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BBYOers from across the KIO (Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio) region came to Louisville November 15-17 for their regional convention and the annual Drew Corson Basketball Tourna-

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Bob, Shifra, David and Jonathan Born-

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by Niki King Public Relations Specialist

Ever wonder what Louisville's Jewish community can be for you? Or what you can be for the community? Here's your chance.

LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Series) is a free, three-session program that offers adults in their 20's to 40's educational and social experiences to acquaint them with local Jewish services and leadership opportunities.

The program is back after a several-year hiatus and Bob Bornstein will chair it. Tzivia Levin Kalmes, development director of the JCL, said Bob Bornstein will make a great leader. He's friendly, relates well to others and is familiar with the Louisville Jewish community.

The 41-year-old attorney practices law with his father at Bornstein & Bornstein, is a lifelong Louisvillian and is an active member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun. He and his wife, Shifrah, have to sons, David, 10 and Jonathan, 6, both of whom attend LBSY Hebrew

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Help with Jewish summer camp fees is available

by Stew Bromberg Vice President and CDO Jewish Community of Louisville

he weather forecast for this weekend is calling for wind chills in the 20's by Sunday and I am writing about summer camp. This is a time when families are making their plans and decid-



Stew Bromberg

ing what options will work best for their specific circumstances and figuring out the best use of their resources. The Jewish Community of Louisville is doing the same thing. We are looking at the resources we have available to

help families make these important de-

Few programs have the incredible impact on someone's future involvement in the Jewish community as their Jewish camp experience. Many children begin this journey at a Jewish day camp such as the JCC Summer camp program. Others go right to overnight camps, which provide a whole different experience and therefore a different perspective.

Many of us continued our Jewish camp experience as counselors, some met their spouses, and many of our children have attended the same camps. Some of us end up serving on the Board of Directors or chairing a milestone reunion fundraising event. The impact is strong, the connection is great, and the future of our Jewish community is enhanced by these experiences.

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CRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director Jewish Community Relations Council

This past month, I had a wonderful opportunity to spend 10 days in Israel as part of the Bernard Rodkin Fellowship award that I received from the Jewish Communal Service Association (I am very appreciative of my colleagues here in Louisville who supported me in this unique trip).

I have not had the privilege of being in Israel since 1995, and this trip was unique. I got to travel with other Jewish professionals and we saw areas and projects off the beaten path. I now know from first-hand experience that Israel is a most amazing and complex country.



Matt Goldberg received his award at HUC in Jerusalem.

WITH

While most of my time was spent in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, I saw Israel's (and the Jewish community's) attempt to ach out to the periphery of society.

In Tel Aviv, I met a woman who started her own NGO that helps women who had been forced into prostitution reclaim their lives and learn different job skills. Also, I went to the Hiriya recycling park where, on the site of the former Tel Aviv city dump, there is a recycling and education center.

In Ramle, I saw a project of the Jewish Agency that helps disadvantaged kids learn computer skills that they can use as an advantage in pursuing careers in high tech. In Elad, I saw a program of the Joint Distribution Committee that helps Haredim (ultra-Orthodox) learn job skills and helps them join the workforce, and in Sakhnin (an Arab village), I saw an environmental project and education center that tries to break down some of the barriers to Arab-Jewish co-existence.

I saw the finest of Israeli Society (a medical technology company that developed a camera the size of a pill that you swallow that replaces the need for an invasive colonoscopy), and I saw parts of Israeli society facing major obstacles. (In South Tel Aviv, many parks are filled with undocumented immigrants who do not speak the language and cannot work legally.)

Israel is a fantastic country, I encourage everyone, Jewish or not, to spend time there.

The General Assembly

I also had the privilege of attending the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly, an annual gathering of Jewish Community professionals and volunteers, which was held in Jeru-

talks by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu and President Shimon Peres. Prime Minister Netanyahu spoke almost exclusively about Iran and the threat posed by their nuclear program, and the President spoke on a variety of subjects, most notably, what are the prospects for peace with the Palestinians. It was very heartwarming to see so

The highlights of this event were the

many Jews from all across North America make the trip to Jerusalem for this event, great to see the commitment that the Jewish community still has for the state of Israel.

LETTERS

In Praise of Jake Wishnia

November 12, 2013 Dear Editor.

salem this year.

On Monday, October 7, I attended an open meeting of the Vaad Hakashruth.

It was gratifying to see 15-20 people from the community at large in attendance.

I strongly support Mr. Wishnia and the board for their outstanding efforts on behalf of Kashrus.

On what experience do I speak out?

- (A) Some 50 years ago I was ordained by three different scholars including the chief Rabbi of Israel. (B) I have lived in Louisville for 15 years
- since the 1970's; seven years of which I was a Mashgiach (supervisor) for the Louisville Vaad. (C) Over the years I have done supervi-

sion for every major kosher agency, including the Israeli Rabbinate.

Jake Wishnia has spent countless hours talking to rabbis and board members in numerous communities to acquire information and innovative ideas for Louisville. He has also examined by-laws and transactions of the local board to ensure that everything is being done properly. Under the leadership of Mr. Wishnia, the board has continued to provide Kashrus for the Jewish community.

Mr. Wishnia does not need my endorsement. His dedication and accomplishments speak for him.

Jake Wishnia got a vote of confidence to continue his work. As far as I'm concerned, Louisville is fortunate to have a person of his caliber to lead the Vaad.

Rabbi Hillel Smulowitz

Editor's note: Rabbi Smulowitz is a former principal of Elihau Academy and a retired Army Chaplain.

Melton Program

November 14, 2013 Dear Editor,

I share the following information so the community realizes how fortunate we are to have the Melton Institute.

As a result of excellent instructors like

Rabbi S. Miles and Rabbi J. Golding, I have learned so much about my Jewish heritage. Everything is done in a pro-fessional manner and we all become knowledgeable in Judaism.

My life has been enriched and my faith has been renewed.

I am grateful to the Jewish Federation and the Melton Institute for making this outstanding educational endeavor available in Louisille, KY.

Allen Aboff, student

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

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Light Up CenterStage is bigger and better than ever; get your tickets now

unday, December 7, is the date and the Jewish Community Center is the place. You'll want to be there at 7 p.m., dressed in your finest, when the curtain goes up on Light Up CenterStage 2013.

Once you open the doors, you'll be part of one of the hottest nightclub scenes in town. Enjoy cocktails from the open bar and fabulous hors d'oeuvres while you check out a wide variety of packages in the silent auction.

This year's event will be bigger and better than years past, said Light Up CenterStage Chair Sarah Harlan. "We're moving the silent auction to the upper gym," although by the time Eventual-

ities does its magic, you'll forget where you are. The room will accommodate a stylish bar and high-top tables for casual, sophisticated conversation. The perimeter will be lined with silent auction tables that will give partiers plenty of room to view the offerings and check on the status of their bids.

In fact, the move means this year's event can accommodate 250 people in the auditorium for the show. That means this year 50 more people can join the fun.

To add to the excitement, CenterStage will also be raffling a "spectacular trip to New York," Harlan said. The trip, valued at \$1900, includes round trip airfare

for two, a two-night hotel stay in the Big Apple, \$200 for shows on Broadway, a night of fine dining at Marseille and \$300 cash. "Tickets are only \$50 and only 150 will be sold, so people have a pretty good chance of winning."

Of course, Light Up is much more than a silent auction with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. At 8:15 the stars of the CenterStage company will present an original Broadway revue.

Cap the evening off with a wide selection of indulgent desserts.

Get your tickets now, before the event is sold out. Call Lenae McKee Price, 238-2763, today to purchase your tickets.



JCL joins effort to help victims of Typhoon Haiyan

by Stu Silberman
President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville

On November 2, Super Typhoon Haiyan ravaged central Philippines and left a huge swath of devastation. On Monday of this week, officials were reporting 3,976 confirmed dead from the storm and 1,598 still missing, and those numbers were not final. Thousands of houses were obliterated. Hospitals, emergency services and roads were destroyed, making delivering aid to survivors a logistical nightmare.

In the wake of this disaster, the Jewish Federation of Louisville is helping to raise money to provide relief for the people of the Philippines. With our partner agencies, the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), we are collecting donations.

JDC is consulting with local officials, the Filipino Jewish community and global partners to assess the evolving situation on the ground and to direct aid in the places it can make the most impact.

The Federation-supported JDC has led relief efforts for previous storms in the Philippines, and helped support the local Jewish community in a nation that sheltered 1,000 European Jews fleeing the Nazis during World War II.

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"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Filipino people suffering from this terrible storm's unimaginable destruction," said Stu Silberman, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville. "Louisvillians have a proud tradition of supporting those in need around the world and I am confident they will step up once again to aid a community in despair."

Jewish Federations regularly come together in support of the Jewish communal response to disasters around the world and at home, raising tens of millions of dollars for emergency assistance and longer-term aid. Most recently, Federations supported the national response to severe flooding in Colorado. In recent years, Federations responded to tsunamis in Japan and Southeast Asia, the Haiti earthquake, and Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast.

Donations to help the Philippine victims of Typhoon Haiyan can be made on our online page at www.jewishlouisville. org/donate or by mailing your check to:

Jewish Federation of Louisville Attention: Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund 3600 Dutchmans Ln. Louisville KY 40205.

This Chanukah, make sure there is a helping for everyone

This year, for the only time in our lifetimes, Chanukah starts on Thanksgiving. No one should be in want for either holiday. So as you make your plans, please include something for the Louisville 2014 FederationCampaign. Every donation, large or small, can help a person in genuine need to put food on the table, to ensure children and adults have warm clothing for the winter, to get the counseling and help needed to return an individual to a productive life.

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Evan Williams Bourbon Experience opens downtown

by Niki King PR Specialist

s a child, Kate Latts remembers riding freight elevators up and down her family's old building on Main Street in downtown Louisville.

The building wasn't much to look at then, with office spaces, storage for dry goods and a deep, dark basement. On November 14, she stood shoulder

On November 14, she stood shoulder to shoulder with local leaders and luminaries, as her father, Heaven Hill Distilleries President Max Shapira unveiled the building's \$10.5 million transformation into an artisanal distillery and tourist center.

Named the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, it's the eighth stop on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail tour, and the first of several bourbon-themed projects planned for downtown Louisville.

Gov. Steve Beshear, Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson and Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer were on hand to help hammer in the bung (barrel plug) to what was hailed as the first barrel of bourbon produced on Whiskey Row, the historic district that was once the center of whiskey commerce in the 19th Century, in nearly a century

"This is a landmark day for Louisville and a tremendous milestone in the growth of our legendary bourbon industry," said Fischer said. "Having an official stop on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail is central to our tourism efforts and our partnership with the historic distilleries that make up this popular adventure. We are honored that Heaven Hill and the Shapira family have chosen to make this important investment downtown and helped spark the revitalization of Whiskey Row."

Members of the Shapira and Latts families are active in Louisville's Jewish community and will host 'Bourbon and Jewish Louisville: A Shared History' Tuesday, January 7, as part of the Uniquely Jewish Event series. The event will be in the building's lower level bar, artfully styled as a historic speakeasy, which guests access through a faux safe door in the wall.

Kate Latts said the project has exceeded her expectation, calling it a "Disney-like experience."

The building façade features a distinctive five-story Evan Williams bourbon bottle and there is a fully functioning pot still distillery on-site, a modern version of the same type of equipment Evan Williams would have used 200 years ago.

Visitors may take guided tours where they can learn about Evan Williams' original distillery, Whiskey Row, the Louisville Warf and bourbon industry of yesteryear. There are two tasting rooms as well as Evan Williams merchandise



for sale.

The Evan Williams Bourbon Experi-

ence is expected to attract 110,000 visitors in its first year.

Weisenberg teaches how to build "Singing Communities"

by Dr. Lee Shai Weissbach *Special to Community*

Keneseth Israel Congregation will host Joey Weisenberg, creative director of the Hadar Center for Communal Jew-



Joey Weisenberg

ish Music, as its musician-in-residence, made possible by The Dave and Reva Waldman Kahn Fund for Jewish Learning, in a program called "Building Singing Communities" over the weekend of December 13 and 14.

Aside from directing the Hadar Center, Weisenberg is also the ba'al t'filah (prayer leader) of the Kane Street Synagogue in Brooklyn, a performer who has mastered the mandolin, the guitar, and several other instruments, and the author of a book titled *Building Singing Communities*.

In recent years, Weisenberg has become a leading composer and performer of Jewish spiritual music. His works often reflect the Jewish singing tradition of *nigunim*, wordless melodies that seek to elevate the soul and bring spiritual fulfillment. He has performed and led workshops all over the world, always aiming to involve people of all ages and backgrounds in singing together.

"I can honestly say," Weisenberg has

"I can honestly say," Weisenberg has written, "that some of my proudest musical moments have come in the company of amateur singers who are pouring their hearts out in communal song."

ing their hearts out in communal song."
While in Louisville, Weisenberg will be involved in a variety of activities. On Friday, December 13, beginning at 5:45

p.m., he will guide those present in a preparation for Shabbat using *nigunim* and he will then lead a Kabbalat Shabbat service that will be musical and spiritually uplifting. The Kabbalat Shabbat service will be followed by a *ma'ariv* service led by Cantor Sharon Hordes and then a traditional Shabbat dinner. At 8:30 p.m., following dinner, he will present a program in which he will discuss his extensive experience with *nigunim* and with prayer, and he will teach participants how to explore the soul of any melody.

During Shabbat morning services, which begin at 9:30, Weisenberg will speak on the relationship between cantorial music, Hasidic melodies and spontaneous communal choir, and he will then lead the morning's concluding service.

A kiddush lunch will follow with *mincha* service at 12:30, and after that, at 1 p.m., Weisenberg will lead a session based on ideas from his recently released book *Building Singing Communities*. Participants will sing, discuss and even do some percussion.

The Washington Post has called Joey Weisenberg "a leading innovator in Jewish music" and his visit to Louisville certainly holds promise to be both entertaining and spiritually rewarding.

All events during the musician-in-residence weekend will take place at the Keneseth Israel synagogue on Taylorsville Road. The weekend's events are free and open to the public, except for the Shabbat dinner, for which the charge is \$16 for members, \$18 for non-members, and \$13 for children under 13. Vegetarian option available at \$2 less per person. Reservations and payment for the Shabbat dinner are due by Tuesday, December 10. For more information, call the synagogue office at 459-2780.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 27 School's Out Days at the JCC

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, arts and crafts and swimming. Theme: Thanksgiving celebration. For more information, go to www. iewishlouisyille.org/sod

NOVEMBER 24-JANUARY 7 Patio Gallery exhibit

Mazin Art Exhibition – juried art show. Opening reception and announcement of winners: Sunday, November 24, 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER 27

Chabad Chanukah Kickoff

4 p.m., Fourth Street Live, free ice skating, bowling, more. Menorah lighting, 5:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 1

Chabad Chanukah on Ice

7 p.m., Alpine Ice Arena, free ice skating, sufganiot, latkes, hot chocolate.

DECEMBER 2

Hillel Chanukah bowling party DECEMBER 3

JCRC interfaith Chanukah party

7 p.m., JCC auditorium. music, food, candle lighting and storytelling. Open to people of all faiths. RSVP by Nov. 27 to Paula, 238-2764 or pdeweese@jewishlouisville.org.

DECEMBER 3

YAD 20's & 30's Chanukah party

7 p.m., JCC Patio Gallery. Dreidel, latkes and donuts. \$10 or less gift exchange and bring your menorah and candles for candle lighting. RSVP to mjtimmel@jewishlouisville. org or 238-2739 by December 1.

DECEMBER 4

Chabad Chanukah Car Parade

6 p.m. from The Temple to the Summit. Mayor Greg Fischer will light the menorah.

DECEMBER 7

Light Up CenterStage

7 p.m. Limited number of tickets available for this annual gala. \$90 per person. Includes cocktails, hous d'oeuvres, auctions and a Broadway-style revue. Call Lenae Price to reserve your tickets. 238-2763.

DECEMBER 8Cycle for Good

9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the JCC. Rent a bike, \$25 an hour. Get sponsors to raise money for Kentucky Special Olympics and the JCC. Chair massages, raffles, contests, games and more. For more information, see CenterPiece, page 1.

DECEMBER 9

Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

At Adath Jeshurun. 7:45 p.m. reception; 8:15 broadcast. Harvard Professor Howard Gardner, known for his theory of multiple intelligences, will present: On the App Generation. Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

DECEMBER 13-14

KI Scholar-in-Residence programJoey Weisenberg, creative directof of the

Hadar Center for Communal Jewish Music will present "Building Singing Communities." Includes services, Shabbat dinner and discussions. Shabbat dinner is \$16 for members, \$18 for non-members and \$13 for children under 13. All other programs, free. Reservations and payment for dinner are due by Dec. 10. See story, page 5.

DECEMBER 15

Acting Out Presents And Then They Came for Me: Remembering Anne Frank

12:30 p.m. \$12, adults; \$7, children 10 and under, at the JCC. Play combines interviews with Holocaust survivors with live actors recreating scenes from their lives during World War II. For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to www.CenterStageJCC.org.

DEC. 23, 24, 26-31; JAN. 2 and 3 Winter Break Camp

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options available. Daily themed programs. Register by Dec. 2 for Early Bird and Multi-Day discounts. All days include crafts, sports, exciting activities and sports. For more information, see CenterPiece, pg. 3.

Keneseth Israel Men's Club

Wednesday,

December 25th

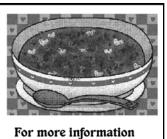
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Karen Gordon, Shelley Trager Kusman, Dottie Bennett





Adam Lefkoe, Karen Abrams and Jeff Glazer



Major Gifts brunch focuses on making a difference

by Phyllis Shaikun Special to Community

he Jewish Community of Louisville's 2014 Federation Major Gifts event, held this year in the atrium of the Starks Building on Sunday morning, November 3, focused on thanking donors by letting them know how much their generosity has enabled our Jewish community to move forward during the past 12 months. Emcee Adam Lefkoe, WHAS11 sports

anchor, who prior to moving to Kentucky spent some time as the only Jew living in a small Nebraska town, expressed his personal thanks to all donors for keeping the local Jewish community thriving and relevant.

In her blessing over the brunch, Rabbi Laura Metzer mentioned that this week's Torah portion has to do with paying attention, and she hoped those present would take notice of how fortunate we are to be "blessed with the bounty of the earth

Fred Whittaker, a teacher at St. Francis of Assisi School who has taught a Holocaust curriculum at the school and has accompanied students on visits U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, partially funded through one of the Jewish Foundation of Louisville's restricted funds established to further interfaith Holocaust education in Louisville, introduced Adriana Conway, one of his eighth grade students.

Conway explained the trip kicked off the class's year of Holocaust studies and commitment to "never be bystanders as so many were during that dark time in our world's history." Now two years later, she and her classmates continue to share their experiences with others.

"I am only one student of hundreds from my school that have experienced this trip," she concluded, "and I thank you for the support you have shown to

JCL CEO Stu Silberman thanked donors as well. "By any relevant measure," he said, "we are doing remarkably well." He related that operations at the Jewish Community Center are generating

positive cash for the first time in years; membership is up 27 percent over last year and several summer camps and early childhood rooms are at capacity and have waiting lists. Revenues from those programs, he explained, cover the cost of operating the facility and provide for mission-critical programs such as senior nutrition lunch, preteen, teen and philanthropic programs such as the Federation Annual Campaign, Jewish Foundation and administration.

As members of the JCC Association, Silberman noted, Louisville is participating in a benchmarking project that compares our JCC's program performance against others offered in similar size peer cities. Louisville has the rare distinction of seeing positive results in all areas across the board. Our JCC is here to provide programming for over 1,500 Jewish community members and for other non-affiliated members as well.

Philanthropically, thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are bucking a national trend and our last campaign actually finished higher than in the previous year. There are reasonable expectations that this year will show donors are even more willing to support the great things Louisville is accomplishing, such as making a difference with youth and teen programs. "These are our future Jewish leaders," said Silberman, "and we are doing all we can to keep them Jewish and encourage them to live Jewishly and you make it possible."

Stew Bromberg, the Jewish Federation's Chief Development Officer, introduced keynote speaker Dottie Bennett, a friend he considers "a role model to the world; a generous and supportive leader who sets a high bar high for herself and

Bennett is very active in the Jewish Outreach Institute and spent five years on the executive committee chairing education for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. A public school teacher for more than 20 years, she chaired Vir-ginia's Gesher Jewish Day School Campaign, mentors a Hillel worker at the University of Virginia and also chaired the American Jewish Committee's Project Interchange, which sends influential non-Jews to Israel to learn about and understand that nation.

"Activism is a way of life, of my life," Bennett said. "I want to be able to look into the eyes of my grandchildren knowing I am trying my best to secure their generation's future." She quoted Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw, who supported the belief that one's life belongs to the community and it a privilege 'to do for it what one can.'

"Louisville seems to have everything you would want in a Jewish community, she said, "including an impressive number of synagogues, Melton Adult learning, scholars in residence, CenterStage, the JCC, JCRC and JFCS – to name just a few. "This is happening because Louisville Jewry can count on donors like you; can look up to you, recognize the role you play and depend on you to lead both in your personal involvement and your financial commitment."

She encouraged listeners to empower one another by embracing our commonalities and our differences, connecting with Israel, creating, funding and sustaining space for Jewish conversations and engaging in shaping the Jewish future you want. "Don't leave it to others and think it will happen," she cautioned, 'we are depending on you and your wisdom to drive this engine home.

"Leadership takes so many forms," said Bennett. "Do what makes you comfortable, do it quietly or with panache, but just do it. I stand before you as a proud committed giver to my Federation and ask nothing of you that I would not ask of myself. Together, the Louisville Jewish community will be strengthened and you will be appreciated for ensuring that the centerpieces for the future: wisdom, social justice, community and lives of sacred purpose will flourish

The unique venue presented two major challenges during this event: first the acoustics in a large 12-story atrium, and, uniquely, a water fountain overflowing

during the central part of the program.

As JCL Board Chair Karen Abrams said, "May the dollars of the campaign overflow as the waters of the fountain.



Goldstein and Barbara Sexton



Beth Salamon and Allan and Kate Latts



Karen Benabou and Kate Kastenbaum



Shellie Benovitz and Denise Schiller





Melanie Dottie



Jewish leaders attend Black & White Gala



downtown Marriott honored Dr. Bob and Margaret Rodgers for their 25 years as Senior Pastors of the Evangel World Prayer Center. The Rodgers and their congregation are strong supporters of Israel.

Pictured (L-R): Linda Engel, Karen Abrams, Alan Engel, Ashley Burkhead (Israel Allies Foundation Campus Outreach Coordinator), Steve Shapiro, Jane Shapiro, JCL President and CEO Stu Silberman, Helen Wahba and Leon Wahba

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Bornstein said he was excited to work with other young people and help them find ways to volunteer, get involved and learn about what Louisville was like for Jews of their grandparent's generation and how it works today.

"I'm happy to help," he said.

Bornstein said LEADS is perfect for newcomers to the city and those who just want to become more involved.

"We want people to have fun and I think they will," Bornstein said.

Participants will enjoy Shabbat dinner at 6:30 p.m. December 6 at the home of Karen Abrams, Jewish Community of Louisville Board president. They'll also learn a little bit about Jewish Louisville through an interactive game.

In January, the group will go back and explore old Jewish Louisville through a virtual tour led by Sonny Meyer of Herman Meyer & Son.

The series will conclude with a workshop about the Jewish perspective on giving tzedakah and how to make tough decisions when faced with many pressing needs. Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport of The Temple will lead this discussion in February. Specific dates will be an-

nounced shortly.

Bornstein said the experience will give participants insight into what it's like to make tough funding decisions, not unlike what the Jewish Community of Louisville must do annually.

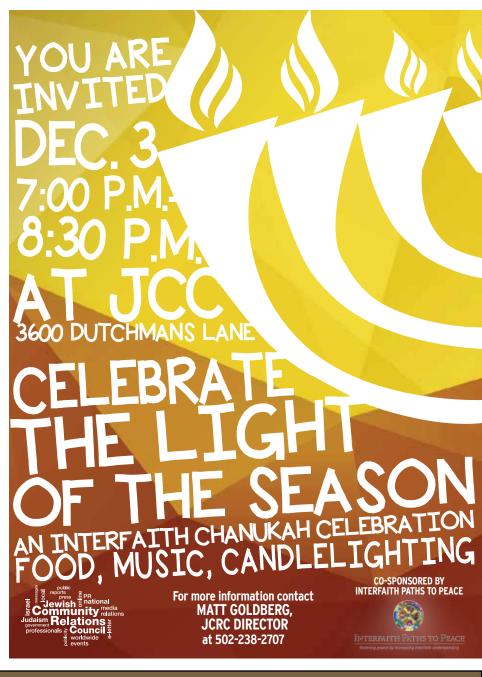
LEADS participants will also have

the opportunity to apply for a subsidy to attend the Jewish Federation of North America's Tribefest conference in New Orleans March 16-18. Kalmes said Tribefest is a great way to connect with other young adults and learn about issues facing the Jewish community in an

exciting location.

Kalmes said this year seemed the right time to offer the LEADS series again, as there are a number of newcomers to the community and there are lots of ways for volunteers to get involved.





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At Lion of Judah and Pomegranate Event

Gerrol's excitement about being Jewish captivates crowd



Event hosts Jean Trager and Shelley Trager Kusman. Kusman also co-chaired the event.



Event co-chair Robin Miller and speaker Rachel Cohen



JFCS Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell and Jane Goldstein



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Then Rachel Cohen Gerrol shared the story of her Taglit-Birthlife-changing right Israel experience at the Lion of Judah/Pomegranate dinner on Monday, November 18, her energy and enthusiasm spread through the room. Here was a young woman who chose to make Judaism an important part of her life and created ways to make it accessible for herself and others who had little or no prior knowledge of how to be

"I thought that Rachel Cohen Gerrol was one of the most dynamic, upbeat speakers we've ever had," said Laura Koby after the event. "It was just a joy to hear a woman who is so excited about being Jewish."

Shelley Trager Kusman opened her home to over 40 women for this event, and she and her mother, Jean Trager, hosted the dinner. Kusman and Robin Miller co-chaired the evening. The dinner was catered by Rye. At the start of the evening, Campaign Chair Doug Gordon said a few words of welcome.

Gerrol is the daughter of a mixed marriage. Her father, Pete, was Jewish, but not connected to the Jewish world. In fact, he found in college at Princeton that being Jewish was a liability, so he let it be known that he was just Pete, and later, as a professional, he was Dr. C. On her mother's side, there were seven generations of Christian ministers.

With her parents' attitudes and backgrounds, it is not surprising to learn that Gerrol grew up singing in the church choir and had no connection with the Jewish part of her heritage.

Following her father's footsteps, she attended Princeton, and one night, when she was studying, she heard an ad for a free "Birthright 2000" trip to Israel over winter break for young adults with at least one Jewish grandparent. Figuring that this was a good opportunity for her first international trip, and it certainly was better than babysitting her younger

siblings in New Jersey, she applied.

When Gerrol (then still Cohen) was called in for an interview for the program and was asked why she wanted to go to Israel, she said she really didn't want to go to Israel, she just wanted to travel, and she asked what other trips Birthright offered.

In spite of that, she was accepted into the program. "In 1999, after Christmas dinner and vespers, I went to the airport," Gerrol said, and it was there that she began to realize this trip was not what she had expected. "Everyone else was having significant experiences with their families" and exchanging endless goodbyes.

On the plane, the participants in this first ever Birthright Israel trip were seated alphabetically. She had never met another person with the surname Cohen before, so she was surprised to find six rows on the plane filled with people named Cohen.

Another surprise was awaiting her when they landed in Israel. Since this was "the first Birthright trip and 30,000 North American Jews were showing up in Israel for the first time," they were greeted by a lot of fanfare. There were crowds to meet them, music and photographers. Even the founders of the Birthright program were there.

Gerrol was soon caught up in dancing with her fellow travelers - simple circle dances that she had never seen before. After dancing for about an hour, the founders came to the center of the circle and everybody started saying Hebrew words. "I started to feel like a fraud," she said. "Maybe I shouldn't be on that trip."

Then silence fell over the group as everyone waited expectantly for Michael Steinhardt to speak. Finally, Judy Steinhardt, his wife, explained that for 10 years her husband had been raising the money to bring these young Jews to Israel, and now that it is a reality, he was speechless.

Gerrol now realized the importance

of the trip she had been given and made a decision at that moment. She stepped forward and told her benefactor, "You've got me for 10 days, and I will live each day as a gift."

Cohen was up early every day and asked every question she had. In fact, she asked so many questions that she came to be known as Rachel Cohen Question. She soaked in as much as she could. "I fell in love with living each day as a gift," she added, "and the idea of making the most of each day."

The trip was transformative and she became an advocate for Israel and proud to be a Jew. On the final day of the trip, the group visited the Kotel, the Western Wall. "I knew I loved Israel," Gerrol said, "but I didn't know a prayer and I didn't know what Jews call God," so she stood back in the plaza, hesitant to approach

the Wall.

"As time passed," she continued, "I started to realize there were thousands of women named Rachel Cohen who would have done anything to put a hand on the Wall." So she approached to the Wall, put her hand on the cold stone and offered her own prayer.

Upon returning to the University of Pennsylvania, she went to the Hillel, which happened to be located alongside a number of fraternities and sororities, and told the people that she wanted to be a Jew and live there. Hillel did not provide housing or offer worship services although they could help with kosher meals.

Undaunted, she started calling the Birthright office in New York. Since she had participated in the first Birthright trip, no planning had been done for next steps. They sent her a recipe for hamantaschen and a CD of Jewish music and brought her to New York for a Shabbat service

Finally, she got together with other Birthright alumni at Penn and organized a Shabbat dinner, complete with see **GERROL** page 9



Laura Koby and Barbara Goldberg



Elaine Weinberg and Phyllis Shaikun



Cheryl Karp and Carol Leibson



Marsha Roth, Maxine Rouben



Lisa Klein and Susan Rudy



Janet Hodes, Felice Sachs and Rachel Cohen Gerrol



Karen Abrams and Anita Bloch





Linda Schuster and Mona Schramko



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candles, challah and pepperoni pizza. Other alumni explained why the pizza didn't work.

On her first Rosh Hashanah, she had been studying about Judaism and tried to go to services. She entered the shul and followed the protocol she would have followed in church. She picked up a prayer book, found her seat and put the book on the floor. Almost immediately, some girls came over, picked up the book, kissed it, started talking to her and wanted her to kiss the book. Unable to understand what happened, she fled.

She again turned to the Birthright office for advice. How could she be a good Jew without going to shul. She was told, care about Israel, the Jewish community, family and the repair of the world.

After graduation, she moved to Washington, DC, and became an advocate for Israel. She also worked at the U.N. on the Human Rights Commission speaking out for Israel, against anti-Semitism and for people who don't have a voice. That took care of Israel and tikkun olam.

For family, she encouraged her younger brother, then a student at Penn, to take a Birthright Israel trip. He did, and when he returned, he joined the Storahtellers acting troup.

To fulfill the part about the Jewish community, Gerrol felt she needed to go back to shul, despite her fear. "So I called up the Federation because they were not listed as a particular denomination" and asked about services. The Federation offered happy hours, not services.

She pressed on - how about organizing a learners' service for unaffiliated young Jews at a different congregation each month? They though she was naïve, and very few people would come, but they listened. This was something the



ate Latts and Shellie Branso

Federation could fund.

"We organized first event in 2007," Gerrol said. "I stood outside of shul saying welcome to Shabbat." Neither she nor the other participants knew what to do, but they were "craving inclusion."

Gerrol met her husband at the third 'Shabbat Hop," and today, the program attracts 300 plus people every week. In addition, they started a successful "Mitzvah Hop" program, and this year they tried a "Sukkah Hop" with a party bus that took people from one sukkah to the next.

Gerrol later encouraged her sister to take a Birthright trip. Her younger sibling agreed to do so on the condition that Gerrol not talk with her about it ahead of time so it would be her own trip.

Gerrol flew to Israel and connected with her sister as a surprise on the last day of her Birthright trip. "My sister was wearing Magen David necklace," Gerrol said, and then they took a sisters tour together.

Two years ago, Gerrol said, her family, including her 99-year-old grandmother, had their first Passover Seder in 40 years.

Birthright doesn't just change lives, she said. "It changes families and reignites communities. Every day is a gift.

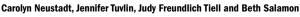
The purpose of programs like the one that evening, she explained, is to ensure a future for children like her own, "who wouldn't have been Jewish without your

JCL Board Chair Karen Abrams was so moved, that when she was called on at the end of the program, she said there was nothing she could add. "We all want daughters-in-law like Rachel," she said.

Everyone present had the opportunity to make their gifts to the 2014 Federation Campaign. Over \$150,000 was raised during the evening.









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Leaders wrestle with tough issues at GA

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

hen the Jewish Federations of North America's General Assembly convened in Jerusalem November 10-12. Louisville's Jewish Community Relations Director Matt Goldberg and I were there. It was energizing, inspirational and informative. (See JCRC Update, page 2.)

At the opening plenary, Prime Min-ister Benyamin Netanyahu delivered a loud, clear message: current negotiations with Iran are a mistake.

Harsh current sanctions, plained, have pushed Iran to the brink of financial collapse, and that has brought the rogue nation to the bargaining table. That day, the proposal that was on the negotiating table, Netanyahu insisted rewarded Iran with an easing of sanctions for coming to the table and did nothing to stop Iran's nuclear program.

It did not call for shutting down or dismantling the centrifuges that enrich uranium. It did not provide for on site inspections to verify Iran's claims that their nuclear program is peaceful. And it did not halt construction on Iran's heavy water nuclear reactor, which Netanyahu insisted, can only be used for making bombs and has no non-military

The agreement might delay Iran's progress for a few weeks or months, Netanyahu said, but would not stop it.

This deal threatens the survival of the Jewish state, he said. In addition, it also threatens the rest of the world. Iran's current rockets can reach all of Israel, yet it continues to develop longer range rockets, including ICBM's, which the Israeli leader claimed, are designed to reach North America and could be nuclear tipped.

Iran must be stopped, he reiterated.

Netanyahu also briefly addressed another regional issue. "We also want to see peace with our Palestinian neighbor." ' he said. He called for a simple historic compromise – two states for two people.

The conditions are clear, he said. If the Palestinians want Israel to recognize their state for the Palestinian people, they must recognize Israel for the Jewish people. The Jewish State has the right to be here, he said without threat from rocket fire or destruction by a flood of refugees.

He called on Palestinians to make the same kind of courageous decision Anwar Sadat did and say that they accept the Jewish State.

In the second plenary session the next day, Israeli President Shimon Peres struck a much more conciliatory note on the topic of Iran. He called on the delegates to trust the United States at the negotiating table with Iran because President Barack Obama's administration is as committed to keeping Iran from becoming a nuclear power as Israel is.

The Future of Judaism

Another predominant theme of the GA was the future of Judaism, dominated by concerns about the American Jewish community raised by the recently released Pew Research Center Survey, which JTA reported as providing "a comprehensive picture of Jewish life in America, a set of sometimes troubling statistics and plenty to talk about.

In one breakout session, Rabbi Lord Dr. Jonathan Sacks, the former chief rabbi of Britain, said the Pew report presents an aggregate look at the Jewish community which doesn't tell the whole story and thus paints a more negative picture than more in-depth analysis

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In the typhoon-ravaged Philippines, Israel brings its experience in disaster relief

by Marcy Oster

ovember 17, 2013 (JTA) - Obviously wanting to get back to work as the medical manager of the field hospital set up by the Israel Defense Forces in the Philippines, Lt.-Col. Dr. Ofer Merin speaks hurriedly about the three days his team has been seeing patients in the typhoon-ravaged nation.

He tells of at least 12 babies the hospital has delivered - most of them premature - and the stabbing victim who may have died if not for the IDF hospital in Bogo City on Cebu Island, one of the areas hardest hit by last week's Typhoon

By 5 a.m. Sunday, Merin says at least 50 people had lined up in front of the field hospital to receive treatment.

"If we stayed here two months or even two years we would have patient work," he said during a phone call with the media from the Philippines early Sunday morning.

The field hospital began operating on Friday morning, about seven hours after the team arrived on the island. The parents of the first baby delivered by the Is-

Concussions Are

raeli team that first morning named him Israel in gratitude to the volunteers.

Established adjacent to the local hospital in Bogo City, the Israeli field hospital is the only one located in a region of about 250,000 residents, Merin says. Representatives of other countries have visited to view its operation.

The 125-member Israeli team has been seeing about 300 patients a day who were either injured in the typhoon or unable to care for chronic conditions such as heart disease or diabetes due to lack of running water or electricity. Others with untreated diseases, including those with advanced cancer, also have made their way to the facility.

Some 22 members of the team are medical doctors, 15 are nurses and the rest are technicians, lab workers and members of the Homefront Command who are coordinating logistics. The delegation brought 100 tons of equipment and supplies.

Merin says the local officials and residents, as well as the medical staff of the local hospital, "greeted us warmly.

"We are working hand in hand with the Filipino people," he said.

Merin, a cardiac surgeon and deputy director of Shaare Tzedek Hospital in Jerusalem, says the Israelis also have performed surgeries in the local hospital in concert with local doctors "to give them some of our knowledge.'

Despite the death toll of more than 3,000, which is expected to climb thousands higher, and the nearly 2 million

displaced, Merin says the wounded are not wandering the streets like he saw in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake. He also was part of the Israeli team that traveled to Japan in the aftermath of its 2011 tsunami; the Japanese infrastructure was better able to withstand a disaster. Merin said.

At about 4 a.m. Sunday, a man who had been stabbed in the chest was brought to the Bogo City field hospital by friends. Doctors put in a chest drain, which Merin says was beyond the capabilities of the local hospital.

"I am not sure what would have happened if we had not been around," he said.

Mobilizing and operating the field hospital has cost Israel millions of dollars, Merin says, as well as lost manpower. The medicines and much of the equipment brought in will remain when they leave in about two weeks, he adds.

Merin, who is volunteering, believes the IDF is able to mobilize so quickly in the wake of natural disasters because it operates as an army unit, sending an advance team that allows the unit to deploy quickly upon arrival.

One of the logistics officers left with the team for the Philippines two days after his wedding, despite being on leave from the army for the occasion.

Israelis, Merin says, are "ready to drop everything and come and assist any where in the world that we need to be.

His team in the Philippines, he adds, is "really treating [the patients] with all their heart.'

AJ honors "Ageless Wisdom" of elders

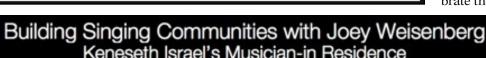
In 2011, Adath Jeshurun Synagogue's Ageless Wisdom Committee, chaired by Janet Levitan, wanted to find a way to honor congregants 80 years of age and older. At the time, Levitan said she knew from her parents and grandparents that seniors had rich stories waiting to be told. The committee decided that producing a video documentary would be a permanent way to honor these very special individuals for enriching our lives and the synagogue.

Many of the congregants agreed to be interviewed for the documentary, which highlighted their memories, humor and the knowledge gained over their life-times. An audience of more than 300 showed up for the video's premier in April 2012. The reception that followed offered a great opportunity for the congregation and the community to celebrate the participants.

Once again this year on Sunday, October 20, AJ members in the 80 plus age group came together for an afternoon reception at the synagogue that included songs by Cantor David Lipp, refreshments, conversation and lots of kibitz-

The Ageless Wisdom Committee was delighted to pay tribute to and spend time with so many friends who have contributed so much to the AJ community. There will be more Ageless Wisdom events in the future.

"This generation has provided a foundation upon which to build and envision AJ's future," said Ageless Wisdom Committee member Lynn Rosenthal. "Our tradition teaches that we stand upon the shoulders of giants. We truly benefit from their experience and wisdom."



Joey Weisenberg is a multi-instrumentalist musician, singer, and composer, having performed and recorded internationally with dozens of bands in a wide variety of

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12:30pm - Mincha Service 1:00pm – Building Singing Communities

Using ideas from this recently released book of the same title, Joey will discuss strategies for bringing people together to make music a lasting and joy-filled force in shul and Jewish life. We will sing, discuss, and have time for Q&A.

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The 71 percent out marriage rate reported in the survey is the realization of the dream of a melting pot society and opens the door to a broader Jewish identity, not necessarily defined by religious observance.

"American Jewry can achieve anything it sets itself to do," Rabbi Sacks

In another breakout session, a panel of experienced and emerging Federation leaders saw the Pew report as a challenge and presented various programs they use to reach out to and engage younger Jews.

In plenary speeches, JFNA CEO Jerry Silverman and Chairman Michael Siegal also shared their ideas, advocating directing more communal resources to expand Jewish preschools, day schools and camps, establishing mentoring programs to follow up with Birthright Israel participants and advocating that community leaders develop stronger personal connections with young Jews.

There were also several calls for change within Israel to allow civil marriages and to allow for pluralism in the Jewish State.



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Taglit-Birthright Israel offers more trips than ever this year

EW YORK – More than 17,000 Taglit-Birthright Israel participants will attend its free, 10-day educational tour in Israel this winter season, the largest number of young Jewish adults, ages 18-26, traveling with the winter program since the non-profit was founded in 2000. Trips

will begin rolling out in mid-November 2013 and will continue through April 2014.

With more than 350,000 participants during the past 13 years, the program is expected to reach 50 percent of young Jewish adults around the world within the next five years.

NCJW's Mah Jongg Mania is Dec. 15

The National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, is upping the ante on its annual Mah Jongg Mania event this year. The two prior Manias have been so successful that the committee decided to step it up a notch. The new Mania 3 will be played Tournament-style at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, December 15, from noon-3:30 p.m. in the JCC's auditorium.

Some friendly competition has been added so participants will have the chance to win cash prizes if they can rack up the highest number of points during two rounds of play.

The afternoon will begin with a light

REVIEW

by David Wallace

Les Miserables

This review of the regional premiere of *Les Miserables* could easily turn into a rambling essay equivalent to Victor Hugo's 1300 page tome. I could lose myself in the underground sewers of the Paris of 1822 and probage power has seen easily

of 1832 and perhaps never be seen again. As briefly as possible, here is the story. At the heart of the tale is Jean Valjean, who is sentenced to prison for stealing a loaf of bread. He is eventually released only to commit another crime for which he is hounded by police officer Javert for most of the rest of his life. Valjean meets the tragic Fantine who dies and leaves her daughter, Cosette, in his care. Cosette falls in love with Maurius, a leader of the 1832 Revolution, who is loved hopelessly by Eponine. All of this is framed by Napoleon's loss at Waterloo in 1815 (mercifully not in the play) and the Workers Revolution in Paris in 1832. There is much, much more but that's the gist.

CenterStage's production is an epic one and includes, according to the program notes, 800 costumes and a stage featuring three different turntables, but the essence of this production is the music and the voices.

The task is to go beyond the cardboard cutout quality of many musicals into uncharted territory. This is a pop opera – difficult to sing and perform, but this cast was up to the task.

First and foremost, all hail to Center-Stage veteran Jeremy Moon, who takes Valjean from middle-aged criminal to elderly statesman. He's never been better. Josh Gilliam as Javert stands up well to Moon's Valjean and the lighting used to accentuate his death scene was one of the highlights of the show.

But, really, practically the whole cast could be mentioned. Early on, Fantine, played by Jill Higginbotham, sings "I Dreamed a Dream," makes it her own and absolutely blows the audience away.

Other notables are Margo Wooldridge, who plays Cosette and has impressive range and Lauren McCombs, who plays Eponine, the lover scorned by Marius, played by Jordan Price.

The villainous Thenardiers, played by Monty Fields and Glenna Godfrey, provide much needed comic relief from the intense story line. Add the artistic direction, lights, music direction, choreography, costume design, and it is apparent that Artistic Director John Leffert has taken CenterStage to a new level as one of the leading lights in Louisville's theatre scene.

What will they do for an encore?

lunch and social time prior to the games. Tables will be set up according to levels of play so it doesn't matter if participants have played for two years or 20. However, if you want to support NCJW, but don't quite have that competitive spirit, bring your own table of four players and play alongside everyone else. You are

this fun-filled afternoon.

The competition begins with four games of Mahj and scores tallied to end round one. A short break and then four more games are played and scores tallied to end round two. Following both rounds of play, prizes will be awarded to the highest scorers. Tournament rules will be in accordance with the National Mah Jongg League rules of play.

welcome to enjoy lunch and be a part of

Cost for all players attending Mah Jongg Mania 3 is \$25. You must pre-register by Friday, December 6 – no walkins will be accepted at the door. Please bring a food item for Jewish Family and Career Services' Food Pantry on the day of the event.

"Each year, Taglit-Birthright Israel strives to reach new heights and surpass our own goals and expectations and this year, we've gone way above and beyond those expectations," said Gidi Mark, CEO of Taglit-Birthright Israel. "We remain dedicated to the ideology that bringing the next generation of Diaspora Jews to Israel is a must, not a choice. It is crucial for the survival of the Jewish people as well as for the bond between Israel and the Diaspora."

Mark added that the program itself has undergone a variety of changes over the years in order to attract and connect young participants to each other and to Israel including the establishment of niche trips. This past year, 25 niche travel groups were targeted to culinary lovers, artists, athletes and physicians, among others.

Considered the largest and most successful Zionist project in the Jewish world, Taglit-Birthright Israel offers heritage trips to strengthen each participant's Jewish identity. The trip aims to build an understanding, friendship, and lasting bond with the land and people of Israel and to reinforce the solidarity of the Jewish people worldwide.

the Jewish people worldwide.

Since its inception, Jewish young adults have taken part in Taglit-Birthright Israel from 64 countries, all 50 U.S. states, and from nearly 1,000 North American college campuses. Additionally, 65,000 young Israeli soldiers from prestigious units of the IDF and students have joined various groups on their

Taglit-Birthright Israel has a unique, historical and innovative partnership between the Government of Israel, thousands of individual donors and private philanthropists, and Jewish communities around the world through Jewish Federations of North America, Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency of Israel. For information about upcoming opportunities, visit www.BirthrightIsrael.com.



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- **2) Home of the Innocents:** Collecting Diapers and books for all ages for Home of the Innocents. Drop off at The Temple.
- **3) December 3:** Musicians needed for Hosparus Children's Holiday Party from 5:30-6:30 at St Matthews Baptist Church –holiday music preferred (also December 24 and 25th).
- **4) December 8:** Join us for a Holiday brunch at Wellspring's Concord House 3337 Breckinridge Lane 1-3; contact Amy for the WISH LIST (8 ladies need gifts).

- **5) December 8: Mitzvah Food-A-Thon.** Drop off cookies, casseroles, "pop top" soups in The Temple auditorium from 10-12 to be donated to various agencies.
- **6) December 13:** BE AN ELF!!! Wrap presents for Brooklawn/Bellewood children HAPPILY FILLED!
- **7) December 16, 17, 18:** Assemble food baskets with Schuhmann Center from 9:30-12 at 2nd and Liberty Christ Episcopal Church. Bring your group!
- **8) December 17:** help with holiday dinner for HIV individuals and families at an Interfaith Dinner. Also collecting tins of cookies, children's gifts, hats, and gloves. Contact Aaron Guldenschuh at AIMofKY@gmail.com for info.
- **9) December 24:** 2 shifts of volunteers 11-1 and 2-4 for playroom hosts in the Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter Playroom! 1321 S. Preston.
- **10) December 24:** 8 volunteers to serve lunch at St Vincent DePaul 1:30-1, 1026 S. Jackson Street. A great family and friend option.

11) December 24: Serve lunch at Cathedral of the Assumption Soup Kitchen (2-4 volunteers) from 10:30-1:15, Must be 16.

12) December 25:

- **a.** Ronald McDonald House 9 am breakfast, only a few spots left.
- **b.** Join Temple Shalom to provide lunch and cheer at Maryhurst Girls Home contact Nancy.Renick@gmail.com or 637-3547 to participate.
- **c.** 8-10 volunteers needed to serve lunch at St Vincent DePaul Open Hand Kitchen, 1026 S. Jackson (younger teens welcome with families).
- **d.** Meet at Temple at 1pm to make sandwiches for St Vincent DePaul, RSVP at Rabbidaj@gmail or 423-1818 to get your food assignments.
- **e.** Musicians needed to play at Hosparus Inpatient Unit.

Chaired by Amy Benovitz and Rabbi David Call Amy 425-0373 or Rabbi David 425-1818 to RSVP for your favorite opportunity!

Apply now for summer Israel program and Jewish camp scholarships

For children and young adults, overnight Jewish summer camp experiences and Israel trips are among the strongest positive influences on Jewish identity. At overnight camp, everyone is Jewish and often camp friendships last a lifetime. Living Jewishly is the norm and learning is part of the fun. Shabbat is the highlight of the week.

While these experiences are critically important, they are also expensive and often put a strain on family resources which might prevent children from attending.

To enable as many children as possible to take advantage of these opportunities, the Jewish Foundation of Louisville has a program and several scholarships available that can help with summer 2014 programs.

One Happy Camper Scholarships

Once again, Louisville Jewish campers can participate in the One Happy Camper program. In conjunction with Foundation for Jewish Camp, your children may be eligible for an incentive

grant of up to \$1,000 if your child has never before attended Jewish overnight camp program of 19 days or more. To qualify, your child must be registered for a Jewish overnight camp program that lasts 19 days or more at an approved camp. Approved camps are listed on www.onehappycamper.org. Children currently enrolled in a daily immersive Jewish experience like a Jewish Day School are not eligible for this program.

Please visit www.onehappycamper. org for more information and to confirm eligibility. Incentive grants are limited to available funds so don't wait!

For more information, contact Mary Jean Timmel, 238-2739 or mtimmel@ jewishlouisville.org.

Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship Fund

The Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship Fund provides an annual scholarship to a high school junior or senior from the greater Louisville area to help defray the cost of an Israel trip and enable that individual to participate

in an approved month-long educational opportunity in Israel.

The Cantor Scholarship was originally established by Milton Cantor in 1997 in memory of his wife, Ellen. When he passed away in 2002, the fund was renamed in memory of them both. Their son, Howard, who lives in both Florida and Chicago, receives letters from each of the fund recipients when they return home from Israel.

The letters mean a lot to me," he told us. "The fund was important to my parents and its value is evident in the reactions I hear from the students. They describe the impact the trip has had on them and how it has changed their lives. It has been wonderful for our family to be a part of it.'

His sister, Elece Kovel, agrees. The letters she received made her realize how much the Israel trip means to the Cantor Scholarship recipients. She knows the additional funding makes it easier for students to take advantage of the opportunity to study in Israel.

Written applications must be submitted to the Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship Fund by December 31. Each candidate must also include the recommendation of his/her rabbi or an appropriate Jewish communal professional. Scholarship recipients must commit to participate in voluntary community activities upon their return from Israel.

Summer Camp Scholarships

The Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship, the Miriam and Dennis Fine Beber Camp Memorial Scholarship and the Frankenthal Family Camp Ramah Scholarship are need-based grants that provide assistance for families to send their children to summer overnight camp. The deadline for application for these scholarships is December 31.

Written applications must be submitted to the Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship Fund, the Miriam and Dennis Fine Beber Camp Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Frankenthal Family Camp Ramah Scholarship at the Jewish Foundation of Louisville. Each candidate must also include the recommendation of a Jewish communal professional (rabbi, youth group leader, religious school principal, etc.). Applicants demonstrating financial need will be given preference, but other criteria will be considered as well.

Receipt of the scholarships is contingent upon enrollment/acceptance at an eligible Jewish camp. By accepting the scholarship, the applicant agrees to participate in appropriate publicity before and/or after camp in the Community paper.

Specific information about each scholarship is available below. Additional scholarships for Israel trips and Jewish summer camp may be available from different sources through the Jewish Foundation of Louisville. Applications can be downloaded from www. jewishlouisville.org or you may contact Stew Bromberg, sbromberg@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2755 for applications or more information.

Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship

The late Laura K. Cohen thought summer camp was the best. She so treasured her time spent at a Zionist youth camp as a child that when she passed away, her friends and family chose to remember her by creating the Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship.

Applications for the partial-tuition camp scholarships will be accepted from youngsters interested in attending Jewish overnight summer camps that observe kosher dietary laws, are Zionistic in approach (provide an Israeli element in orientation and/or programming), and observe Shabbat.

Miriam and Dennis Fine Beber Camp Memorial Scholarship

Besides her family and friends, one of Miriam Fine's favorite things was summer camp. From being a camper at the JCC's Ben F. Washer Camp to being a counselor at Camp Livingston and a camp in Atlanta, it simply was her thing. She thought camp was important for all kids and was adamant that her children would go as well.

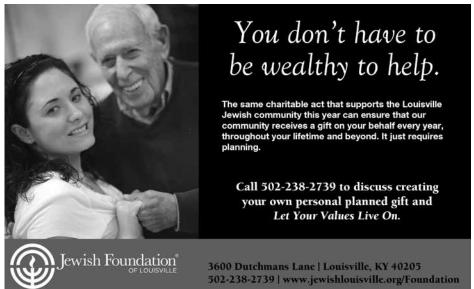
When Miriam passed away in 2004, her husband, Dennis, and their children, Molly, Max and Meredith, chose to memorialize her by ensuring others the opportunity to enjoy the Jewish camping experience that had been so much a part of her life and theirs. And when Dennis passed away in 2011, the fund was renamed to honor his memory as well.

Since the Fine children had attended the camp in Wisconsin over the years, the endowment was created to provide scholarships to Beber Camp.

Frankenthal Family Camp Ramah Scholarship

Citing their family's desire to make a Jewish camping experience accessible for all youngsters in our community, Kim and Stuart Frankenthal endowed the Frankenthal Fund with the Jewish Foundation of Louisville. The Fran-kenthals had been Ramah campers and found it an "eye-opening experience" for themselves and their children. "Jewish camping opportunities have always been important to our entire family," said Kim.

The Frankenthal Fund provides needbased scholarships for youngsters from the Louisville area at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. "We hope kids in the area will take advantage of the scholarship and the opportunity to be a part of Camp Ramah," says Kim. "If they have a love for Judaism and want to have some fun at the same time, there's nothing like it.'



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 $through \, the \, generosity \, of \, our \, donors \, who$ have established restricted and directed endowment funds for this purpose, was able to provide financial subsidies to over 35 Jewish children in Louisville to attend Jewish overnight camp last year. We also received a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence specifically to enhance the availability of these subsidies for the Louisville Jewish community.

There are many different scholarships and subsidies available for the different Jewish camps, including one designed specifically for first-time campers provided through the "One Happy Camper" program each year. To find more information and applications for these programs, please go to www.jewishlouisville.org

Over the past several years, The Jewish Federation of Louisville has received one or two requests each year to help subsidize Jewish teen summer programs in Israel. I am happy to report that we received 10 requests from teens for 2013 summer programs. Very exciting!

What is even more exciting is knowing that with the generosity of our do-nors, funders and local foundations, we were able to provide assistance for all 10 of these requests. Ten Louisville teens had a sincere interest in experiencing a program in Israel with other teens from across North America and from other countries around the world. Their interest and curiosity moved them to research and explore these programs. These teens want to learn and experience Israel now as they decide how Judaism will be relevant to their lives as they become part of the global Jewish community.

So it may be cold outside, but we are working on how to spark enthusiasm and light the fires for Jewish generations to come. Together we do extraordinary things.



Clockwise: Marnina Goldberg, Ashley Waller, Jessie Hymes, Daniella Reuter, Bailey Czerkiewicz, Whitney Hanies, Rachel Bass, Alexa Marvin

BBG Progressive Dinner

by Jessie Hymes

On November 10 in the Falls Creek Neighborhood, 40 members of Louisville BBYO came to a Progressive Dinner hosted by Jay Levine BBG.

Scrumptious appetizers were served at Arianna Goldstein's home. We then walked over to Daniel Levine's home to enjoy a dinner of salad, pasta and bread sticks

We finished the night at Rachel Bass's house with dessert. The night consisted of socialization and eating, with the exercise from walking to each house in between! Everyone had a lot of fun!

Jay Levine Volunteering

by Natania Lipp

Teen Topics Editor

On October 27, Jay Levine BBG spent an afternoon at Volunteers of America, an organization committed to serving individuals and families in need throughout Kentucky.

In the spirit of late October the chapter brought costumes, candy, and other festivities to celebrate Halloween. Children of all ages were invited, along with their parents, to pick out costumes and have a good time with the girls of Jay Levine.

There were candy, snacks, face paint-

ing and other fun games to keep everyone entertained. Between the sugar rush and the excitement of finding new costumes, the energy in the room was incredible and everyone there had a fantastic Sunday afternoon.



Alex Geller, Kyle Gordon, David Hemmer, Matt Schulman, Tyler Goldberg and Michael Schwatz; back, Mike Steklof

Drew Corson AZA

by Jonah Goodman

On Sunday November 10, Drew Corson AZA joined Jay Levine for the annual Progressive Dinner, which started at the Goldstein household where they enjoyed delicious appetizers and strategized for the upcoming basketball tournament. The night progressed up the street to the Levine household where everyone enjoyed delicious lasagna and garlic bread, lastly the night wound down for the girls at the Bass household.

Drew Corson AZA then walked to the Grossman's house where they made a campfire, and practiced their basketball skills. After tiring themselves out, they took a needed break in which a conversation was held about both our fraternity's history and the history of the Jewish fraternities that many of them hope to join in just a few short years.

At this point, one would have thought that they would go to sleep, but to the neighbors' delight (my parents) they decided to have another game of basketball. Then, winding down the event like all events, they had Good and Welfare, then those who were still awake watched a movie.

The Neil "Buddy" Schwartz Family Fund

When Neil "Buddy" Schwartz passed away, his family wanted to support a cause in his memory that would have had significance for him. Mother's Circle was just such a program. Begun by the National Jewish Outreach Institute in Atlanta in 2002, Mother's Circle assists women who are not Jewish, but are committed to raising their children in the Jewish faith. The local program began in 2008.

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stallnacht at a German synagogue. "We are somber and feel the tragedy of our own fate," said Cohn. "May God be with us as He was with our fathers. Farewell to our future generations." One month later, the rabbi went to England and died a year later as a result of the beatings he had suffered in the camps.

Cantor Sharon Hordes followed with El Malei Rachamim – sung in memory of those who perished in the Holocaust.

Isabelle Miller and Holly Zoeller, students from St. Francis of Assisi School, spoke lovingly of their classroom experiences with the late Holocaust survivor, Ernie Marx. Although he spent seven years of his life in concentration camps, he urged students to take *hate* out of

their minds and hearts and taught them lessons they will never forget.

Cantor Lipp led the Kaddish and the

Cantor Lipp led the Kaddish and the choir joined him, students and families for *Oseh Shalom*. Rabbi Laura Metzger led the Gomel prayer, traditionally recited by those who have gone through a life-threatening situation, and the choir followed with the melancholy "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables" from *Les Miserables*, which was selected because it expresses the guilt many of the survivors

Bob Sachs, chair of the JCL's Jewish Community Relations Council, said that from a moral point of view, there is no such thing as an innocent bystander. "If you are there," he said, "you are in it. Be advised: 76 percent of Jews think anti-Semitism has increased and may have seen it happen."

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Happy Chanukah



For Thanksgiving/Chanukah, planning and simplicity lighten the load

EW YORK, October 10, 2013 (JTA) – The phenomenon this year of Chanukah and Thanksgiving coinciding could mean even larger family gatherings than usual.

So here are some tips: Plan the menus well ahead of the special celebration, and pick recipes that are easy to follow and make them well in advance. This way, cooks can enjoy their company.

Have a few appetizers available as guests arrive and dinner isn't ready. One of my favorites is hummus, which I like to serve with cucumbers, radishes, bell peppers and toasted pita triangles. My recipe uses canned chickpeas, which makes it easy to prepare and is a huge

time-saver. Hummus can also keep in the refrigerator for awhile, so it can be prepared toward the beginning of the

I like to start my holiday gatherings with soup, and for Chanukah-Thanksgiving I suggest Barley Soup with Miso. It's a delicious variation on the traditional mushroom barley that most of us know (and love) from childhood. This recipe is vegetarian, it's a perfect fall dish and can be made ahead of time because it freezes well.

What would Thanksgiving be without turkey? And Chanukah without latkes?

My roast turkey is surprisingly easy to make. For Chanukah I like to make a Grated Potato Pancake, which is ideal when you are expecting many guests.

(For another potato recipe, try the baked latkes dish in my latest cookbook, *Helen Nash's New Kosher Cuisine*.)

Another holiday favorite for the holidays is Osso Buco (Braised Veal Shanks); make it ahead of time.

To end the festive meal for this oncein-a-lifetime occurrence, I recommend everyone's favorite - brownies. The fudgy treats can be cut into any size or shape. They freeze well and can be served with sorbet or fruit.

HUMMUS

Makes about 10 servings as an hors d'oeuvre or dip

Makes 6 appetizer servings

My family and friends always love this creamy dish, which can be found all over the world. Since hummus refrigerates well, I try to keep it on hand as a nutritious snack for my children and grandchildren. The canned chickpeas make this version less garlicky than the norm because the garlic is baked first. Ingredients:

8 unpeeled garlic cloves

One 15.5-ounce can Goya chickpeas,

3 tablespoons tahini (sesame paste) 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice 1 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons cold water

Preparation:

Wrap the garlic tightly in a piece of foil. Bake in a toaster oven at 350 degrees for 15 minutes, or until soft. Remove and let cool until you can handle the cloves.

Squeeze the pulp from each clove into a food processor. Add the chickpeas, tahini, lemon juice, salt, and cumin. Pulse until smooth, adding water through the feed tube until the mixture is creamy and has a mayonnaise-like consistency. Season to taste.

Barley Soup with Miso, perfect for autumn, offers a tasty variation on the traditional mushroom ba (From Helen Nash's New Kosher Cuisine)

BARLEY SOUP WITH MISO

Makes 12 servings

The addition of miso adds a delicate Asian flavor; the bright green dill, a nice iolt of color.

, Ingredients:

2 medium onions

3 garlic cloves

4 celery stalks, peeled 4 medium carrots, peeled

pound white mushrooms

tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1/2 cup medium pearl barley

8 cups vegetable broth

1 bunch fresh dill

2 tablespoons barley miso paste (see note following Preparation steps)

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper Preparation:

It is easy to chop the vegetables in a food processor. Quarter the onions and garlic, and pulse in the food processor until coarse; remove to a bowl. Cut the celery and carrots into large pieces. Pulse them separately until coarse, and add to the onions and garlic. Wipe the mushrooms with a damp paper towel and cut them in quarters. Pulse until coarse and set aside. (If you chop everything together, the vegetables will become mushy.)

Heat the oil in a large saucepan. Saute the onions, garlic, celery, and carrots for 1 minute. Add the barley and broth and bring to a boil over high heat. Lower the heat and cook, covered, for 15 minutes.

Add the mushrooms to the soup along with half the dill. Cook for another 15 minutes or until the barley is tender. Remove and discard the dill. Stir in the miso and season to taste with salt and pepper. Snip the remaining dill for gar-

Note: You can buy barley miso in most health-food stores.

GRATED POTATO PANCAKE

Makes 12 servings This large pancake is fun to serve to a large gathering – you just cut it into cake-like wedges – and it's not greasy. Another plus: You can prepare it ahead of time and reheat before serving. Ingredients:

4 large Idaho baking potatoes Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper 4 tablespoons vegetable oil Preparation:

Peel and quarter the potatoes. If you are not grating them immediately, place them in a bowl of cold water to prevent discoloration.

Using the medium grating attachment of a food processor, grate the potatoes coarsely. Place in a dish towel and wring dry to remove the liquid. Transfer to a bowl. Season well with salt and pepper.

Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet. Add the potatoes, patting them down firmly with a spatula to flatten them and even out the edges. Cook over medium-high heat for about 8 minutes, until the bottom is golden.

Invert the pancake onto a plate and add the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil to the skillet to heat. Slide the pancake back into the skillet. Pat it down again with the spatula and cook for another 8 minutes, or until the underside is golden.

Invert onto a platter and cut into the desired number of slices.

ROAST TURKEY

Makes 12 to 14 servings

You do not have to wait for Thanksgiving to serve this dish, as it is easy to make and quite tasty. I often serve it when I have many guests to feed. Ingredients:

14-pound turkey

3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon see **RECIPES** page 15

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Historic sales: Over \$1 billion in 2013 U.S. Israel Bond Investments

NEW YORK- Annual Israel bond investments in the U.S. domestic market exceeded \$1 billion for the first time, as 2013 sales broke through the historic threshold in early November and continue to surge. With six weeks still remaining in the year, it is anticipated do-mestic investments in Israel bonds will approach \$1.1 billion.

By comparison, U.S. Israel bond investments for 2011 were \$634 million. For 2012, they reached \$816 million, which, at the time, represented an alltime high for domestic Israel bond sales.

In praising the record results, Sigalit Siag, Israel's chief fiscal officer for the Western Hemisphere, applauded the Bonds organization for "proving itself once again as a reliable source of funding for Israel's economy." She cited the organization's "unique ability to raise capital," as well as its success in securing sales from "a strong, diverse investor base.'

Bonds Chairman of the Board Richard Hirsch said the record sales "solidify the reputation of the Bonds organization as a dependable economic and strategic resource for Israel."

Added President & CEO Izzy Tapoohi: "The \$1 billion achievement dispels the notion that Israel bonds are bought in great numbers only when Israel confronts a crisis. Today, Israel bonds are perceived not only as a gesture of solidarity, but as an opportunity to become a stakeholder in one of the world's most resilient economies.'

Development Corporation for Israel, commonly known as Israel Bonds, offers investments that diversify portfolios and preserve capital. Capital realized through the sale of Israel bonds has developed every aspect of Israel's economy, enabling cutting-edge innovation that saves lives and changes the world on a daily basis. Recognized as a valued

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3 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce Freshly ground black pepper

- 1 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 onions
- 5 sprigs rosemary 5 tablespoons tablespoons unsalted margarine, melted

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Discard any excess fat from the turkey. Rinse it inside and out and pat dry with paper towels. Season the skin and the cavity with the lemon juice, soy sauce, and pepper.

Combine the orange juice and wine in a measuring cup with a spout. (This makes pouring easier.)

Thinly slice one of the onions and set it aside. Cut the other onion in quarters and place it in the cavity along with the rosemary sprigs. Brush the turkey with the margarine and place it on its side in a roasting pan. Scatter the sliced onion around the pan.

Roast the turkey for 30 minutes, basting with the orange juice-wine mixture. Turn the turkey on its other side and roast for another 30 minutes, continuing to baste. Turn the turkey breast side up and, continuing to baste, roast for 20 minutes. For the final 20 minutes, place the turkey breast side down. (If the drumsticks begin to get too brown, cover the ends with foil.)

The turkey is ready when the drumsticks move easily in their sockets and the juices run clear. (The total cooking time is about 1 hour, 40 minutes, or about 7 minutes per pound.) A meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breast should read 160.

Remove the turkey from the oven and cover it tightly with heavy foil. Let it stand for 30 minutes. (This allows the juices to flow back into the tissues.) Place

it on a cutting board.

Pour the contents of the roasting pan into a small saucepan. Put the saucepan in the freezer for about 10 minutes, so the grease can quickly rise to the top. (This makes it easier to remove.)

To serve: Skim off the fat and reheat the pan juices. Discard the onion and rosemary from the cavity and carve the turkey. Serve with the juices.

EASY BROWNIES

Makes 7 dozen 1-inch squares
These fudgy bite-size brownies can be cut into any size.

Ingredients:

16 tablespoons unsalted margarine, at room temperature, plus 1 tablespoon for greasing the pan

1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour, plus

ounces good-quality imported semi-sweet chocolate, broken into small

- 4 large eggs, room temperature

Generous 1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 350. Line a 9-by-13by-2-inch baking pan with wax paper. Grease the paper with 1 tablespoon of the margarine and dust it with 1 tablespoon of the flour. Invert and tap the pan

the chocolate in the top of a double boiler. Cover and set over simmering water. Stir from time to time until all is

Remove the top from the double boiler. Using a wooden spoon, gradually add the sugar, stirring continuously until the chocolate is smooth. Stir in 1 egg at a time until well mixed. Add the vanilla and flour and blend well. Stir in the

Pour the batter into the prepared pan, tilting the pan to spread the batter evenly. Bake on the middle shelf of the oven for 20 minutes, or until the top is slightly firm to the touch and a cake tester inserted in the center comes out

spatula around the sides of the pan to oosen the brownies. Invert the pan onto a board and cut into squares.

tween the layers.

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1 tablespoon for dusting the pan

Scant 1-3/4 cups sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preparation:

to shake out the excess flour. Place the remaining margarine and

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IFCS CALENDAR

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JFCS Food Pantry

Suggestions for December

Toilet paper, paper towels, hearty soups, ketchup, mayonnaise, salad dressing. Contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103 or ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org.

Career & Education Services

Holiday Job Search

Monday, December 4, 10:30 a.m. - noon Learn why it is important to search for new careers during the holiday season, what companies do and how to network during the holidays.

ACT Preparation Workshop

Mondays & Tuesdays January 6 - February 4, 7 - 9 p.m.

\$170 fee includes two textbooks. For more information and to register, contact Janet Poole, ext. 222.

Chanukah Helpers Family Mitzvah



Sunday, November 24, 1:30 p.m.

Join JFCS for a family mitzvah event to help families in need celebrate Chanukah. We will organize gifts, eat snacks and have fun with family and friends.

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Pink Julep Boutique supports JFCS, other local nonprofits



Cathy Shircliff (left) poses with Naomi Malka at a Pink

November 25, 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

As the holiday shopping season peaks, local business owner Cathy Shircliff uses increased sales as an opportunity to give back to the community. Shircliff's Pink Julep Boutique is hosting its second annual Week of Thanks through November 27. This unique fundraiser benefits Jewish Family & Career Services in addition to several other local nonprofit organizations.

"Having a background in nonprofits, I knew that the simpler you made it for

people to give the better. How great is it to be able to do some shopping and know your favorite organizations are benefiting?" says Shircliff.

The Week of Thanks debuted in 2012. Shircliffe says, "Last year we started small, with 3 organizations over 3 days. This year my goal was to expand and have at least a full week of a different organization every day." She exceeded her goal, and this year's event actually spans two weeks in November to accommodate the 11 organizations that Shircliff wanted to support.

Shircliffe thought of JFCS because of her personal connection to the agency's employees. "I became familiar with JFCS through my friends Naomi Malka and Megan Haggard," she said. "They have been so supportive of me. I knew this would be an easy way to show how impressed I am with the services they help provide at JFCS.

Naomi Malka, JFCS case manager and PALS coordinator, comments, "Pink Julep is my favorite store because the clothes are versatile for work, as well as for social occasions. My mom (Mauri Malka) loves some of the tops and we've even found a sweater for my grandmother (Sue LaSalle)."

Pink Julep Boutique is one of many businesses to offer a share of a day's sales to nonprofit organizations in the area. JFCS has received funds from similar events at California Pizza Kitchen, The Village Anchor and Captain's Quarters during the past year.

Pink Julep Boutique is located at 3935 Chenoweth Square in Louisville. JFCS will receive ten percent of all sales made on November 25. For more information, contact Beverly Bromley at ext. 223.

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CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS RIVERSIDE GRILLE

A big THANK YOU to Captain's Quarters and Andrew Masterson, who donated 10% of the food and beverage sales on October 20 to JFCS. We saw a lot of friends who enjoyed the food and atmosphere, and JFCS appreciates your support for these events.



Support Groups at JFCS

JFCS offers a variety of free caregiver support groups at the Louis & Lee Roth Family Center, Learn about community resources and bringing balance to your life.

Caregiver Support Group Monthly meetings for adult children of aging parents

Fourth Thursday, 7 p.m. Jewish Family & Career Services Contact Mauri Malka, ext. 250

First Tuesday, 4 p.m. Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church 4936 Brownsboro Road Contact Connie Austin, ext. 305 or Naomi Malka, ext. 249

Third Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Southwest Family YMCA 2800 Fordham Road Contact Jo Ann Kalb, ext. 335

Fourth Wednesday, 3 p.m. Calvin Presbyterian Church 2501 Rudy Lane Contact Helen Hord, ext. 226

Parkinson's Caregiver **Support Group**

Second Thursday of the Month, 1 p.m. Contact Mauri Malka, ext. 250

Diabetes Support Group Restarting!

Third Monday of the month at 2 p.m. For individuals with diabetes to talk about having a chronic condition and share the ways they cope.

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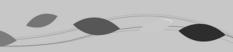
Second Friday of the month at 2 p.m. For individuals who are caring for a person with Alzheimer's or other cognitive impairment.

Contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group New Time!

Third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. For anyone raising grandchildren or other relatives.

Contact Jo Ann Kalb, ext. 335



Louisville BBYO Hosts KIO Regional Convention

by Natania Lipp Teen Topics Editor

n the weekend of November 15-17, the Jewish Community Center hosted a regional BBYO event. The convention includes a basketball tournament for boys, and sisterhood programming for girls.

At 6 that evening, teens started coming in from Columbus, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Dayton. All of Friday night was focused on Global Shabbat, a night where BBYO teens all over the world celebrate one Shabbat with a theme and extra significance to provide unity and appreciation for Judaism throughout the order.

Both girls and boys have themes for the weekend, this years' being "Im Tirtzu, Ein Zoh Hagadah" (If You Will It, It Is No Dream) for the boys, and "Omdim B'yachad, Am Echad, Bayit Echad," (We Stand Together, One Nation, One Home) for the girls.

To honor this special occasion the teens had dinner and then had a special service by candlelight. They were encouraged to put their cell phones in boxes to get the full experience, and the majority obliged. A service with great discussion followed with electives led by the regional board, which were also Shomer Shabbos. Activities included ghost stories, massage circles, song singing, and discussions about life.

Saturday began with services as well, separating girls and boys to focus on their individual Global Shabbat themes. The girls had an "Around the World" service with trivia about Jewish culture in different countries, because from the furthest corners of the world the Jewish teens are still all united, one nation, one home.

The rest of the convention for the girls was focused on sisterhood, so they did fun bonding programming throughout the day. After services they were able to relax with an hour of yoga. Then, they were split into groups representing countries in order to continue the theme of the morning and competed in performing skits and dances as their country.

After lunch, the energy was still high and they were ready for some Krav Maga lessons. The girls learned how to punch and kick, and were also given valuable advice for future self-defense. Everyone was sad to see the session end, until a new project was put before them.

This time, the girls were split into their chapters, and instructed to make canvas art for the chapter to their right, using sharpie to write one word to describe them and then melting crayons onto the masterpiece with blow dryers. The creativity of each member truly showed throughout the program, along with the obvious love the chapters have

for each other.

Meanwhile, the boys were preparing for a night full of basketball. Since games could not start until the sun set, practicing was a full-day activity. The boys enjoyed bonding as their teamwork improved during practice, and made sitting on the sidelines fun for each other when they weren't on the court.

After a long day of scrimmaging the boys were definitely hungry for dinner, and as they crowded into the auditorium for food the girls and boys were finally able to reunite again. However, immediately afterwards the girls had more programming to do and the boys were ready to get back to the courts and start their games. After an enthusiastic Havdallah, it was time to go their separate ways again.

The girls started off the nighttime programming with dessert. However, they had to earn it first. The regional board places piles of candy, ice cream, apples, and other treats on a table, then split the girls into five groups. Their first task was to make charoset. The regional board lined up in front of the table, taste testing each concoction and rating it according to taste and presentation. Other tasks included blindfolding one girl from each group and having her make an ice cream sandwich, and building candy sculptures.

The last main activity of the evening was separates, a program planned separately by girls and boys regional board at every convention. Sometimes the programs were serious enough to make everyone cry and share their biggest secrets, but this time the board wanted it to be fun and encompass their theme for the weekend: "Girl on Fire" by Alicia Kevs.

The girls stayed in their groups to have discussions about what the symbolism of fire means to them, and then regional board members each shared her own personal connection to the word, including passion, determination, and journeys.

However, the program didn't end there. Girls were led outside and given Chinese lanterns to light and send off into the sky. This cute idea turned out to be more of a hazard than expected; although that girls had tested it to make sure it worked earlier that day, the wind had picked up a lot since then. On their second try lighting the lantern, it only made it to the top of one of the trees and luckily burned out before causing damage. The experience caused everyone to panic for a minute, but it will definitely remain a memorable night for everyone there

The night finished with karaoke, and free time for the girls as the boys played their real games. They left that night in



Indy Brae Sheath AZA Celebrating their victory in the basketball tournament

the middle of their tournament, with Columbus, Louisville, and Indianapolis in the lead and ready to battle for the champion title the next day.

Sunday went by quickly; as the convention ended at twelve. The girls were given free time to spend the last of their time together, but the boys still had multiple games to play. First, Cincinnati lost to Indianapolis. Then, Louisville creamed Columbus.

The championship had finally narrowed down to Louisville and Indianapolis, and everyone was anxious to see the results. The Louisville boys had been the favorite having won six years in a row before losing in the finals last year, However, Indianapolis had taken a huge step up and were physically much bigger than the Kentucky boys.

The game was a close call for the whole time, but in the end Louisville could not conquer the giant Indiana team and lost by 5 points. The boys from Louisville were sad to have lost but happy with how

much fun they had had throughout the weekend.

The brotherhood of all of the guys grew stronger, and overall they felt successful. Teens were sad to leave after having such an amazing weekend, but they look forward to seeing each other at their regional convention in December.



Drew Corson AZA warming up

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FOR GRADES 7 - 8





Jay Levine BBG girls

NEWSMAKERS

Louisville Public Media recently announced the new members of its Board of Directors, including **Gail R. Becker. Becker** is executive director emeritus of the Kentucky Science Center, where she served from 1991 to 2008. She is a member of Leadership Louisville, the Rotary Club of Louisville and is on the board of directors of the Louisville Committee on Foreign Relations. She also served



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Ruth W. Brinkley, chief executive officer of KentuckyOne Health, was recognized as one of "130 Women Hospital and Health System Leaders to Know" by Becker's Hospital Review. The annual list recognizes women who demonstrate outstanding leadership within the hospital and healthcare industry.

Ayala Golding and Sandra B. Hammond have merged their legal practices, joining the law firm of Tilford Dobbins Alexander, PLLC, effective November 1.

Herman Meyer & Son is proud to announce its participation in "Have The Talk Of A Lifetime," a national effort to encourage families to have conversations about life and what matters most. These discussions can help families make important decisions about how they wish to remember and honor the lives of their loved ones.

Herman Meyer & Son is pleased to offer a free brochure, "Have The Talk Of A Lifetime," that will help you begin a con-

versation about life.

The National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, received the 2013 Volunteer Group of the Year Award from the Gilda's Club Louisville staff at their Volunteer Appreciation

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Brunch on Saturday, November 16. NCJW members were recognized for their "tremendous efforts to support and facilitate Camp Gilda and their invaluable support of countless other projects throughout the year."

In its October 25 edition, *Business First* published its 2013 "Fast 50 List" of the 50 fastest-growing businesses in the area. Included on the list were **21c** Museum Hotels at no. 1 – an amazing 550 percent growth in revenue over the past three years; Freedom Metals at no. 11 (123-199 percent growth) and Candy-

Rific at no. 49 (29-39 percent growth).
21c Museum Hotel has grown from its original Louisville location to include locations in Cincinnati, IN, and Bentonville, AR, with plans to open hotels in Durham, NC, and Lexington next year. The owners credit 21c president Craig Greenberg's ability to research laws regarding historic tax credits, tax-increment financing plans, grants and other funding for the company's success in obtaining funds.

Freedom Metals, a recycler of metals, plastic, and cardboard, has installed a new computer system to streamline its accounting and business operations and partnered with other out-of-town scrap processors to handle their flow of scrap into the area. Bruce E. Blue is the CEO of Freedom Metals, and Spencer L. Blue is its president and chief operating offi-

CandyRific designs, manufactures and distributes novelty candies and related items, and in the past year has secured a licensing agreement with The Walt Disney Co. to use Disney characters in toy products that contain candy. President Rob Auerbach says the "coolest tra-dition" in the workplace is "free M&Ms anvtime.'

Suzy Post honored for lifetime commitment to social justice

by Matt Goldberg, Director Jewish Community Relations Council

n October 17, Suzy Post was Toasted and Roasted at a soldout dinner at the Louisville Central Community Centers

(LCCC). Congressman John Yar-muth was the honorary chairman of the event, and planning comincluded mittee Shelly Zegart.

The evening included a number of toasts and roasts, including congratulations



from Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader

Post's lifetime work includes activism to desegregate schools, housing discrimination opposition and work for affordable housing and on women's rights. Her leadership is widely known locally; and she also served in a number of national, state and local leadership positions for the ACLU.

from Lieutenant Governor Jerry Abram-

son and Mayor Greg Fischer and a letter

The Courier-Journal gave a rare full-page story devoted to her titled: "Suzy Post honored as 'conscience for the city' Gadfly still reaching out as she turns 80."

The daughter of parents who were leaders for Jewish issues, she is well known in the Louisville Jewish community for her commitment to social justice. The October 17 celebration provided an opportunity for the entire Louisville community to honor her. The best part of the evening was when Suzy told attendees that she is not done yet.

SHALOM

November 28

Chanukah **December 5**

December 12

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for lunch reservations or information.

Funding for Chavurat Shalom is provided by the Jewish Community of

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Saturday, November 23

On Saturday, Nov. 23, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is hosting the St. Jude Give thanks. Walk in 75 communities nationwide, including Louisville, to support children fighting cancer and other deadly diseases with pioneering research and exceptional care. The local walk will take place at The Louis-ville Zoo from 7:30-11 a.m. Registration is free, but participants are forming teams and raising money online at givethankswalk.org to earn incentives.

Thursdays through January 23

Rabbi Dr. Joshua Golding leads a study session at Congregation Anshei Sfard, Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the shul library for 10 weeks (excluding Thanksgiving Day, November 28). The topic – "The Way of the Name: How to Energize your Spiritual Life in Four (not so) Easy Steps." Knowledge of Hebrew is helpful, but not required. RSVP to 451-3122, ext. 0, or email rabbi@ansheisfard.com.

Mondays through May

Mysteries of the Alef-Bet: Kabbalat Ha-Torah meets at The Temple with Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks in Room 172 at 7 p.m. on Mondays through May. Kabbalat HaTorah is a Jewish, mystical and Hebrew learning experience. The curriculum offers insights into Bible, prayer, Midrash, Jewish philosophy, and spirituality. This class offers something for all levels. All will have the opportunity to delve into the sacred Hebrew letters and language. Students progress at their own pace. Optional dinner at 6 p.m.; reservation required - call 423-1818.

Mondays, through May

Join Rabbi David Monday nights at 7 p.m. in the Temple's Fishman Library. for text study of "The Angry God – Early Jewish Conceptions of God."

In the Bible, God has many roles and erronalities. God is a judge, lawgiver, liberator, Creator, father, king, and shepherd. God's attributes may seem contradictory. God is said to be "merciful and gracious" (Ex. 34:6), but also angry and jealous. Unlike the concept of a perfect, all knowing, all-powerful God, the God of the Bible is conflicted, has personality and is depicted in human terms. God experiences anger, patience, jealousy and love and is even described using physical imagery. The class will discover through early Biblical and Midrashic texts.

Mondays, through May

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

Wednesdays, through May

Meet in The Temple's Fishman Library for Temple Scholars with Rabbi David on Wednesdays, 9:30-10:35 a.m. Explore new ways in which our 3,000-year-old tradition can engage with modern Jewish life and develop new ideas and thinking which are relevant, pluralistic and inspiring. Temple scholars examine and grapple with big questions that emerge from ancient texts and teachings, confronting and rethinking these teachings, exploring the ways in which our tradition have enabled, empowered, and

shaped modern Jewish thought and life. Sunday, December 1 Registration is required.

Thursdays through spring

The Temple Farm Market sells fresh produce every Thursday in The Temple parking lot. Winter hours are 1-5 p.m.

Saturdays year 'round

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

Wednesday, November 27

On November 27, Chabad will sponsor a Community Chanukah Kickoff Celebration at Fourth Street Live in downtown Louisville, starting with free ice skating and/or bowling at 4 p.m., followed by the Menorah lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments, dreidels, Chanukaĥ gelt (chocolates), holiday songs and more. All are invited.

Saturday, November 30

In the Kaballah, it is written that Saturday night can energize the entire week with blessing and power. Chabad of Kentucky is sponsoring a new program, "Saturday Night Live," to channel this energy and bring the light of Shabbat and of Chanukah alive through song and story. For more information call Rabbi Shlomo Litvin at 767-0392.

The entire family is invited to Chanukah on Ice, an evening of free ice skating, authentic Israeli sufganiot (doughnuts), sizzling latkes, hot chocolate, and lots of fun. The family Chanukah celebration, sponsored by Chabad of Kentucky, will be at the Alpine Ice Arena, 1825 Gardiner Ln., on December 1 at 7 p.m. For more information, please call Rabbi Chaim Litvin at 442-2208.

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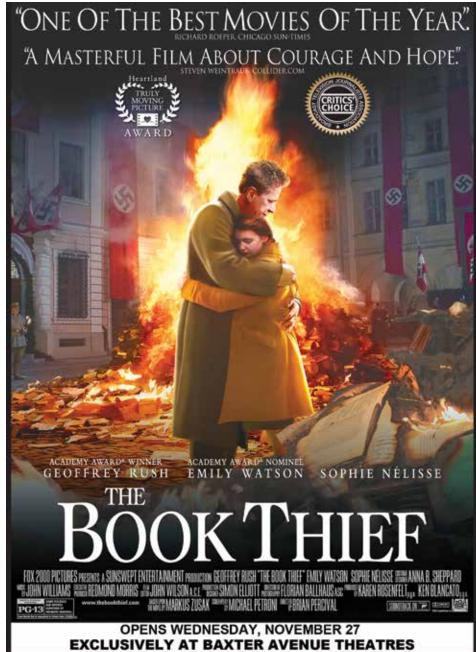
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Monday, December 2

On December 2 at 4 p.m., Rabbi Chaim Litvin will present an educa-tional program, "the Festival of Lights," for people of all backgrounds and knowledge levels. The community is invited to recreate the entire process of making oil as the Maccabees did. Each participant will select and pit raw olives. Then they will fashion cotton wicks, press, and refine the olives. Finally, they will light the Chanukiah (menorah) with the olive oil and wicks they made.

For reservations, please call Rabbi Chaim Litvin at 442-2208.

Monday, December 2

The community is invited to attend a Chanukah Dinner at Congregation Anshei Sfard on Monday, December 2 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-12, and free for children younger than 3 years. Call 451-3122, ext. 0, by November 30 to make your reservations. Chanukah candles and gift-wrap are available for purchase.

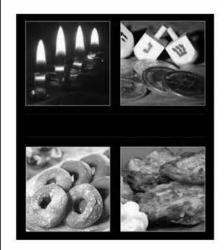
Wednesday, December 4

During this one-hour morning class led by Rabbi Michael Wolk, participants study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary while enjoying a cup (or cups?!) of coffee. All are welcome to join in this study. Jews and Brews meets weekly on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at the JCC Coffee Shop. You need not attend each week to participate.

Wednesday, December 4

The Knit & Qvell Circle at Anshei Sfard meets the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the shul library.

Congregation Anshei Sfard



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Come join the fun on Wednesday, Dec. 4. All levels of knitters – or even if you just want to learn how to knit - are welcome to attend. All knitted items go to the Jefferson County Public School Clothes

Monday, December 2

December's AJ at the Glenview features "Music, Maccabees and Menorahs," with Cantor Lipp leading a lively evening of Chanukah music, followed by a delicious doughnut reception. Bring your own menorah. The Glenview Large Party Room, 5100 US Highway 42 at 7:30 p.m.; the program is free and all are welcome. For more information, contact Bonnie Shaikun, 458-5359 or bshaikun@adathjeshurun.com.

Tuesday, December 3

Join Keneseth Israel for everything you love about Shabbat - faith, friends, and food - in a fraction of the time. Come for a 25-minute musical Mincha/ Ma'ariv service and stay for a holiday celebration including games, music, and tikkun olam on Tuesday, December 3, at 5:45 p.m. There is no charge, but donations to the sponsoring funds - The Yael Melzer Fund and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund - are recommended. Reservations required by Tuesday, November 26, through the KI office at 459-2780.

Wednesday, December 4

A parade of cars will assemble at 6 p.m. on December 4 at The Temple parking lot and head to the Summit, where Mayor Greg Fisher will light the giant Chanukah Menorah.

Sing along with the children and the Mayor as we light the menorah and remember this first symbol of religious freedom. Refreshments will be served. Call Rabbi Chaim Litvin at 442-2208 for

Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, and 18

The Torah of Tikkun Olam meets in The Temple's Fishman Library each Wednesday, 10:50-11:55 a.m., with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport. Topics encompass the Jewish Roots of Social Justice, from the Bible to the Talmud, through the mystical tradition of Lurianic Kabbalah and up to the Modern Age. Participants trace the Jewish values that command us to become builders of a better world: peace, justice, care for the earth, befriending the hungry and the homeless. Each session stands alone and no registration is required. No classes on December 25 or January 1.

Thursday, December 5

The Louisville Cardinals will be playing the Cincinnati Bearcats at 7:30 p.m. on December 5, and the game will be broadcast live on AJ's gigantic bigscreen TV. Pizza, snacks, beer and refreshments provided. This event is open to the community and free of charge, but a count is needed. Please RSVP by Sunday, December 1, to Men's Club President Craig Friedman at craig.j.friedman@gmail.com or call 640-4228

Friday, December 6

Shabbat On Broadway," a special Shabbat service, in addition to The Temple's regular service, will be held on Friday, December 6 at 7 p.m. The community is welcome to join Rabbi Gaylia Rooks and Rabbi Joe Rapport, along with Steven Stuhlbarg on guitar, in The Temple's Klein Center for this Alef Service of Holiness and Renewal. Everyone will participate in the service themes through the music and lyrics of Broadway. Many Broadway musicals were written by Jews and often reflect their experiences, as well as those of other immigrants. Their stories take on a new meaning when juxtaposed with the lost world of East European Jewry. All are invited to come pray, sing and celebrate.

Saturday, December 7

At Shabbat morning services on December 7, Adath Jeshurun will honor Robin Silverman for 25 years of distinguished service as synagogue administrator, Silverman serves as Rabbi Robert Slosberg's assistant and oversees the AJ office, cemetery operations, life-cycle events, communications, publicity, and more. She is also the staff liaison with AJ committees and the Board of Trustees. All are welcome to join the AJ Board of Trustees in honoring Robin's service. A kiddush luncheon will follow the 9:30 a.m. worship services.

Sunday, December 8

The Women of Temple Shalom and Temple Shalom Men's Ĉlub second joint Game Day will be Sunday, December 8,

at 2 p.m. at Temple Shalom.
WOTS is hosting a Mah Jongg day, and the Men's Club is hosting a Texas Hold-'em style poker afternoon. Both are open to all. The cost for Mah Jongg players is \$5, and there is a \$10 buy-in for poker. The costs include soft drinks and snacks. RSVP to Temple Shalom, 458-4739, by Friday, December 6, and indicate whether you will be playing Mah Jongg or poker.

Sunday, December 8

In remembrance of all children who have died, Gilda's Club and Hosparus invite you to create luminaries on Sunday, December 8, from 4-6:30 p.m. and light a candle with them around 7 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 809 S. Fourth St., for National Children's Memorial Day. Luminaries will be created in celebration of the light each child continues to be, and the candle-lighting ceremony will coincide with candle lightings around the world. You are also welcome to bring photographs and small mementos.

If you are unable to attend and would like a particular child's name read aloud and a luminary created in his or her honor, call Gilda's Club Louisville at 583-0075 or e-mail missy@gildasclublouisville.org. For more information, visit compassionatefriends.org.

Mondays, Dec. 9-mid-March

The Temple offers the community Basic Judaism class on Mondays from 8-9 p.m. A new trimester on "Jewish Holidays" begins on December 9 with Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks. This class is for interfaith couples and parents, people considering conversion, or those who just want to expand their knowledge of Judaism. Please call The Temple at 423-1818 to RSVP before joining the class.

Monday, December 9

Adath Jeshurun presents Live from New York's 92nd Street Y, with Harvard professor Howard Gardner discussing "the App Generation." Reception at 7:45 p.m., broadcast at 8:15 p.m. All broadcasts are free and open to the community. For more information, contact Adult Education Coordinator Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@ adathjeshurun.com.

Tuesdays, December 10 and 17

Bring your friends and enjoy free movies and more, at 3 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun, 2401 Woodbourne Ave. On December 10, the show is Big Hand for the Little Lady, with a cast that includes Henry Fonda, Jason Robards, Joanne Woodward and Burgess Meredith. On December 17, enjoy 100 Years of Music and Laughter with Victor Borge, narrated by Rita Rudner.

Tuesday, December 10

A "December Dilemma" program will be presented by The Temple Outreach Committee and Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks for interfaith couples and parents, peo-ple considering conversion or who have

converted and Jewish parents who want to be able to help their children as they may become more aware of our "otherness" at this time of year. Everyone is invited to attend on Tuesday, December 10, 6:30-8 p.m. in The Temple Library at no charge. Free babysitting, a complimentary dinner and an informative program and discussion offering helpful insights on navigating through this season. Reservations are required and should be made by Friday, December 6, by calling The Temple office at 423-1818.

Saturday, December 14

Parents and students in kindergarten-seventh grade are invited to attend Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation at Adath Jeshurun. The next service is December 14 at 10:30 a.m. Contact Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com for more information.

Saturday, December 14Keneseth Israel invites the children and families of the community to attend its monthly KI Katan Shabbat service especially for children from toddlers through kindergarten. It is a very participatory service led by the KI clergy and filled with prayers, songs, stories, and a Shabbat snack. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun and learning. Cantor Hordes will lead the next KI Katan on December 14 at 10:45 a.m. at Keneseth Israel. No reservations are needed.

Saturday, December 14

Adath Jeshurun hosts Shabbat Scholars, an enlightening discussion following the AJ kiddush lunch on December 14. Melanie Hughes will speak on the Sudbury School of Kentuckiana, a school for students in grades K - 12 where children are trusted and empowered to learn to their heart's content, so they are prepared for the unexpected challenges they will experience in this

Sunday, December 15

An encore presentation of October's 92nd Street Y broadcast features Malcolm Gladwell on the topic, "When Underdogs Break the Rules." Adath Jeshurun; reception at 6:30 p.m., with DVD showing of the October 1 broadcast beginning at 7 p.m.

Monday, December 23

After recently reading Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand, the JCC Book Club will view Seabiscuit, the movie, on Dec. 23 in the JCC Board Room. All are invited. Contact Evie Topcik (evtop@aol. com or 895-7122) or Slava Nelson (snelson@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2760) for more information.

Tuesday, December 24

The Temple invites you to a free Chinese dinner and a showing of *The World* is Funny on December 24. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and the movie will follow at 7. The World is Funny follows Zafi, a charming young housekeeper and aspiring writer in Tiberias, who seems to be the only thing connecting three estranged siblings. Prompted by her writing teacher, Zafi begins to dig up the family secrets. Call 423-1818 by Decem-

Wednesday, December 25

The Keneseth Israel Men's Club presents their annual Chili Bingo Night on Wednesday, December 25. Dinner (including a vegetarian chili) begins at 5:15 p.m., and bingo will follow the 5:45 p.m. minyan. \$15 for Men's Club members. \$20 for non-members. \$5 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and younger. You also can come for dinner and not play bingo for \$10. Credit cards are accepted. Reservations are required by Wednesday, December 18; call 459-2780 or email mensclub@kenesethisrael.

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Births

Anika Bergman

Dr. Kevin Bergman and Sarah Greenberg would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Anika, on August 11, 2013. She was welcomed with lots of love by her parents and grandparents Mona and Jay Brodsky, Richard and Rebecca Bergman, and Lois Greenberg.

Elias Isadore Katz Nina Helen Puterbaugh

Laura Melon and Larry Wasser are thrilled to announce the birth of two grandchildren. Elias Isadore Katz was born on August 28 to Magdalena Barr-DiChiara and Zachary Katz of Brooklyn, New York. Nina Helen Puterbaugh was born on October 6 to Emily & Rex Puterbaugh of Portland, Oregon. Parents, grandparents, and babies are all doing well.

Bat Mitzvah



Nicole Samantha

Goldberg Nicole Saman-Goldberg, daughter of Scott and Laura Goldberg, sister of Tyler and Aaron, will be called to the Torah

as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. at The Temple. Nicole is the granddaughter of Murrel and Maxine Goldberg of Louisville, KY, Miles and Helene Beermann of Highland Park, IL, and Leonard and Sandy Goldstein of Deerfield, IL.

Nicole is a fun-loving seventh grader at North Oldham Middle School, where she is very proud of her academic achievements and being asked to join Beta Club. Outside of school, her interests include softball, Girl Scouts, camping, her pets, photography, and music. Nicole attends Camp Livingston every summer and completely embraces the outdoor expe-

Nicole is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program by involving herself in charities and events including Locks of Love, Brain Injury Alliance of KY, Goshen's Fall Festival and the Hunger Walk benefitting Dare to Care Food Bank. Additionally, she joins her family every year in passing out free bike helmets at the Mayor's Hike, Bike & Paddle.

Nicole and her family invite the community to join them in celebrating this special moment in their lives.

Marriage

Tasman-Smith

Sheila and David Tasman are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Michael Tasman, to Jen Smith on November 9. Michael is the grandson of Martha Frockt. Jen is the daughter of Vicki and Newland Smith. The couple resides in Louisville.

Obituaries

S. Phillip Greiver

Phillip Greiver, M.D., FACP, passed away Wednesday, October 23. DrGreiver was born in 1930 in Louisville to Sonia and Joseph Greiver.



He graduated from Male High School, University of Louisville (undergraduate), and University of Louisville Medical School in 1955. He did his training at Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn, NY,

Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, MO, served two years in the U.S. Army at the rank of Captain, and completed his last years of training in Louisville at the old General

Hospital.
Phil had a distinguished practice in Internal Medicine in Louisville for 38 years and was a brilliant diagnostician. He developed a keen interest in Geriatrics and became board qualified in Geriatrics as a sub-specialty. After visiting and researching Geriatric centers around the country, he helped develop the Col. Harland Sanders Geriatric Wing at Jewish Hospital and co-founded the Kentucky Geriatric Association, serving as its president. He was also the medical director of Four Courts Senior Center for several years.

He was a member of numerous organizations including Louisville Society of Internists (past president), Jefferson County Medical Society, Kentucky Medical Association, Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity (past president) and for over 25 years, served as president of the Sidney I. Kornhauser Foundation, created by Phi Delta Epsilon Graduate Club, which gave monetary awards to worthy medical students for academic excellence. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians of which he was a fellow, served on the board of Jewish Hospital and was president of the medical staff. He was also a gratis volunteer faculty member of UofL Medical School, teaching students in the clinic

Dr. Greiver was a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, serving on its board, a member of Congregation Anshei Sfard and the Louisville VAAD, serving as its president. He was also president of the former Louisville Jewish Day School for several years. He was a kind, caring, devoted physician, husband, father, and grandfather. Medicine was his life and his patients always came first.

hil adored his two sons, Mike and Jon, and doted on his 10 grandchildren, trying to keep up with their involved lives. He and Roz enjoyed traveling and spent half the year in Tucson, AZ for the last 12 years, where they had many friends and interests. He was an avid UofL fan and had season tickets for decades. Mike and Jon grew up going to those games, even on school nights.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Roz; his sons, Michael (Lori) of Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel and Jonathan (Jamie) of Atlanta, GA; and 10 grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Florence and Hanley Cohn of St. Louis, MO, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. Stephen and Sandi Hornstein of Atlanta, GA; five nieces and many wonderful, kind, caring, loving and supportive cousins, who helped in every way possible.

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Donations in his memory may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation, Signature Healthcare of Cherokee Park (Four Courts), J. Graham Brown Cancer Center - Radiation Oncology, The Gra Synagogue, 556 Passaic Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07014, or donor's favorite charity.



Rubin Sher

Rubin Sher, 96, New Albany, died Wednesday, October 23, Village Hillcrest Health Care Centre. He was a native of Louisville, February, born 11, 1917 to the late

Leah and David Sher. He attended Julliard School, graduated from University of Louisville School of Music, received a Master of Music from Butler University, and was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII.

Rubin was a member of the Louisville Orchestra for over 30 years. His first jobs were as staff violinist at both WAVE and WHAS radio. He began teaching at Southern Junior High School and later taught at Manual High School and Highland Junior High. At both schools, he developed award-winning groups. In 1963, he started the string program in New Albany that grew from eight students to more than 700. He also founded the Louisville Youth Orchestra, the Floyd County Youth Symphony and was the conductor of the J.C.C. Orchestra for many years.

Throughout the years, Rubin received numerous honors and awards for his work in the community and with children, the most notable being awards from Bellarmine University and the Jewish Community Center. Recently, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Indiana Arts Council, and was inducted into the Manual High School Hall of Fame in 2010 and the New Albany High School Hall of Fame in 2012.

In his youth, Rubin loved to play tennis, and in his later years, he enjoyed watching basketball, football and loved to travel. His greatest achievement was touching, inspiring, and bringing joy to the thousands of students he influenced throughout the years. He took pleasure in hearing from his former "kids." He genuinely loved his life, enjoyed people, loved a good story, and always had a ready smile.

He was a member of Temple Shalom, both Indiana and Kentucky Retired Teachers Associations, a lifetime member of Louisville Federation of Musicians and Hobart Beach VFW Post, and a Kentucky Colonel.

He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Nancy Sher; his children, Michael (Paula) of Long Island, NY, Martin (Kerry) of New Albany, IN, and Sam of

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vid (Yukiko) and Benjamin (Denise).

Burial was at New Albany National Cemetery with military honors. Herman Meyer & Son took care of the arrange-

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Scholarship Fund in Memory of Rubin Sher, c/o Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Avenue, Louisville, KY

Anatoly Abramovich

Anatoly Abramovich, 72, died Monday, October 28, at Baptist Health. He was a native of Russia and a commercial

He is survived by his wife, Zina Krasnik; a son, Alexander Krasnik; a brother, Leonid Abramovich of New York, NY; and two grandchildren.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple.

Elva Doris Cook

Elva Doris Cook, 101, of Louisville, passed away on All Saints Day, Friday, November 1.

Elva was born in New Albany, IN on November 26, 1911. Elva retired at age 65 after a full career as a

secretary at The Kentucky Dental Association. She then started a second career as a receptionist at United Crescent Hill Ministries, finally retiring at the age of 93. She moved from Sacred Heart Village to Christopher East (now Heartland) nursing home in 2004.

Elva was a member of Evangel World Prayer Center, MacDowell Music Club Chorus, United Crescent Hill Ministries, and Virginia Asher's Business Women's

She was a loving and spiritual person. Forever optimistic, Elva stressed hard work, family, and asking God for daily

She was preceded in death by her former, late husband, Herbert W. Cook; her son, Herbert L. Cook; her two brothers, William Krieger and Joseph Krieger, and her four sisters. Frances Hough, Elsie May Sutton, Velsie Fay Hatton and Gladys Pearl Blankenbaker.

Survivors include her three daughters, Carol A. Leibson, Patricia S. Bailey, and Paula F. Julian; her daughter-in-law, Jane F. Cook; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and many other extended family and friends.

The family would like to thank Heartland Nursing Home and Hosparus Louisville for the loving care she received.

Burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park, 4400 Bardstown Rd. Memorial contributions may be made to United Crescent Hill Ministries, 150 State Street, Louisville, KY 40206. Please visit archlheadycralle.com to leave a condolence note for the family.

Bonnie Lyn Bizer

Bonnie Lyn Bizer, 66, of Louisville, died peacefully on Saturday, November 2, with her family and Yankee by her side. She was an educator with the Jefferson County



Public Schools for 31 years, and retired from JCPS as an assistant Director of Pupil Personnel. Bonnie was a loving sister, devoted aunt and fabulous storyteller. She had a terrific sense of humor, loved making people laugh and enjoyed the life she lived to the fullest. Bonnie had very strong ethics, morals, and val-

In her retirement, she enjoyed traveling and supporting many causes, espe-

cially the support of children, the support of Jewish organizations, and the well-being of dogs. She was a member of The Temple, Temple Shalom, and Congregation Adath Jeshurun. She was a former board member of The Child Connection, former board of trustees member of The Temple and board member of Jewish Family and Career Services.

Survivorsincludeherbrothers, Jerry Bizer (Maxine Bizer) and Wayne Bizer (Sue Yudofsky Bizer); her nieces, Emori Bizer and Meredith Bizer; her nephews, George Bizer (Ana Sobel) and Andy Bizer (Jessica Bizer); two great-nieces and a great-nephew; her aunt, Ellen Bizer; her special cousins, Lynn DeMarco (Gino DeMarco), Martha Elam, many more cousins and family members, as well as her friends, especially the Adventure Sisters and her pet companion, Yankee.

The family would like to thank her special friend, Brenda Bush; her nurses, Brenda Weaver, Teresa Cottner, Cheryl Hughes, Marian Conder and Lee Lattis; her neighbor, Bobbie Walker; and the staff of Hosparus of Louisville for the loving care she received.

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

Memorial gifts in the form of contributions may be made to the Bonnie Bizer Emergency Fund at Jewish Family & Career Services, 2821 Klempner Way, Louisville, KY 40205, the Arrow Fund of Prospect (preventing animal cruelty), P.O. Box 1127, Prospect, KY 40059, or the Janet & Sonny Meyer Food Pantry Fund at the Jewish Family & Career Services.

Lore Marx

Lore Marx passed away on Monday, November 4, in Louisville. She was born in Mannheim, Germany, on March 6, 1920, to Emil and Racha Katz, and immigrated to New York City in 1937, where she met her beloved husband Manfred, whom she lost in 1977.

Lore retired from the New York State Department of Housing, where she was known for her ability to balance any checkbook. She will also be remembered for the speed with which she could knit a baby sweater, often before the newborn left the hospital. But above all, Lore was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother whose passion was her family and whose core value was "being there" for others when needed.

She is survived by her daughters, Carole Zipkowitz (Harold) of Delray Beach, FL and Ruth Greenberg (Ron) of Louisville; her son, Peter Marx (Bevy) of New York City; as well as seven grandchildren, David Zipkowitz (Judy), Eric Zipkowitz, Karen Bass (Eric), Jennifer Tuvlin (Jeff), Craig Greenberg (Rachel), Michele Zipper (Adam), and Scott Marx (Allison); and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family is especially grateful to the staff at Signature Healthcare at Cherokee Park for the wonderful, skilled care Lore received as her health worsened.

Burial was in Cedar Park Cemetery in New Jersey. Herman Meyer & Son took care of local arrangements.

Memorials gifts may be made to Signature Healthcare at Cherokee Park or donor's favorite charity.

Barbara Kleinman Williamson

Barbara Kleinman Williamson, 59, passed away November 6. After battling with her disease for 10 years, she is now fully at peace. Barbi was a devoted mother, sister, aunt, and friend to many.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Reuben and Esther Kleinman.

She is survived by her loving son, Benjamin Williamson, and her siblings, Alan and Sally Kleinman, Cathy and Gary Peak, and Richard and Robbie Kleinman, as well as her nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the funeral arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be made to Regis Woods Care & Rehab, 4604 Lowe Road, Louisville, KY 40220.





Hal LaVine

Captain Hal LaVine died recently at age 95, shortly after moving to Louis-ville from Las Vegas. A navigator during WW II, he was thirteenth among 1,500 bombers that crossed the English Channel in support of the invasion of Normandy, completing three separate sorties on June 6-7, 1944, out of a total of 30 missions during the first half of the year. He left a journal in addition to a six-page handwritten description of those harrowing days for his children and grandchildren to read. Highly decorated with two Distinguished Flying Crosses among his treasures, he was accompanied to his final resting place in Mt. Ararat Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY, by a Marine Honor Guard.

One of four sons, two daughters and a half-brother of East European immigrants, he was born in Syracuse, NY on May 21, 1918. He later moved to Brooklyn where he met his wife, Ida Budin, and volunteered for military service in 1943, teaching himself trigonometry so he could attend navigator training. Upon completing his flying service, he acted as an instructor for others interested in learning that skill.

He was a successful retailer of auto parts and accessories until the late 1970's, enjoying his retirement, at first in Florida, and for the last 15 years in Nevada, punctuated by sight-seeing around the world, teaching bridge on cruise lines, golfing, bowling, playing craps and never missing his 5 p.m. drink (or two). A lifelong fan of horseracing (he held a trainer's license for trotters) he celebrated his 95th birthday at Churchill Downs, presenting the trophy in the third race, referred to as "The Hal LaVine 95th Birthday Classic." After moving to Louisville over Labor Day weekend he attended several September race dates

Hal's other great passion was his family. Besides his wife Ida, he was predeceased by his parents, a son, Mark Paul, all of his siblings, second wife Anne Fleishman, and longtime companion Frieda Blecker. Surviving and keeping alive his memory and his contribution to history are daughter Ellen Goldwin (Dr. Richard) and son Dr. Alan LaVine Dr. Michal), four grandchildren, Larry (Beth) and Jon (Mary Ellen Flynn) Goldwin, Lenore Taplitzky (Yossi) and Mark LaVine, and great grandchildren Rachel and Dora Goldwin, Sam Flynn and Oscar Flynn Goldwin and, most recently, infant Noam Taplitzy.

Those who wish may make a donation in his memory to the JFCS Food Pantry.

Arrangements for the funeral were handled by Herman Meyer & Son in Louisville and Gutterman's on Long Island, NY. Shiva was observed at the home of Drs. Alan and Michal LaVine in New York City.

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by Rabbi Chaim Litvin

rom November 1-3, I represented Louisville at the International Annual Convention of Chabad Lubavitch Emissaries held in Brooklyn, NY. There were over 4,000 Chabad Rabbis present from more than 80 countries and most every state across America.

All in all, the convention was three days packed with workshops, seminars and inspiration from communities large and small around the world. For me, the highlight was the grand banquet attended by an additional 900 lay-leaders, bringing the total number in attendance to over 5200 people. (In fact, it is the largest kosher sit down dinner anywhere in the world).

The lay leader address was given by former Senator Joseph Lieberman who shared his many personal encounters with the Rebbe over his tenure in politics. The keynote address was given by Rabbi Dov Greenberg, who is the Chabad Rabbi at Stanford University. I would like to share a story he told because the lesson is so relevant and encouraging.

Rabbi Greenberg told a story of a fellow named Stanley who was asked to put on tefillin (phylacteries) by a Chabad Rabbi, but refused. A week later, the same Rabbi asked again if he would reconsider putting on tefillin and again he refused.

Stanley explained to the Chabad Rabbi that his own father had been religious as a boy growing up in Russia but gave it up when he immigrated to America. In fact, Stanley said, my father threw his tefillin overboard on the boat to America and watched his connection to traditional Judaism sink along with his tefillin. "Our family is no longer interested in mitzvahs," he said.

Yet the rabbi was persistent and finally, Stanley acquiesced and put on the tefillin. Some time later, when asked to put on tefillin again, Stanley asked why and began to study about tefillin with

the Rabbi. He shared some of that newly found knowledge and explanations with his girlfriend Sherri, who also found it interesting and appealing.

At this point, Rabbi Greenberg told the assembled that he and his three siblings are all Chabad shluchim and work on various college campuses around the country. Together, on the Friday night prior to the convention, they each arranged Shabbos prayers and dinner and collectively hosted 392 college students.

Then he shared what I found one of the greatest highlights of the entire weekend. That he, his brothers and sisters were only Chabad because his parents, Stanley and Sherri, were encouraged to do a single mitzvah 35 years ago.

All of those students, 392 students, on a single day were encouraged to do a mitzvah, as an outcome of that one Chabad shliach going back over and over to just encourage Stanley to put on tefillin one time.

A whole life, a whole family, hundreds of students on a single Friday night and hundreds of other people multiplied by thousands of other days and nights – all because one Rabbi asked one man named Stanley to do one mitzvah and put on Tefillin. One little mitzvah can really change the world

A recent Pew survey had some discouraging information on the "decline of Judaism." I believe that if we each do one additional mitzvah outside of anything we do on a regular basis we can change those statistics dramatically.

There are chances to do mitzvahs all the time, attend a service, help a friend, put a smile on someone's face. Let's step out of our comfort zone and impact the world around us.

Over the next few weeks, Chabad of Kentucky will be sponsoring Chanukah parties, on November 27 at 4th Street Live from 4-5:30 p.m.; on December 1 at Alpine Ice Arena at 7 p.m.; on December 3 at Joseph Beth Bookstore in Lexington at 7 p.m. and on December 4 at the Paddock Shops (formerly the Summit) at 6 p.m. I encourage you to attend one of these programs or some other Chanukah celebration.

In my own life, I stepped out of my comfort zone and ran a half marathon to raise money for Friendship Circle - an organization that helps children with special needs. When I finished the marathon, I received a medal. But greater than any medal, was the knowledge that I added a new mitzvah into the world and I now see how even a single mitzvah helps to make a real difference in the world.

If each person reading this article would add some mitzvah into their lives, the whole world would be brighter. Consider lighting a Chanukah menorah or a Shabbos candle or consider some other mitzvah of your choosing. (Chabad of Kentucky will provide a gift of a Chanukah menorah or a Shabbos Candle lighting kit to anyone who would not otherwise be able to light candles.)

The main inspiration I received at the convention was the real life story of a single mitzvah really changing the world. It made me think differently about doing even the smallest of good deeds. I hope it did the same for you.

Shabbat Shalom

Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, November 22 at 5:08 p.m., November 29 at 5:05 p.m., December 6 at 5:04

Rabbi Chaim Litvin

p.m., December 13 at 5:05 p.m. and De-

cember 20 at 5:07 p.m.

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by Phyllis Shaikun Special to Community

ristallnacht or the Night of Broken Glass took place on the night of November 9, 1938. Nazi Storm Troopers and German citizens launched a massive, government-coordinated attack on Jews throughout Germany. Mobs burned synagogues, destroyed businesses, ransacked Jewish homes, and brutalized the Jewish people. From that day forth, Jews had no rights in the Third Reich, and those who did not escape became victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

Every five years, the Louisville Jewish community gathers together for a solemn ceremony in early November to mark this horrific event in our history and to pay tribute to both the victims and the survivors of the Holocaust. Before Mike Meyer, a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, who together with his wife, Ilsa, z"l, survived the Holocaust, died, he told Cantor David Lipp that he wanted to ensure that the community would never to forget the tragedy of Kristallnacht, and Cantor Lipp agreed to ensure there was a community-wide observance every five years. This year's program, "Kristallnacht: Pogrom as Prelude," which marked the 75th anniversary of that horrific night, took place at Adath Jeshurun on Sunday, November 10, and Cantor Lipp chaired the event.

The evening was extraordinary. With lights dimmed in the very full sanctuary, the program began with Ballard High School's impressive Concert Choir singing Elaine Broad's haunting song "We Remember Them." Hearing a chorus of young people sing "So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us; we remember them," set the mood for what was to follow.

Hans Bensinger, who was a child living in Baden, Germany, in the 1930s, told about his experiences during that time. In 1933, the Nazis brought a form of anti-Semitism to the country that escalated when the Nuremberg Laws were passed in 1935 forbidding Jews to work or go to school. They were considered so inferior they could not live in an Aryan state. After Kristallnacht, the Jews that remained had no future and no hope.

Although Bensinger's father, one of 15 siblings, fought with Germany during the First World War, he was arrested the day after Kristallnecht and sent to Dachau. Christian neighbors risked their



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lives to help the family, and after his father's release 10 days later, the family was told to leave Germany. However, no country wanted them. They finally settled in Bolivia in 1939 and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee sent money there to keep Jewish families alive until 1945.

In 1966, when Bensinger and his father returned to Baden for a visit, they met one of the men with whom his father had served in the army. The man acted as if the Holocaust had never occurred.

"At least now," said Bensinger, Jews

have a place to escape to in Israel. Other speakers followed with their own personal stories of life before, during and after the Holocaust. Fred Gross. whose parents left Germany and took refuge in Belgium, smiled as he announced that one of his five grandchildren just celebrated her bat mitzvah on November 9 this year. "It was," he said, "a day for celebration."

Rachel Klein read a letter about her great-grandfather about his exile from Germany before Kristallnacht and how her grandfather, Elias Klein, and his family were harassed by Germans and Poles in the no-man's land that constituted their border. Elias Klein was fortunate enough to be sent away on a Kindertransport. His parents did not survive the Holocaust.

Rabbi Josh Golding introduced a series of Kristallnacht memoirs by survivors, their children and grandchildren. Dan Streit told about his family's harrowing escape from Germany in 1938 by

virtue of a tip his father received, warning that the Nazis were coming. The family was saved and Streit was born the following year.

On November 9, 1938, Carl Bensinger's family lived in Donaueschingen, Germany. Nazi soldiers entered their home and broke everything that was glass. His father was jailed in Dachau, where conditions were intolerable. Jewish men were made to sign notes saying they were being well treated. Most would not leave alive. "This marked," he said, "a violent end to the feeling that Jews were valued German citizens.

Several years ago, Monica Meyer, granddaughter of Ilse and Mike Meyer, accompanied her grandmother on a trip back to her home in Germany. Photos of Ilse's home flashed on the screen as Monica reported the Nazis ransacked everything on Kristallnacht. Thereafter, Jewish children were not allowed to go to school; they were fingerprinted and forced to wear yellow stars on their arms. Torah scrolls were burned.

In 1938, when Ann Dorzback and her sister, Charlotte, finished training classes and returned home to Ulm, Germany, they learned the frightening truth about living conditions there. A stranger told her family how to avoid being captured on Kristallnacht and the family was able to escape. They left Germany on May 7, 1939.

Rabbi Stanley Miles read excerpts from the final sermon given by Rabbi Julius Cohn on the Passover post-Krisee KRISTALLNACHT page 13

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