating it? (Or travelling to Africa and forgetting it?)

My mom donated it and a bunch of clothes to Purple Heart. She thinks it might have been five years ago. I had a huge collection of bar and bat mitzvah shirts and wonder if lots of them ended up there!

Wow, that was nice of your mom. How’d you score an invite to the now-internationally-renowned “Jennifer’s Bat Mitzvah”? (i.e. How did you know Jennifer growing up?)

She lived in my neighborhood, we went to school and Hebrew school together. It was one of the earlier bat mitzvah parties for my grade. She really liked Betty Boop.

Don’t we all. Do you generally hang on to random Jewish artifacts like this (e.g. old bar/bat mitzvah t-shirts)? Or are you more of a no-clutter person?

I kept all the shirts and some of the giveaways for a long time. I also made a scrapbook with all of invitations that I think is still in my parents’ house. I try to be a no clutter person generally!



NPR’s “Planet Money,” which was the first to publish your name in relation to the shirt, notes that “lots of t-shirts from used clothes bin in the U.S. eventually make their way to sub-Saharan Africa.” What does it feel like to see that picture and know that your shirt wound up in Africa, all because your mom donated it to Purple Heart five years ago? (Well, at least in part because your mom donated it to Purple Heart.)

Three thoughts. First, I’m glad the shirt is getting used instead of sitting in a drawer or landfill. Second, I feel a bit guilty that some people have so little that they might end up wearing a silly shirt from my childhood. And third, I’m impressed that the name tag my mom ironed on for overnight camp has lasted this long!


Thanks for your time, Rachel. Last chance for shout-out to that summer camp that presumably forced your family to label your clothes and brought everything full circle today...

Tamarack! It was the best and they are on Facebook. In Michigan.

Moments later, I spoke over the phone see **T-SHIRT** page 17

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- RHONDA



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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Section

Congregations Announce B'nai Mitzvah Scheduled through August 2014

This list of upcoming b'nai mitzvah celebrations was compiled from lists provided by Louisville's congregations.

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Bradley Waller
Temple Shalom

March 22, 2014

Solomon Blinchevsky
Adath Jeshurun

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Adath Jeshurun

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August 2, 2014

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Amy Niren
Temple Shalom
Alexander Salamon
The Temple

August 23, 2014

Eliza Brodsky
The Temple
Abigail Brodsky
The Temple

August 30, 2014

Zachary Gaston
The Temple

T-SHIRT

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with Jennifer Rasansky, who inspired the bat mitzvah t-shirt seen round the world.

What was your reaction to seeing this photo of your bat mitzvah shirt in Africa?

JEN: It was kind of insane to be honest. I just couldn't stop laughing. It's amazing how big the world is and how small it is at the same time.

How do you know Rachel?

We grew up together in Metro-Detroit. Tell me more about your bat mitzvah party.

My theme was cartoon characters. I was really into Betty Boop. At the time, we all did different themes. It brings back really fun memories. I'm kind of in shock that that picture found me, and how you found me NS Rachel. Oh, my husband's on speaker phone.

MICHAEL: I gave out boxer shorts at my bar mitzvah party. It was at a comedy club.

What did they say on them?

'I laughed my tush off at Michael's Bar Mitzvah.'

I don't suppose you donated those...

I'd have to ask my mom what we did with them. It was 1993... I don't think you usually donate underwear.

How'd you meet each other?

MICHAEL: We grew up one town over from one another.

JEN: We went to the same bar/bat mitzvahs and didn't know each other; two different school systems.

Are you nostalgic for the 90's?

JEN: A lot of people in our generation are - early 90's, not mid-90's.

Who were your favorite cultural icons of the 90's?

MICHAEL: Let's see, Clinton was just elected, grunge was starting - I loved Pearl Jam. I'm a musician.

JEN: I don't know....

Well, cartoons, obviously.

JEN: It was a fun theme, we thought it'd be a fun thing to do.

MICHAEL: We know that a lot of bar/bat mitzvah t-shirts get to downtown Detroit in the inner city.

Had you known about this phenomenon, of American shirts winding up in Africa?

MICHAEL: I haven't read the NPR story yet, but when I see news photos about Africa, I've seen people wearing Chicago Bulls jerseys; I'm sure there's not an NBA store in Botswana.

Back to the bar mitzvah shirts in

downtown Detroit - are those donated directly by the community?

MICHAEL: We donate our clothes to Salvation Army, Purple Heart, and from there it gets dispersed to wherever it's needed. Some synagogues have clothing drives, but people usually bring mittens and coats, not T-shirts.

JEN: In high school, [our friends] did a purge and got rid of all of our bar and bat mitzvah shirts and donated them. It's just really funny that someone took that picture, and that mine happened to be one of them.

How does it feel to see your donated shirt in Africa? Does this affect how you plan on giving to charities in the future?

JEN: We're really good about cleaning out our closets and giving, both of us have already donated our clothes, we never throw out any of our old clothing. It's nice to see it's paying off and goes across the world. I don't wanna say I'm in shock, but I can't believe it. It was just the 20th anniversary of our bar and bat mitzvah.

MICHAEL: Another amazing thing is that [the bat mitzvah t-shirt] looks to be in such good condition, too. Seems like it was just passed around a lot.



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Doctrow Finds Religious Connection is the Least Likely Place

by Jamie Doctrow
Special to Community

I spent this past semester studying abroad in Gaborone, Botswana, one country above South Africa. I was there for a total of five months taking classes at the university, living with a host family and observing at various clinics. I chose this program because I wanted to travel to a still-developing area and wanted the program to have some kind of medical aspect.

My time in Botswana proved to be some of the most challenging months of my life. I was constantly harassed by men, dealt with traveler's sickness and homesickness and was even robbed at knifepoint. I struggled with a large language barrier, a poor and unfair education system, a diet I hated and learned to live without amenities such as air conditioning and heat or water.

Despite these challenges, I don't regret my decision to study abroad in Botswana one bit. I grew personally, gained some amazing friends and was able to travel all around the region. Through the challenging times, I knew I could turn to my parents and friends for encouragement. But one thing I never would have guessed was that I would be able to turn to my religion for support.

Before I departed in July, I found out that Gaborone had a very tiny Jewish population of less than 100. I left with hope that I may be able to track them down, but didn't get my hopes up. Shortly upon arrival, I came to realize that Botswana is a very Christian-dominated area. Attempted conversions became commonplace.

Frustrated, I decided to try to find the Jewish population of Gaborone. I emailed "The Traveling Rabbi" of the South Africa Jewish Board of Deputies and he directed to me to a kind lady named Nurit Tsabari. I was surprised to receive a quick response inviting me to services at her home and even to spend the night if I wished. There was another Jewish girl in my program from New Jersey and together we decided to attend Rosh Hashanah services.

Services were held on a Wednesday night at the Tsabaris' house. This welcoming family also held Shabbat services every Friday in their living room. Around 30 Jews, young and old, gathered in couches and chairs to bring in the New Year.

Almost all the congregants were Israelis who had moved to Botswana for work opportunities. I also met a few Peace Corps volunteers from around the area.

I've grown up attending services at Temple Shalom, so one huge difference was the more Orthodox traditions. The men and women were separated and we weren't allowed to use our phones or cameras.

I recognized the prayers, but had trouble following along. I'm used to everyone singing along at my temple, and here the rabbi was the only one to speak, with the congregants muttering to themselves in breaks of silence. The entire service was in Hebrew, but Nurit's sons kindly translated some of it for us.

Another huge surprise came with the meal. I had never before heard of the Rosh Hashanah plate and for a minute, I thought they had gotten it confused with Passover. The plate included items such as beets, dates, beans, butternut squash, fish, leeks, pomegranate seeds and apples of course.

I learned the meanings of several of the words. The Hebrew word for leek, *karat*, means to cut as in "cutting away the enemies." Date, *tamar*, means end as in "may evil end." Pomegranate seeds represent the sweetness of the new year. I found this tradition extremely fascinating.

I also enjoyed a lovely home-cooked kosher meal. The family has to get their food all the way from Johannesburg to keep kosher. Now that's dedication!

My Rosh Hashanah experience was extremely different from normal, but I enjoyed it nonetheless. I met some incredible people and felt more welcome than I had in weeks. It was comforting knowing my family was celebrating back home at the same time.

A month or two later, I traveled to Cape Town on a mid-semester break trip. After a week of wonderful food and fun, I happened to walk by the South African Jewish Museum. I couldn't believe it!

At first I just stopped to take a picture (not allowed, by the way), but I soon real-



Jamie Doctrow and friends in Botswana

ized I wanted to go inside. Nelson Mandela opened the museum in 2000. There were a variety of exhibits, mostly about the Jewish population in South Africa.

I learned that most of the Jews came from England or Germany seeking refuge. There was also a variety of Judaic art and artifacts, as well as video footage. There was a small Holocaust exhibit, which broke my heart as always.

We were also able to see the synagogue inside, which was the first built in South Africa in 1863. The stained glass was absolutely beautiful. The temple actually still holds services for Cape Town Orthodox Jews. I enjoyed spending time at the museum, learning and once again feeling that connection with my religion, even from a few continents away.

I certainly did not expect for Judaism to play any role in my time abroad. It provided a source of comfort for me when it was hard to stay strong and I'm incredibly thankful I was able to experience something so unique.

Now that I'm home, I can't say I'm not happy to be texting on my iPhone, living in a clean house, driving down familiar roads and showering as long as I want. Yet I know that my months in Botswana have changed my perspective for the better. The people I met and the places I visited will always hold a special place in my heart.



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LSBY Hires Individualized Education Planner

Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad (LSBY) has added a new position, individualized education planner, to their faculty and hired Elana Levitz to fill it, thanks to a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. The education planner is responsible for devising individualized education and behavior plans, conducting workshops for instructors and collaborating in the classroom.

"This grant has allowed me to perform crucial tasks that have made both the teachers and the students more successful in the classroom," said Levitz. In this position, "I am able to go in to the classroom and assess two critical components of education by observing both the students and instructors. I make sure that the students are getting the necessary support needed to be successful."

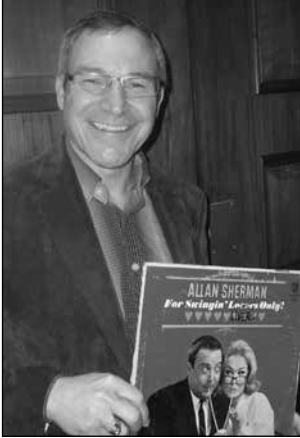
"By observing the students in the classroom setting, I am able devise an

individualized education plan that focuses on the students' strengths and unique learning styles to maximize both their abilities and desire to learn," she explained.

"I also collaborate with instructors in regard to their classrooms," she continued. "We work on techniques for instructing students who possess learning differences, unique learning styles or behavioral obstacles. Our goal is to engage students in learning that is obtainable and enjoyable."

"It has been a mission of mine, since working in Hebrew and Judaic education this past decade, to provide students with an education that will make them want to become lifelong scholars of Torah," she concluded. "Thanks to the grant provided by The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, LSBY is making this possible for all students."

Klein Shares a Trip Down Memory Lane



Mark Klein and a favorite Allen Sherman album

It is a rare occasion that a person who usually works the night club circuit get up before noon, but on Sunday, February 9, stand-up comedian Mark Klein was at Anshei Sfard bright and early to face a group that filled the shul's lobby for his 10 a.m. presentation about Allen Sherman.

Klein, whose affection for the 1950's and 60's entertainer was evident, presented Sherman's life story laced with anecdotes and snippets of his well-known parodies. When he played "Camp Grenada," a quick glance around the room showed that many in attendance remembered the letter a young camper sent home complaining about his horrible camp experience and begging his parents to take him home after "one whole day" until it stopped raining, at which they sang along with the conclusion, "Mudder, Fadder, kindly disregard this letter."

The congregation provided brunch for the event.

Bagels and Bingo Helps Food Pantry

by Kim Toebbe
Volunteer Coordinator
Jewish Family & Career Services

Thoughts of Bingo may conjure images of smoky halls or spacious retirement home rec rooms, but Jewish Family & Career Services elevated this simple game to a higher level with a new event that featured food and prizes. *Bagels and Bingo*, held on Sunday, February 9, included a "breakfast for dinner" buffet, several rounds of Bingo and a raffle.

Ninety-two attendees donated canned goods and toiletry items as their entry fee. The new Bingo event was born from a desire to raise awareness of the needs and challenges faced by JFCS clients.

"Carole Goldberg, Linda Goodman and Janet Meyer came up with the idea for *Bagels and Bingo*. They have been instrumental in planning the framework and particulars," said Kim Toebbe, JFCS volunteer coordinator. Goldberg and Goodman co-manage the JFCS Food Pantry, and Meyer co-chairs the food pantry committee. Board member, Sheilah Abramson Miles, brought bagels; Jerri and Tom Passo brought lox; Rabbi David Ariel-Joel provided funds to purchase food, and the entire food pantry committee brought delicious egg dishes, noodle kugel, fruit and pastries.

Local businesses and individual donors were very supportive of the event. Jim Fine won a donated Verismo coffee-maker, along with coffee pods and other accessories donated by Starbucks at Holiday Manor. Additional prizes were donated by JFCS staff and community members including Barbara Goldberg and Sue Levitch of the Adath Jeshurun Gift Shop, Ellen Gray of the Temple Shalom Gift Shop and JFCS Board President Debbie Friedman.

"Bagels and Bingo was a win-win for everyone, including clients who will benefit from food collected for the pantry that evening," Toebbe said. The food pantry was overflowing with all kinds of wonderful donations, and volunteers worked Sunday night and half the day on Monday to stock the shelves.

"So many people are unaware that there are numerous families in our community who are facing hunger and economic distress every day," commented

Judy Freundlich Tiell, JFCS executive director. "These generous donations of food, money and household supplies will provide our clients with nutritional meals and necessities for their families. We are so grateful to everyone who donated to the event."

Brief History of the JFCS Food Pantry
The JFCS Food Pantry started in 1990s and Sonny and Janet Meyer became volunteers because they were committed to never letting a Jewish family go without food. The Meyers would purchase turkeys at Thanksgiving for the agency to give to families in need. Five years ago, the couple established the Sonny and Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund at JFCS and made it their mission to grow the pantry so more families could benefit from more abundant offerings.

Janet Meyer recruited a group of volunteers to help; that group now has 45 members who actually stock and organize the pantry every week. Several years ago, the committee established a *Flapjack Fundraiser* to raise money for the food pantry; that fundraiser has since morphed into *Pizza for the Pantry*, held every summer at Wick's Pizza Parlor on Goose Creek Drive.

The JFCS Food Pantry is just one of the services that the agency provides the community. This valuable resource shares necessities with those who have fallen on hard times. As a closed Dare to Care Food Bank site, the pantry is available to JFCS clients but not to the general public. The association with Dare to Care allows JFCS to get perishable goods once or twice a month as needs require.



Alan and Jan Glaubinger



Top left, Yaala and Rabbi David Ariel-Joel.

Above, Carol Snyder cleans up.



At left, Brian, Ethan and Abigail Goldberg



MOSAICS

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cro-businesses that have benefitted from training and financial assistance from the JFCS Navigate Enterprise Center.

"Many new businesses only have a small budget for marketing," commented Judy Freundlich Tiell, JFCS executive director. "By introducing our businesses to the people attending the MOSAIC Awards, we hope to generate interest in the products and services they provide and create new clients for

them."

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is the Title Sponsor and WLKY 32 is the media sponsor with Rick Van Hoose acting as the Master of Ceremonies. Papercone Corporation and Kindred Healthcare are also major sponsors.

Dr. Diane Tobin and Dr. Laura Klein are the event chairs. "We are privileged to have Mayor Greg Fischer and his wife, Dr. Alexandra Gerassimides, as our honorary chairs this year. We hope that their participation brings a whole new level of

interest for the event," says Dr. Tobin.

Tickets to the event are \$125/person and table sponsorships begin at \$1,500. For reservations, contact Beverly Bromley, JFCS director of development, at 452-6341, ext. 223 or bbromley@jfcslouisville.org.

Honorees this year are:

Dr. Muhammad Babar, originally from Pakistan, who is medical director of nursing homes and engaged in numerous charitable and interfaith activities.

Dr. Johanna van Wijk Bos, from The

Netherlands, who is an eminent theologian at the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and activist and advocate for social justice.

Marta Miranda, from Cuba, who is president and CEO of the Center for Women & Families.

Bruce Simpson, from Scotland, who is the artistic director of the Louisville Ballet.

Joseph Twagilimana, from Rwanda, who is a data mining analyst with Wellpoint, Inc. and volunteer and advocate for the African refugee community.

TEEN TOPICS

International Convention

by Mike Stelof
JCC Teen Director

This year's BBYO International Convention was held in Dallas, TX, and had over 2500 teens in attendance. Twelve of those teens were from Louisville and 52 were from the Kentucky Indiana Ohio Region. This year was the largest IC to date and is proof that BBYO really is a welcoming home for every Jewish teen, anywhere. Opening ceremonies featured a welcome video from the Prime Minister of the State of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu. He told IC participants that BBYO "encourages young Jews of all backgrounds

to be proud of their heritage. ... You bring to Israel more teens than any other North American Jewish organization. In doing this, you're helping to create a human bridge to connect the young generation of American Jews with the young generation of Israeli Jews." On Friday, we experienced BBYO Stand UP Day and welcomed BBYO alumni and community leaders engaged in Jewish communal service, educational and entrepreneurial work around the world. We heard powerful remarks from CEO of Change.org, Ben Rattray; U.S. Olympic four-time gold medalist and ambassador for the American Heart Association, Dana Vollmer; and humanitarian, Alina Spaulding. They inspired us to address the problems in our com-



The KIO Delegation at International Convention



Jake Davis, Sylvie Siegal, Audrey Nussbaum and Jacob Finke at International Convention

munities and change the world. We were also privileged to present the annual BBYO Stand UP Lifetime Achievement Award to Natan Sharansky, chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel, who accepted via video. "If you really want to change the world," he said, "you must be connected to the roots of your people. ... Mazel tov on 90 years of tikkun olam. ... I hope we will continue our struggle together for the better future of the State of Israel, the Jewish people, and our world."

We partnered with the American Heart Association (AHA) to spread heart health awareness, learn CPR, train hundreds of local middle school students and assemble teddy bears for children with heart conditions.

We learned that 80 percent of cardiac arrests occur outside of a hospital, and that it's important to know CPR should one confront life-threatening situations like these. We finished the day by filming a PSA with Dana Vollmer and members of MTV's "The Buried Life," to encourage others to learn CPR.


Also, at IC we experienced a meaningful Shabbat with 24 worship options. We also had a day of learning, International Board elections, AZAA and BBGG athletics tournaments, an awards gala, a concert by American Authors, B.o.B and 3LAU, networking with friends and the list goes on.

IC was a life-changing experience for all who attended.

Drew Corson AZA attends Services at The Temple

by Nathan Cohen


Drew Corson AZA #2329, attended family services at The Temple on Friday, January 24. During this service, the 5th grade class led us in prayer. In the middle of the service, the 5th grade class gave a brief lecture about the Aleph Bet, which ended with the "Aleph-Bet Song." Bradley Schwartz and David Hemmer led the congregation by assisting Rabbi Gaylia Rooks in opening the ark. The service was then concluded with desert as the 5th graders celebrated their success.




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Cantor Shaon Hordes sang Jewish songs for the babies and their parents at January Shalom Baby program at the JCC.

Families Connect through Shalom Baby

If you were at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday morning January 19, chances are you stopped and watched when you walked by the Children's Place. Inside, Keneseth Israel's Cantor Sharon Hordes was playing her guitar and singing Jewish songs to Louisville's newest Jewish community members at the Shalom Baby musical morning. These happy sounds filled the hallways for all to hear. Not only were the babies entranced by the cantor's music, but many parents connected for the first time and forged new friendships both for their babies and themselves. In fact, four baby boys

were born within six weeks of each other. The babies heard Jewish songs and popular American baby songs sung in Hebrew. Shalom Baby is a program sponsored by the JCC for families with babies 12 months or younger. Shalom Baby provides welcome baskets for newborns and their families and schedules family events approximately every 6 weeks. If you have or know of a newborn or newly adopted baby, please contact Jennifer Tuvlin at jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org, so these new arrivals and their families can be properly welcomed to our community.



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NEWSMAKERS

Jonathan Blue

is a co-chair of Kentucky Wins!, a statewide coalition focused on letting Kentuckians decide once and for all on expanded gaming. His co-chairs are Ed Glasscock, Joe Craft, Kelly Night, Robert Evans, Terry McBrayer and Junior Bridgeman. "This is our initiative," Blue said, "because we believe its time to have expanded gaming in the state of Kentucky. It is a way to raise resources without raising taxes at a time when those resources are most needed."



Jonathan Blue

"Let's stop building roads and schools in other states and start building them here," he stated.

Among those quoted in "Building a Better Boss," the cover story of the January 24 edition of *Business First*, were **Craig Greenberg**, **Bill Lamb** and **Steve Trager**.

Greenberg, president of 21c Museum Hotels, said, "One of the most important things to do is create [a] positive and rewarding environment. When people ... are positive about what they do and enjoy who they work with ... I think you get the most out of your team."

Lamb, president and general manager of WDRB-TV and WMYO-TV, said the local stations give annual bonuses to employees as an expression of appreciation. He said one key to creating a stimulating, successful work culture is surrounding "great people with other talented and driven individuals who are committed to excellence."

Trager, CEO of Republic Bancorp Inc., and other company executives

spend two and a half days a month at the bank's branch locations, meeting with associates who work daily with clients daily and listening to their input. Trager explained, "We find out what is working and what is not working. ... We get most of our best ideas from the people who serve our customers directly."

The January 31 edition of *Business First* included an article about the new owners of **The Laughing Derby** at Comedy Caravan, which is the new name of the club formerly called "Comedy Caravan." One member of the group is **Steve Hofstetter**, who has performed at the Comedy Caravan a number of times and has also performed for the YAD Division of the Campaign. He said the new owners expect to invest \$100,000 in facility updates, adding to kitchen space and bar capabilities, and they will probably double the number of employees in the next few months.

Dr. Mitchell Kaplan has joined Baptist Gastroenterology Associates.



Yair Riback's The puzzle of my mother

Yair Riback has had four works of art accepted into the permanent collection of the Kentucky Folk Art Center at Morehead State University in Morehead,

KY. All are mixed media pieces, and they include NEW-YORK NEW-YORK, which uses wood, mirrors and metal acrylic; Portrait of a Room, which uses photographs, wood, acrylic and blueprint; Shredded Memories, which uses shredded photos, plaster, wood, metal, glass marble and a die; and The puzzle of my mother, which uses photographs, various items, paper pulp and watches.



Brett Schwartz

Camp Livingston has named **Brett Schwartz** as its new executive director. Most recently he has been executive director of Washington & Lee University Hillel in Virginia, and has also served as the youth director at Adath Israel in Cincinnati. His camp experience covers a variety of positions at Camp Harlam, Camp JRF, Camp ArthuReeta, and Camp Westmont.

Shapiro, Lifschitz & Schram has announced that **Reed P. Sexter** has been elected a principal of the firm. Sexter joined the firm in 2002 and has extensive experience in commercial real estate and business law, including finance, acquisitions, sales, leasing, and business and commercial transactions.

Associates in Dermatology is moving its practice to the Meridian Building, 3810 Springhurst Blvd.

Tilford Dobbins Alexander PLLC has hired **Sandra B. Hammond** as a partner and **Ayala Golding** as of counsel.

CathMaps+, the world's first HIPAA-compliant mobile application for cardiac patients and people living with increased risk of a heart attack, was launched for the U.S. market on February 11. It offers a mobile platform for personal medical records, allows cardiologists fast access to critical medical history in an emer-

gency, and provides GPS mapping of the nearest catheterization labs in many countries around the world. CathMaps+ is an Israeli-based technology company founded by Danny Oberman in 2013, inspired by Oberman's personal experience with heart disease. The application is available on the App Store and Google Store.

Abraham H. Foxman has announced he will step down from his position as National Director of the **Anti-Defamation League** on July 20, 2015, after 50 years in Jewish communal service.

Foxman, a Holocaust survivor who was hidden as a child during the war, and who later immigrated to America with his parents, began his career with the League in 1965, after graduating from the City College of the City University of New York and New York University School of Law. He became National Director in 1987.

Foxman will become ADL Director Emeritus, and will continue his participation in advancing the League's mission by serving on both the ADL National Commission and the ADL National Executive Committee, as well as serving in a part-time consultancy.

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CHAVURAT SHALOM



Chavurat Shalom meets at The Temple, unless otherwise indicated. It is a community-wide program. All synagogue members and Jewish residents welcome.

March 6

Program at Adath Jeshurun
Rabbi Robert Slosberg will lead a discussion on the spiritual messages of Adath Jeshurun's renovation, followed by Cantor David Lipp, who will perform some favorite Broadway tunes.

March 13

"You Gotta' Have Heart." An entertaining presentation that highlights how the healthiest humor comes from the heart, which knows more than our brains will ever understand, with The Laugh Dr., Dr. Clifford Kuhn.

March 20

"Jewish Journeys through Budapest and Prague" with Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks.

March 27

Music from the Decades with Alan Zukof and Steve Bradley.

A healthy and nutritious lunch is available at noon for a cost of \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Kosher meals and transportation available for \$5 upon request in advance. Call Cindy at 423-1818 for lunch reservations or information.

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



JOIN OUR THURSDAY CLUB

Looking for an opportunity to get together with friends, meet new people, enjoy a stimulating program and a delicious healthy catered lunch? Chavurat Shalom may be just what you are looking for.

Chavurat Shalom is a seniors program which meets at The Temple each week. This group is open to members of every congregation in the city and to those unaffiliated as well.

Program meets every Thursday
Lunch at 12 noon - Program begins at 1 p.m.

For more information
or to make reservations
contact Cindy at (502) 608-8362 or
at chytken@gmail.com.

Lunch is \$5

Transportation is \$5

Chavurat Shalom is funded by: The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, The Jewish Federation, The Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood, NCJW and many other generous donors.



March Calendar

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March 27

A Musical Grab Bag Program by
Alan Zukof & Steve Bradley

JFCS CALENDAR

Sign up for the JFCS monthly e-newsletters! Send your email address to bbromley@jfcsloouisville.org and stay in the know with upcoming JFCS events and news.



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JFCS FOOD PANTRY

Suggestions for March

Chunky soups, ramen noodles, canned tuna, cookies, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper

All donated food must be in its original packaging. Please do not donate expired items. Monetary donations may be made to the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. Contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103

CAREER & EDUCATION SERVICES

Employment Search Jumpstart
Mondays
March 3 - 24
5:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Four-week cycle with a one-time materials fee of \$10. Contact Janet Poole, ext. 222.

ACT Preparation Workshop
Mondays and Tuesdays
March 10 - April 8
7 - 9 p.m.

\$170 fee includes two textbooks. Contact Janet Poole, ext. 222.

Job Seekers Resource Group
Mondays
March 24 - May 12
10:30 a.m. - noon

Six-week cycle with a one-time materials fee of \$10. Contact Andrea Brown, ext. 334.

SAVE THE DATE!

MOSAIC Awards
Thursday, May 22, 5:00 p.m.
Galt House East Ballroom A

Republic Bank Players Challenge
Monday, June 23, all day
The Standard Club

JFCS HELPS SENIORS "SPRING FORWARD"

Sunday, March 9, 11 a.m. to noon

When daylight saving time begins on March 9, The Carole and Larry Goldberg Family Mitzvah program at JFCS will help older adults and others who may have difficulty changing their own clocks.

The Spring Forward 2014 project was inspired by similar programs at other Jewish agencies. JFCS staff performed a study to verify the need for this service,



which is offered free of charge to clients and community members.

The time change occurs at 2 a.m. on March 9, but volunteers will wait until the later morning hours to visit. Helpers will arrive between 11 a.m. and noon to set wristwatches, wall clocks and digital clocks on appliances. Volunteers will also check smoke detector batteries and refer residents to MetroCall 311 for fire safety assessment and installation of free smoke detectors with 10-year lithium batteries.

Daylight saving time adds a perceived hour of daylight in the evening for those who work a nine-to-five schedule. It was originally intended to benefit farmers and business owners by conserving energy and increasing productivity. Many fire departments, including Louisville's, recommend checking smoke detectors when clocks are changed.

Registration is open now for those who would need assistance with their clocks and smoke detectors.

If you would like to be included in the Spring Forward 2014 project, please contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103.

SUPPORT GROUPS AT JFCS

JFCS offers a variety of free support groups. Learn about community resources and bring balance to your life.

All meetings are held at JFCS Louis & Lee Roth Family Center unless otherwise specified.

Adult Children of Aging Parents
Fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.
Learn about the aging process, stress management, principles of self-care, safety and more.
Contact Mauri Malka, ext. 250.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
Second Friday of the month, 2 p.m.
For individuals who are caring for a person with Alzheimer's or other cognitive impairment.
Contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103.

Caregiver Support Group
First Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.
Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Rd.
For all individuals acting as caregivers.
Contact Connie Austin, ext. 305 or Naomi Malka, ext. 249.



Diabetes Support Group
Third Monday of the month, 1 p.m.
For individuals with diabetes to talk about having a chronic condition and share the ways they cope.
Contact Madri Faul, ext. 307.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group
Third Monday of the month, 12:30 p.m.
For anyone raising grandchildren or other relatives.
Contact Jo Ann Kalb, ext. 335.

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group
Second Thursday of the Month, 1 p.m.
For those who care for individuals with Parkinson's to discuss their unique challenges.
Contact Connie Austin, ext. 305.

Help JFCS Meet the Feinstein Challenge to Fight Hunger

For the 17th consecutive year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among hunger-fighting agencies nationwide to help raise funds during March and April. Jewish Family & Career Services is one of the participating agencies in the event, and based on community participation, will receive a portion of the funds.

All donations to the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund during this period, including food, canned goods, grocery gift cards and money, will be matched (in proportion to all participating agencies) as part of the Feinstein Challenge to Fight Hunger.

Many families and individuals use the JFCS Food Pantry throughout the year allowing them to utilize very limited resources to pay for other items while JFCS helps with the basic food needs. JFCS distributes more than 80 tons of food annually.

Past Feinstein Challenges to Fight Hunger have raised a record \$1 billion for agencies nationwide, and JFCS has

received more than \$2,650 through its participation. Make a donation to JFCS today and become a partner in the most successful grassroots campaign of all time to fight hunger. Generous gifts to the JFCS Food Pantry and *Janet & Sonny Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund* help food insecure individuals and families with dignity and respect.

Food donations can be delivered to JFCS Monday-Friday to JFCS. Monetary and credit card donations are also accepted on the JFCS website, www.jfcsloouisville.org, or via mail to JFCS, 2821 Klempner Way, Louisville, KY 40205. Be sure to designate for the Food Pantry. Contact Beverly Bromley at bbromley@jfcsloouisville.org or 452-6341 for more information.



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AROUND TOWN

Saturday, March 1

Keneseth Israel will unveil the restored original concept paintings for its 12 faceted glass windows at a kiddush lunch in honor of Bill Fischer on Saturday, March 1, at noon. The luncheon follows Shabbat services and will begin at about noon. Please join KI to see these remarkable works of art and to speak with Fischer, who will be present. There is no charge and no reservations are required. Keneseth Israel thanks the Jewish Hospital HCS for the grant allowing for the skillful and rapid restoration of the paintings.

Sundays, March 2, 9, 23, and 30

Adath Jeshurun offers two free Adult Hebrew classes, "Second-Year Conversational Hebrew" and "Prayer Book Hebrew," on Sundays through April 20. Hebrew conversation is held at 10 a.m. and Prayer-book Hebrew at 11. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359. Classes are open to the community.

Sunday, March 2

The Temple's Blankets and Blessings Group invites you to fulfill a mitzvah and create a "no-sew" blanket for one of the babies at the Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter. Misheberach blankets are also made and distributed to hospital and nursing home patients.

The group will meet on Sunday, March 2 at 12:30 p.m. in The Temple's Heideman Auditorium. Fabric, tools, instruction, and a light lunch are provided; you're encouraged to bring your own scissors. To reserve a spot or if you have questions, call Marlene Schaffer at 423-8420 or email marlene_40222@yahoo.com.

Sunday, March 2

Join Louisville's Hadassah Chapter for Every Beat Counts, a heart-healthy program, on Sunday, March 2, at 3 p.m. in the Senior Adult Lounge at the Jewish Community Center. Learn heart health tips from Dr. Lisa Klein, elevate your heart rate during a 30-minute Zumba class, and enjoy heart-healthy refreshments including red wine and dark chocolate. \$5 per person. RSVP by February 25 to heidi.louisville.hadassah@gmail.com or 326-3068.

Sunday, March 2

The KI Men's Club hosts its annual Kosher l'Pesach Wine Tasting at Westport Whiskey & Wine in Westport Village on Sunday, March 2 at 7 p.m. Check out the wide selection of Kosher l'Pesach wines available.

The event will take place in a private tasting room with a wine expert present to answer questions and provide guidance about pairing wines with your Seuder menu.

Purchases can be made at the store immediately after the tasting. The tasting is free, but space is limited. RSVP today to reserve your spot: 459-2780 or MensClub@kenesethisrael.com.

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24

Adath Jeshurun is offering a new Introduction to Judaism class taught by Cantor David Lipp on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Benovitz Family Library at AJ. The class is geared to those who want an introductory course, those considering conversion to Judaism, and those who simply have a burning interest in a basic introduction to Jewish thought and practice. Free and open to the community. For more information, email Cantor Lipp at dlipp@adathjeshurun.com or call 458-5359.

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

The Temple offers the community a Basic Judaism class on Mondays at 8

p.m. A new trimester titled *Jewish Holidays: A Journey through the Hebrew Year* will be taught by Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks through March. This class is perfect for interfaith couples and parents, people considering conversion, or those who just want to expand their knowledge of Judaism. Please call The Temple at 423-1818 before joining the class.

Mondays through May

Mysteries of the Alef-Bet: Kabbalat Ha-Torah meets at The Temple with Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks in Room 172 at 7 p.m. on Mondays through May. *Kabbalat Ha-Torah* is a Jewish mystical and Hebrew learning experience that is taught on multiple levels at the same time. Students progress at their own pace based on their own background, goals, and interest. An optional dinner takes place at 6 p.m. and requires a reservation. Call 423-1818 to join the class.

Mondays through May

Bring your Hebrew to life with Rabbi Joe Rapport's *Intermediate Hebrew Class* on Mondays at 8 p.m. at The Temple. This is a comprehension-based course on Hebrew reading and grammatical structures that will guide learners to know what they say when they pray and understand the words of Torah as they were written in their own day. If you can read the prayers by rote or sound out words however carefully, this course is for you. Call 423-1818 to join the class.

Mondays through May

Rabbi David's Monday Night Adult Education class at The Temple is showing the long-awaited third season of *Surgim*, the most talked about series on Israeli TV. Come and learn about the realities of modern Israel through this popular TV series. Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Waller Chapel.

Tuesdays, March 4 and March 25

Bring your friends to Adath Jeshurun and enjoy free movies and more. All shows begin at 3 p.m. and are open to the community.

On March 4, the feature is *Fun with Dick and Jane*. See Dick (George Segal) and Jane (Jane Fonda) lose everything and steal it back again! Rated PG.

On March 25, enjoy *The Abbott & Costello Show*, featuring some of the most beloved routines in comedy – including "Who's on First?" – in episodes from Bud and Lou's hit TV series.

Both films have English subtitles for the hearing-impaired.

Wednesdays through May

Secrets from our Bible meets in The Temple's Fishman Library, Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. In this section, Rabbi David will explore the diversity of beliefs and narratives in our Bible, as students learn about the Creator and the problem of evil, including the battles between our God and the monsters of the sea, God and Hell. Call The Temple at 423-1818 to join.

Wednesdays through May

The Torah of Tikkun Olam meets in The Temple's Fishman Library on Wednesdays at 10:50 a.m. with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport. Topics encompass the Jewish Roots of Social Justice from the Bible to the Talmud, through the mystical tradition of Lurianic Kabbalah, and up to the Modern Age. Participants will trace the Jewish values that command us to become builders of a better world: peace, justice, care for the earth, befriending the hungry and the homeless. Each session stands alone and no registration required.

Thursday & Friday, March 6 & 7

One of the feature films presented at Tournées French Film Festival at the University of Louisville is *The Rabbi's Cat (Le Chat du rabbin)*, will be shown on Thursday March 6 at 5 and 8 p.m. and Friday, March 7, at 2 p.m.

The film is set in Algeria in the 1930s at the intersection of Jewish, Arab, and French culture. Post-screening discussion for the 5 p.m. showing on March 6 will be moderated by Dr. Andrew Cooper, Film and Digital Media Professor, University of Louisville.

All festival films will be shown in Floyd Theater of the Swain Student Activities Center, 2100 S. Floyd St. All are in French, with English subtitles. For more information and descriptions of all films, visit <http://louisville.edu/studentactivities/activitiesboard/french-film2014.html>.

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28

Each Friday through May, Adath Jeshurun offers a class in Mishneh Torah in downtown Louisville in the office of Steve Berger, 500 W. Jefferson Street, at 12:15 p.m. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag dairy lunch and join Rabbi Slosberg and Cantor Lipp. Prior knowledge of Jewish texts and Hebrew is not required. This lively discussion is open to the community.

Friday, March 7

"Shabbat on Broadway" is a special Shabbat service, in addition to The Temple's regular service, which will be held on Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m. (rescheduled from December due to bad weather).

The community is invited to join Rabbi Gaylia Rooks and Steven Stuhlbarg on guitar in The Temple's Klein Center for this Alef Service of Holiness and Renewal. Everyone will participate as they pray the service themes through the music and lyrics of Broadway.

Many Broadway musicals were written by Jews and often reflect their experiences, as well as those of other immigrants. Their stories take on a new meaning when juxtaposed with the lost world of East European Jewry.

All are invited to come pray and sing and celebrate.

Saturday, March 8

Parents and students in kindergarten through 7th grade are invited to attend Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation, which takes place again on March 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Adath Jeshurun. Please contact Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com for more information. All services are open to the community.

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Saturday, March 8

The Temple Brotherhood will celebrate the first reading from the Book of Leviticus on Saturday morning, March 8 at 10:30 a.m., followed by an Oneg Shabbat featuring the Brotherhood's famous handmade Sinai Matzo, gravlax, and Heaven Hill bourbon.

Sunday, March 9

The AJ Book Club's book for discussion on March 9 at 2 p.m. is *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. New participants are always welcome. Meetings are held in the Benovitz Family Library at Adath Jeshurun and are open to the community. Please contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359 for more information.

Sunday, March 9

The Temple will show a screening of *Precious Life* on Sunday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in The Temple Waller Chapel. "(Precious Life is) ...the engrossing story of a Palestinian infant with a rare and deadly disease who can only be saved by a Jewish doctor in the Tel-Hashomer Hospital." [Stephen Cole, *Globe and Mail*]

Saturday, March 15

The community is invited to celebrate Purim with a fun-filled evening at Adath Jeshurun. At 6:30 p.m., join in a Purim family dinner catered by Café Fraiche; at 7 p.m., a festive interactive Megillah reading will be accompanied by a band, musical instruments for children, Purim songs, groggers, a costume parade, delicious hamentaschen, and more family fun.

The evening concludes with the full Megillah reading at 8:15, with Maariv sung to Beatles music. The catered Pu-

rim dinner costs \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3-12.

Reservations can be made online at adathjeshurun.com/purim. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 11. Email questions about dinner to mevancho@adathjeshurun.com. This event is open to the community.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and the Stuart A. Handmaker L'Dor Vador Fund.

Sunday, March 16

If you miss the Megillah reading on Saturday night, March 15, come to AJ on Sunday, March 16 at 8:45 a.m. for a reading of the whole Megillah, followed by hamentaschen.

Sunday, March 16

On March 16, Chabad will celebrate Purim with a Purim Fiesta at the Hyatt Regency. The festivities begin at 5 p.m. in the ballroom, and a three-course Mexican dinner starts at 6. There will be singing, dancing, maracas, great food and sangria, as well as live authentic Mariachi music. Costumes are encouraged but not required. The cost for the evening is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children.

There will also be a Gift of Life booth where people can swab their mouths to try to save the lives of others around the world. This is a great mitzvah and shows a deep level of Jewish unity and caring.

The evening is sponsored by Chabad of Kentucky to encourage Jewish awareness and identity. To reserve your place, call 235-5770 or send your check to Chabad of Kentucky, 455 South 4th St., Suite 350, Louisville KY 40205.

Thursday, March 20

Place your orders now for the first annual Blooming Bazaar Fundraiser at

Temple Shalom. Annuals, perennials, shrubs, tropicals, houseplants, and more will be available for purchase. The Bazaar features easy pre-ordering and easy, convenient pickup. Pre-order deadline is Thursday, March 20. For order forms, call the Temple Shalom office at 458-4739. Pre-order pick-up dates and times are Thursday, April 10, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Friday, April 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. On Sunday, April 13, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Temple Shalom will host a plant sale, horticultural education, gardening ideas, and presentations by master gardeners. Watch for more details.

Saturdays, year-round

Meet in The Temple's Fishman Library from 9-10 a.m. before the morning service to read and discuss the Torah portion of the week over good coffee, bagels, and other treats. This class is taught by Rabbi David.

Saturday, March 22

The community is invited to attend Shabbat Scholars, an enlightening discussion following the AJ Kiddush lunch on March 22. Professor Natalie Polzer's topic will be "A Feminist Commentary of the Babylonian Talmud? What's That?"

Sunday, March 23

The Temple Outreach Committee and Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks will present an Interactive Seder on Sunday, March 23 at 4 p.m. in The Temple Library. This hands-on experience will familiarize you with the beauty and tradition of the Passover Seder. Whether you've never attended a Seder or want to deepen your understanding, you are invited taste the journey from the bitterness of slavery to the sweetness of freedom. There is no charge, but registration is required by March 21 by calling The Temple office at 423-1818.

Monday, March 24

The Temple Interfaith Coffee spon-

sored by the Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood was rescheduled due to weather. The new date is Monday, March 24, starting at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and cakes. At 10 a.m. the program, "Jewish Holidays: A Stroll Through the Hebrew Year," will be presented by The Temple rabbis, Joe Rooks Rapport, Gaylia R. Rooks, and David Ariel-Joel. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. Please RSVP by calling The Temple office at 423-1818.

Monday, March 24

Adath Jeshurun's *Live From New York's 92nd Street Y* series features Simon Schama's *The Story of the Jews: Finding the Words 1000 BC-1492 AD*, a new book and television series, soon to air on PBS, which takes us all over the world to show how Jews everywhere lived as a vital force in any society they joined, inspiring and being inspired by everything around them. The free broadcasts are held at Adath Jeshurun. They are open to the community. Reception at 7:30 p.m., broadcast at 8. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg, Adult Education Coordinator, at 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Friday, March 28

The Temple is hosting a Rabbis' Shabbat Dinner on Friday, March 28, at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks and Temple members of all ages in celebration of Shabbat in a community style meal in the Klein Center (Levy Great Hall). Enjoy an apricot chicken dinner including salad, potato kugel, and vegetables. \$10 per person; \$5 for ages 5-12. Checks should be payable to The Temple and can be brought to the dinner if stated when making your reservation. Call The Temple at 423-1818 to RSVP no later than Tuesday, March 25.

Sunday, March 30

On Sunday, March 30, at 3 p.m., Anshei Sfard will present Lenny Solomon and Shlock Rock at the shul. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Call the office, 451-3122, ext. 0, for more information.

Through March 31

The Harry Isaac Shrader Scholarship Fund was established by The Temple with a bequest from Harry Shrader, who had a great interest in the education of Jewish students. Eligibility requirements are Jewish faith, enrolled to attend an accredited secondary school; seeking an undergraduate degree on a full-time basis; demonstration of financial need. The deadline to apply is March 31. The fund is administered by the Community Foundation of Louisville and applications are only taken online at cflouisville.org/connect/scholarships. For more information, email Meredith Zahirovic at meredithz@cflouisville.org.



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Births

Rachel Erica Goldberg

Lisa and Matt Goldberg are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Erica. She was born on Sunday, January 5, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces. She was 19 inches long.

Rachel is named in loving memory of her paternal great-grandmother, Ruth Goldberg, and her maternal great-grandfather, Eric Friesen. Her Hebrew name, Rachel Esther, also honors her maternal great-aunt, Freddie Rothstein.

Rachel's grandparents are Laura and Mark Rothstein of Louisville, Ann Goldberg of Manhattan Beach, CA, and Myron Goldberg, of blessed memory. Her great-grandmothers are Selma Rothstein of Louisville and Dorothy Friesen of Clay Center, KS.



Jacob Elliot Sparber

Grandparents Jaye and Bob Bitner are proud to announce the birth of their newest grandson, Jacob Elliot Sparber, on January 16. He is the son of Sarah and Jarred



Sparber and the little brother of Jacob Marcus Sparber of Evanston, IL. He is the great-great-nephew of the ecstatic Annette Simon Sageman. His paternal grandfather was Joshua Sparber of blessed memory.

Owen Linker Elkington

Sandee and Stephen Linker announce the birth of their grandson, Owen Linker Elkington, on Jan. 19. The proud parents are Jessica Linker and James Elkington.

Bar Mitzvah

Bradley Waller

Bradley Aaron Waller, son of Stacy and Bill Waller and brother of Rebecca and Ashley, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at Temple Shalom on Saturday, March 1, at 10:30 a.m.

Bradley is the grandson of Heddy and Bob Teitel, Louis Rubin, and William and June Waller. He is an eighth-grader at Noe Middle School in the Gifted and Talented program. He is a First-Class Scout with Troop 8 of the Boy Scouts of America. Along with studying for his bar mitzvah, Bradley is working on earning his Ner Tamid Religious Award.

For his mitzvah project, Bradley is collecting new and gently used blankets for Blanket Louisville; a collection bin is located in the lobby at Temple Shalom. He also is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program.

Bradley and his family would like to invite the congregation to worship with them on this special occasion.

Wedding

Katz - Payton

Dr. David and Barbara Myerson Katz are delighted to announce the marriage of their son, Jonathan Myerson Katz, to Claire Antone Payton, daughter of Teresa Bell Payton of Pasadena, CA, and

the late Tony Payton. The wedding was officiated by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel on October 19, 2013, at the Athenaeum at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Jonathan is the grandson of the late Janet and Joseph Myerson of Philadelphia, PA, and the late Helen and Nathan Katz of New York and Louisville. Claire is the granddaughter of the late Inez and Willard Bell of Pasadena and the late Betty Payton of Clayton, NM.

Claire graduated from Reed College in Portland, OR, and received a master's degree in history from New York University. She is currently a Ph.D. student in history at Duke University, studying urbanization in Haiti. Claire is the creator of the Haiti Memory Project, an online archive of oral histories of survivors of the 2010 earthquake. Her article about the meaning of the earthquake as viewed through Haitian religion and spirituality is featured in the September 2013 issue of *Oral History Review*.

Jonathan graduated from Northwestern University, where he also received a master's degree from the Medill School of Journalism. From 2007 to 2011 he was the Associated Press correspondent in Haiti, where he survived and covered the earthquake and its aftermath. He also reported for AP from Washington, Mexico, Israel, and the Dominican Republic. Jonathan is the author of *The Big Truck That Went By: How the World Came to Save Haiti and Left Behind a Disaster* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), which received the J. Anthony Lukas Work-in-Progress Award from Columbia Journalism School and Harvard University, the WOLA-Duke Book Award for Human Rights, and was named a best non-fiction book of 2013 by Amazon, *Slate*, and others. He is currently a freelance journalist.

Claire and Jonathan were introduced in New York by an NYU colleague of Claire's who attended Ballard High School with Jonathan. When Claire traveled to Haiti in the summer of 2010 to begin work on the Haiti Memory Project, a friendship and then romance followed. They later learned that a friend of Claire's from high school in Pasadena is the granddaughter of the late Dr. Bernard ("Buddy") Barron, co-founder of Kaplan Barron Pediatric Group in Louisville, and a beloved mentor of Jonathan's father who joined the practice in 1981. Jonathan and Claire currently live in Durham, NC.

Obituaries

James Arthur Hertzman

James Arthur Hertzman, 84, died Monday, January 27, at Springhurst Pines Health and Rehabilitation, where he was a resident.

He was born in Louisville on April 15, 1929, to Ruth and C. Saul Hertzman. Mr. Hertzman was a proud alumni of Louisville Male High School and the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.

He began his professional career as the owner of Hertzman's Men's Shop, then went on to work for the Bank of Louisville and the Better Business Bureau. He was recognized for his dedication to salesmanship by Menswear Retailers of America, Small Business Administration, and TRIAD.

His keen vision, love of Judaism, and passion for social justice propelled him to numerous community leadership positions, among them serving as president of The Temple and of the Jewish Family

and Vocational Service.

Hertzman was predeceased by his beloved wife of 55 years, Marcia Cohen Hertzman, and his grandson, Mitchell Perlmet.

His survivors are his children, David, Rachel, and Jean Hertzman; his son-in-law, Rex Perlmet; and his grandchildren, Jacqueline, Sarah, and Nathaniel Perlmet.

In lieu of flowers, please honor James' memory with a contribution to the Don and Ann Roth Fund for the Archives, The Temple, 5101 US Highway 42, Louisville, KY 40241 or the Mitch Perlmet Scholarship Fund, Camp Harlam, 301 City Ave., Suite T1, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

Jay M. Goldstein

Jay M. Goldstein, 81, died Tuesday, January 28. He was born in Charleston, MS, grew up in Memphis, TN, and graduated with a BS in mathematics from Memphis State. He served in the US Navy during the Korean War and retired from IBM as a programmer analyst after more than three decades. He was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, The Temple, Temple Shalom, a former board member at Shaare Tefila Congregation in Silver Spring, MD, a member of MENSA, the Masonic Lodge, ROMEO's, JCC, American Legion and Jewish War Veterans. He was loved by everyone and had an infectious sense of humor.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Amelia Goldstein; and his daughter, Andrea Goldstein.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn Rae Goldstein of Louisville; his son, Lewis E. Goldstein of Austin, TX; his daughter, Elaine Limansky (Marc) of Odenton, MD; a stepdaughter, Amy Shir (Ron) of Louisville; his stepsons, Michael Hamburg (Amy) of Louisville and Steven Hamburg (Betsy) of Chicago; and four grandchildren, Kayla Goldstein and Ethan, Jeremy, and Andrew Limansky.

The family would like to extend thanks and gratitude to the staff at Springhurst Health and Rehab for their compassionate and kind care.

Burial was in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Cantor's discretionary fund at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, JFCS, JCC Senior Adult Department, Chavat Shalom at The Temple, the Rabbi's discretionary fund at Temple Shalom,

Lewy Body Dementia Association, Parkinson's Foundation, or Hosparus.

Raymond Louis Sales

Raymond Louis Sales, born May 13, 1922, died on January 28. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 71 years, Elise Lapp Sales; his sister, Dorothy Rouben (Alvin)



of San Diego, CA.; three sons, Walter (Susan) and Kenneth (Karen) of Louisville, and John (Susan) of Tulsa, OK.; five grandchildren, Emily Sales (Brandon Taylor) of Louisville, Stephanie Smith (Craig) of Atlanta, GA., Savannah Sales of Louisville, Ethan Sales of Boston, MA., and Emma Sales of Tulsa; five great grandchildren, Kenidee, Jack, Aaron, Benjamin, and Nora; and nieces, nephews, and friends. Raymond was predeceased by his parents, Oscar and Florence Sales, and his sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Edwin Cohen.

Raymond attended and graduated from Male High School, where he won the Bingham Medal. He also attended the University of Louisville and Princeton University. He received his BA and JD degrees from the University of Louisville after serving in the United States Army for three years during WWII, in-

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cluding tours of duty in the Philippine Islands and New Guinea. Following his honorable discharge in 1946, Raymond completed his education and began the private practice of law in 1947 with Laurence S. Grauman.

After Grauman was elected as a Circuit Court in Judge in 1956, Raymond and Charles Isenberg formed the law firm of Cohen, Isenberg, and Sales. In 1962, Raymond and Charles merged their practices with Herbert Segal to form Segal, Isenberg and Sales, which became, in the 1970's and 1980's, one of the largest law firms in the United States dedicated to representing labor unions and their members. Raymond maintained an active trial practice for many years with that firm as it grew and evolved. He tried and won cases against some of the great lawyers of his generation, including Melvin Belli and John Y. Brown, Sr. Belli griped after losing that he was homered, to which Raymond responded that it was the first time a Jewish lawyer from Louisville was the beneficiary of home cooking in this Eastern Kentucky courtroom. During the week-long trial against Brown in West Liberty, KY., Raymond and Brown had dinner together one evening, when Brown complained that he had established a law office in Louisville for his son, John Y. Brown, Jr. who seemed disinterested in law practice and was "messing around with some chicken farmer."

Raymond took great pride in the trust placed with him by so many successful people who would not normally be expected to want legal representation by a labor lawyer. The trust and friendship

placed in him in particular by Stanley and Edna Yarmuth, and their children, Rep. John Yarmuth, and Robert, William, and Fran Yarmuth, was a source of great pride and satisfaction. Raymond was much more than just an outstanding trial lawyer and trusted advisor. His greatest contribution as a lawyer was mentoring younger lawyers, who trusted him with confidences and looked to him for guidance and assistance as he helped their careers develop.

As a young man, Raymond loved acting in amateur productions, including leading roles twice as Kreton in "Visit to a Small Planet" and as Jonas Astorg in "The Reclining Figure." His most enjoyable acting activities were not his leads. His small role in "The Miracle Worker," starring the incomparable Jane Welch as Anne Sullivan and the prodigy, Marcia Tarbis, as Helen Keller, was more personally rewarding. Watching his seven year-old son, Kenneth, perform in "The Seven Year Itch" gave him the most pride.

Raymond was an avid gardener and fisherman who, with his dear friend, Leonard Abraham, shared a trailer on Nolin Lake that could generously be described as rustic. Those who knew Raymond and Leonard best were convinced that they kept the trailer that way deliberately to deter their wives and other unwanted guests from joining them.

Raymond's interest in history and politics, about which he read voraciously, served him well after he retired from law practice. He taught and took courses at Veritas, a school for seniors on the campus of Bellarmine University. He proudly served as President of Veritas for a year. Even more than the teaching and the learning, Raymond enjoyed the

relationships of his new friends at Veritas.

Raymond took great pride and love in the dollhouses that he built first for his granddaughters, then for friends, and even people he barely knew just because he was happy to make them happy.

In addition to the many lawyers with whom he practiced and mentored and his family, Raymond had many friendships which he treasured for many years until either their deaths or his dementia robbed him of their company - Leonard, Stanley, Joe, Marty, Bob, Norman, Henry, Norton, Jerry, Armand, Sonny, Jack, David, D.A., Sam, Bert, Charles, Leroy, George, Eddie, and Bud.

The family thanks all of the doctors, nurses and caregivers at Jefferson Place, especially Dr. Jane Cornett and her wonderful nurse practitioner, Angie Ethridge. Additionally, the family thanks Judy Skeen and Raymond's nephew, Dr. David Rouben, for their patience and help with Raymond over the last years of his life. Raymond, a proud member of the "Greatest Generation," lived and loved greatly until dementia isolated him from those he had loved, with the exception of his family.

A memorial service was held at The Temple. Arrangements were handled by Herman Meyer & Son.

Donations should be made to the Temple.

Bess Rosenstein Miller

Bess Rosenstein Miller, 105, died Sunday, February 2, at Jefferson Manor Nursing Home. She was born in Frankfort, KY, to Jacob and Cecilia Rosenstein. She was a bookkeeper for F & C Railroad in Frankfort before moving to Chicago and working for Music Corp. of America. When her father took ill, she returned to Frankfort and her old job. In 1941, she moved to Louisville and was a lifelong partner with her husband, Harold, in Longwood Corporation. She was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, NCJW (National Council of Jewish Women), and a past president of Hadasah.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harold Miller, and sister, Ida Schiller.

She is survived by her stepchildren, Susan Miller of Stark, CO, and Donald Miller of New York City; loving cousins, Linda and Steve Goodman, Carole and Larry Neuman of Cincinnati, Casey and Marilyn Neuman of Pittsburg, PA, Erma and the late Irv Rosenstein of Lexington, Gloria and the late Alvin Lipson of Cincinnati, Connie and the late Leonard Robin of CA, Joe and Ricki Rosenberg, Joyce and Jimmy Mischner, Ann and Bill Jiles, Rob and Kim Rosenstein, all of Lexington, Shirley Perchik, and many other cousins and friends.

Many thanks to the kind people at Hosparus, especially Jamie and Sam, to the wonderful staff at Jefferson Manor, and to special friends, Jimmy Bookstore and John Baker.

Burial was in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son managed the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun or the JFCS Food Pantry.

Hugh M. Cohen

Hugh M. Cohen, 85, died Sunday, February 2, at Norton Audubon Hospital. He was a graduate of Male High School, the University of Louisville, and an Army veteran of WW II. He began his career in sales with Enro Shirt Company, was a stockbroker with Walston Company for a short time, and then be-

came a broker with Stifel-Nicholas, Inc., where he spent 47 years of service and became first vice president of investments. Hugh was a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Kosair Temple. He was a flying instructor and became a member of the Flying Fez's for Kosair.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Shelley R. Cohen; his parents, Rufus and Lillian Levine Cohen; and his brother, Don Cohen.

He is survived by his son, Keith S. Sutton, MD (Gail S. Beyer, MD) of Virginia Beach, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Kosair Charities or the JFCS Food Pantry.

Shirley Stiebel Waldman

Shirley Stiebel Waldman, 86, died Friday, February 7, at Jefferson Place. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bess Farber and Sidney L. Stiebel, and her brother, Sylvian. For many years, she was a volunteer at Jewish Hospital with her mother, was active in the old Congregation Brith Sholom Sisterhood, and was a member of The Temple. She was a competitive duplicate bridge player and achieved Life Master status.

She is survived by her son, Jay (Karen) of Louisville and daughter, Shelley Samuels of Columbus, OH; her grandchildren, Scott Waldman (Meredith) of Louisville, Shannon Van De Beuken (Brian) of Gilbert, AZ, Ross Samuels (Brooke) and Seth Samuels (Jessica) of Columbus; and five great-grandchildren.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff at Jefferson Place, the wonderful caregivers from Home Instead Senior Care, Jane Cornett, M.D., and Angie Ethridge, Nurse Practitioner.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple Endowment Fund or the donor's favorite charity.

Phyllis Harrow

Phyllis Harrow, 87, formerly of Osprey, FL, died Sunday, February 8, at Barton House in Louisville, KY. Born in New York City, she attended George Washington University, and was a life member of NCJW and a member of the Jewish Community Center in Venice, FL. She was most proud of being a founder of the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), which is now the second largest VITA site in PA; many things she implemented have been copied and shared at other sites around the country.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Aaron and Jean Steuer; and her husband, Lee Harrow.

She is survived by her daughter, Sarah Harlan, M.Ph. (Mike) of Louisville; her sons, Jeffrey John Harrow, MD, Ph.D. (Anita) of San Antonio, Bruce Ira Harrow, MS, Ph., MD (Debra) of Eugene, OR, and Arthur Steven Harrow, MD (Judy) of Baltimore; and eight grandchildren.

Burial was in King David Memorial Gardens, Idylwood, VA.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Bible Chapel, 300 Gallery Dr., McMurray, PA 15317 - write "VITA Site" in the memo line; Mote Marine Laboratory, 1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy, Sarasota, FL 34236; the Jewish Community Center of Venice; or NCJW.

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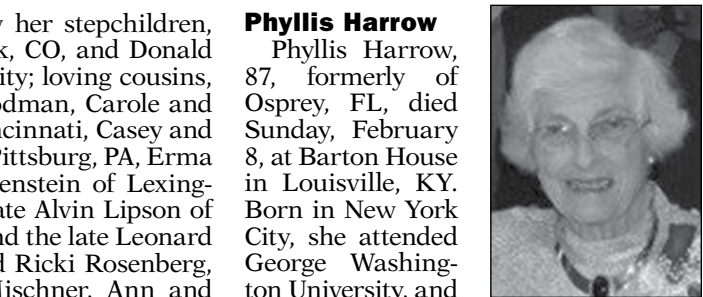


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D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel

Shabbat Shalom.

This month we have been reading the four Torah portions that describe to us the building of the Tabernacle in the desert.

The Torah portion of this week is called "Vayakhel", which can be translated to – "and he assembled." It begins by congregating the whole of the community of Israel, which is what the first word of the portion describes. "Moses assembled the whole Israelite community..." (Exod 35:1)

For what reason is the congregation assembled?

God and Moses have announcements to give to the people of Israel – the first is that six days are meant for work, and the seventh is sanctified to God. The second message is that this is the time to build the Tabernacle, the Temple. "These are the things the Lord has commanded you to do: For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day shall be your holy day, a day of Sabbath rest to the Lord." Moses said to the whole Israelite community, "This is what the Lord has commanded. ... All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the Lord has commanded: the tabernacle. ..." (Exodus 35:1-2, 4, 10-11)

Assuming the combination of these two messages are not coincidental, a question needs to be asked, why does the Torah bind these two messages together, the Sabbath and the Temple?

The answer is in the Hebrew word "to sanctify", *"lekadesh"*. Sanctification in Hebrew means not only making it sacred, but especially making it different and separate.

Of all the space in the world, it is required to take a piece of space and sanctify it – to build a Sanctuary. Of all the time in the week, it is necessary to take one piece of time and sanctify it – this is the Sabbath.

These are two sacred elements, one is in space, the other is in time.

This relationship and kinship between these two elements of sanctity is repeated twice in the Torah. Once in this week's Torah portion, and the other in the book of Leviticus (26:2), where it is said: "Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my Sanctuary."

To understand what these elements of sanctity refer to, let us first examine the sanctity of time. It is said: "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ... Six days you shall labor ... the seventh day is a Sabbath ... You shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey ... or the stranger ... *that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.* You shall remember that you were a slave. ..." (Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

This means that on the Sabbath, the slaves and the cattle will rest and become like their lords. This is a day where the difference between the master and the slave are eliminated, and both become human beings. This is an equalizing Sabbath, where there are no more divisions based on class or occupation or birth.

This commandment applies to the owners, to the lords, to the wealthy and the proprietors. They should observe a day where all social distinctions are ignored. On that day, all are equal in peace and rest. The Lords are commanded to

give up their ownership one day a week.

Secondly, let's review the sanctity in space. In the Temple, there are levels of holiness. The courts can be accessed based on hierarchy – non-Jews,³

women, Israelites, Levites, priests – and to the last and most inner location, the holiest of holy, only the high priest can enter.

What this means is that while the sanctity of time (Shabbat) breaks down divisions between people, eliminating the observance of hierarchy between people, the sanctity of space creates even more stringent observance of class, divi-

sions and hierarchy.

In four consecutive Torah portions, we are told to build the tabernacle with areas of increasing sanctity and more limited access. Then, suddenly, the Torah injects the idea of Shabbat and how it equalizes us all countering the premise of hierarchical sanctity in the tabernacle. By coupling these two ideas, the Torah presents a dilemma and challenges us to sort it out. We must develop our own understandings of sanctity of place and its hierarchy together with time, which puts us all on the same level and sets forth the idea that no person

can be more sacred than another. This week's Torah portion reminds us that despite all of our diversities, we are all equal in the sight of God.

Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, February 21 at 6:09 p.m., February 28 at 6:16 p.m., March 7 at 6:32 p.m., March 14 at 7:30 p.m., March 21 at 7:37 p.m. and March 28 at 7:43 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, a rabbi of The Temple – Adath Israel Brith Shalom (Reform), has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.



Rabbi David Ariel-Joel

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Marvin Lee Slung

Marvin Lee Slung, 85, died Monday, February 17, at Baptist Health Louisville. He was associated in family retail with Fair Department Store in New Albany, Jeb Advertising, and was a member of The Temple.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Lois Slung; and a son, Dr. Hilton Slung.

He is survived by his daughter, Missy Allen (Jim) and his son, Larry Slung (Cathy) of Winter Park, FL; and two grandchildren, Barth Slung and Rebecca Allen.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or the American Heart Association.

Phyllis Ruth Goldstein

Phyllis Ruth Goldstein, 88, peacefully passed away on February 19, 2014 at the Episcopal Church Home in Louisville. She was a brilliant woman with a passion for family, the arts, prompt thank-



you notes and Duplicate Bridge. She attained the title of Quadruple Life-Master and taught Bridge, on and off, for much of her adult life. She played this game as a fierce competitor. Phyllis was a Gladiatore; the tournaments, her arena. She also excelled in ping-pong, piano and academics. Other passions included world travel and the Louisville Cardinals. They thrilled her last March when they won the championship.

Phyllis was pre-deceased by her parents, Oscar and Pearl Leibson; her husband, Irving Goldstein; son, Martin Goldstein; son-in-law, Richard Hutchison; and best friend, Hattie Hunter.

Left to treasure her memory are her daughter, Debra Hutchison Goldstein; son, Allan Goldstein; her grandchildren, Benjamin Hutchinson, Ari Hutchison (Elke Albrecht), Rachel Goldstein, Adara Goldstein; and great-grandson, Desmond Munro.

The family wishes to extend heart-felt thanks to the caring, compassionate staff of the Episcopal Church Home, especially Kim, Michelle, G, Jennifer, Royce, Father Ben, Georgine and Dr. Morton.



Special thanks to our Hosparus Angels, Sam, Judy, Raphael and Kayla. There are not enough superlatives to describe your love, compassion and dedication.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday, February 21, at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, 2926 Preston Hwy. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hosparus, The Parkinson's Association or the charity of one's choice.

Warren Elliott Sparks

Warren Elliot Sparks, 42, died Tuesday, February 18, at his home. He was born in Louisville on December 2, 1971 and was a former instructor with Roy's of Louisville and a Master Dive Instructor. Warren was a member of Professional Association of Diving Instructors.

He is preceded in death by his father, Keith Sparks; his stepfather, Thomas Esrey; his paternal grandparents, Sam & Inez Sparks; and his maternal grandmother, Anita Goldberg.

He is survived by his mother, Diane Esrey; his sister, Melissa Maness; his brothers, Ilan Esrey and Thomas Esrey, Jr.; his fiancé, Genavieve Wynn and her son, Justin Adams; his grandfather, Jack Goldberg; and a loving, extended family of nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins. Warren was all about his family and loved ones.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Cancer Society (Colon Cancer Research) or Alzheimer's Association. There are no planned services at this time.

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