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JCL UPDATE

by Stu Silberman
*President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville*

Happy Birthday, JCL! We were born five years ago on May 1, 2009, with the challenge of finding a new, sustainable model to strengthen our Jewish community, build Jewish identity and create a caring environment welcoming to all.



Stu Silberman

How have we done? Only you can determine that. How much more do we have to do? Again, that's based on you – your needs, your aspirations, your willingness to help.

Here are some of the facts that will help you make those determinations. Did you know that since the JCL was formed:

- The Jewish impact our JCC is making on our community continues to increase, and now Louisville rates higher than the average JCC on this very important measure?
- The business side of our operation – mission-driven programming primarily at the JCC that provides income – has increased from a yearly net contribution of \$800,000 to \$1,200,000 – a 50 percent increase?
- Contributions to our endowment funds, a measure of the community's desire to allow us to administer their highly valuable charitable giving, increased by over \$1,000,000 since merger?
- Every year we reduce the amount of unrestricted endowment earnings we use to support our operations, from \$492,000 in Fiscal Year 2010 to \$126,000 in this Fiscal Year?
- Though our employees had suffered

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Master baker Paula Shoyer, in the white apron, provided tips on techniques and preparation instructions for Passover desserts during an April 10 afternoon workshop. Clockwise from lower left, Shellie Branson (facing away), Diane Richter, Keren Benabou, Marci Levine, Linda Schuster, Ann Leah Blieden and Shellie Benovitz. See story, page 6.

April 28 Yom HaShoah Program Connects Survivors and Teens

This year's community-wide Yom HaShoah program, sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council, Pouring Out the Heart: Learning from Personal Stories of the Holocaust will be Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at the Kentucky Center for the Arts, in the Bomhard Theater.

It will be much more than a solemn commemoration of the events of the Holocaust and remembering the victims. It will also be a recognition and tribute of the bond of compassion and understanding that today's middle schoolers from St. Francis of Assisi and the Jewish Community Center's Teen Connections



Students talked with Renée and John Rothschild.

program have forged with several local survivors.

The young teens, with guidance from St. Francis teacher and Yom HaShoah Chair Fred Whittaker, interviewed the survivors, Anna Belenkiy and Sima Furman, Russian immigrants to this country who hadn't shared their stories in 22 years, as well as Fred Gross, Abe

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JHFE Works to Create Opportunities for Louisville's Jewish Community at Large

by Kevin E. Borland
JHFE Communications

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence in December completed the purchase of 150 acres in eastern Jefferson County owned by Standard Country Club in a proactive effort to create future opportunities for the Louisville Jewish community. This move further diversi-

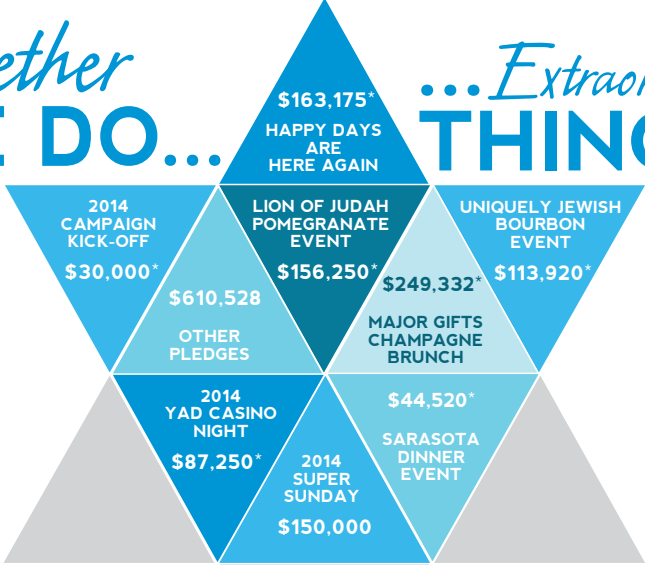
fied its asset portfolio and will ultimately add to the enrichment of the Jewish community, strengthening the mission of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence's grants initiative. Since its creation in 2012, the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence has already committed over \$5 million in grants to the Jewish community at large and the medical re-

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

This has been a trying week for us in the Jewish community in America, as we think about two incidents that have shaken our sense of security and our ideas of the aftereffects of causeless hatred.

The shootings at the JCC and Jewish senior center in Kansas City have perhaps awakened us all from a dream where incidents like these do not happen to the reality that violent anti-Semitism is not a thing of the past.

It is true that Anti-Semitic incidents have gone down in the last several years, with only (if that term is appropriate) 751 in 2013 – a 19 percent drop from 2012. We hear of violent incidents of Jew hatred all over the world – the Middle East, Asia, even Europe – and we are angered and resolute. However, when it happens in our own backyard, a Midwestern JCC in a Jewish community not significantly bigger than Louisville's, we are also shocked. It is only right that we are now left with new questions with elusive answers.

Our thoughts also turned this week to the anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing. We were horrified a year ago when it happened – another time when our sense of safety was shaken to its core. Like in Kansas City, causeless hatred was at the heart of a vicious and violent attack. Random victims with no connection to the supposed "grievances" of the attackers were murdered and survivors were scarred for life, both physically and emotionally. It was another act of terror in an area where we all thought we were safe and secure – not part of list of potential targets of purposeful violence.

There are obvious differences between these two incidents, but the similarities cannot be ignored. Irrational hatred, based on ethnic or national origin, led to vicious and random acts of violence.

So what are we to do (besides increased security-based vigilance which is always important)? I am not sure there is one answer. We will never be able to eliminate the hatred that can sometimes lead to incidents like this. But on the other hand, we cannot wallow in resignation that "these things happen."

We must educate ourselves and each other to be tolerant of others. We must continue to speak up against injustice, look after those less fortunate and promote the Jewish value of tikkun olam, repairing the world. In addition, we must not let these acts of violence prevent us from enjoying JCCs and marathons and any other public events.

Apartheid Week on Campus

A few weeks ago at the University of Louisville (and many other universities around the world), anti-Zionists hosted Apartheid Week on Campus, a week of programming and events meant to demonize and delegitimize the state of Israel.

These events are very similar every year, and the message is always the same: Israel is guilty of every human rights violation around and they are the worst purveyors of oppression in the world – worthy of universal condemnation and sanctions.

As an example of the one-sided nature of the presentations made at U of L, one speaker talked about the security barrier in the west bank and the hardships it causes Palestinians. The speaker contends Palestinians are routinely held up at security checkpoints, and the security barrier can sometimes keep Palestin-

ians from consistently tending to their own fields on the other side. While this unfortunate situation is very real and Israel must do what it can to mitigate the hardships faced by Palestinians, the speaker failed to acknowledge that the security barrier was erected to stem the loss of life due to suicide bombings and other terror attacks or that since its completion, terror attacks from the West Bank have decreased over 90 percent.

The presentations attacked the Zionist narrative, denied that a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian is a reasonable solution to the problem and advocated tactics such as Boycott, Divestment and Sanction (BDS). The latter is a radical and out-of-the-mainstream tactic that must be condemned by all those who seek a just solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict in the Middle East based on a two state solution.

This demonizing of Israel and only Israel is both immoral and unhelpful in reducing tensions between the parties.

Subsequent to Israel Apartheid Week, the organization Stand With Us brought two Israeli soldiers to U of L to talk about their experiences. Both soldiers emphasized the complexity of the issue as they told some of their own personal stories of their experiences in Gaza and the West Bank, particularly dealing with the brutal tactics of Hamas during the last war in Gaza that endangered civilians on both sides of the conflict.

In contrast to the Israel Apartheid Week presentations, both soldiers emphasized their desire for peace, their sympathy with the Palestinians and their hope that the future will be one of peaceful coexistence between Israel and the Palestinians.

REVIEW

Jerusalem

by David Wallace
Special to Community

IMAX is the ideal format for panoramic presentations and the producers of the new film, *Jerusalem*, Taran Davies, George Duffield and Daniel Ferguson, use this venue to highlight the magnificence of the ultimate holy city, focal point of the Muslim, Jewish and Christian religions.

The producers put it this way: "Our goal is to look at the roots of the universal attachment to Jerusalem: Jewish, Christian and Muslim. We hope the juxtaposition of these different religions and cultures – all with profound spiritual connections to the city – will reveal how much Jews, Christians and Muslims have in common and inspire all of us to better understand each other."

That is a noble goal and all well and good, but what separates this film from the traditional is its use of three Jerusalemite teenage girls to tell its story. Farah Ammouri, a Muslim; Nadia Tadros, from a Greek Orthodox and Catholic family; and Revital Zacharie, a Jew, all tell the story of Jerusalem from their different points of view which lifts this film from being traditional to loftier heights.

IMAX is the frame for this innovative presentation which is narrated by the ubiquitous Benedict Cumberbatch and University of North Carolina-Chapel Lead Archeologist, Jodi Magness, lends a scientific sheen to the film.

All-in-all, the film is able to pack into its forty-minute presentation both a panoramic view of Jerusalem and an average person's slant on the magnificent city of Jerusalem, no mean feat, and that makes it well worth seeing.

The film is now showing at The Kentucky Science Center. For more information, visit kysciencecenter.org/info-and-events.

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What's Happening in Ukraine; What Federation Is Doing About It?

It started in November with peaceful protests against government actions to strengthen political ties with Russia instead of the European Union. It snowballed over the next few months into violent confrontations between police and protestors, resulting in dozens dead, hundreds injured, and scenes of destruction that have gripped the world. Fugitive ex-President Yanukovich has fled to Russia, avoiding mass murder charges.

Russia has invaded and annexed Crimea with armed squads of masked soldiers, who sealed off the province to Ukrainian forces. In mid-April, three pro-Russian militants were killed in a fight near a Black Sea military base. Many are concerned that Putin plans to invade and annex east Ukraine.

Although the estimated 300,000 Jewish residents in the capital city of Kiev and throughout Ukraine are not out-right targets of violence, it has touched them like everyone else. Some Jews in Kiev live close to Independence Square, site of protest encampments and some of February's deadliest clashes, and are afraid to leave their houses.

On February 23, the Giymat Rosa Synagogue in Zaporizhia, 250 miles southeast of Kiev, was firebombed. A Holocaust memorial in Odessa was vandalized in early April. The National Conference Supporting Jews in Russia (NCSJ) confirms that a recent notice for Jews to register in the eastern city of Donetsk is false, yet still worrying.

The 17,000 Jews in Crimea are worried by Russian territorial incursions. There are concerns about deepening divisions in the country and the rise of the radical right.

Nearly 300 Jewish communal leaders joined a Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) conference call on the situation in Ukraine on Monday, March 3. Leaders from JFNA partner agencies

JDC (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), the Jewish Agency, World ORT and NCSJ summarized their organizations' efforts to assist Ukraine's Jews, stressing the dynamic nature of the situation and their commitment to the safety of the Jewish community and its institutions. They also discussed the integral role that JFNA core unrestricted giving plays in their ability to be ready for any type of emergency.

Here's what JFNA's partner agencies are doing:

- JDC has activated its emergency response network to ensure continued home deliveries of food, medicine, heating and cooking fuel, and sustained life-saving care at home for the elderly. It has increased security at select Jewish communal institutions and *Hesed* social welfare centers. With heightened tensions in Crimea, JDC has also activated special emergency plans for the region's estimated 17,000 Jews.
- The Jewish Agency has tapped its Emergency Assistance Fund, started in 2012, to bolster security at Ukraine's many Jewish institutions, including synagogues, yeshivas and community centers. A total of 375 new immigrants have come to Israel from Ukraine in January-March of this year, on board Jewish Agency flights: 70 percent more than in the same months last year (221).
- World ORT has launched a campaign to raise \$200,000 to fund increased security at four of its schools in Ukraine. Each school has several hundred students, many of whom travel to class through now-dangerous areas. Programs have been canceled. The father of a student at the Chernovtsy school was killed during clashes in Kiev on February 20. Plans include hiring additional security guards and installing closed-circuit TV and alarm sys-

tems on school grounds.

- Additionally, NCSJ is sending out frequent communication briefs informed by various governmental, non-governmental, and Jewish communal sources. These efforts, and so many more, are being funded by Jewish Federation dollars. JFNA has opened a mailbox for donations to our overseas partners to support urgent relief efforts. To donate, go to <https://secure-fedweb.jewishfederations.org/page/contribute/ukraine-assistance>.

Louisville Vaad Hakashruth Announces New Mikvah Fees

The Louisville Vaad Hakashruth Board of Directors recently voted to update the Mikvah fees for the community.

The new fees will be \$1500 per year for synagogues.

For those not affiliated with synagogues, the fees will be:

- Family - \$180 per year;
- Individuals - \$18 per usage; and
- Utensil Tovelng - \$9 per session.

For more information contact Jacob Wishnia, president, at 550-7813 or Rabbi Evan Rubin, kashruth administrator, 419-290-7315.

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Jewish Community Relations Council

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Together We Ensure Allocations Are There to Fund Programs, Services

by Stew Bromberg
Vice President and Chief Development Officer
Jewish Federation of Louisville

Thunder Over Louisville this year signaled the beginning of the Kentucky Derby Festival, gave us a taste of summer weather and led us into the Passover holiday. This is a time of rebirth and refreshing as spring plants and trees come back to life after a long winter of hibernation.

This is also the time when we work diligently to bring in all of the 2014 Federation Campaign pledges so we can plan the allocations for our community partners and ensure the continuation of the many services and programs so necessary to our wellbeing.

Last year we were fortunate enough to be able to fulfill all the requests we received to assist families to send their

children to overnight Jewish camps and a record number of Louisville Jewish teens we able to attend summer programs in Israel. The generosity of some of our families in the community along with a grant received for the second year (at a greater level) has once again enabled us to provide the funds necessary to enable our children to have a wonderful experience and build lifetime memories through participation in these programs again this summer.

But there is so much more that we need to continue. We have a vibrant Jewish senior adult community that has access to a nutritional kosher lunch program, available Monday-Friday at the JCC and delivered to those homebound who are unable to travel easily to join their peers.

Our teen program is the envy of many other Jewish communities as our num-

bers grow and our teens become leaders on a national level. In fact they just brought home several regional awards. (See Teen Topics, page 17.)

Our Campaign supports community outreach programs, along with grants and support from some of our funders, that help newcomers to Louisville and new parents. We are also working to revive our Young Leadership Development program and to develop some new Young Adult programming in the community.

I mentioned that we help our community partners through Campaign allocations. These allocations go to support the food pantry and family services provided through Jewish Family & Career Services and supplemental and community Hebrew School programs to enrich the knowledge and passion our children feel for their Jewish Heritage, as well as

building a strong Hillel program at our local colleges to help our students maintain their connection to Judaism, grow their cultural passion and ensure they have a place to turn when others present inaccurate information regarding the events in the world around us.

We also support the Jewish Community Relations Council as it works to address inappropriate behavior and motivations in our community and it is often the face of the community when issues arise.

We provide, through some of the funds raised during the Campaign, funding for many other Jewish mission-driven programming, such as Yom HaShoah Holocaust commemorative programming and Yom Haatzmaut celebrations for Israel Independence Day.

Our Early Learning Center children experience Shabbat in the Lobby every Friday morning. There are many other activities and events your contribution to the Campaign supports, and we encourage you to let us hear about your passions. Let us know what you enjoy participating in within our community and also let us know if you feel something is missing.

The best way to raise our voices and secure the future of the Louisville Jewish community and have an impact on the global Jewish community is by supporting our 2014 Federation Campaign.

Help us close out this year's Campaign on a high note. If you have already made your contribution this year, thank you. If you have not yet made your pledge we thank you for your consideration and want you to know how much the entire community will appreciate your generosity. Please go to www.jewishlouisville.org/donate or call 238-2739. It will be our pleasure to assist you.

Together we do extraordinary things. Thank you for your continued support.

YOM HASHOAH

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Jakubowicz, John and Renée Rothschild and Dan Streit.

To complete the project, the students learned to listen compassionately and create safe space so the survivors felt comfortable talking with them. The students also learned video-making and editing skills and bonded with each other.

The Yom Hashoah program will also include two Israeli soldiers, participants in the Hatikvah [the hope] Program, who will speak about the Holocaust from an Israeli point of view.

As has become tradition, there will be the opportunity to remember those who perished in the Holocaust with prayers and ceremony.

This event is offered free of charge to the entire community.



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We believe that no child should go to bed hungry. That every senior in our community has the right to live with dignity. And that all Jews should be able to live without fear of persecution—anywhere in the world. That's why the Jewish Federation's annual fundraising campaign is so important. With your support, we can help people in need, rescue people in danger and keep our Jewish community vibrant and strong. Together we can do extraordinary things to make the world a better place.

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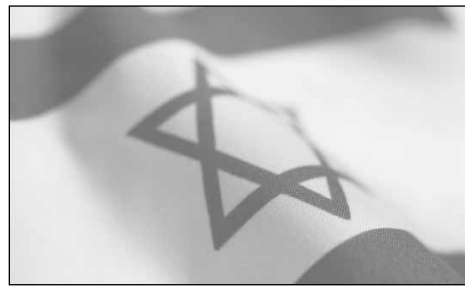
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Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, is cause for celebration, so come join the fun at the Jewish



Community Center on Wednesday, May 7, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The JCC will mark Israel's 66th birthday. Pick up your passport and enjoy a variety of activities as you travel around Israel without leaving the JCC and experience Israeli culture. Activities include visiting the Kotel (the Western Wall), sampling Tel Aviv's nightlife, learning how to be a scientist in Rehovot, helping JNF (the Jewish National Fund) plant trees, relaxing in the Dead Sea, digging for fossils at the Tel Meggido dig site, learning Israeli folk dancing and more.

"There will be Israeli music, outdoor games, crafts, a camel to pet and a pop-sicle truck," said Co-Chair Brett Friedman. "Bring your kids and your appetite—it's going to be a fun night."

Dinner from the Burning Bush features falafel, humus salads and more as well as pizza, fries and a veggie tray for children – \$9 for adults and \$6 for children.

Orit Goldstein and Brett Friedman are chairs of the 2014 Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration.

Federation Lost Tribe Event Rescheduled for May 15

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

For 40 years, we have been wandering aimlessly through Jewish Louisville trying to find our way – well, maybe not wandering aimlessly – but on Saturday, May 15 at 7 p.m., all members of the Jewish community ages 40-64, are invited to park their camels (or perhaps their cars) and celebrate their contributions to Louisville's Jewish community. It will be an evening of fun with friends at a cocktail reception featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres at the home of Joe Hertzman.

This event, "Lost Tribe: We Were Lost and Now We're Found!", which was originally scheduled in January was cancelled due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for May 15. It is especially designed for 40-64 year old donors to the Annual Federation Campaign to celebrate 40 years of wandering through Jewish Louisville – building our institutions, investing our time, presenting our ideas and using our creativity to continue to build the wonderful Jewish community we inherited from our parents and grandparents.

"We haven't offered an opportunity for this group of donors to get together and celebrate in many years, even though we ask for their contributions to Campaign," said 2014 Federation Campaign Chair and Lost Tribe Event Co-Chair Doug Gordon. "This year, we're going to celebrate the good things that this group of donors does for our community."

"It will be a time to reflect, looking back on our younger days, have some lighthearted fun, enjoy some music and good food, and to take a look at how important our continued support of the community is," explained Julie Ellis, event co-chair.

Cocktails and pizza from Mozz Pi Truck will be served. Dress is business casual. \$18 per person and tickets purchased for the Lost Tribe event on original January date will be honored.

For those who have already made their contributions to the 2014 Federation Campaign, thank you. For those who have not yet made their contributions, there will be an opportunity to do so at the event.

To reserve your place, visit www.jewishlouisville.org/events/lost-tribe or contact Kristy Benefield, 238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.

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Assour Brings Israeli Art Sale to Patio Gallery

The Jewish Community Center is offering you a way to support Israel while adding color and style to your home.

From Wednesday, April 30-Tuesday 6, Col. Itzhak "Izzy" Assour is bringing the Israeli Art Exhibit and Sale from Expressions Art Gallery to the JCC Patio Gallery. Come to the opening reception, April 30, 6:30 p.m. to see the full collection, meet Assour and enjoy refreshments.

The participating artists studied in many countries, including France, Russia, Morocco, Ethiopia, Romania, the U.S. and Israel, so their creative expressions reflect different schools and techniques. They work in a variety of media as well, and this show includes paintings, photography and sculpture. All the artists are well known in Israel.

"People will be very impressed with the collection," said Slava Nelson, Adult and Cultural Arts director.

Expressions Art Gallery was founded by Major Assour, Izzy Assour and Yoni Geffen in May 2008 and is on Frishman Street, in the center of the new art gallery district in Tel Aviv. The gallery aims to promote and support Israeli artists by presenting the best contemporary Israeli art in Israel and abroad.

Izzy Assour will be at the JCC the en-

tire week and can talk about the art on sale and the artists who created it.

Assour has been to Louisville before, with several successful sales at the JCC and local synagogues. Over the years, he has been very influential in the rise of Israeli art recognition across the U.S.

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APRIL 28

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

7 p.m., Kentucky Center for the Arts. See story, page 1.

APRIL 30-MAY 6

Israeli Art Sale

Izzy Assour's Expressions Art Exhibition and Sale returns to the JCC Patio Gallery featuring contemporary Israeli artists.

MAY 7

Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

5:30-7:30 p.m. JCC. Free community-wide Israel at 66 Celebration. Dinner and family games. RSVP to Rachel Lipkin, rlipkin@jewishlouisville.org. Watch for details.

MAY 8-JUNE 5

Patio Gallery Exhibit, Inside the Gate.

Tree portraits by Kent Krugh. Opening reception Sunday, May 11, 2-4 p.m.

MAY 9

Teen Connection Closing Event

6:30 p.m. Private home. Progressive Dinner. 5th grade bring appetizers or salads; 6th grade, vegetarian pasta; 7th and 8th grade, desserts. RSVP to Rachel by May 7 with what you are bringing to get the place. 238-2701 or rlipkin@jewishlouisville.org.

May 8-18

CenterStage presents The Sound of Music

\$18 each in advance, \$20 at the door. The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical based on the memoir of Maria von Trapp, a nun who became governess to Captain Von Trapp's seven children. She teaches them to sing and the Captain to love, but when the Nazis invade Austria, the whole family is forced to flee. For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to www.CenterStageJCC.org.

MAY 15

Uniquely Jewish: Jews & Comedy

7:45 p.m. at Laughing Derby at ComedyCaravan. Featuring comedian Gary Gulman. Free for donors who make contributions of \$18 or more to the 2014 Federation Campaign. Limited space. R.S.V.P to Kristy, 238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.

MAY 17

Lost Tribe Campaign Event

7 p.m. For those age 40-64, We were lost, now we're found. Come celebrate 40 years of wandering through Jewish Louisville. Host Joe Hertzman. Chairs Doug Gordon, Julie Ellis. \$18. RSVP to Kristy, 238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.

MAY 18

PJ Library Tzedakah Fair

12:30-2 p.m. JFCS. Kids are "paid" to make art projects and donate their "earnings" to tzedakah. Pizza provided. Admission \$5 plus an item for the JFCS Food Pantry. RSVP to Jennifer Tuvlin, jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org

MAY 22

JFCS M.O.S.A.I.C. Awards

5 p.m. Louisville Marriott Downtown. Honorees: Dr. Muhammad Babar, Dr. Johanna van Wijk Bos, Marta Miranda, Bruce Simpson, Joseph Twagilimana. Tickets \$125 per person. Contact Beverly Bromley, 452-341, ext. 223 or bbromley@jfcslouisville.org.

MAY 22

Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

Adath Jeshurun. Reception, 7:30 p.m.; broadcast, 8. Learn from Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel.

MAY 24 JCC Pool opens.

JUNE 1 Save the date!

JCL Annual Meeting

10 a.m., JCC. Awards will be presented and officers and Board members will be elected for the coming year.

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Shoyer Packs Fun, Learning into Uniquely Jewish Baking Events



Paula Shoyer, Michelle Elisburg, Ellana Bessen and Sharon Goodman



Ann Leah Blieden, Marci Levine, Rhonda Reskin, Shellie Branson and Marcia Schuster



Back, Marci Levine, Carole Spielberg, Diane Richter, Linda Spielberg, Marcia Schuster, Sharon Goodman, Evie Topcik; front, Shellie Benovitz, Shellie Branson, Ann Leah Blieden, Linda Schuster, Paula Shoyer, Michelle Elisburg, Joanie Lustig, Ellana Bessen, Jean Trager and Keren Benovitz.

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

When Paula Shoyer came to Louisville for the Jewish Federation's Uniquely Jewish Baking event, there was a buzz of activity and excitement. In the afternoon, nearly 20 people crowded into Carole Spielberg's kitchen to prepare Passover desserts for the evening's event and enjoy a special cooking experience with Chef Shoyer.

Above the whirl of food processors, the clatter of dishes, the gush of water and lots of friendly chatter, Shoyer provided tips on proper baking technique and directions as everyone had a hand in the baking. At the end of the afternoon, there were plenty of Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars, Carrot Cake, Fruit Pie Bars and Florentine Bars – all made with Passover-friendly ingredients – for the evening event.

That evening, a larger group gathered at The Wine Studio, where Shoyer demonstrated the preparation of three of the recipes and shared personal stories.

"I started eating delicious desserts in my grandmother's kitchen," Shoyer said, "but I never figured it would be a career." In fact, she followed a pre-med track in college, went to law school, then worked

for a Jewish agency in Switzerland. Just for fun, Shoyer attended cooking school in Paris. When she returned to Geneva, friends started asking her to make tortes for them. Before long, she was asked to teach a class.

When she returned to the United States with four children under age 4, including a set of twins, she was asked to teach cooking classes and then to edit Susie Fishbein's cookbook.

Finally, she decided she'd rather write her own books instead of edit the work of others. Because she loved baking more than cooking, and never could understand why kosher desserts didn't taste as good as non-kosher desserts, that is where she concentrated her efforts.

Today, she owns and operates Paula's Parisian Pastries Cooking School in Chevy Chase, MD and has two published cookbooks – *The Holiday Kosher Baker* and *The Kosher Baker* – with another on its way.

Shoyer also recounted anecdotes about her appearance on Food Network's *Sweet Genius*, where she had to create dishes using ingredients including an ostrich egg and jelly beans.

As a pastry chef who makes her recipes many, many times and has to taste them every time she makes them, she said she keeps slim by exercising a lot – mostly walking, eating lots of salad and wearing Spanx. Portion control is key, she added, and "don't eat anything that's not worth the calories."

Linda Spielberg and Linda Schuster co-chaired the Uniquely Jewish Passover Dessert Event. Carole Spielberg hosted the afternoon VIP baking session. Jewish Federation of Louisville Development Director Tzivia Levin Kalmes staffed the event.



Host Carole Spielberg stands between the event co-chairs Linda Schuster and Linda Spielberg



Diane Richter and Michelle Elisburg



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**Uniquely Jewish Event
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**Jews in Comedy:
Gary Gulman**
Thursday, May 15, 2014
7:30 p.m

**Location: Laughing Derby
at Comedy Caravan**
1250 Bardstown Rd, Louisville, KY 40204

As a thank you for your generous participation in this year's Annual Campaign, we present Jewish comedian Gary Gulman, a veteran of *Last Comic Standing*, *Late Night with David Letterman* and *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.

This is a free event for all 2014 Federation Campaign donors. Event cost at the door for those who have not made a donation to the campaign is \$18 per person. One drink and one food item are included!

Please RSVP to Kristy Benefield at kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2739 by May 12. Online registration is also available at www.jewishlouisville.org/comedy. VAAD approved option available if ordered by May 12. Space is limited!!



Katchor to Lecture on Halftone Printing in the Yiddish Press and Exhibit His Work

Award-winning New York cartoonist and graphic novelist Ben Katchor will be in Louisville April 26-27 for University of Louisville-sponsored Jewish Heritage Series events downtown and an exhibition of his work at the University of Louisville's Cressman Center for Visual Arts.

An associate professor at Parsons The New School for Design, Katchor has been a TED Talk speaker and a MacArthur Foundation fellowship winner. He produces a monthly strip for Metropolis magazine, has published volumes of "picture-stories" including "Julius Knipl, Real Estate Photographer: Stories" and "The Jew of New York" and has worked on six music-theater shows.

His visit includes several free events. On Saturday, April 26, from 3-4 p.m., the opening reception for the "Ben Katchor: The Made World" exhibit of uncollected and new works will be at the Cressman Center, 100 E. Main St. The

exhibit runs through May 10 and is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. during the First Friday Trolley Hop May 2.

On Sunday, April 27, from 1-2 p.m., Katchor will present "Halftone Printing in the Yiddish Press and Other Objects of Idol Worship." During the program, Katchor will lecture and read from his comics while projecting his drawn narratives touching on topics from memories of his father, to art history and technology to the Bible. The program will be at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, 715 W. Main St. Reservations are recommended at <https://ben-katchor-lecture.eventbrite.com>.

From 3-5 p.m., there will be a graphic narrative workshop with introductory exercises in storytelling through text and image (no drawing or fiction-writing experience required; limited to people 18 and older) at KMAC. Reservations

are recommended at <https://ben-katchor-lecture.eventbrite.com>.

The museum is hosting the April 27 events in conjunction with its "Press: Artist & Machine" exhibition. UofL

sponsors are the Commonwealth Center for the Humanities and Society, Hite Art Institute, humanities doctoral program and Jewish studies committee.



Dov-Ber Kerler



Shelley Salamensky



The Lost Tribe

2014 Naamani Lecture Event "Kentoki" Included Yiddish and English Poetry, Music and More

by Cynthia Canada
Special to Community

Those who arrived on Sunday, April 13, at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft anticipating the annual academic lecture were in for a surprise. This year's Naamani Lecture was a show. Who knew?

Kentoki: Kentucky Through Jewish Eyes is a book-length epic poem written in the 1920s by I.J. Schwartz, a Jewish immigrant from Lithuania. Schwartz took his lyrical inspiration from his literary idol, Walt Whitman, but he composed his work in Yiddish. *Kentoki* is the semi-autobiographical account of a young Lithuanian Jew, Joshua, who immigrates to America, settles in Kentucky, makes a good living as a merchant, raises a family, grows old, and ultimately, looks back on how his life has changed and how it remained constant over the decades.

Shelley Salamensky, professor of Global Humanities at the University of Louisville, received a copy of the poem from Yiddish scholar Edward Portnoy when he learned she was leaving UCLA for Louisville. She says she fell in love with the poem, just as its author had fallen in love with Kentucky's landscape and people; she describes it as "*Fiddler on the Roof* meets *Little House on the Prairie*."

As she settled in at U of L and learned about the Naamani Lecture, Salamensky returned to the poem. Her doctorate is in literature, and she has experience in directing theater; *Kentoki*, she believed, could become the centerpiece of a discussion of the Jewish immigrant experience in middle America. She approached the Naamani committee with her idea to blend readings, music, and scholarly commentary into a performance that would interest more than the academic community.

Although she auditioned professional actors for the readings, Salamensky's ultimate choice was James Rose, a doctoral student whom she asked to audition because he looked the part of Josh, with his flannel shirt and beard. His audition reflected immediate understanding of the poem and of Schwartz's love of the land, and the role was set. She asked Merle Bachman, a Louisville poet and Yiddish literature expert, to read the Yiddish sections of the performance.

The show was held on KMAC's second floor, in a display hall that was nearly full. Although the event was free, reservations were recommended, and seats "sold out" well in advance. The crowd ranged from graduate students to older members of the Jewish community, several of whom appeared to engage more with the Yiddish portions of the readings than with the English.

The performance opened with a set by Lost Tribe, a Louisville band that bills itself as a combination of klezmer and bluegrass – the perfect music for a show about an Eastern European Jewish immigrant to Kentucky. Coincidentally, one of the members of Lost Tribe

is Aviv Naamani, the son of Dr. Israel T. Naamani, in whose memory the lecture series was created. The audience was captivated – swaying to the music, toes tapping; the only thing missing was a dance floor.

Rose and Bachman took turns reading from *Kentoki*, she in Yiddish and he in English, beginning with the touching account of Josh's leave-taking from his home, knowing he would never see his parents again. Even for those in the audience who only caught a word or two here and there, the Yiddish readings added depth of feeling, a new cadence, and a bright thread of words that tied the English sections together.

We heard heartbreak in the desolation of his dreams as he spends the night in a stranger's barn and both relief and resolve to make this adventure work as he wakes to a Kentucky sunrise and the realization of freedom. Later events – marriage, the loss of a child, other changes in family relationships, and a warm, surprising friendship in old age – were recounted in equally powerful language.

The poem is descriptive of not only nature and geography, but of emotion; Whitman's influence is quite clear, and we were left wanting to know more. To that end, Dr. Salamensky said that a translation by Gertrude Dubrovsky is available used on Amazon, and the Jefferson County Free Public Library also has two copies; to find them, go online to tinyurl.com/15o9rgm.

The reading was followed by a brief lecture by Dov-Ber Kerler, the Dr. Alice Field Cohn Chair of Yiddish Studies at Indiana University. Dr. Kerler is the son of dissident Russian poet Josef Kerler, and is also a poet who writes in Yiddish.

He discussed the influence of Walt Whitman on Schwartz's writing and contrasted the traditional Yiddish poetic structure to the freer form of Whitman's style. He also drew comparisons to Longfellow's lyrical epic *Hiawatha*, which has been translated into Yiddish; he read brief excerpts in Yiddish, emphasizing the ease with which the poetic structure translates.

The show closed with another set from Lost Tribe.

Taken all together, the 2014 Naamani Lecture was more than either a lecture or a performance – it was a celebration of klezmer and bluegrass, of "Fiddler on the Prairie," of tradition and of Jewish identity both reconstructed and reclaimed. In the end, Schwartz concluded that his Kentucky was, "If not the Promised Land of the Covenant, a fresh new land of promise."

In a final word to the gathering, Salamensky noted that an outcome of the collaboration among the Naamani team and the KMAC was the formation of "Biscuits and Lox," a group that has plans for continued programming related to Jewish culture in the heartland. The next event is a lecture and workshop by cartoonist Ben Katchor on Sunday, April 27, beginning at 1 p.m. See story, this page.

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Federation Uniquely Jewish Event Series Presents Jews and Comedy

Jews and comedy – the two often seem to go hand in hand.

The next Jewish Federation of Louisville Uniquely Jewish Campaign event will be a thank-you event for donors: Jews and Comedy featuring Gary Gulman on Thursday, May 15, at the Laughing Derby at Comedy Caravan.

Admission is free for those who have made a pledge to the 2014 Federation Campaign, and \$18 for those who have not made a donation to the Campaign. Admission includes the program, one food item and one beverage.

Gary Gulman always knew he wanted to be a comedian, and his humor is unique, clever and highly entertaining.

He also always loved late-night television and dreamed of being a guest one day. That dream came true and he has appeared on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, *The Late Show* with David Letterman and *The Late Late Show* with Craig Ferguson and Craig Kilborn, *Last Call* with Carson Daly. He has also appeared on Comedy Central's *Premium Blend*, Comedy Central (one-hour special, "Gary Gulman: Boyish Man"), "Show-

time Presents Gary Gulman," *Comics Unleashed* with Byron Allen, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, HBO's "Dane Cook's Tourgasm," *Last Comic Standing* (seasons two and three, runner up), and was a guest star on *Last Comic Standing* (season four).

Gulman also performed at three NASCAR year-end banquets, New York Comedy Festival (at Madison Square Garden), HBO's Las Vegas Comedy Festival, Just for Laughs Montreal International Comedy Festival and Just For Laughs Gala in Canada.

He hosted New England Sports Network's Comedy All Stars and New England Emmy Awards and appeared on National Lampoon's Rising Stars DVD.

He has also performed at over 100 colleges including Yale, Harvard, Boston College, Tulane, Villanova, Boston University, NYU, UCLA, Ohio State, Texas Christian University, Brandeis and MIT.

Gulman's latest album, "No Can Defend" from Comedy Central Records, debuted at No. 18 on iTunes.

Space is limited, so reserve your place by contacting Kristy Benefield, 238-2739.



Gary Gulman

Festival of Faiths to Explore Sacred Earth Sacred Self in Celebration of Diversity May 13-18 at Actors Theatre

The Center for Interfaith Relations presents the 19th annual Festival of Faiths, May 13-18, 2014, focusing on the theme of *Sacred Earth Sacred Self*. The Festival celebrates the diversity of our faith traditions, promotes unity and strengthens the role of faith in society through common action.

The Festival will open with a free, public Interfaith Service at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 S. Fifth St. All remaining events will take place at Actors Theatre of Louisville. The Temple's volunteer choir, Shir Chadash, will sing Bar'chu during the opening service.

Through its theme, *Sacred Earth Sacred Self*, the Festival extends an invitation to all to reflect upon the interconnectedness of all species, interacting with each other in reciprocal exchange. As a result, the choices that we make in our everyday life tell the story of our relationship with the Earth and in turn with the Divine.

The Festival provides an opportunity to conduct this reflection in an interfaith setting, which brings together international scholars and leaders in environmental and social justice, sustainability, and agriculture. Programs will include daily guided public meditations, keynote addresses, discussions, films, and photographic exhibits.

A highlight of the Festival will be the joint appearance by two of America's most notable literary figures - Wendell Berry, poet, farmer, essayist and activist, and Gary Snyder, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and environmentalist. The title of this event, *Distant Neighbors*, is also the title of a new collection of Berry and Snyder's correspondence, written over the last half-century. *Distant Neighbors* will not appear in bookstores until June, but advance copies will be on sale at the Festival bookstore.

All Festival Events at Actors Theatre (free or charged) require a ticket. Ticket prices for individual programs range

from \$15 to \$25. Student tickets are half-price. Week passes are available for \$150 and can be purchased by calling Actors Theatre box office, 584-1205 or 800-428-5849, or online at www.festivaloffaiths.org. Fees will apply to online ticket sales.

The Festival will present four major programs on Wednesday, May 14. Indigenous Reflection features Dr. Melissa Nelson, a cultural ecologist and indigenous scholar-activist, who will speak from 9-10 a.m. This is a free event; however, tickets are required.

Soil and Sacrament will feature Fred Bahnson, author of a book by the same name, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Healing Self, Healing Society will feature Shaykh Hamza Yusuf, a leading Islamic scholar and social activist, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Distant Neighbors, from 7-9 p.m., will feature Wendell Berry and Gary Snyder. Jack Shoemaker will serve as moderator. Tickets will be \$25.

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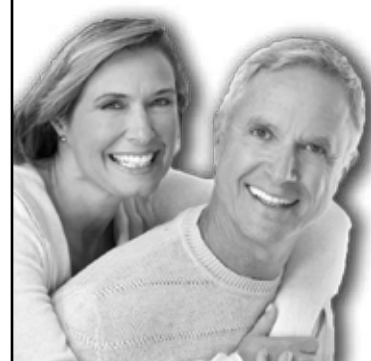
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KI Presents Noah Budin In Concert May 18

*I need a little light shining in my soul
I need a little music to make me whole
I need a little faith to keep me strong
I need to give the stories a voice and pass them along*

– Noah Budin, in his song, "Joshua's Band" from the album, "Hallelujah Land"

by Cantor Sharon Hordes
Keneseth Israel Congregation



Noah Budin

On Sunday, May 18, Noah Budin will be coming to Keneseth Israel to perform in concert, and I'm very excited about it.

I first heard Noah Budin perform at a Women Cantors Network conference in his hometown of Cleveland, OH, about a dozen years ago. I had my first year as a full-time cantor in South Florida under my belt and I was feeling pretty good about things but still feeling very much like the rookie that I was, still working on what would be my personal "style" as a cantor.

I was proud of surviving the stresses of starting out and was looking for inspiration wherever I could find it. This was my mindset when I sat through Noah's workshop. I don't remember every detail about his presentation, only that he was fully charged with an intense energy as he shared his songs that taught many of the stories and values of our tradition. Through the varied musical languages of gospel, country, doo wop, rock and folk, Noah was able to deliver his message straight into the hearts and souls of his audience.

What I found so remarkable about each of his songs that he performed for us was that they placed the listener squarely in the middle of an episode from the Torah. The songs brought the ancient tradition alive, highlighting Jewish values like love of God and Torah and the need for us as Jews to engage in social action in order to help those in need.

For instance, his song, "Early in the Morning," begins by recounting Moses' faith and vision as he led the Israelite through the wilderness and into the Promised Land and it ends by reminding us of the sacrifices Martin Luther King, Jr. made in leading his people to a different type of freedom.

Another song that personalizes the Torah for all of us is his song "Standing at the Bottom of Ararat." The song starts off sounding like another retelling of the Noah story but ends with the words, *Now, people, this story goes beyond the book. It's more than the crew that old Noah took. His sons and their wives and the animals, too.*

That Rainbow sign is for me and you. We're all on that ark....

As a Jewish educator, I understand that a lesson will have much more impact on my students if they are able to imagine themselves having lived through that experience. As I write this article, Jews

around the world are preparing for the Seder nights, during which we retell the Exodus from Egypt as if we were the ones who were freed from slavery.

Noah Budin is a master at sparking his listeners' imagination while warming their souls. As the contemporary Jewish singer/songwriter Craig Taubman has said about him, "There are a lot of people who write great music...there are very few who touch your heart. Noah Budin does both with class, sensitivity and spirit."

My experience seeing him perform so many years ago left such an impression on me that I have invited him to come perform for us here at Keneseth Israel for our annual fundraising concert and event we're calling "KI's Kampout" on Sunday, May 18.

This Sunday is Lag B'omer (33rd day of the Omer) when we are permitted to take a break from the restrictions imposed during these weeks between Passover and Shavuot. Since it is a day traditionally spent doing outdoor activities, the concert will be preceded by a little carnival on our front lawn beginning at 2:30 p.m., complete with games, hair braiding and kosher s'mores bar!

We are inviting all campers and counselors – past and present – from Camp Livingston and Beber to compete in an epic tug of war! We encourage all who are coming to wear their camp T-shirts.

Noah and his band will begin their performance in the KI sanctuary at 3:45 p.m. Cantor David Lipp and I will be joining the band on a few songs.

Tickets are \$15 for adults (12 years and older) and \$5 for children (3-11 years old). Admission is free for children 2 years and younger. Parve boxed lunches will be available for purchase at \$6 each.

Come to the concert and I am certain that Noah's music will help you find that "little light shining in your soul!"

For more information about the concert itself or about sponsorships, please call the office at 459-2780. Learn more about Noah Budin by visiting his website, www.noahbudin.com.



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JFCS MOSAIC Awards to Honor Babar, van Wijk Bos, Miranda, Simpson and Twagilimana

by Beverly Bromley

Director of Development and Marketing
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Mayor Greg Fischer and his wife, Dr. Alex Gerassimides, invited the press on April 8 to Metro Hall to announce the honorees who will be recognized at the 2014 MOSAIC Awards, the signature fundraising event for Jewish Family & Career Services.

They commented that it is rare for the Mayor to take on a significant role in a nonprofit's fundraising efforts, but they believe that the MOSAIC Awards, which will be held Thursday, May 22, at the Downtown Marriott at 5 p.m., is unique and the only civic event that highlights the accomplishments of international Americans who are making Louisville a richer and more vibrant community.

Three of the five honorees were introduced that day.

Dr. Muhammad Babar, a Pakistani physician, has invested his volunteer time to represent the Muslim perspective with many of the city's interfaith communities, including the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Dr. Johanna van Wijk Bos, originally from the Netherlands, commented that she followed her heart with her husband to Louisville in the 1970's, and her association with the Presbyterian Seminary has led her to be a teacher, a theologian and eventually a champion for women's rights and social justice.

Bruce Simpson, a Scot and the retiring artistic and executive director of the Louisville Ballet, commented that while he is receiving accolades from many directions as he leaves his post with the Ballet, he is truly honored to be receiving this recognition at the end of his career here.

Marta Miranda, President and CEO

of the Center for Women and Families, and Dr. Joseph Twagilimana, an accomplished mathematician with Wellpoint, Inc., and leader in the local African refugee community, are also MOSAIC honorees.

The media event drew 10 past MOSAIC honorees, as well as Louis Waterman and Jeff Polson, who represented the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the event's title sponsor. WLKY is the media sponsor, and Papercone Corporation, PharMerica and Kindred Healthcare are also major sponsors.

The MOSAIC Awards will be held May 22 at the Marriott Downtown. Individual tickets are \$125 and table spon-

sorships are \$1,500. The event starts at 5 p.m. with a reception and Business Showcase featuring micro-entrepreneurs who have received business training and loans from the JFCS Navigate Enterprise Center. The dinner and program begin at 6:30. Contact Beverly Bromley at bbromley@jfcsloouisville.org or 502-452-6341, ext. 223, to make your reservations.

The event co-chairs, Drs. Diane Tobin and Laura Klein, represented the committee at the media event. The committee includes: Sheilah Abramson-Miles, Jeani Bryant, Lynn Cooper, Jane Emke, Debbie Friedman, Jan Glaubinger, Janet Hodes, Michael Iacavozzi-Pau, Khalid



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2014 Republic Bank Players Challenge Includes Golf, Tennis, Bridge, Canasta and Maj Jongg – Reserve Your Place Now

by Niki King

Public Relations Specialist

Get ready to get your game on.

The 11th annual Republic Bank Players Challenge benefiting Jewish Family & Career Services and the Jewish Community Center is slated for Monday, June 23, at Standard Country Club.

This year, the game Maj Jongg has been added along with the opportunity to improve your golf game at a professional golf clinic with Nick Barth, a Professional Golf Association Tour Coach.

And you can still find your other favorite games – tennis, canasta and bridge – at the event, as in years past.

Money from the Challenge is used to fund scholarships for families in need for membership and summer camp at the JCC. More than \$75,000 was granted last year for scholarships to more than 175 people. It also helps fund 700 hours

of subsidized counseling at JFCS for families who are seeking services to ensure that they can strengthen their lives, remain self-sufficient, independent and provide structure and security for their children. More than 2,400 individuals and families benefitted last year.

Registration for the 18-hole scramble Golf Challenge is \$275 per player and includes lunch and dinner. Registration opens at 10:30 a.m. with the shotgun start kicking things off at 12:30 p.m. The golf clinic with Barth is at 11 a.m. Barth, who attended Louis University and Indiana University, was a medalist in the Indiana Mid-Amateur Championship and rated as a top-20 amateur in the United States in 1994. He's won multiple club championships at three different courses and has 23 amateur wins.

Barth began teaching golf in 2002 and in 2003 he founded the 3N Golf Learning Center at Shadowood Golf Course in Seymour, IN. He's a teaching student of

Butch Harmon, Hank Haney and David Leadbetter and a proponent of well-established swing fundamentals and "The Seven Common Denominators" of the great ball strikers.

The tennis challenge, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., includes a mixed-doubles, round-robin tournament. Players can register as individuals or doubles teams. Registration is \$60 per person and includes lunch.

Register for golf and tennis online by June 10 at www.jfcsloouisville.org/republic-bank-players-challenge or contact Kathryn Bentley at JFCS at 452-6341.

To register your Maj Jongg table or bridge and canasta team contact Beverly Bromley at JFCS at 452-6341. It's \$25 per person to play and an additional \$20 to stay for dinner. Games are from 1-5 p.m.

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Awards to Be Presented at JCL Annual Meeting June 1

Save the date! The Jewish Community of Louisville invites you to its 2014 Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Join the JCL in honoring people who have made a difference in the community and the organization and have provided exemplary leadership as the JCL looks to the future.

The Elsie P. Judah Award for outstanding service to the Senior Adult Department will go to Margaret Mazanec for her work in photographing events and organizing the photos into albums.

The leaders of tomorrow are the BBYO leaders of today. At the JCL Annual Meeting, Audrey Nussbaum will receive the Ellen Faye Garmon Award; Jacob Finke will receive the Stacey Marks Nisenbaum Award; Natania Lipp will receive the Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship; and Rachel Bass, Eli

Gould, Ben Koby, Deborah Levin and Maggie Rosen will receive Stuart Pressma Leadership Development Awards.

Watch the next issue of *Community* for information about these award winners and announcements of the winners of the other awards that will be presented at the meeting, including the Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award that recognizes an individual who has made a significant difference in the Louisville Jewish Community; the Ron and Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year Award for an individual whose life is defined by volunteering to help others; and the Arthur S. Kling Award for a staff member or volunteer who has given outstanding service to the Jewish Community Center.

In addition, our community is blessed with a cadre of young adults who have assumed leadership responsibilities and are setting a positive path for our agency going forward. At its Annual Meeting,

the JCL will honor three outstanding people with the Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award, the Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award and the Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award.

The Annual Meeting will also be your opportunity to hear from key leaders about the JCL's accomplishments over the past year and its plans going forward, including its recently adopted strategic plan.

Elections for JCL officers and Board Members for the coming year will be held. See page 12 for the full slate.

A light brunch will be served.

This meeting is open to the community and free of charge. To ensure there is enough food for everyone, please reserve your place online at www.jewishlouisville.org/2014-annual-meeting-registration/ or by contacting Paula DeWeese, pdeweese@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2764.

NCJW Starts New Court Watch Program Friedson to Be Honored with Henrietta Herzfeld Award

by Joyce Bridge, Diane Graeter
and Janie Hyman

NCJW Court Watch Project Co-chairs

If you have ever wanted to make a difference in the lives of children, you will never have a better opportunity. Children's lives are at stake. In 2013, there were over 8,500 reports of child abuse in Jefferson County alone. In 2012, there were 15,699 cases of child abuse and neglect in Kentucky. Tragically, this number included 55 fatalities and near fatalities.

As a result of the tremendous success of National Council of Jewish Women's prior Court Watch project, which dealt with domestic violence, NCJW, Louisville Section has been called on by the local courts to play an important role in the re-examination of the court system's handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

Family Courts in Jefferson County are closed courts; however, NCJW Court Watch Project would be allowed to monitor cases for the specific purpose of providing feedback. At the request of the Chief Judge of Jefferson County Family Court, NCJW will train volunteers to go into the courtrooms to monitor and record statements, behaviors and attitudes in cases involving child abuse and neglect. The data will then be compiled and NCJW will prepare a report for the judges advising them of the findings.

We have a chance to help the court system again, and this time, the poten-

tial beneficiaries are children. What more worthy calling could come our way?

NCJW is asking volunteers for a commitment of just one morning per week for three months. Training will take place August 26 and August 27 and the Court Watch itself will begin September 2. NCJW volunteers will be in court three mornings a week from 9-noon for three months.

NCJW is also seeking to hire a paid volunteer coordinator for this job. This is a temporary position that will run from April 2014 through January 2015. The purpose of the position is to provide training, oversight, and support for NCJW volunteers as they monitor child abuse and neglect cases pending in Jefferson County Family Court.

If you are interested in either volunteering or applying for the Volunteer Coordinator position, please call the NCJW office at 458-5566.

Sandi Friedson

In conjunction with this endeavor, NCJW is fortunate to have Chief Family Court Judge Patricia Walker FitzGerald as the speaker at its closing meeting on Wednesday, May 28, at Majid's at 11:30 a.m. The Section will also be presenting Sandi Friedson with the prestigious Henrietta Herzfeld Award for her many years of service to our section.

NCJW invites the community to attend. Reservations, \$30 per person, are required. Seating is limited.

Zimmerman Family Summer Fun Fund to Help Children in Need Get Ready for Summer Camp

by Dorrie Zimmerman

The Zimmerman family has established the Zimmerman Family Summer Fun Fund in memory of Eddie Zimmerman, a beloved and respected member of our community who died in 2005. This fund will help to provide a few fun camp essentials – clothing, swim suits, towels, etc. – for our community's children as they prepare for their summer activities.

Eddie was all about the children; we actually met while he was a camp counselor at the JCC and I was a secretary at the then Bureau of Jewish Education. For years, he coached soccer for many of our community's children and was the best dad and uncle to our family's children.

With the guidance of Janet Meyer, Judy Tiell and Rabbi Stanley Miles, we identified an area of need that was not being met by a current fund. This fund will be housed at Temple Shalom but will service any community child in need as identified by Jewish Family & Career Services or our local clergy.

Rabbi Miles feels as though the circle of need has been completed as Temple Shalom supports children through its JFCS Food Pantry drive, Hanukkah Helpers and now this special summer camp fund.

Contributions can be made through the Temple Shalom Office at 458-4739.

Eddie would be so pleased that his family's name will live on to help the kids! It is my personal hope that his sons Cory and Joel will take over this fund when I'm old and keep it viable for our community's future children.

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LOUISVILLE, INC.

JCL Board Slate Announced

David Kaplan, Chair of the Governance Committee of the Jewish Community of Louisville, Inc., announces the following slates for election at the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community of Louisville, to be held

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Additional nominations may be submitted by petition to the JCL secretary with a minimum of 36 signatures by JCL members in good standing at least 10 days prior to the annual meeting.

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Remembering Donald Guss: A Liberator's WWII Story

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Often, around the time of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Commemoration Day, *Community* has printed the stories of survivors and their families.

In addition to the survivors stories, we must also take time to remember the liberators – the soldiers who liberated the concentration camps. I spoke with one of those liberators, Donald Guss, last summer, and as he told me his story, I promised him I would share it with *Community's* readers for Yom HaShoah this spring.

Unfortunately, by the time I sat down to talk with him, Donald Guss was suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and on March 20, he passed away. His widow, Madilyn Guss, agreed to let *Community* publish his story as planned in tribute to him.

While his memory of the time was not as clear as it once had been, Guss was able to supplement his stories with excerpts from an autobiography he had put together several years before and with some prompting from his wife.

In March 1945, toward the end of World War II, Guss and his Army unit were serving in Germany. In his memoir, he wrote, "Some days, we walked eastward and some days, we leap-frogged in trucks over a town already held by our guys and detrucked at another unopposed town – none that I remember the names.

"A name I well remember and will until I die is Gotha," he continued. "It wound up in east Germany after the war. We were the first to open a concentration camp there. We broke the lock on the gate, but no one rushed out. We saw only human wrecks.

"The German guards had recently

fled. No civilians bothered to let them out or even offer some food. We had only the wrong things to give them – chocolate D bars, highly concentrated bars of chocolate which were too rich for starving men. We had K rations and C's, all too heavy a fare for these poor souls. We gave them anyway.

"Once in a while, even today, I hear of some Nazi sympathizers who claimed concentration camps and death camps are not true – 'world Jewry has made it up.' Don't believe a word of it ... I saw it firsthand," Guss wrote. "After we left, medical people with proper rations moved in. We could only watch a few more of them die."

When Guss' unit arrived in town, he was one of the first ones to reach the camp door. The soldiers heard noises, so they broke the door down and, "these people came marching out that were like skeletons. Everybody was astounded by the condition of the people."

Guss couldn't remember the name of the camp, but described it as a holding facility for people en route to other camps. Inside the camp, he passed an open grave filled with skeletal bodies.

He also broke into a large barracks. Many of the people there couldn't walk. There wasn't much they could do to help. "A couple of men came out," he said. I gave them chocolate and it made them sick because they weren't used to eating chocolate, so I stopped giving out the chocolate bars," Guss recalled.

All they could do was wait for the Red Cross and the medical personnel.

Guss, only 18 years old at the time, was posted at the door "to keep people from getting out or in" because he spoke a little Yiddish.

For his service during the war, not just as part of the team that liberated the camp, Guss received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star.

IPP Hosted Interfaith Seder at Deprung Gomang Institute

On April 14, the first evening of Pesach, Interfaith Paths to Peace hosted a most unusual interfaith Seder dinner. The event took place at the Drepung Gomang Institute, Louisville's Tibetan Buddhist community. The dinner, led by Allan Weiss of the Jewish community in Louisville and members of his family, included a Buddhist monk, along with Hindus, Muslims, Baha'is, Christians, Jews, Quakers and Mormons

Most of those attending had little knowledge of Passover or of the meaning of a Seder dinner. Everyone who participated (30 people in all) expressed their appreciation not only for the food

that was shared but also for the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Jewish faith.

The dinner was so successful that Interfaith Paths to Peace now plans to host and interfaith Seder every year, moving it among the houses of worship of a variety of different faiths.

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Hiland Brings Many Ideas for JCC from Israel Trip

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

To deepen the connection between educational professionals in North America and the land of Israel, JCC of Louisville Early Childhood Assistant Director Angie Hiland attended JCC Association's Early Childhood Education Leadership Seminar in Israel from March 9-20. The program was designed to enhance one of the essential core elements of Sheva – JCCs of North America Early Learning Framework: "Israel as the Story of the Jewish People," and included 23 participants from 20 JCCs in the United States.

The trip was designed to be a leadership study seminar, giving participants a hands-on opportunity to study with scholars in Israel in early childhood



Angie Hiland, back row, third from left, and her group in Israel.

education and development, crisis management, children's literature, spiritual development of children and more.

Although participants were able to enjoy the magnificent sights and sounds of the country, each day was designed to be the foundation for continuing work in connecting our North American JCC early childhood centers to the state of Israel in meaningful and long-lasting ways.

This was Hiland's first trip to Israel, and she said, "We visited all over – Tel Aviv, the Golan Heights, Jerusalem – and we stayed at Kibbutz Nir David. We visited the old city in Jerusalem, went to Caesarea and visited the ancient ruins."

"While we were in the Golan Heights," she added, "we learned about the water supply in Israel and how that was a big part of the conflict between Israel and Jordan."

This was not just a sightseeing trip. Hiland explained that wherever they went, the trip leaders "took all of the things we learned and translated them into how they teach preschoolers about the country as a whole."

At one of the ganim (kindergartens) they visited, Hiland explained, "they had an archeological dig as part of the curriculum base. ... they dug up a huge area and stocked it with things for the children to dig up, sift, rinse and discover, tying it to the digs all over Israel."

"In Israel," she added, "there is always something underneath what you see. ... Israel is layers of people and cultures that have all come together."

At that preschools, the children took the tiles they found "and put them in a sorting areas," Hiland observed. "Then they made mosaics on the walls. The activities supported the children's need to explore and fostered each child as an individual."

While participants were able to visit the national park and excavations at Caesarea on the coast between Tel Aviv and Haifa, they also spent time at Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu, where they learned about the "junkyard playground." This outdoor play area was invented at this kibbutz in the 1940's and participants studied with one of the primary researchers and developers of this playground philosophy, which, as an extension of the classroom, allows children to construct knowledge and invent with every-day, castoff objects.

Hiland was very impressed with this playground. "Anything you might have thrown out is repurposed and reused," she said, "from a broken lawn mower to old wrought iron table. As Americans, we had to look past the rust and junk and to see the creativity these children exhibit with those things. They're developing play zones that explore a greater world."

"For older children," she continued, "there is a whole area of junk, divided into zones. One group had taken items and built a hospital and ambulance to transport patients. They had created a whole story over the course of a week or two. Then they have tear-down day to return items and the next week, they begin again."

"The children can request to keep special items," Hiland noted. Another important aspect of the program, Hiland reported, is that "within the yard, they don't have conflict, because they are teaching children to work as a community and each community has maximum number of people. No one's ideas are not accepted, although they are often tweaked. Every idea is incorporated within the space."

"This was one of my favorite things," she said. "It's an experience and tangible thing I can bring back. We can bring materials and tools for our children – without the rust – and use them in appropriate way for Americans."

Throughout the leadership seminar, participants visited matnas (community centers) and preschool programs, getting ideas about the similarities and differences between their own JCC programs and Israeli ones. Visits included the YMCA Peace preschool for Jewish, Christian and Arab children, an Orthodox Jewish early childhood program and a Reform movement preschool.

"It felt cohesive and good" to visit the YMCA Gan, Hiland said. "There was an Arabic-speaking teacher and a Hebrew-speaking teacher in every classroom. All the children celebrate all the holidays, including the Jewish holidays. The Muslim children came in the fancy-see **HILAND** page 16

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P2G: Israeli Teacher from Twinning Project Visits Louisville Schools

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Students at Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad have been participating in a twinning program with a school in Israel this year, and on Wednesday, April 9, they were able to take that connection to a new level. That day, Anna Zvagelsky, who teaches the class with which local LBSY's fifth graders have been corresponding, was in Louisville and met with them in person.



Anna Zvagelsky

Zvagelsky lives in Nahariya and teaches at Shalom Aleichem School in Moshav Betzet. In Louisville, she met with all the LBSY students, including Katie Brich-to's and David Goldman's fifth graders. She used the opportunity to teach about Israel and strengthen the students connection with the Jewish state.

Zvagelsky came to the U.S. for the annual Partnership 2Gether Steering Committee meetings that were held in Omaha this year and will be in Louisville next year. She included a stop in Louisville to meet the young people with whom her students had been working.

One of the objectives of the twinning project, Zvagelsky explained is for the students to learn that all children are the same. The students at Shalom Aleichem school are Jews and Arabs, "and they all learn all the subjects," she said. "We teach bible and holidays."

She believes it is important that the children here know that children in Israel "like the same things and celebrate the same holidays," Zvagelsky said. She sees the exchange as a great way for children to learn about their differences, too, and to learn to accept them.

For Israeli children, she sees the twinning as an opportunity to learn about being Jewish in the United States.

Like Brichto, whose story was printed in the last issue of *Community* and is available at www.jewishlouisville.org, Zvagelsky is interested in expanding the

twinning project. "I'm lucky to be working with her," she said.

In addition to exploring new ideas with Brichto, LBSY Director Rabbi David Feder accompanied her to Brandeis Elementary where she met with teachers and the principal and is working to establish a program with them, too.

Zvagelsky is originally from Belarus. "I used to be a new immigrant in Israel," Zvagelsky said. "I came from the former Soviet Union in 1990 with my husband and son, who was 7."

"When I lived in Russia," she recounted, "I studied in the university and was the best student there." The school had an exchange program for its best students with Krakow, Poland, she recalled, but when the list of students who were accepted for the exchange came out, her name wasn't on the list because she was Jewish.

Angry at being denied the opportunity, Zvagelsky turned to her father for help. He said he could not help her and advised her to finish her degree. In her birth land, she was not free to pursue her life and her dreams.

Today, Israel is her home and Zvagelsky is proud to represent it in the United States.

Zvagelsky enjoyed her time in Louisville. "You're a very welcoming people," she said, and her visit was "just great. From the first moment I landed in Louisville, I felt warmth." JCRC Director Matt Goldberg met her at the airport; she stayed with Dafna Shurr and Eddie Cohen, and Rabbi Feder escorted her around the city.

"I have a lot to tell my coworkers, students and principal," she said.


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



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Building Bridges: Brichto's Adventure with Partnership

by Katey Brichto
Special to Community

March 26, 2014 – When I took up Rabbi Stanley Miles' offer to join him on the Partnership 2Gether (P2G) trip in February as a representative of Louisville's Beit Seder Yachad (LSBY), the Judaic/Hebrew school where we both teach, I had no idea what I was in for. I'd already been asked by Rabbi Feder, LSBY's di-

rector, to take on a twinning project between my fifth grade and the fifth grade from Moshav Betzet, so I foresaw the trip as a fact finding mission more than anything else.

Editor's note: Katey Brichto wrote about her experience in rich detail, sharing her excitement and insights. There was not room to print the story in Community. Read it online at www.jewishlouisville.org.

The Jay Levine Youth Fund


When Jay Levine, beloved long-time Male High School teacher and former youth director at the Jewish Community Center passed away in 2003, his friends and family wanted to do something to preserve his legacy in the Jewish community. To accomplish that goal, they came together to create the Jay Levine Youth Fund, a designated endowment fund with the Foundation that provides support for Jewish youth programming for grades 7-12 at the JCC and elsewhere in the community.

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through three (in some cases four) years with no salary increases, we have rewarded our employees for their steadfast contributions every year since I arrived in 2010, and even with those merit increases, we have been able to deliver program gains and increased Jewish content while keeping our personnel cost as a percentage of our budget flat?

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- The cumulative improvement to the JCL operations, excluding the variability of campaign and other philanthropic activities, amounts to over \$1,500,000?

The staff of your JCL are incredibly proud of our accomplishments. Our programs are flourishing, our staff is top-notch, and yes, our building needs work, though we are attending to that as best we can given our resource constraints and until we finalize our plan for our new home.

We've been doing a great deal of work internally to fix broken processes, build new capability and respond to the needs of our members, clients and guests. We have striven to increase transparency, even to the point of making our own presentation to the Planning and Allocations Committee, half of whose members are not directors of our agency, and clearly publishing all allocations in a timely manner. Our 2013 Annual Report, available on our website, clearly shows how the JCL applies the allocations we retain to provide programs and services to you. Charity Navigator has awarded us their highest, 4-Star rating, four years in a row, including measurements added last year on transparency.

We are also now turning to you, our community to help you better under-

stand our operating brands: the JCC and the Federation; and as the lead Jewish agency, to provide strong leadership in addressing local, Jewish needs. Our strategic plan is being translated from complex worksheets to easily digestible formats, and our plan for communicating our progress is being developed.

Why? Why are we doing all this work? To fulfill our mission – Build and sustain

JHFE

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search community

"A few months ago, our board was presented with an opportunity to take a leap of faith and make an investment in the future of this Jewish community," said Louis Waterman, chairman of the Board of Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. "This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to develop long-term plans within the Jewish community. Very rarely do you get a chance to do something transformational, and this is it."

While golf club operations will continue as normal under the terms of a renewable five-year lease-back provision, a Phase I planning process is already underway to focus on the land and facilities not currently occupied by the existing golf course. "The goal is to figure out whether the property represents an opportunity to create an asset for the larger Jewish community here," said Waterman.

To get a community consensus on the highest and best use for the property, The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence has convened a special task force including rabbis, top officials at Jewish-oriented agencies and community leaders. The mission of the task force is to facilitate a Jewish community-wide planning process that will help determine optimal future uses for the location and the sur-

rounding community.

The task force will survey as many community leaders as possible. Waterman sees an 18- to 24-month effort to try and drill down into community sentiment as to what to do with this prime piece of property. The idea is to engage key constituents across the Jewish community to participate in a collaborative planning process.

In its initial steps, the task force will hire a facilitator; meet with key constituents individually to outline a planning process and solicit input/feedback; and identify communities where similar initiatives have been successful, such as Cincinnati, and consider visiting. The members of the Community Advisory Task Force are Dr. Roy Hyman, Anshei Sfard; Shelley Meyers, National Council of Jewish Women; Rabbi Stanley Miles, Temple Shalom; Mark Oppenheimer, The Temple; Michael Russman, Keneseth Israel; Stu Silberman, Jewish

Community of Louisville; Rabbi Robert Slosberg, Adath Jeshurun; Mark Switow, Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence; Judy Freundlich Tiell, Jewish Family & Career Services; Steve Trager, Republic Bank and community leader; Jennifer Tuvlin, Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence; Louis I. Waterman, Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence; and William Yarmuth, Almost Family and community leader.

About The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (JHFE) is a Louisville based 501(c) 3 organization with a mission to invest in the local healthcare market, foster innovative medical research and support the Louisville Jewish community. JHFE also provides governance oversight for a variety of health-related organizations, including KentuckyOne Health, Passport Health and the Cardiovascular Innovation Institute.

HILAND

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est costumes" because there is nothing like Purim in their tradition.

Participants focused on the spiritual life of the child, visited an interactive Bible museum, and visited Beit Issie Shapiro, a center for children with special needs, to see Israel's first accessible and inclusive playground. The 11-day trip included the festive holiday of Purim, as well as Shabbat, allowing the group to experience the day of rest in the Jewish homeland. And, of course, no trip would be complete without some sightseeing through the Old City of Jerusalem.

Hiland also enjoyed celebrating Purim in Jerusalem. "Purim was everywhere," she said, "in all public spaces. It just took over – we don't have that here. It was a cross between Mardi Gras and Halloween and everyone participates. Everyone was dressed up, from the youngest children to oldest adults. We went to the Megillah reading in a Reform synagogue. It was an experience I've never had before."

To help the teachers bring what they learned back to their classrooms, Hiland explained, they brought Sammy the Spider along on the trip. "Sammy the Spider Goes to Israel" is a PJ Library book," she said, and the teachers took pictures with him as they traveled. He

went everywhere they did. "He ate his way through Israel and was number 26 on the bus," she said.

"There is another thing that struck me about Israel that Americans don't realize," she added. "People think Israel is dangerous. What I experienced was far from that. Their fears come from war situations, which seem to be more limited than ever before."

"We saw a parent reading while pushing a stroller and toddlers just followed behind," she said. "Children go to and from school on buses and go home alone at very young age. This is much safer than in America. Even in the preschools, children come and go to the restroom and the play space. It is not regulated same way we are and children are very independent from very early age. This was consistent in all ganim we visited."

The leadership seminar was organized by JCC Association as a way to foster greater understanding and connection for the early childhood directors and education programmers to Israel. This will allow them to better integrate Israel into their early childhood programs, as well as deepen their own connection to the country.

Editor's note: The local portion of this story was written by Shiela Steinman Wallace. The framework was a press release provided by JCCA.

AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY ONLINE

The Jewish community here in Louisville has been so active in the last month that it is impossible to include everything in the print edition of Community. The stories previewed below can be found in full in the Community section of the website, www.jewishlouisville.org.

P2G: Israeli Photographer/Artist/Teacher Conducts Workshops Here

Yochanan Kishon is a master photographer and artist who lives in Nahariya and teaches at Sulam Tzor Regional High School. On April 7, he stopped in Louisville to present a pair of workshops. He also spoke with Community.

Kishon has been a Partnership volunteer for 10 years and particularly enjoys doing twinning projects. His students on both sides of the ocean address a single theme. They correspond, talk and share pictures, leading up to an exhibition.

P2G: Israelis, Americans Discuss Our Holocaust with Author

On April 6, a small group gathered at Jewish Family & Career Services to participate in a Partnership 2Gether discussion of the book Our Holocaust by Amir Gutfreund. They joined participants from Toledo, OH; Des Moines, IA; and Israel via Webex. Gutfreund, who lives in the Western Galilee, spent a good portion of the time talking about his book, which he described as an amalgamation of real experiences from his past and imagination.

Film Festival Presents Encore: Orchestra of Exiles

A crowd of over 300 people turned out at The Temple for the Louisville Jewish Film Festival's encore event on Sunday, March 30. As a prelude to the live local performance by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra on April 1, this event focused on the founding of that group as well as the local group, the Kling Orchestra.

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TEEN TOPICS



BBYOers listened to Israeli photographer Yochanan Kishon.

BBYO Photography Event

On April 7, 13 members of Louisville BBYO met with Yochanan Kishon, an Israeli high school photography teacher as part of the Partnership 2Gether program. Partnership 2Gether is a Jewish Agency for Israel Program that is meant to form deeper ties between Israelis and Americans in which Louisville has been participating since 1997.

Kishon told the teens about what life is like for high schoolers in Israel and encouraged them to start a photography project in partnership with his high school students.

BBYO Progressive Dinner

On Friday, April 11, Louisville BBYO joined together for a Progressive Dinner. Appetizers were hosted by Sarah Hyman; the main course was hosted by Audrey Nussbaum; and dessert was hosted by Bradley Schwartz.

After dinner, the girls searched for Fruit Loops at Audrey's house and the boys watched a movie at Bradley's house. Fun was had by all.

Louisville BBYO Receives International Teen Awards

Jay Levine BBG and Drew Corson AZA were recently notified that they received Chapter Excellence Awards. Jay Levine BBG received the Miriam Albert Chapter Excellence Award and Drew Corson AZA received the Henry Monsky Chapter Excellence Award.

The Miriam Albert Chapter Excellence Award is the most prestigious honor a BBG chapter can earn. It requires

that the chapter represent top quality in all areas of chapter operations – a growing membership, diverse and rich programming, healthy chapter organization, and consistent contributions as well as participation in the initiatives and programs led by the International Order.

The Henry Monsky Chapter Excellence Award is the most prestigious honor a BBG chapter can earn. It requires that the chapter represent top quality in all areas of chapter operations – a growing membership, diverse and rich programming, healthy chapter organization, and consistent contributions as well as participation in the initiatives and programs led by the International Order.

In addition, Daniel Segal received the Bronze Shield of David Award, the Silver Shield of David Award and the Tree of Life Recruitment Award; Eli Gould received the Bronze Shield of David Award and the Silver Shield of David Award; and Becca Lustig received the Eternal Light Recruitment Award.

The Shield of David Award, recognizes Alephs who throughout their tenure in Aleph Zadik Aleph have displayed outstanding leadership contributions, a consistent commitment to the fraternity that is AZA, and a consistently participated across all tiers of the Order – Chapter, Council, Regionally and Globally.

The Tree of Life Recruitment Award is an honor given to those Alephs who have played a significant and lasting part in growing the Aleph Zadik Aleph. As a result of their efforts, they have con-



Above, Jay Levine BBG and below, Drew Corson AZA enjoyed the progressive dinner.



tributed to the strengthening of our Order's future. Open to all Alephs in good standing, these young men leave a legacy in their Chapters, Councils, Regions and Countries – embracing a new generation to love, cherish and preserve the traditions of the Aleph Zadik Aleph and BBYO.

The Eternal Light Recruitment Award recognizes those BBGs who have played

a significant and lasting part in growing the B'nai B'rith Girls. As a result of their efforts, they have contributed to the strengthening of our Order's future. These young women leave a legacy in their Chapters, Councils, Regions and Countries – embracing a new generation to love, cherish and preserve the traditions of the B'nai B'rith Girls and BBYO.

CHAVURAT SHALOM



Chavurat Shalom meets at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42. It is a community-wide program. All synagogue members and Jewish residents welcome.

May 1

No meeting. Happy Derby!

May 8

The Silver Notes will perform many favorite songs.

May 15

Ken Schultz, a former weather personality, will speak about "Maximizing Doctor Visits."

May 22

Allan Steinberg will present "Magic Tricks" and Cindy Hytken will talk about "Exploring Kentucky."

May 29

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will present "Jews and the Civil War."

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.

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NEWSMAKERS

Ruth Brinkley was chosen by Business First as its 2014 Enterprising Woman of Influence for her effort and commitment while leading KentuckyOne Health Inc. during its first years. Brinkley was interviewed for the March 28 edition of Business First.

Louisville psychiatrist **Dr. Ora Frankel** opened The Couch, an immediate mental health care practice, in January. The facility is located next door to her existing practice on Lime Kiln Lane, and serves patients who need assistance sooner than they are able to get an appointment with a mental health professional. The Couch offers counseling services for crisis situations, as well as routine medication checks.

Dr. Lawrence Gettleman received the 2014 Leadership Award at the Louisville Regional Science & Engineering Fair during the 50th Anniversary Awards Ceremony on March 8. Gettleman is a professor of prosthodontics and biomaterials at the U of L School of Dentistry; he traces his successful and prolific career to his winning the grand prize at the South Florida Regional Science Fair in 1958. His winning entry, which later placed fourth in the National Science Fair, was an apparatus that uti-



Dr. Lawrence Gettleman, a longtime professor and scientist, received the 2014 Leadership Award at the Louisville Regional Science & Engineering Fair during the 50th Anniversary Awards Ceremony on March 8. This honor was conferred by Dr. Thomas H. Crawford, LRSEF Emeritus Board member and last year's winner.

lized the physics of polarized light.

Southern Indiana Rehab Hospital, a partnership of Frazier Rehab Institute, Clark Memorial and Floyd Memorial Hospitals associated with KentuckyOne Health, has a new therapy puppy. Jozie is a goldendoodle who will work closely with Lily, the facility's adult therapy dog, and her handler, Deb Strickler, a recreational therapist. Jozie will learn to retrieve objects, open automatic doors, and other tasks to assist patients at the

facility.

Under the leadership of **Dr. Martin Kommer**, chair of the West Virginia University Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry/Charleston Division, resident physicians in psychiatry achieved the highest score nationwide for the last four of five years on the Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Competency Test. Dr. Kommer, formerly of Louisville, is the son of Selma and Alvin Kommer.



Janet Meyer, Rabbi Bradley Tecktiel and Sonny Meyer

Janet and Sonny Meyer recently attended meetings in Las Vegas, NV, of the Jewish Funeral Directors of America and Kavod, the Independent Jewish Funeral Directors Association. Sonny is a past president of the Jewish Funeral Directors of America. The main topic at Kavod was "Keeping Jewish Funerals Jewish," including a panel discussion with three rabbis, one of whom was **Rabbi Bradley Tecktiel**, former rabbi at Keneseth Israel.

The Ignite Louisville team working

with New Roots, the organization headed by **Karyn Moskowitz**, was selected as winner of the 2014 Yum! IGNITES Louisville Challenge, winning \$1,500 for their nonprofit agency. In addition, YUM! Brands Foundation surprised the winning agency and a second place winner by contributing additional funds. New Roots will receive a bonus \$1,500 gift for a total of \$3,000, and a second nonprofit, Volunteers of America, will receive a \$1,500 contribution.

The **Cardiovascular Innovation Institute**, a partnership between U of L and Jewish Hospital, is working to develop a 3D-printed heart, as reported in *Business First*. Cell biologist Stuart Williams and colleagues on the project have printed human heart valves and small veins with cells. They believe they can print parts and assemble an entire heart within five years, although it could be years – or decades – before it's ready to be placed into a person.

Corrections

In the Passover section of the April issue of *Community*, there is an error in the instructions for the torte from the Bristol. The ingredients call for five eggs, separated, but the directions say to use three egg yolks and three egg whites. The ingredients list is correct. Use five egg yolks and five egg whites.

Izzy Assour's name was misspelled in the headline of the Centerpiece article on Israeli art in the Patio Gallery.

Goldenberg and Gurevich Named to LEO Watch List

LEO Weekly decided that Millennials are getting a bad rap. While 19-33 year olds are thought of as "unmotivated, lost and generally useless" as well as "obsessed with selfies, not selflessness," that is not the case, the LEO column says.

In fact, the paper has put together its first list of "24 Twentysomethings to Watch," showcasing Millennials who are already on the move and setting the standard of achievement for their generation. Two of those on the list are Ben Goldenberg and Eric Gurevich.

Ben Goldenberg, 28, is the Jewish Community of Louisville's marketing director. Passionate about his work, Goldenberg is always looking for ways to increase the visibility of the Jewish Community Center and the Annual Federation Campaign and to engage more people.

He describes himself as a strategic thinker who takes the global impact of the JCL's efforts into account every day and encourages his coworkers to work ahead, allowing enough time for events and marketing efforts to be well thought out and timely.

"Ben is a real asset to our organization," said JCL President and CEO Stu Silberman. "He is creative and proactive in his approach to all of our communications efforts. He understands our audiences and looks for new ways to reach them. He is always ready to go the extra mile to make things happen. His inclusion in LEO's Twentysomethings Watch List is well deserved recognition for the difference he is making on behalf of our community."

Goldenberg is also involved with the American Red Cross.

Eric Gurevich, 25, is the community outreach coordinator at Old 502 Winery. A first-generation American, he explained in the LEO write up, his "parents fled the Soviet Union to make a better life for themselves and their chil-

dren. Their perseverance and success is my inspiration to not only better myself but also my greater community."

Gurevich describes himself in LEO as "deeply interested in collaboration and stacking functions. I'm not afraid to ask for help, especially from people in the know. It's one thing to lead by example, but an entirely different thing to engage those around you and create something collective."



Ben Goldenberg

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AROUND TOWN

KI Celebrates Rabbi Wolk's Birthday

Keneseth Israel will celebrate Rabbi Michael Wolk's birthday during Shabbat services on April 26, with a special lunch after services. The congregation invites the community to join them for this happy occasion.

The Temple Torah Discussion Is Every Saturday Morning

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

Temple Shalom Hosts Mah Jongg and Texas Hold-'em Game Day

Temple Shalom invites the community to a pre-Derby game day hosted by Women of Temple Shalom (WOTS) and Temple Shalom Men's Club, on Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m. WOTS will host a community-wide Mah Jongg day, and the Men's Club hosts a Texas Hold-'em style poker afternoon. Both events are open to all. The cost for Mah Jongg players is \$5 and there is a \$10 buy-in for poker; costs include soft drinks and snacks. RSVP to Temple Shalom at 458-4739.

People of the Book Club to Meet

People of the Book Club at Keneseth Israel will discuss this month's book on Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m. The selection is *Search Committee* by Rabbi Marc Angel, which illustrates the difficulties in choosing a direction an orthodox yeshiva wishes to follow, be it modern or traditional orthodoxy. If you have questions, please call 459-2780.

The Temple's Basic Judaism Class Meets Through May

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport teaches the third trimester of The Temple's Basic Judaism class, "What do Jews believe?" He will delve into Jewish concepts and basic beliefs. The class is open to anyone who wants to know more about Judaism. It meets from 8-9 p.m. on Mondays through May. No session on Memorial Day. If you are not a current student in The Temple Adult Education classes, please call 423-1818 before joining.

Wednesday Torah Study at The Temple Runs through August

Torah Study at The Temple with Rabbi Rapport continues throughout the summer on Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.-noon. Each session stands on its own merit, and is open to the community; no registration is required.

AJ Plans Derby-Day Shabbat

Race over to Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, May 3, for a Derby-Day Shabbat. Services begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by special Derby-inspired desserts. Wear your Derby hats and enjoy the air-conditioned facilities – rain or shine. It beats the Infield by a mile.

AJ Extends Introduction to Judaism Class

By popular demand, AJ is extending the class schedule for Cantor David Lipp's "Introduction to Judaism" class, held on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Benovitz Family Library. Dates in May are May 5 and May 12; continues through June. The class is free and open to the community. For more information, contact Cantor Lipp at 458-5359 or dlipp@adathjeshurun.com.

Adult Ed First Monday Series Explores the Middle East

The Adult Ed First Monday Series at Temple Shalom hosts Keiron O'Connell presenting *The Physical and Cultural Geography of the Middle East – Test Your Knowledge*, on Monday, May 5, at 7 p.m. Come and test your knowledge from an Israeli perspective in an enjoyable and non-threatening forum. Refreshments will follow; all are welcome from other congregations and the general public. Call Temple Shalom at 458-4739 and leave a message for Sofiya if you plan to attend.

Knit & Qvell to Meet May 7

The Knit & Qvell Circle meets at Anshei Sfard on the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the shul library. New knitters are welcome, and Knit & Qvell also appreciates donations of washable yarn or money to purchase more yarn. All items are donated to the Jefferson County Public School Clothes Closet as charity. The next meeting is May 7. For more information, call Toby Horvitz at 458-7108, Fran Winchell at 426-4660, or Esther Strizak at 812-218-8952.

AJ's Weekly Mishneh Torah Class Meets Downtown

Adath Jeshurun offers a weekly class in Mishneh Torah in downtown Louisville. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag dairy lunch and join Rabbi Robert Slosberg and Cantor David Lipp in the office of Steve Berger at 500 W. Jefferson St. on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. Prior knowledge of Jewish texts and Hebrew is NOT required. This lively discussion is open to the community. Dates are May 9, 16, 23, and 30.

AJ Plans Mother's Day Shabbat

Fulfill the mitzvah of *Kibud Eim*, honoring your mother, at a Mother's Day Shabbat at AJ on May 10. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by a special Mother's Day dessert reception.

Art at The Temple is Mother's Day Weekend

The Women of Reform Judaism presents Art at The Temple on Mother's Day weekend. On Saturday, May 10, hours are 7-10 p.m.; on Sunday, May 11, the event begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

KI Mother's Day Brunch is May 11

Keneseth Israel Sisterhood will hold their annual Mother's Day Brunch on May 11 at 11:30 a.m. Come enjoy delicious food and piano selections played by Nate Pinhas. Adults and children over 12 – \$12; children ages 4 to 11 – \$6; free for children ages 3 and younger. Mail a check for your reservations no later than Wednesday, May 7, to Keneseth Israel Sisterhood, c/o Beth Haines, 2907 Summerfield Drive, Louisville, KY 40220.

Come to the Movies at AJ

Bring your friends and enjoy free movies and more at AJ. All shows begin at 3 p.m. and are open to the community. On May 13, the movie is *Big Hand for the Little Lady*, a comedy centering on a poker game in the Old West with Henry Fonda, Joanne Woodward, Jason Robards, and Burgess Meredith. On May 27, see *Marcus Welby, M.D.* Robert Young plays Dr. Marcus Welby, a superhero with a stethoscope, ably assisted by Dr. Steven Kiley, played by James Brolin.

KI Presents Shabbat Shalom Hey!

Preschool children and their parents are invited to welcome in Shabbat with *Shabbat Shalom Hey!* at Keneseth Israel on Friday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m. An abbreviated musical Kabbalat Shabbat showcases the children singing the Shabbat songs taught throughout the school year. At 5:45 p.m. a light, kid-friendly dinner will be served. The full traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

AJ's Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation Is May 17

Parents and students in kindergarten through seventh grade are invited to attend Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation at AJ. The final service before summer break is Saturday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com for more information.

KI Katan Shabbat Is May 17

KI Katan Shabbat service is for the youngest of members – toddlers through kindergarteners. The next KI Katan is Saturday, May 17, at 10:45 a.m. The service is very participatory with songs, prayers, and stories led by the Keneseth Israel clergy. All are encouraged to join in the fun, especially parents.

AJ Shabbat Scholar Will Teach Sample Melton Lesson

Rabbi Laura Metzger is the Adath Jeshurun Shabbat Scholar following morning services on Saturday, May 17. Rabbi Metzger will teach a sample lesson from the Melton Scholars Curriculum on Exodus. The program is open to the community and all are welcome.

Dave Goldstein to Perform at Temple Shalom Annual Dinner

Eat, Laugh, Celebrate on Saturday, May 17, at Temple Shalom's Annual Dinner. Direct from New York, Temple Shalom presents comedian Dave Goldstein, as seen on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*. Gift baskets and other items will be raffled. Admission, \$40 per person, includes meat or vegetarian dinner and desserts. Call 458-4739 for more information and reservations.

AJ Book Club Meets May 18

Join the Adath Jeshurun Book Club on Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. in the AJ Benovitz Library for a discussion of *The Liar's Gospel* by Naomi Alderman. New participants are always welcome and all meetings are open to the community. For information about the book or the meeting, call Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or email dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

KI Has Fun, Games and a Concert May 18

All are invited to Keneseth Israel on May 18 at 2:30 p.m. for boxed picnic lunches, a s'mores bar, and fun and games on the great lawn. At 4 p.m., go inside for a lively musical performance by Cantors Sharon Hordes and David Lipp, and special guest performer Noah Budin. Noah is an accomplished singer-songwriter who will entertain us with his Jewish folk songs and other melodies. Cost for 12 years to adult is \$15; \$5 for ages 3-11; children two years and younger are free. Admission includes lawn events, s'mores bar, and concert. Boxed lunches are \$6.

AJ's 92nd Street Y Presentation Features Elie Wiesel

Adath Jeshurun presents *Live from New York's 92nd Street Y* on Thursday, May 22, at 8 p.m. This month's broadcast features Elie Wiesel, renowned Romanian-born Jewish-American professor, political activist, author, and 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner. A dessert reception begins 30 minutes before the broadcast, which is open to the community and free of charge. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

JFCS Annual Meeting Is May 27

Jewish Family & Career Services invites the community to attend its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Louis & Lee Roth Family Center. Desserts and coffee will be served after the meeting. Please contact JFCS at 452-6341 to reserve your seat.

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B'nai Mitzvah

Henry Dawes Harkins

Henry Dawes Harkins, son of Karyn and the late Eric Harkins and brother of Jason, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, at



Keneseth Israel Synagogue. Henry is the grandson of Roy and Janie Hyman of Louisville and David and Margaret Harkins of Sellersburg, IN.

Henry is a seventh grader at Kammerer Middle School, where he plays trombone in the Kammerer band. He has been playing since fourth grade and has been selected for JCPS All County School Band for the past three years. In his spare time, you can find Henry playing on his Xbox or on the computer. He loves bike riding, paintball, and roller-skating as well. Henry is participating

in the Pledge 13 program and he has volunteered at Gilda's Club and Wilder Elementary School.

Henry and his family invite the community to join them in celebrating this happy occasion.

Walker Greenwald

Walker Love-man Greenwald, son of Deborah and Bart Greenwald, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, May 17, at 5 p.m. at The Temple.



Walker is the grandson of Murray and the late Peggy Hirsch Greenwald, of Louisville, Anna Walker and R.C. and Marie Walker, of London, KY.

Walker is in seventh grade at Louisville Collegiate School where he plays basketball and lacrosse and plays keyboard in the middle school rock band. He also has a particular love for math and has participated in the Johns Hopkins University youth mathematics program for three summers.

For part of his Mitzvah project, Walker is volunteering at Heuser Hearing and Language Academy, a local preschool for children who are deaf, hearing impaired and speech/language delayed.

Walker, Deborah and Bart invite you to come and celebrate his bar mitzvah.

Zev Landon Meyerowitz

Zev Landon Meyerowitz, son of Sandra and Victor Meyerowitz and brother of Laina, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, at Kaden Towers with Chabad



of Louisville. Zev is the grandson of Louis (deceased) and Vera Dubilier of Lexington, KY and Simon and Sylvia Meyerowitz of Irvine, CA.

Zev is in the seventh grade at Kammerer Middle School, where

he is a member of the cross-country team, track team, and Beta Club. Zev also plays percussion in the Kammerer band. He loves spending time with his friends and family, running, skiing, and building things.

Zev is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program. He is collecting shoes for Water Step, an organization that helps build water treatment systems for communities throughout the world where clean water is scarce. He was also involved in the making of the Holocaust documentary shown on Yom Hashoah. Zev and his family invite the community to celebrate with them at his bar mitzvah service.

Gabrielle Aberson

Gabrielle Ashley Aberson, daughter of Jacqueline Aberson and Leslie Aberson and sister of Jordan, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple.

Gabrielle is the granddaughter of Leslie D. and Genie Aberson of Louisville see LIFECYCLE page 22



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Temple Shalom Rocks Shabbat

Temple Shalom invites the community to an extraordinary Rock Shabbat, with the choir from Lexington's Temple Adath Israel and Lorne Dechtenberg, artistic director of the Bluegrass Opera since 2008. Friday, May 30, at 6:15 p.m.; call Temple Shalom at 458-4739 for more information. This event is free.

Temple Day at Bernheim Forest Promises Outdoor Fun

The Temple's Brotherhood presents the second annual Temple Day at Bernheim Forest on June 1. Gather at 10 a.m. at The Temple to caravan to Bernheim and enjoy a day of outdoor activities, ice cream, and more. For details or to RSVP call The Temple office at 423-1818 by May 23. For more information about Bernheim Forest, visit their website, bernheim.org.

Joint-Congregational Shavuot Tikkun Leil Study Planned

Celebrate Shavuot at a joint-synagogue observance with Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel and Temple Shalom on Tuesday, June 3, at 7:45 p.m. at AJ. Just as the Israelites stayed up late the night before receiving the Ten Commandments,

so do we – but with refreshments, learning, and songs. The program includes "Cinematic Sinai," film clips and commentary on Midrashic Movie Moments by Cantor David Lipp; candle-lighting and Maariv led by Cantor Sharon Hordes; dairy dishes catered by Chef Maureen of Café Fraiche; and a discussion, *Revelation 2.0: Dairy Domain*, with participation by Rabbis Laura Metzger, Stanley Miles, Robert Slosberg and Michael Wolk. Open to the community.

Temple Shalom to Host Trivia Challenge

Temple Shalom invites the community to an afternoon of trivia and fun, Sunday, June 8. Recruit your team now. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the first trivia challenge is at 4:30. Food will be available for purchase all afternoon. The cost is \$100 for a table of 8 or \$12.50 per person; cost for middle school and high school students is \$8.50. For reservations, call Temple Shalom at 458-4739.

Vaad Hakashruth Annual Dinner is June 15

Save the date for the Louisville Vaad Hakashruth Annual Dinner at the Hyatt Regency, Downtown Louisville. Sunday, June 15; 6 p.m.

Congregations Announce 2014 Confirmands

Traditionally, 10th grade religious school students in Louisville are confirmed on or near Shavuot. The following information has been provided by the congregations.

Congregation Adath Jeshurun Saturday, May 24, 9:30 a.m.

Confirmands
Rebecca Sloane Carney, daughter of Ellen and Marty Carney
Madelyn Rose Geer, daughter of Claire and Liam Felsen and the late Steve Geer
Jonah Seth Goodman, son of Felicia and Randy Goodman
Jacob Evan Lapin, son of Sandy Lapin and the late Jodi Lapin
Rebecca Anne Lustig, daughter of Joanie and Craig Lustig
Emily Blair Schulman, daughter of Robin and Butch Schulman

Keneseth Israel

Saturday, May 31, 9:30 a.m.

Confirmands
Isaac Weiss, son on Dr. Kevin and Robin Weiss
Hillary Reskin, daughter of James and Rhonda Reskin

The Temple

Erev Shavuot, Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m.

Confirmands
Henry Brousseau, son of Bob Brousseau and Karen Berg
Jacob Finke, son of David and Helene Finke
Arianna Goldstein, daughter of Craig and Elise Goldstein
Jack Grossman, son of Ken and

Marcy Grossman
Daniel Hemmer, son of Todd and Caryl Hemmer
Asa Hiken, son of Jim and Susan Hiken
Jason Joffe, son of Colyn and Ellen Joffe
Chad Kamen, son of Craig and Abby Kamen
Aaron Kay-Anthony, son of Hal and Robin Kay-Anthony
Daniel Levine, son of Glenn and Marci Levine
Cooper Mannel, son of Rick and Mindy Mannel
Audrey Nussbaum, daughter of Halle Nussbaum and Jay Nussbaum
Mark Clayton Oppenheimer, son of Mark and Gail Oppenheimer
Michael Pearson, son of David and Margaret Pearson
Molly Schuster, daughter of Hunt and Linda Schuster
Sarah Schwartz, daughter of Robert and Ann Schwartz
Bradley Schwartz, son of Matt and Cindy Schwartz
Zachary Vine, son of Michael and Susan Vine

Temple Shalom

Erev Shavuot*, Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m.

Confirmands
Sam Edwards-Kuhn, son of Beth Kuh 19n and Kenneth Edwards
Rachel Goldwin, daughter of Beth and Larry Goldwin
Emma Rosenberg, daughter of Allison Rosenberg and Alex Rosenberg
Sarah Ward, daughter of Lisa and Tony Ward

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and Deanna Rieber and the late Harold Rieber of Long Island, NY.

Gabrielle is a seventh grader at Louisville Collegiate School where she is a member of the field hockey, lacrosse, and swim teams.

Gabrielle is participating in Jewish Family and Career Services Pledge 13 program and has completed community service at various locations, including the Humane Society, Meals on Wheels, The Jewish Community Center and Dare to Care Food Bank.

Gabrielle and her family invite the community to celebrate her bat mitzvah and the Kiddush luncheon following the service.



Adam Rudy

Adam Benjamin Rudy will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. at The Temple.

Adam is the son of Susan Rudy and Lewis Rudy, and the brother of Josh

Rudy. Adam's grandparents are Phyllis Aronson of Omaha, NE, and Mildred and Saul Rudy of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Adam currently attends the dePaul School, and will attend Walden in the fall. He plays on both the basketball and golf teams and is a green belt in karate. As an active Boy Scout with The Temple's Troop 30, he looks forward to backpacking through Philmont Scout Ranch, a national high adventure base in New Mexico, this summer.

Adam has completed numerous service projects through Troop 30 and also participates in Pledge 13, where he has especially enjoyed helping as a JCC camp counselor. In honor of his bar mitzvah, Adam has established a B'nai Tzedek fund through the Jewish Community of Louisville.

Engagement

Zimmerman-Garvey

Dorrie Zimmerman and Justin Horn are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of Joel Zimmerman to Allison Garvey.

Joel is a graduate of Miami University and currently attends the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville. He also is the director of Government Affairs for the Kidz Club. Allison is a graduate of Transylvania University and is currently employed by NTS as a leasing associate.

Joel is the son of Dorrie Zimmerman and the late Eddie Zimmerman, and the grandson of Syrl Charn and the late Leo Charn and Ann and Nathan Zimmerman, all of Louisville. Allison is the



daughter of Barbara and Mike Garvey of Hanover, IN, and the granddaughter of the late Jean Lundsford.

Rabbi Stanley Miles will officiate at their June 21 wedding. The couple plan to reside in Louisville.

Obituaries

Elsa Jean Schuster

Elsa Jean Schuster died Saturday, March 29, at Westport Place.

She was a native of Louisville, born in 1924 to Samuel and Bess Goldberg. She was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun and the Sisterhood, National Council of Jewish Women - Louisville Section, Hadasah, a longtime member of the Standard Club, and charter member of the Jefferson Club. Elsa was an avid bridge player, along with golf and tennis, and an ardent UofL fan. She will always be remembered as the "Balloon Lady" for all occasions.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Deborah Poole.

She is survived by her husband, Irving Schuster; her son, J. Lon Schuster (Cathy); her son-in-law, Wade Poole III; her grandchildren, Dr. Bryce Schuster (Dr. Julie) and Corey Schuster (Alison) of McLean, VA; her great-grandchildren, Halle, Burke and Logan Schuster; her brother, Julian Goldberg; her sister, Judith Glauber (Warren) of Cleveland, OH; and her sister-in-law, Marcia Schuster.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Alzheimer's Association, Hosparus, or donor's favorite charity.



Karl N. Victor, Jr.

Karl N. "Buzz" Victor, Jr., 80, died Friday, April 11, at Baptist Health Louisville. He was a graduate of Male High School, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, and the University of Louisville

School of Law. He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of the 100th Division.

Buzz began his law practice with Helman-Shaikun-Victor and was with Conliff-Sandman-Sullivan for 40 years. He was appointed as Police Court Judge by Mayor Harvey Sloane, was a former lead prosecutor with the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, and was appointed by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson as a Jefferson County District Judge.

He was a former president of Actors, Inc., which merged with Theatre of Louisville and led him to become a founder and former president of Actors Theatre of Louisville. He was a former horse owner and partner of Victor and Vine Stables. He was a member of The Temple, the Standard Club, the Turf Club at Churchill Downs, the American Bar Association, Kentucky Bar Association, Louisville Bar Association, Jefferson County Bar Association, and a former board member of Visiting Nurses Association.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Karl N. Victor, Sr. and Julia Felsen-thal Victor; and his sister, Joyce Unrich.

He is survived by his loving wife, Roxanne Helman Victor; his son, Karl N. Victor III (Colette); his daughter, Gwenn Victor-Lieber (Paul) of Venice Beach,

CA; three grandchildren, Aaron Daniel Victor, Gabriell Louise Victor and Samuel Karl Lieber; and two nieces, Vicky Unrich and Sharon Butler.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or Actors Theatre of Louisville.

Minnie O'Koon

Minnie O'Koon, 97, formerly of Louisville, died Wednesday, April 16, at the Baptist Convalescent Center in Newport. She is preceded in death by her parents, Nathan Shersky and Freda Gradman Shersky; her husband, Alvin O'Koon; and her son, Selig O'Koon.

She is survived by her son, Sam O'Koon (Pat) of Florence; her daughter, Patti Deissle of Dayton, OH; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to donor's favorite charity.

David Carl Leibschutz

David Carl Leibschutz, M.D., 71, passed away Thursday, April 17, at his home after a long battle with brain cancer.

Born April 8, 1943, in Louisville, he was the son of Helen and Isaac Leibschutz. He was a 1961 graduate of Atherton High School and 1964 graduate of the University of Louisville. He received his medical degree from the University of Louisville in 1968 and did his surgical residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City, Iowa from 1970 to 1975. Dr. Leibschutz served as a Flight Surgeon in the US Army at the rank of Major from 1968 to 1970 at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Dr. Leibschutz moved to Danville in November 1975 and opened his surgical practice in January 1976. He closed his practice and retired from surgery in October 2003, but remained active in medicine. Doctor Leibschutz was a Fellow of the American College of Surgery. He served as vice president of the Kentucky Medical Association in 1993 and served on the KMA Board for 12 years representing Boyle County. He served on the Boyle County Board of Health for 37 years and as Chairman for 21 years.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Leibschutz; one son, Robert Leibschutz (LeaAnne) of Delray Beach, FL; two daughters, Elizabeth Leibschutz-Roettger (Bart) of Louisville and Ann Leibschutz of Washington, D.C.; three grandchildren; and one sister, Marilyn Lobell of Tuscon, Arizona.

Burial was in Stuart Powell Field, Danville, KY. Preston-Pruitt Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may go to the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Cancer Center at Duke Medical Center or the University of Louisville James Graham Brown Cancer Research Center.

Helene K. Penner

Helene K. Penner, 95, died Friday, April 18, at Golden Living Center - St. Matthews.

She was a native of New York, NY, born December 12, 1918, to the late Harry Koplik and Carrie Davis Koplik. She was a retired executive secretary for the Board of Realtors of Ridgewood, NY, and a member of Temple Shalom.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and her husband of 57 years, Alex Penner.

She is survived by her sons, Daniel Penner (Tami) and Jonathan Penner (Aurora) of Palm Springs, CA; and two grandchildren, Naomi and Gareth Penner.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Temple Shalom, the University of Louisville's J. Graham Brown Cancer

Center or Hosparus.

Boris Khaskin

Boris Khaskin, 82, died Sunday, April 20, at Hosparus Inpatient Care Center.

Born in Ukraine, June 13, 1930, to the late Yakov and Eugenia Khaskin. He was a retired electrical engineer and a member of The Temple.

He is survived by his wife, Nelya Safronova Khaskin; his daughter, Yelena Ioffe (Alexander); and two grandsons, Jacob and Michael Ioffe.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple.

Louis Sidney Frankel

Louis Sidney Frankel, 83, of Louisville, died Tuesday, April 22, at his residence.

He was born in Bridgeport, CT, a retired food sales representative for Manischewitz and a Corporal in the US Army during WWII. He was an umpire for 58 years, organizing the Kentuckiana Redshirt League, giving 47 years of service as a sport official at Jewish Community Center and taught umpire classes at University of Louisville.

He was a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, Keneseth Israel Men's Club, Congregation Anshei Sfard and Jewish Community Center.

Throughout his career associated with sports, Lou received many honors and awards including Kentucky Baseball & Coaches Hall of Fame, the KHSBCA Hall of Fame, being a lifetime member of Kentuckiana Football Officials Association and a Kentucky Colonel.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Janice Lee Weinberg Frankel; his children, Diane Ilene Washington (Lamont), Alan Ross Frankel (Paula) and Susan Hope Kreitman; his grandchildren, Lamont, Hillary, Jenny (Dale), Rebecca, Emily and Amanda; and great-grandchildren, Ron, Aliyah, Sydney, Maddie, Shelby and Sam.

Burial was in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation, Congregation Anshei Sfard, CASA and the Louis Frankel Fund at Keneseth Israel.

Thomas Kempe Baer

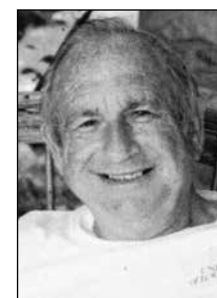
Thomas Kempe Baer, 86, died Tuesday, April 22.

He was a native of Cleveland, OH, born September 2, 1927, to the late Milton and Hermoine Baer. He was a graduate of Henry Clay High School in Lexington, KY, a graduate of Bentley College of Accountancy and a US Coast Guard veteran. He was a Certified Public Accountant, Past VP of Louisville Jaycees, Past President of Louisville & KY State Board of Accountants, Past Officer of National Board of Accountancy, Past Treasurer and current member of The Temple, Trustee of Bernheim Forest Board of Trustees (Honorary Trustee) and Past Treasurer of Brooklawn.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie Baer; his children, Bruce Baer (Nancy), Tom Baer (Laine) and Betsy Baer; his grandchildren, Jillian Baer, Brandon Baer, Michael Baer, Andrew Baer, Amy Wilson, Stacey Wilson and Brian Wilson; his great-grandchildren, Benjamin Baer and Harriet Wilson.

His body had been donated to the University of Louisville for scientific purposes. A Memorial Service will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 25, at The Temple. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple, Bernheim Forest or Parkinson's Disease Research.



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D'VAR TORAH

Freedom is only part of the story and half of the truth. Freedom is but the negative aspect of the whole phenomenon whose positive aspect is responsibility. In fact, freedom is in danger of degenerating into mere arbitrariness unless it is lived in terms of responsibility. That is why I recommend that the Statue of Liberty on the East Coast of the United States be supplemented by a Statue of Responsibility on the West Coast.

— excerpt from *Man's Search for Meaning* by Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl

by Cantor David Lipp

As we approach *Shavuot*, it's worth remembering that we have our own temporal version of Frankl's vision. I wonder whether this was in the back of his mind when he spoke of the desire for a complementary structure to Lady Liberty. In the same way that we have a Festival of Freedom in *Pesach*, we have a Festival of Revelation — representing the Responsibility that comes with Freedom — in *Shavuot*.

It was not always thus.

The Torah says nothing about the connection between the Feast of Weeks and the Revelation at Sinai; rather Rabbinic commentators much later supply the historical connection between the two events. While Biblical Israel needed an agricultural celebration for various harvests for its agrarian economy, it seems appropriate that, as the Rabbinic era began and more of the Jewish or Judean people became urban, that a historical dimension would be more meaningful. Thus were the dots of freedom connected to revelation at Sinai.

When the Zionist project of the State of Israel was developing in the early 20th century and the Kibbutz and Moshav movements tried to consciously recreate agricultural values, there was a resurgence of liturgical secular creativity including musical pageants and celebrations for *Shavuot* renewing it as a modern harvest festival.

For those of us in the diaspora, primarily urban Jews, we tend to still be inspired by the historical connection made by the rabbis and the addition made by the kabbalists of Tzfat in the 16th century. Building on a midrash that we ancient Israelites almost overslept the revelation, they developed an all night session of Torah study, a *Tikkun*, to 'atone' for the sin of our ancient ancestors. Traditionally one is supposed to study all night and pray early in the morning, a *Hashkama minyan* (a 'wake-up' service) to atone for that ancient sleepy-headed misstep. Caffeine is normally ubiquitous in such settings.

At least four *Tikkunim* will take place this *Shavuot* in Louisville, all commencing on Tuesday night, June 3rd:

1. At 9 p.m., the Temple will feature Rabbi David Ariel-Joel teaching "The Hidden Holiday of *Shavuot*: From the Covenant of the Rainbow to the Covenant at Sinai" speaking of the holiday as one of the seven Torah holidays and its development in later rabbinic thought using text from the Dead Sea Scrolls.
2. On that same night, also starting at 9 p.m., Chabad will commemorate the holiday with the festival service, a dairy meal, and Torah study throughout the night with a new topic being presented each hour. There will also be time for the reciting of the traditional excerpts of Torah known as "*Tikkun* for the night of *Shavuot*."
3. Slightly earlier, at 8:45 p.m., Anshei Sfard will host a service, a light dinner with Torah Study through midnight. Rabbis Joshua Golding and Evan Rubin will teach about the relative importance of Torah study (*Talmud Torah*) compared with performance of commandments (*Maaseh HaMitzvot*).
4. At AJ, prior to the beginning of the holiday at 7:45 p.m., Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel and Temple Shalom will jointly sponsor *Revelation 2.0: Dairy Domain* with a pre-holiday film talk (*Cinematic Sinai*) including clips from films with Biblical themes, followed by a service, a light dairy meal from Cafe Fraiche and teachings from Rabbis Stanley Miles, Michael Wolk, Laura Metzger and Robert Slosberg on topics ranging from the culinary to Star Trek, from the *Mekhilta* to the *Mishna Brura*. Musical interludes will be provided by Cantor Sharon Hordes and myself.

There has always been a messianic connotation to the late night study sessions, whether they last until dawn or until midnight. If we can only make it all night, maybe the Messiah will come.

Speaking of the realization of an abstract hope in material form, I was startled to find that Viktor Frankl's vision, with which I began, has a Foundation committed to its realization. There is a project called The *Statue of Responsibility Foundation* which, in 2013, was taken over by the State of Utah that hosts the artist, Gary Lee Price, who designed a statue of just such a monument to be built in one of five potential host cities: Long Beach, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco (California) or Seattle (Washington).

The Foundation intends to incorporate the following elements of the Statue of Liberty into the Statue of Responsibility:

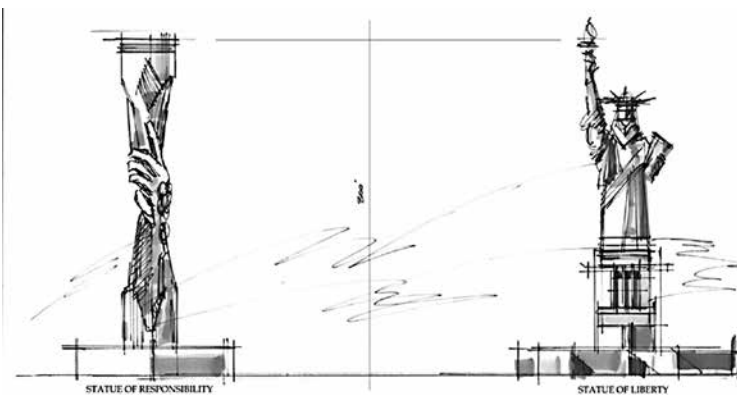
- Erected on an island or water front location;
- Total height 305 feet above ground

level (same as the Statue of Liberty);

- Internal access to observation deck on top of monument;
- Located in the harbor of a major city; and
- The property will eventually be offered as a national park.

As we prepare for *Shavuot* 49 days after constructing our Seders of Freedom, let's all use that same creativity to build our own temporal sculptures of responsibility at one or more of the opportunities available to us on the night of June 3.

Shabbat candles should be lit Fridays, April 25, at 8:10 p.m.; May 2, 8:16 p.m.;



SIDE BY SIDE

May 9, 8:23 p.m.; May 16, 8:29 p.m.; May 23, 8:35 p.m.; May 30, 8:40 p.m.; and for *Shavuot*, Tuesday, June 3, 8:43 p.m. and Wednesday, June 4, after 9:49 p.m.

Editor's note: Cantor David Lipp, the cantor of Congregation Adath Jeshurun (Conservative), has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

Shlichah Dafi Duck Is Coming to Camp

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Summer Camp at the JCC is always lots of fun and there are plenty of opportunities for children to learn without even realizing that they are doing so. This summer, campers will be learning about Israel through songs, games and activities with the camp's resident shlichah, Dafna Chen.

Chen, 21, who likes to go by the nickname Dafi Duck, is from Kibbutz Tel Katzir in Israel's Jordan Valley. She has experience working with young children in a day care center, and has about four years experience working with special

needs children. She has also been a chocolate workshop instructor for the Galita Chocolate Farm.

Born and raised on a kibbutz, she loves to sing and make art, learn about new cultures and get together with new people.

As with last year's successful shlichah, Chen will be staying with host families while she is in Louisville. Additional host families are needed. For more information about serving as a host family, please contact Rachel Lipkin, 238-2701 or rlipkin@jewishlouisville.org.

Watch for a full interview in *Community* when she arrives in Louisville.

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*Here's
one
way to fight cancer.*

Colon cancer is up to 90% preventable.

If you get a screening, you've got a very good chance of preventing colon cancer. And the best way to do that? Getting a quick, painless colon cancer screening at a KentuckyOne Health location near you. If you're over 50 or have a family history of the disease, don't wait.

**Call 855.34.KYONE (59663) to schedule a screening
colonoscopy at a KentuckyOne Health location near you.**



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