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JHFE Purchases Standard Club

December 13, 2013 – The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and the Standard Country Club completed the \$4.7 million sale/partial lease-back of 150 acres in eastern Jefferson County in a proactive effort for the Fund to create future opportunities for the Louisville Jewish community and for the Standard Country Club to continue its more than 100-year golf tradition of offering membership to the entire Louisville area community according to Louis Waterman, chairman of the Fund and Joseph H. Cohen, attorney for Standard and a member of its Board.

This move will further diversify the

Fund's asset portfolio and add to the enrichment of the Jewish community, strengthening the mission of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence's grants initiative. This transaction is a prelude to a new membership drive the Standard Country Club will initiate this month to increase its membership to a maximum of 275 golfers, according to Chet Smith, its president. The Club will continue to provide a first class quality golf course at very competitive new pricing without initiation fees, food minimums or assessments.

While Standard Country Club's golf see **JHFE** page 9



Next Uniquely Jewish event is at Evan Williams Bourbon Experience

The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience is the next stop for the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Uniquely Jewish events as Heaven Hill Distilleries hosts Bourbon & Jewish Louisville: A Shared Spirit, on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. "The event in January will include a tour of the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience and presentation on the history of Bourbon in Louisville and the role see **EVAN WILLIAMS** page 5

JCL UPDATE

by Stu Silberman
President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville

Whenever the JCL prepares a written document (this issue of *Community*, for example), I continue to be astounded by the breadth and quality of our program and service offerings and how we are able to provide them within the constraints of our current resources. No written document summarizes our work for you and on your behalf better than our JCL Annual Report, which



Stu Silberman

will be available on jewishlouisville.org shortly after this issue is sent to press.

I hope you will take the time to read through that very important document, as in it you will find descriptions of:

Your Jewish Community of Louisville agency and the programs and services we offer;

The sources of revenue we receive, and how efficient we are at using that revenue to complete our mission;

The recipients of your philanthropy – local, national and overseas agencies;

The cadre of volunteers who help our staff complete their work; and

Our community's endowment – the source of our future sustainability. (Is the Jewish Foundation of Louisville included in your estate plans?)

What the document can't convey is the sense of pride I feel in how far this agency has progressed. Our team is composed of qualified, passionate, intelligent, caring leaders, and the positive impact we are having is felt every day in our facility

and in the agencies we support.

Our program content is fresh, relevant and of the highest quality. Our facility, while aging, is clean, safe, and being invested in prudently. Our volunteers are committed, helpful, supportive ambassadors of the great work they are seeing be completed first-hand.

Where do you fit into this gem of a community resource? Are you a participant? A donor? A volunteer? A positive voice for us? We are your agency. We are here for you, your children, your grandchildren. Yet we also need you. Your contribution. Your participation. Your advocacy.

It's the time of year where we once again ask those who are blessed to share a portion of their good fortune with those who need our support.

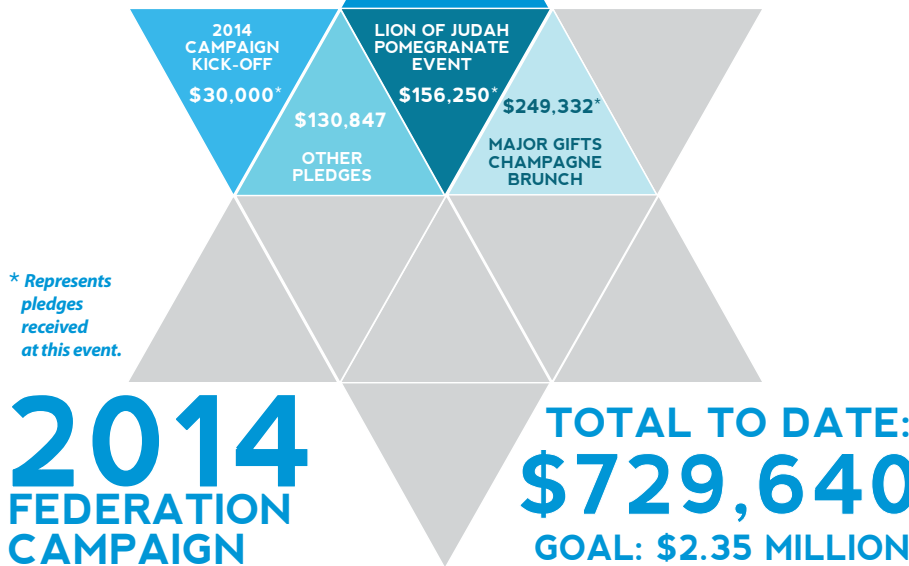
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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Nelson Mandela

This past week saw the death of a remarkable man, one of the titans of universal civil rights, Nelson Mandela. World leaders and dignitaries from around the world gathered in a large stadium in Johannesburg to praise this President Mandela, who had too many admirable qualities to enumerate, but one I would like to touch on is forgiveness.

Most people are familiar with President Mandela's (and the entire nation's) efforts to reconcile with their oppressors, and it was touching to see all sectors of a multi-cultural and multi-racial South Africa celebrate his life. But I was particularly touched by a story I read recounted by Abraham Foxman, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League.

The relationship between the Jewish community and Nelson Mandela has had its high points and not so high points.

Jews, of course, were prominent in the Anti-apartheid movement in South Af-

rica, and a Jewish attorney gave Mandela his first legal job at a time when whites simply did not hire black people for such professions. Mandela often spoke of his close relationship with members of the Jewish community who contributed so profoundly to the cause of a free South Africa. But there were complexities as well.

Mandela also was close with Yasser Arafat and was a strong proponent for the Palestinians, even calling Israel at one point a "Colonialist" regime. Conversely, Israel had a fairly close military relationship with the Apartheid regime.

As Foxman recounts, a delegation of American Jewish leaders met with Mandela in Geneva in 1990 and, because of these issues, the delegation did not know what to expect ... but they were in for a pleasant surprise.

At this meeting, Mandela explained that when he was in prison, Arafat gave him support and he needed all the support he could get. He also said that he understood why Israel would have a relationship with Apartheid South Africa, as they were boycotted by most of the world at the time and needed all the

Nelson Mandela salutes the crowd at the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation in Cape Town on a visit shortly after being elected South Africa's president in 1994. Joining Mandela, from left, are Rabbi Jack Steinhorn; Israel's ambassador to South Africa, Alon Liel; Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris; and Mervyn Smith, chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies.
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friends they could muster.

Mandela then told this group of Jewish leaders, "I'm not angry at you and Israel because Israel was dealing with the apartheid South African government, ... Therefore, don't be angry at me because I was dealing with Castro and Arafat. If you can understand that, we can go forward."

Mandela also expressed his admiration for David ben-Gurion, Golda Meir, and Menachem Begin, and expressed support for Israel's right to security and to be free from terrorism. These leaders left with a firm belief that Mandela endorsed the Zionist enterprise and the "rights of a Jewish state in the Middle East."

While there are some out there who to this day call Israel an apartheid regime, they should follow the lead of this great man who, while never abandoning the struggle of the Palestinians for a nation of their own, recognized Israel's right to exist in peace and security as a Jewish state and expressed admiration for their leaders.

Typhoon Relief

It is with gratitude that we express our appreciation for the entire Jewish community of Louisville who so generously donated over \$3,000 for typhoon relief in the Philippines, a nation that is still devastated by a destructive Typhoon that hit several weeks ago. The Jewish community, both here in Louisville and around the world, always responds to disasters such as this; and the Joint Distribution Committee is on the ground right now coordinating these efforts.

And it is not just the charitable arm of the Diaspora Jewish community that is there. As in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake, Israel was first on the ground with emergency relief and medical services. Countless babies in both Haiti and the Philippines are named "Israel" because they were born in Israeli field hospitals in the wake of these natural disasters.

It is not too late to donate to this cause. If you send your contributions here or make a donation online at www.jewishlouisville.org, we will forward the money to the relief agencies.

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EDITORIAL

Remembering
Rubin Sher

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

In the last issue of *Community*, we reported that Rubin Sher had died on October 23. I was in Israel at the time, and returned with only a week to pull the November issue together. With our very small staff, I was simply unable to put together a fitting tribute to this musical giant of our community. I was only able to add a little bit to the official obituary.

So this month, I offer this belated – and truly well-deserved – tribute to Rubin Sher.

If I had to choose one word to describe Rubin Sher, it would not be musician, although he was an accomplished violinist with many years of performance with the Louisville Orchestra and other professional ensembles to his credit.

It would not be conductor or director, although he had a long career as both for the orchestra for the Louisville Ballet, the Louisville Youth Orchestra – which he founded – the Floyd County Youth Symphony and the Jewish Community Center Orchestra.

No, the one word I would choose to describe Rubin Sher would be teacher. Early in his career, he taught at Southern Junior High and Manual High School, and from 1963-1986, he taught in the New Albany-Floyd County schools.

But it was more than that. In every position he held, Sher taught and nurtured people, especially young people. He taught many to play string instruments, and many, many more to love and appreciate music. A number of his students went on to make music their careers.

During his tenure at the JCC, Sher presented a wide variety of music and encouraged people to share the joy he felt with each performance. He was also known for providing up-and-coming musicians the opportunity to shine. Many a young musician enjoyed the spotlight as featured soloist with the orchestra under his baton.

As long as he was able, Sher taught, conducted, performed and shared his love of music, nurturing those around him and creating a legacy – a cadre of musicians – professional and amateur – and music aficionados, who will pass on his love of music for generations to come.

Rubin Sher will be missed.

Kristy Benefield joins Federation staff

Jewish Federation of Louisville Vice President and CDO Stew Bromberg announced that Kristy Benefield has joined the development team as a development associate. "She brings a lot of experience in office management and is a strong addition to our staff," he said.



Kristy Benefield

"This place is exciting to me," she said. "There is a buzz of activity all the time." She's already getting started and is looking forward to getting to know the Campaign donors and helping them with Campaign.

LETTERS

Next of Kin Sought

Dear editor,

I am organizing the Jewish Hospital papers and records to save some memory of the institution. In doing this work I found a small box with a birth announcement and several family letters and other documents for the Ray F. Jacobson family of 2100 Maryland Ave. The father's nickname was Jake; the wife's name was Clarice; and the baby was Wm. Ray Jacobson, born Nov. 6, 1935.

I cannot find the family and have asked others without success. Can any of your readers put me in touch with the family?

Sincerely,
Morris Weiss

Looking for Y2I Alumni

The Lappin Foundation is planning a professional study to quantify the impact of our Youth to Israel Adventure (Y2I) on Jewish identity. The success of Y2I is of great interest to Jewish communities across the country, and in particular to philanthropists who are interested in funding the teen Israel experience.

We need to contact at least 75 percent of Y2I alumni from 1971-2007, and we need the community's help locating them. If you or someone you know participated in Y2I (also known as LGI), please send the names, emails and year to dcoltin@lappinfoundation.org or call (978) 740-4410. It is fine to send only names or names and years.

We also need names and emails of alumni of Israel teen trips, who received a subsidy from the Foundation (1971-2007) for any teen Israel experience, including USY, NFTY, Young Judaea, etc., as they will be included in the study.

We greatly appreciate your help.
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ing them with Campaign.

Benefield has her work cut out for her. She is coming into the position in the middle of the 2014 Federation Campaign just in time for several events, including the Uniquely Jewish event, Bourbon & Jewish Louisville: A Shared Spirit, on January 7 (see story, page 1); The Lost Tribe event on January 25 for people age 40-64 (see story, page 5), the Annual Super Sunday Telethon on January 26 and the YAD Casino Event on February 8.

If that were not enough, the entire Federation is moving to a new database that will serve the community better than the old one did, so not only does Benefield have to learn a system that is new to her, the entire department has to learn a new system.

Benefield is up to the task. An Army veteran, Benefield achieved the rank of Sergeant/E5 where she served as a linguist and worked in intelligence gathering before being honorably discharged. She also gained extensive experience as an office manager, director of administration and facilities coordinator with larger corporations and with the American Cancer Society.

"The Cancer Society provided me a

great foundation," she said. "It is where I got my administrative chops and learned how to work in a professional environment. I still use the lessons I learned there today."

"I enjoy the nonprofit field," she added, "people working for other people and not necessarily for personal wealth. The ultimate goal, to me, should be to help one another because we're all human beings and sometimes we all need help."

"My goal," Benefield said, "is to make the Development Department succeed in all its endeavors efficiently and seamlessly. I want to make my job seem easy to everyone else."

Benefield grew up in New England in a community where "the cultures are all mixed together. I had friends of all different religions – Catholic, Jewish and Muslim." She identifies that same kind of cultural mix in Louisville and enjoys it.

She is married to Craig Gosselin, a colleague she met at the Army's Defense Language Institute. She also has a 24-year-old son, Casey Benefield, who recently announced his engagement to Allyssa Carter.

She has several dogs and enjoys riding recumbent bicycles with her husband.

Stemmle retires; Timmel moves to JCC position

For 35 years, Eloise Stemmle served the Jewish Community Center, many of which as executive secretary and rental coordinator. So it was a sad moment when she chose to retire. Staff and JCC members alike have counted on her cheerful attitude and reliable help, and she will be missed.

Stemmle's retirement was also an opportunity for the entire Jewish Community of Louisville to take a step back, look at current work assignments and create a better, more efficient organization to serve community needs.

For many years, Sara Wagner and Mary Jean Timmel worked effectively together as a team on the Annual Federation Campaign. Three years ago, Wagner was named JCL Senior Vice President and COO, and in that position,

she spends the vast majority of her time working with JCC programming. Timmel continued to devote herself to the Campaign.

Now, the team is together again. Timmel is the program associate and works closely with Wagner. She is excited about her new post and asks people to be patient with her as she learns how to manage room rentals and the many other tasks that are new to her.

To round out the Financial Resources Development Department, the Jewish Federation of Louisville welcomes Kristy Benefield to the team. Benefield is an experienced business administrative professional. (See story, this page.)

Please stop by to say hello to Timmel in her new role and to welcome Benefield to the community.

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Our lives include many cycles and opportunities to create memories

by Stew Bromberg
Vice President and CDO
Jewish Federation of Louisville

Winter officially begins this week. All over the country people are experiencing different extremes of cold and blustery weather, even in places where the temperatures rarely drop below 50 degrees.

Many scientists and theorists point to global warming for our weather experiences, and others believe we live in an environment with weather cycles and the longer we keep track of the weather, the more accurate our predictions may be based on a series of these cycles.

So why am I talking about the weather? It is all about cycles.

Our lives are based on cycles. In the Jewish community we always make ref-

erence to lifecycle events. These are the milestones of our lives and memories we hold onto. We remember the births of our children, the bris and naming ceremonies and celebrations, our and our children's b'nai mitzvah and marriages. We also remember when our loved ones pass on and other less pleasant lifecycle events.

But what about those who look to us for support and services in the community? What do you think their memories consist of? Perhaps they remember the first time someone introduced them to the Food Pantry at JFCS and they were able to prepare a meal for their family. Maybe they remember being welcomed at their first Senior Adult congregate lunch at the JCC.

For some it may have been their first day attending the JCC Preschool. Imagine the look on a child's face when they

receive their first Jewish storybook from PJ Library, or finding Hillel on their college campus and having the opportunity to gather to celebrate and socialize with other Jews on campus.

These are some of the memories we help create.

There are other experiences that would not be possible without the community's support through our Annual Campaign:

- Jewish overnight camp scholarships for Jewish children;
- Jewish summer programs in Israel that give our Jewish teens life changing experiences and connect them with teens from across North America and throughout the world;
- Shalom Louisville for newcomers and Shalom Baby for our newest youngest Jews to welcome them to our Louisville Jewish community; and

- BBYO and Teen Connection that provide activities and leadership training and experience to our Jewish middle and high school students in Louisville.

We and our constituent agencies provide many gateways to our Jewish community. I encourage you to be engaged and experience the wonderful programs and service we offer you. Take advantage of the facilities in the community and have meaningful conversations and experiences with the friends you see and the strangers you welcome to join us. Plan activities for others to let them know what makes our community relevant to your lives.

As the end of the tax year approaches, you have an opportunity not only to make a tax deductible donation to the 2014 Annual Campaign, but to make a difference in the lives of others. Please help us provide services, programs and gateways to the community. Please give generously to the 2014 Jewish Federation of Louisville Annual Campaign. To make a donation, please go to [www/jewishlouisville.org/donate](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/donate) or call our Development Office, 238-2739.

Together we do extraordinary things!

JCL earns 3rd Charity Navigator 4-Star rating

For the third consecutive year, the Jewish Community of Louisville has been awarded Charity Navigator's top four-star rating in recognition of its sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency, according to the letter the charity-rating group sent to the JCL on September 1. This puts the JCL among the top 11 percent of all non-profit organizations evaluated by this online watchdog agency.

"The staff and volunteers of the Jewish Community of Louisville have worked very hard to ensure that our organization is a responsible steward of community funds, that the dollars we raise are used to build and support our local, national and international Jewish community in accordance with our mission, and that all of our transactions are transparent," said JCL President and CEO Stu Silberman. "This four-star recognition from Charity Navigator validates the success of that hard work."

Ken Berger, Charity Navigator's president and CEO, wrote in the letter, "As the nonprofit sector continues to grow at an unprecedented pace, savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they choose to support with their hard-earned dollars. In this competitive philanthropic marketplace, Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, highlights the fine work of efficient, ethical and open charities."

"Based on the most recent information available," Berger continued, "we have issued a new rating for your organization. We are proud to announce that the Jewish Community of Louisville has earned our third consecutive four-star rating. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way."

"Only 11 percent of the charities we rate have received at least three consecutive four-star evaluations," Berger stated, "indicating that Jewish Community of Louisville outperforms most other charities in America. This 'exceptional' designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Jewish Community of Louisville from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Check out Charity Navigator's evaluation of the JCL at <http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=10095>.

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Thank you, as always, for your commitment to our work, and for your caring heart.

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Celebrates 5th Birthday on January 26

PJ Library presents Rick Recht Concert

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

PJ Library in Louisville is celebrating its fifth birthday with a special interactive concert geared toward young children and you're invited. The party, featuring nationally



Rick Recht

known recording artist Rick Recht, will be Sunday, January 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Children enrolled in the PJ Library program and their families and all families with children ages 8 and under are welcome. They will be joined by kindergarten through third grade classes from The Temple Religious School and Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad. Students from the religious schools will be learning songs before the show so they can be participate.

There will also be a special PJ Library book reading, and, of course, there will be birthday cake for everyone.

Thanks to a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and support from the JCC, admission is free for children and just \$5 for adults. Transportation will be provided for religious school students. No reservations needed.

Rick Recht is the top-touring musician playing Jewish music today. In fact, he performs at over 150 concerts a year

in the U.S. and abroad. He's even been to Louisville before and had all the children bopping and dancing to his tunes.

His appeal is to youth and family audiences, not only as an exceptional musician, singer/songwriter and entertainer, but as a role model for his involvement in Jewish life. He has shown that Jewish music is a powerful and effective tool for developing Jewish pride and identity.

Recht is the national music spokesman for the PJ Library and the executive director of Songleader Boot Camp, a national leadership development immersion program held annually in St. Louis, MO.

Recht is also the founder and executive director of Jewish Rock Radio, (501c3), the first high-caliber, 24/7, Jewish rock internet radio station that broadcasts contemporary Jewish rock music, interviews with Jewish celebrities, and interviews featuring youth from communities around the world speaking about exciting experiences they have had engaging in Jewish life. Listen to Jewish Rock Radio at www.jewishlouisville.org (scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page).

Recht's CDs will be available for purchase before and after the concert.

Some of the information for this story came from Rick Recht's official biography.

Campaign invites those age 40-64 to an evening of fun

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

For 40 years, we have been wandering aimlessly through Jewish Louisville trying to find our way – well, maybe not wandering aimlessly – but on Saturday, January 25 at 7 p.m., all members of the Jewish community ages 40-64, are invited to park their camels (or perhaps their cars) and celebrate their contributions to Louisville's Jewish community. It will be an evening of fun with friends at a cocktail reception featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres at the home of Joe Hertzman.

This event, "Lost Tribe: We Were Lost and Now We're Found!", is especially designed for this group of 40-64 year old donors to the Annual Federation Campaign to celebrate 40 years of wandering through Jewish Louisville – building our institutions, investing our time, presenting our ideas and using our creativity to continue to build the wonderful Jewish community we inherited from our parents and grandparents.

"We haven't offered an opportunity for this group of donors to get together and celebrate in many years, even though we ask for their contributions to Campaign," said 2014 Campaign Chair

and Lost Tribe Event Co-Chair Doug Gordon. "This year, we're going to celebrate the good things that this group of donors does for our community."

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

A number of people have stepped forward to serve on the honorary committee for the event. Doug and Julie are counting on many others to do the same. Watch for your invitation, coming soon.



EVAN WILLIAMS

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Jews have played in it in the center's speakeasy," said Kate Latts, Heaven Hill's vice president of marketing. "The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience itself has been referred to as a Disney-like immersive multi-media experience that takes the visitor back to the time of Evan Williams in the late 18th Century and then continues to explore through Prohibition and up to modern times. Not a guest thus far has walked away disappointed."

With only 75 seats available, this 2104 Federation Campaign event is already filling up quickly. It is open to donors of \$1000 or more. If you have not made your gift, you will be asked to do so at the event. There is also a \$36 per person cost for this event.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and a Vaad approved option is available if requested by December 31.

RSVP online at www.jewishlouisville.org or call Kristy Benefield, 238-2739.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. Daily themed programs. All days include crafts, sports, exciting activities and sports. Register before the day(s) you want are full. For more information, see CenterPiece, pg. 4.

DECEMBER 25
Family Breakfast

10 a.m. JCC. Eggs, pancakes, family activities, access to the fitness center. JCC members: \$10 per person, \$24 for a family of four. General public: \$12 per person, \$32 for a family of four. For information, contact Mike Steklof, 238-2774 or msteklof@jewishlouisville.org. See CenterPiece, pg. 4.

JANUARY 7

Uniquely Jewish Series Event
Bourbon & Jewish Louisville:
A Shared Spirit

6:30 p.m. hosted by Heaven Hill Distilleries at their new Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, 528 W. Main. \$36 per person. ONLY 75 SEATS AVAILABLE. Solicitation event. Minimum gift to the Federation Campaign: \$1000. RSVP to Kristy Benefield, 238-2739. See story, pg. 1.

JANUARY 9-19

CenterStage presents
Best Little Whorehouse in Texas

\$18 per person in advance, \$20 at the door. This happy-go-lucky view of small town vice and statewide political sidestepping recounts the good times and the demise of the Chicken Ranch. For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to www.CenterStageJCC.org. See CenterPiece, pg. 2.

JANUARY 12-FEBRUARY 13

Patio Gallery exhibit

Pyro Gallery Opening reception Sunday, January 12, 2 p.m.

JANUARY 19

Shalom Baby Music Party

with Cantor Sharon Hordes, 10 a.m. in the JCC's Children's Lounge. For families with babies less than one year old. No cost.

JANUARY 20

Teen Connection/BBYO
Perfect North Ski Trip

8 a.m.-8 p.m. Join friends from Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Columbus for skiing, snowboarding & tubing. Fee: \$85; JCC members, \$75 – includes transportation to and from the JCC, lunch, lift ticket and flex rental. Bring money for dinner. Register by January 13, 5 p.m. by contacting Mary Dooley, 238-2718. For more information, contact Rachel Lipkin, 238-2701 or rlipkin@jewishlouisville.org.

JANUARY 20

School's Out Day at the JCC

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, arts and crafts and swimming. Theme: Arctic Day. For more information, see ad, CenterPiece, page 4.

JANUARY 25

Lost Tribe Campaign Event

7 p.m. hosted by Joe Hertzman at his home. For those age 40-64 to celebrate 40 years of wandering through Jewish Louisville. \$36 per person. RSVP at jewishlouisville.org or to Kristy, 238-2739. See story, this page.

JANUARY 20

Super Sunday

Volunteers needed. Call Kristy, 238-2730. If you can't help, please answer generously when a volunteer calls. Watch for details.

JANUARY 26

PJ Library 5-Year Birthday Party
with Rick Recht

10:30 a.m. at the JCC. Nationally known recording artist Rick Recht will perform an interactive program. PJ Library book reading and birthday cake. For children through third grade. Adults, \$5; children, free.

JANUARY 31

Community Shabbat

6 p.m. JCC auditorium. Shabbat dinner, songs, crafts, scavenger hunt. Before Jan. 13, \$13 for adults, \$7 for children. After Jan. 13, \$15 for adults, \$8 for children. RSVP online at jewishlouisville.org or to Kristy at kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739. See story, CenterPiece, pg. 4

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1. Make a bequest in your will.
2. Make a gift of cash or appreciated assets like stocks or bonds. This is the easiest way to create an endowment. When you donate appreciated assets, held for at least one year, you may realize a savings on capital gains tax.
3. Designate the Foundation as the beneficiary of an IRA or pension plan assets.
4. Make a gift of Israel Bonds that are at or near maturity or that have a minimum five percent coupon.
5. Purchase a life insurance policy that names the Jewish Community of Louisville as owner and beneficiary, or transfer an existing policy.
6. Establish a charitable income plan such as a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity, which offers life income payments along with the benefit of a current tax deduction. The remainder of the trust or annuity is then dedicated to creating an endowment.
7. Establish trust provisions through an existing trust or create a special charitable trust as part of your estate.
8. Make a foundation grant from an existing private family or public support foundation either during your lifetime or at your death.
9. Arrange for a reserved life estate, which allows you to give your home to the Foundation, while allowing you to continue living in it throughout your lifetime. At your death, the Foundation sells the property and uses the proceeds to support the endowment you established.

Some plans offer the benefit of life income payments with a tax deduction and the remainder may be contributed to a Campaign endowment. Life insurance policies can be obtained at reasonable costs and the tax benefits make this particularly appealing for younger donors.

There are additional funding vehicles available for establishing an endowment. The method of funding can best be determined after reviewing your financial and tax objectives with your financial advisor. Most contributions to establish a Campaign endowment are tax deductible. In addition, contributing appreciated assets held at least one year may enable the donor to avoid the tax on capital gains. By establishing your endowment with the Foundation, you become an integral part of our Jewish community's present – and future.

What is Your Dream?

Disbursements from endowment funds managed by the Jewish Foundation of Louisville were made to a wide variety of organizations that reflect the values of those who established them and their heirs.

Animals

World Wildlife Fund

Civil Rights

Southern Poverty Law Center
The A-Fund (pro choice)

Cultural Arts

Fund for the Arts
Jewish Community Center Film Festival
Kentucky Center for the Arts
Louisville Orchestra
Louisville Visual Arts Association
Mazin Art Show in the JCC Patio Gallery

Community Welfare – Louisville

Federation Campaign
Jewish Community Center
Grounds Beautification
Jay Levine Youth Fund
Youth Lounge
Jewish Community Foundation
JCL
Metro United Way

Community Welfare – in Other Communities

Federation Campaign in Several Cities
Jewish Community Centers in several cities
Memorial Foundation (Nashville from sale of hospital – makes grants to help nonprofits)

Disaster Relief

Typhoon Haiyan relief thru JCL
American Red Cross

Discretionary Funds

Rabbi/Cantor Discretionary Funds

Education – Adult Opportunities

Jewish Community Center Professional Development
Jewish Learning Connection
Jewish Learning Experience

Education – Higher Education

Case Western Reserve
Centre College of Kentucky
Jewish Community Center Teen Leadership Awards – College Scholarships
University of Chicago Library

Education – Jewish Schools

Agnon Jewish Day School (Cleveland area)
Louisville Hebrew School
Phillips Academy (Boarding High School in Maryland)
Telshe Yeshiva (Wickliffe, OH)

Education – Libraries

U of L Kent School of Social Work

Education – Middle School

Myers Middle School

Education – Rabbinical Training

Jewish Theological Seminary

Education – Special Needs

Visually Impaired Preschool Service

Education – Supplemental Programs

Louisville Hebrew School Trip to New York

Family Services

Brooklawn Child and Family Services and a Home for Children
Jewish Family & Career Services – Louisville
Jewish Family Agencies – in Other Communities

Holocaust

Jewish Community Center U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Trip for Louisville Teachers
Jewish Community Center U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Trip for Louisville Teens
Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (Financial Support for Righteous Gentiles)
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Interfaith Outreach

JCRC's Model Seder Program

Israeli Institutions

American Associates of Ben Gurion University of the Negev
American Friends of the Magen David Adom
American Society for Yad Vashem
Children's Village of Jerusalem (Home Away from Home for Children at Risk)

Jewish Camping Scholarships

B'nai B'rith Beber Camp
Camp GUCI (Goldman Union Camp Institute)
Jewish Community Center Summer Camp
Jewish Community Center Teen Leadership Awards – BBYO Camp and Convention Scholarships

Jewish Congregations

Adath Jeshurun and Adath Jeshurun Gift Shop
Beachwood Kehilla
Congregation Rodef Sholom
Mekor Shalom - Tampa
The Temple
Temple Beth Israel
Temple Beth Sholom

Jewish Organizations

Anti Defamation League
B'nai B'rith
Gary Rosenthal Collection (Hiddur Project)
Hadassah
Hillel – Consortium
Hillel – Louisville
Hillel – Other Campuses
Jewish Community Centers Association
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Jewish Federations of North America
Masorti Foundation

Kashrut

Kosher Holiday Food

Kids support

Kids Wish Network

Media

Community
Jewish Post and Opinion
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Medical – Hospitals

National Jewish Health (Respiratory Hospital in Denver)
St. Jude's Research Hospital

Medical – Hospice

Vitas Hospice Charitable Fund

Medical – International

Doctors without Borders
Smile Train

Medical – Mental Health

Bridgehaven
Wellspring

Medical – Patient and Family Services

AIDS Interfaith Ministries (Louisville)
Joe Dimaggio Children's Hospital Foundation
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
National Children's Cancer Society
Reaching Potentials (Helping Children with Autism)
Tourette Syndrome Association

Medical – Research

Autism research
Alzheimer's Disease Fund
American Cancer Society
Karmen Bush Head & Neck Fund, J. Graham Brown Cancer Center
National Foundation for Cancer Research
American Diabetes Association
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
Bachmann-Strauss Dystonia & Parkinson Foundation
Easter Seals
March of Dime
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Riley Children's Foundation

Public Parks

Olmsted Parks Conservancy

Public Services – Fire

Firefighters Charitable Foundation (New York based national)

Public Services – Police

Florida Hwy Patrol Command Officers Association
Florida Police and Troupers Association
National Law Enforcement

Religious Organizations (non-Jewish)

Barre Center for Buddhist Studies
Great Tree Zen Temple
Inquiring Minds (creative transmission of Buddhadharma)
Mid-America Dharma (Buddhist meditation)

Seniors

Elderserve (empowers seniors to live independently)
Holiday Programs for Seniors at the JCC
Kline Galland Home

Social Issues – Addiction

Healing Place (Help for Homeless, Hungry and Addicted)

Social Issues – Crime

Inside Dharma – Buddhist Help for Incarcerated and Former Prisoners
MADD – Mothers Against Drunk Driving
Mary Byron Project – Crime Victim Notification

Social Issues – General

Center for Religious Tolerance
Room to Read (Literacy and Gender Equity in Education)
Planned Parenthood
Save the Children

Social Issues – Hunger

America's Second Harvest
Feeding South Florida
Mazon

Social Issues – Poverty

Camillus House – humanitarian services for indigent and homeless in Miami area
Half the Sky – Enrich the Lives of Orphaned Children in China
Legal Aid Society
Louisville Central Community Center
Mitrata-Nepal Foundation for Children (Education, Housing, Medical Assistance for Underprivileged Children in Nepal)
Oxfam (17 Organizations Working Together on Poverty and Injustice)

Sports

Maccabi Sports for Israel
Maccabi USA
Special Olympics

Youth Groups

Young Israel of Bal Harbour

Veterans

Paralyzed Veterans of America
Veterans First

Water Safety

JCC Aquatics

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People of many faiths learned about Chanukah, enjoyed celebration

by Niki King
Public Relations Specialist

The Jewish Community Relations Council's annual Interfaith Chanukah Celebration just keeps getting bigger and better. About 175 people attended the event, held December 3 in the JCC's Linker Auditorium, where they were treated to a candle-lighting ceremony, music and hallmark Chanukah foods – latkes and sufganiyot (jelly filled donuts). “Every year we’ve done this, we’ve expanded,” said Matt Goldberg, director of the JCRC and organizer of the event, who likes to joke that it’ll need to move to the YUM Center next year. “We plan on it being bigger and bigger until everyone in Louisville knows about it,” he said. Goldberg said the Chanukah Celebration, now in its fifth year, has by now es-

tablished a name and a reputation in the community. “It’s our opportunity to share our holiday with other faith groups, or even those without a faith, we don’t discriminate,” he said. This year, Adath Jeshurun Cantor David Lipp regaled the audience with Chanukah songs such as “Ocho Kandelikas” in Ladino (Judeo Spanish). Brigid Kaelin, one of Louisville’s own favorite singer/songwriters, followed with her playful, country-infused Chanukah tunes “Dreidel’s Day Out (Blue Dreidel No. 9)” and “Mazel Tonk!,” which features her signature yodeling. Kaelin also wowed with a rendition of “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” played with a bow and saw. The event was co-sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace and chaired by Leon Wahba, Jeff Slyn and Myrle Davis.



Left, Ed Segal
Center, Rebecca Reel
Above, Major Mark Fox, LMPD



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One of eight young leaders in North America chosen for JCPA Trip

Swansburg returns to Louisville with greater understanding of Holocaust and Israel

by Becky Ruby Swansburg

It hit me, of all places, in Ramallah. Our group sat at one of the city's finest restaurants, listening to three distinct takes on the peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. That's where I realized the Holocaust, or rather the lessons of it, were loudly present in the room.

Let me back up.

In October, I was one of eight individuals from across the country who traveled with the Jewish Council on Public Affairs (JCPA) to Poland and Israel. The JCPA is the community-, interfaith- and government-relations arm of the North American Jewish community. Louisville's Jewish Community Relations Council is our local representation in this organization.

Through the generosity of Louis and Larry Frank of Atlanta, eight young leaders from across America were chosen to explore some of the most pressing issues in Israel today.

Our first stop on the trip was Krakow, Poland, and its close neighbor, Auschwitz. I'd been to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum before, along with Yad Vashem and Dachau. Each time in the past, I was struck by the enormity of the Holocaust. But on this trip, it was different. As we walked the hallowed grounds of Auschwitz, I was struck by the smallness of it all: by the individual stories and individual emotions.

I was rendered speechless at photo-



Becky Ruby Swansburg's journey, from the gate of Auschwitz, right, to Hebrew University in Jerusalem, left, and many stops in between provided her many opportunities to learn and grow.



graphs of small children, hands tightly held by their mothers, being hurried to the crematoria. Some had a look of fear or resignation, and others played in blissful ignorance. I was stopped by the bunk beds where 10 frail humans slept. I shivered in the cold Polish weather. I left amazed that anyone had survived the Holocaust at all.

I took these emotions with me as we traveled to Israel for the next portion of our trip. Many people believe the Holocaust is partially responsible for creating the modern state of Israel; that the lessons of Auschwitz made it clear – the Jewish people needed their own homeland.

But I'd like to pose a complementary theory: the lessons of Auschwitz are the spirit of Israel, and help serve as its guiding principles.

I do not mean to imply that Israel is a nation of victims. While our people emerged from the Holocaust that way, what we've built in Israel is instead a monument to endurance and hope. What I mean is that Israel has an obligation to approach its domestic and international issues in light of our experiences, and that includes the Holocaust. We cannot treat others as we were treated; we must act with the compassion we were denied.

Our group examined many of challenges facing Israel today. Some are well known: The peace process. Iran. Issues

in the West Bank and Gaza. The rights of the non-Orthodox and women in religious life.

Some of our topics were lesser known to American audiences: The growing underclass of immigrants and refugees from places like Eritrea and Sudan. The proposed resettlement of Bedouin populations in the Negev. The job-placement initiatives for the Haredi population.

As you can imagine, there were diverging opinions on all sides of these issues. But what struck me was how the lessons of Auschwitz – where my group had been just a few days before – informed our conversation on all these subjects.

When we discussed what to do with thousands of refugees within Israel's borders, we remembered that we, too, were once refugees looking for a safe home. When we debated the peace process, we were vigilant to separate political forces from the people they oversee. And when we considered the threat of Iran, we couldn't escape the reminder of what can happen when threats are left unaddressed.

Because the State of Israel is a Jewish state, its policies must be influenced by the Jewish experience: what Israel is as a state reflects who we are as a people. When we view issues through this lens, we see the moral obligation to create and preserve a just, compassionate, strong homeland for the Jewish people.



Frank Family Leadership Institute participants in the old city of Jerusalem picture: (L to R): Harvey Rickles (Atlanta); Brad Lerner (Virginia Beach); Scott Tobe (Pittsburgh); Becky Ruby Swansburg (Louisville); Jon Barash (Atlanta); Todd Mauer (Indianapolis).

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course, swimming pool, and tennis operations will continue under a lease and a recreational facilities agreement, a Phase I planning process will focus on the land and facilities not currently occupied by the existing golf course, swimming pools, and tennis facilities. The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence will convene a special task force by the end of next month to facilitate a community-wide planning process that will help determine optimal future uses.

Since its creation in 2012, the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence has already committed over \$4 million in grants to the Jewish community at large and the medical research community. The Standard Country Club is one of the Country's oldest surviving private clubs with its establishment in 1873 and is proud of its fully diverse membership.

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Frank X Walker to speak at The Temple on Martin Luther King Shabbat Jan. 17

The Temple holds a Shabbat service annually which is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year on January 17, Frank X Walker – an award winning author, professor and the first African-American Poet Laureate of Kentucky – will be welcomed to the *bimah* at 7 p.m. as The Temple's 2014 MLK Shabbat guest speaker.

Walker will present: "Racial Reconciliation: A Dialogue" as he speaks about the legacy of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, a contemporary of Dr. King, and discusses Evers as a bridge between Emmett Till and Trayvon Martin. All community members are invited to be a part of this experience.

Walker is the author of five poetry collections: *Isaac Murphy: I dedicate this ride*; *When Winter Come: the Ascension of York*; *Black Box*; *Buffalo Dance: the Journey of York*, which won the Lillian Smith Book Award in 2004; and *Affrilachia*.

A 2005 recipient of the Lannan Literary Fellowship in Poetry, Walker is

cofounder of the Affrilachian Poets. He currently serves as an associate professor in the Department of English and director of the African American and Africana studies program at the University of Kentucky.

Internationally, Walker is known for his unique approach to teaching writing and numerous literary accomplishments. Most famously among them is his creation of the word "Affrilachia," a term that unifies Appalachian identity and the region's African-American cul-

ture and history.

A native of Danville, KY, Walker is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, and completed a Master of Fine Arts in writing at Spalding University.

He has lectured, conducted workshops, read poetry and exhibited at more than 300 national conferences and universities including the Verbal Arts Centre in Derry, Northern Ireland; Santiago, Cuba; University of California at Berkeley; Notre Dame; Appalachian State University and many more.

Walker has served as vice president of the Kentucky Center for the Arts and the executive director of Kentucky's Governor's School for the Arts. He is the recipient of the 2013 Appalachian Heritage Literary Award from the West Virginia Humanities Council. The Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice named him one of its Humanitarian Award winners. On April 24, 2013, he was inducted as the current Poet Laureate of Kentucky, a position established in 1926 by the Kentucky General Assembly.



Frank X Walker
PHOTO BY RACHEL ELIZA GRIFFITHS

Hillel students attend JNF Conference

by Bailey Haskell
Special to Community

Very early in the morning in October, seven members of Louisville's Hillel boarded a plane to Denver, CO. We were beyond excited, and had no idea what to expect in the weekend to come. We were going to the Jewish National Fund's Annual Convention, and we were soon to find out, that we were among the youngest in attendance.

Our group included Miriam Amchin, Mathew Haskell, Josh Latzko, Katie Moss, Alissa Stieha, Becca Waller and myself, along with our advisor Tzivya Levin Kalmes. We were jumping out of our seats with anticipation. We were rep-

resenting our city and our state, and we would later learn that we would be representing all Jews from our generation.

We arrived in Denver and were able to explore. Then the conference started. Throughout the weekend, we had some amazing food, met some wonderful people, and learned countless things about Israel and what we could do in our community to support our homeland. We got to choose from a variety of sessions every day, all discussing the recurring theme of how we can build our future for the Jewish community everywhere.

We continued to hear about how our generation is the future of our people, and it was emphasized that it is JNF's responsibility to get our generation more involved. But at this entire event, out of hundreds of people, there were a total of 10 college students in attendance.

We spent Shabbat at the University of Colorado Boulder, with members of their Hillel. It was huge! We were able to network some with them, and we were surprised to find out that none of their students were attending the conference, despite the fact that they were located only about 45 minutes away. We slowly came to realize that the future of the Jewish people was up to us.

Back at the conference, we had so many people express praises to us for our attendance. They were so grateful to see a younger generation stepping up to

keep our people thriving. We were given the opportunity to meet the president of JNF in his hotel suite (complete with cookies!), simply because of our age and our involvement.

We brought it to the attention of those running the conference that we should allow for other college students to be there. We should provide ways to get more people at these conferences; people who love their heritage and their religion enough to want to see it continue forever (how we felt all along).

All of us have been extremely involved in our Jewish communities back home, whether it be through summer camps, youth groups, Hillel, or anything else, each of us have been and want to continue to be active in our communities. After this conference, we all left knowing that we will be the ones to allow our people to continue to grow.

We thank members of the community for providing us with the opportunity to attend this conference, and allowing us to learn and experience things that we will never forget.

We each took home a message to give to all of our friends and family: we need more involvement. We need all of the support we can get, to continue to strengthen our generation, generations before us, and future generations to come. JNF has hundreds of programs or methods of donation, and conferences every year. It's up to us. WE are the future.

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The Jewish Community Relations Council, that advocates for Israel and for you; and

Hillel, that supports the Jewish students on the University of Louisville and Bellarmine campuses by making a community just for them; and

Jewish life and learning through programs including PJ Library for our young families, B'nai Tzedek (teen philanthropy), Teen Connection and BBYO leadership development, Jewish Film Festival, community celebrations and commemorations, etc.; and

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Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel offer learning, leadership opportunities

Albany, NY— The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel (BYFI) has announced that applications are now being accepted for the 28th year of this prestigious program. The Bronfman Fellowships selects 26 outstanding North American teenagers for a rigorous academic year of seminars including a free, five-week trip to Israel between the summer of Fellows' junior and senior years of high school. Two Louisvillians have

been selected for the program in the past.

During the program's seminars, Fellows meet with leading intellectuals, religious and political leaders, and educators. Fellows also spend two weeks with a group of Israeli peers who have been chosen through a parallel selection process as part of the Israeli Youth Fellowship: *Amitei Bronfman*. Upon returning home from the summer in Israel,

Bronfman Fellows are asked to devise and lead local Jewish or social action projects.

There are now over 1000 Bronfman Fellowship alumni across the U.S. and Israel, the majority of whom still take part in alumni activities and projects. Bronfman Fellowship alumni include 8 Rhodes Scholars, 4 former Supreme Court clerks, 12 Fulbright Scholars, 27 Wexner Fellows, and 24 Dorot Fellows.

Leaders of note among Fellowship alumni include: Daniel Handler, a.k.a. Lemony Snicket, author of the successful "Series of Unfortunate Events" children's books; Jonathan Safran Foer, author of *Everything is Illuminated*, *Extremely Close and Incredibly Loud*, *Eating Animals* and others.

Fellows have found that participation in BYFI has helped them in their college application process. In the guide, *What It Really Takes to Get Into Ivy League and Other Highly Selective Colleges*, Chuck Hughes lists the Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel first in discussing,

"the top scholarship programs particularly noted for producing winners who year after year are among the strongest candidates for admissions to highly selective institutions."

Applications for the 2014 Fellowship are available online at www.bronfman.org and must be submitted online by January 6, 2014. High school students in the United States and Canada who self-identify as Jewish and who will be in the 12th grade in the fall of 2014 are eligible to apply. BYFI is a pluralistic program for Jews of all backgrounds; prior Jewish education is not required. Students are chosen not on the basis of financial need but on merit alone.

Edgar M. Bronfman's philanthropy focuses on projects dedicated to fostering a Jewish renaissance including Hillel: The Foundation for Campus Jewish Life, The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel, and MyJewishLearning, Inc.

Editor's note: This article has been edited. The full announcement can be found online at www.jewishlouisville.org.

KI Omer Counter chosen for museum display

by Sarah Farmer
Special to Community

Keneseth Israel Congregation has loaned its unique Omer counter for inclusion in the upcoming exhibit *Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American* at the National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH).

The Counting of the Omer is the

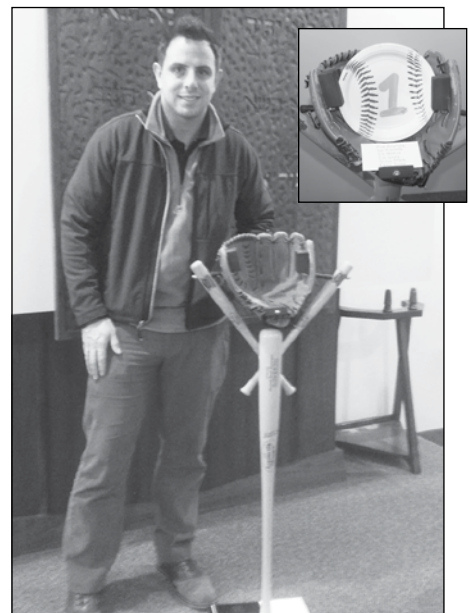
marking of time between Passover and Shavuot, the time from the Exodus from Egypt until Moses received the Torah at Mount Sinai. The counting is done for 49 nights, starting the second night of Passover and ending the day before Shavuot.

To help track these seven weeks, Omer counters have been created in countless forms over the years. Some are simple paper calendars; others resemble an abacus with seven rows of seven sliding beads. Today, there are also plenty of smartphone apps to help one track the Omer.

Keneseth Israel's Omer counter, conceptualized by congregant Dave Miller and finalized and built by congregant Shaun Ross, incorporates the congregation's Louisville heritage.

The counter is comprised of three Louisville Slugger baseball bats cradling a baseball mitt. Numbered baseball-patterned paper plates are placed in the mitt to track the Counting of the Omer. There's an additional card for each day that shows which Jewish major leaguers wore the corresponding jersey number during their careers.

This exhibition, which tells the story of Jewish immigration and integration in American society through America's pastime, will run March-October 2014 at the museum located in Philadelphia's historic district, a block from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.



Shaun Ross and the Omer Counter. Inset shows paper plate marking the count.

Available Online at www.jewishlouisville.org

Louisville's Jewish community is very active. It is impossible to fit everything into the print version of *Community*. To ensure that all the important news is available to you, several stories will be posted in full online at www.jewishlouisville.org.

An afternoon of chocolate and inspiration

Chocolate, inspiration, and friendly chatter filled Ghyslain in Westport Village as Hadassah women from around the region came out to hear motivating words from Mindy Bloom, Hadassah's national vice president. Several members from Lexington and southern Indiana were in attendance.

Fox family continues Chanukah candle lighting tradition

Members of the Fox family continued a 59-year tradition when they lit the Chanukah candles at Jewish Hospital Medical Center East each night during the Jewish holiday, which began November 28.

Chabad had activities every night of Chanukah

Chanukah 2013 will be remembered as the year that Chanukah coincided with Thanksgiving. It will also be remembered by hundreds of children and young adults in our community as the Chanukah that Chabad sponsored a community event each night of the eight nights of Chanukah.

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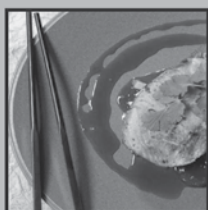
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Heaven Hill is a finalist on *Business First's* "Business of the Year" List

It has been an absolute banner year at Heaven Hill Distilleries, Inc. In 2013, Heaven Hill received a host of awards, invested millions of dollars internally and continued to grow as a private, family-owned and operated spirits supplier. The result is growth that places us as the sixth largest spirits supplier in the United States and second largest bourbon supplier in the world.

"Much of the growth is predicated on adapting to the marketplace and being an industry innovator," said Kelly Hubbuck, a member of Heaven Hill's Corporate Communications Department. As a family-owned, privately-held company, we have greater flexibility to be on top of trends that impact our consumers from flavored vodkas to exotic liqueurs."

Most recently, Heaven Hill was named a finalist in *Business First's* "Business of the Year" listing, in the "Very Large Company" category.

Business First lists the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, new warehouses and production capacity increases as reasons for the company's nomination. The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience opened November 15. To date, the Experience, which employs 17 full-time and four part-time workers, has hosted over 8,000 visitors.

"The Evan Williams Bourbon Expe-

rience was, perhaps, our most glamorous [addition]," Hubbuck said, "and new warehouses have a great impact on a number of products with which we are often most commonly associated. However, expanded production capacity gets us most excited and impacts our success dramatically.

"This comes in two forms," she noted. "We have expanded our whiskey making production at our Bernheim Distillery in West Louisville. That expansion will allow us to make more whiskey. But the more impactful production expansion is our new, efficient bottling lines in Bardstown. By adding more lines, our company is capable of meeting the growing consumer demand for our Burnett's Vodkas, flavored whiskeys, tequilas and brandy.

In the *Business First* article, Heaven Hill President Max Shapira noted that bourbon has jumped in popularity in the past few years.

Hubbuck explained this jump, "Worldwide, people are choosing the appeal of American whiskey because it's very approachable and uniquely American. Domestically, consumers have embraced the product for many of the same reasons.

"However, there is great discovery, as well," she continued. "From ultra-pre-

mium varieties to flavored whiskeys, there are excellent products, like our Elijah Craig Specialty Whiskeys to our Evan Williams Flavored Reserves, which appeal to consumer tastes. By adding honey, hot cinnamon or cherry to our Evan Williams Flavored Reserves, especially, American whiskey becomes far more approachable and versatile for the everyday consumer.

Creating the Evans Williams Bourbon Experience brings a unique and exciting stop to downtown Louisville. "There is an artisanal distillery in the back of the building," Hubbuck said, so, outfitting whiskey production (the first ever actually on Main Street) was a challenge.

"We worked with our partners, Solid Light and Barnette Bagley, to develop a visitor's center that was immersive, cutting edge and a lot of fun, while maintaining a historically accurate portrayal of whiskey history," she explained.

"Likewise, we had great partners in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and City of Louisville. Virtually every step of the way," she pointed out. "We received enthusiastic support from our elected

officials and community organizations supporting tourism and economic development.

"All of these challenges were embraced by Harry Shapira, especially," she stated. "It was Harry's experience with our visitor's center in Bardstown that shaped his vision for a tourist destination that shared the traditions and mythologies of American whiskey with millions of people. Harry passed away just one month before the location opened. But it's a wonderful legacy he leaves with the community."

Heaven Hill is a business on the move. "We will continue to work towards our mission to create and responsibly market beverage alcohol and related products that enhance the enjoyment of life for consumers throughout the world. That includes looking at opportunities to expand, being more efficient, innovating with new products and finding people that help Heaven Hill grow and find new successes," Hubbuck concluded. "But most importantly, we'll do it as an independent family-owned and operated company."

Apply now for summer internships at Louisville's Jewish agencies

When college students return home for winter break, their time is quickly filled with visiting with friends, engaging in favorite pastimes like going to movies or just hanging out. It often seems that there is precious little time left to spend with family.

Still, it might be worth carving out a few minutes to talk with them about their plans for next summer, especially if they are interested in finding a summer internship that will give them some real work experience and leave them with a few dollars in their pockets.

If they're looking for a meaningful work experience at a Jewish agency in Louisville, they might consider the Jewish community internship program offered by the Jewish Community of Louisville and Jewish Family and Career Services. Several different internship programs are available, and each offers a two-month internship for a Jewish student from the Louisville area who has completed at least one year of college.

According to Ellen Shapira, JFCS education and career counselor, these are paying positions that will be tailored to meet the career development needs of the selected candidates. Depending on the particular agency's agenda, interns may work in the areas of general business, computers, marketing, public relations, computers, fund development, accounting, communication, Jewish communal service or social research.

Organized activities within the Jewish community, career-directed programs, meetings with selected community leaders and social and networking opportunities are all part of the package.

Eligible candidates must be Jewish students who are permanent residents of Louisville – although they may attend college out of state. Those selected to participate will likely begin working in early June, but the schedule could be modified to accommodate a particular student's school schedule. Selection will be based on the student's academic background, experiences and quality of the application.

These summer internships will be invaluable in allowing students to get hands-on know-how that will be helpful to them before making career decisions. It's a win-win program with benefits to both the Jewish community and the participants – now and in the future.

It is hardly all work and no play for the interns. They have several opportunities to socialize with other student interns from around the city and enjoy lunch with Jewish agency executives. Organizers hope this positive summer experience might prompt students to decide to come back to (or remain in) Louisville after graduation.

For further information about the program or an application, please contact Ellen Shapira at JFCS, 452-6341 ext. 225.



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Louisville Native Lisa Eisen is in JWJ's 2013 class of Women to Watch

Each year, Jewish Women International selects a class of extraordinary Jewish women to honor for their achievements and honors them as Women to Watch. Louisville native Lisa Eisen was selected as a member



Lisa Eisen

of this year's class and was honored at the JWJ's 13 annual celebration on December 9 in Washington, D.C.

Eisen is the national director of the Charles and Lyn Schusterman Family Foundation. According to the article by Susan Josephs on jwi.

org, "Since 2001, she has spearheaded numerous projects for the 25-year-old, multimillion-dollar philanthropic network, which has become one of the leading proponents worldwide of innovative programs for young Jewish adults.

"Responsible for overseeing the foundation's support of Hillel, BBYO, Moishe House and other prominent global Jewish organizations, Eisen has also jump-started additional new ventures, including the Israel on Campus Coalition, the Israel Institute, the national service organization Repair the World, and the iCenter, a cutting-edge initiative devoted to Israel education, for which she cur-

rently serves as board chair."

Dedicated to helping the Schusterman family realize their philanthropic vision, Eisen fills many roles as she helps organizations grow and realize their potential.

For Eisen, the daughter of Mona and Jay Brodsky, a summer in Israel in 1979 as a teen was the pivot point in her life. Josephs reported Eisen views it as a "pivot point" in her life, after which, she knew she wanted to "spend her life working for the Jewish people."

She views her parents as role models, "who tirelessly volunteered for Israeli and Jewish causes and taught her to fight anti-Semitism," Josephs wrote.

In high school, she was a leader in BBYO and USY, and at Yale University, where she was a history major, she was also active in Hillel and an advocate for the Jewish community and Israel.

"During college," Josephs wrote, "Eisen interned for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and later received her master's degree in Israel and Middle East studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. At 28, she became the executive director of Project Interchange, an institute of the American Jewish Committee that organizes seminars in Israel for global leaders."

Eisen and her husband, Mitch, have three children, Ariella, 20, Tamar, 18, and Jonah, 14.

TEEN TOPICS

The Beginning of NCSY

by Natania Lipp
Teen Topics Editor

Michall Goldman moved to Louisville this summer, and is now in the process of starting a local NCSY chapter. NCSY, National Conference of Synagogue Youth, is an Orthodox Jewish youth group sponsored by the Orthodox Union.

Michall went to an event in Pittsburgh this fall, October 26-27, where she got to meet new people and learn more about the organization. Now, there is an NCSY representative who lives in Cincinnati and she is excited that she will be able to meet sometime in the near future.

Looking ahead, Michall is looking for teens to take with her to Toledo, OH, for an NCSY event, from February 7-9. The Junior Shabbaton, invites teens in grades 7 and 8 to gather for a long weekend at Park Inn Hotel, Toledo, OH. She will also take a high school group to the Senior Shabbaton, February 20-23 in Cleveland, OH.

Michall is hoping to work with Mike Steklof, the city director for BBYO, to do joint programs with both BBYO and NCSY. She says she doesn't want to pressure anyone, but is very open to providing this unique opportunity for Louisville middle and high school teens. She says, "I know there's a lot out there, but from meeting a few kids at a BBYO

event, I can tell there are some people who are interested in learning more."

Nothing official has been planned on the local level so far, but Michall looks forward to being in contact with teens that take interest in NCSY. She has already offered to kick off her first meeting at Graeter's, a kosher ice cream place on Breckenridge Lane. Michall looks forward to spreading more opportunities to be involved in Jewish life around the Louisville community; she welcomes anyone with questions or interests to contact her by email, michallgoldman@gmail.com.

NFTY's Event

by Daniela Reuter

BBYO is a huge part of my life and also of the Jewish community, but it's not the only Jewish youth group in Louisville. We also have the amazing opportunity to have NFTY, a Jewish youth group connect with The Temple and Temple Shalom.

I've never had an opportunity to learn about NFTY, until November 22. NFTY's Ohio Valley Region had a convention in Louisville, and they generously let Louisville BBYO celebrate Shabbat with them. It was a lovely service at The Temple with great musicians and new friends. It was a wonderful night, where I met so many great new people and got to see some old friends.

Thank you NFTY and I'm so glad the Jewish Teens of Louisville can come together to make one amazing community.

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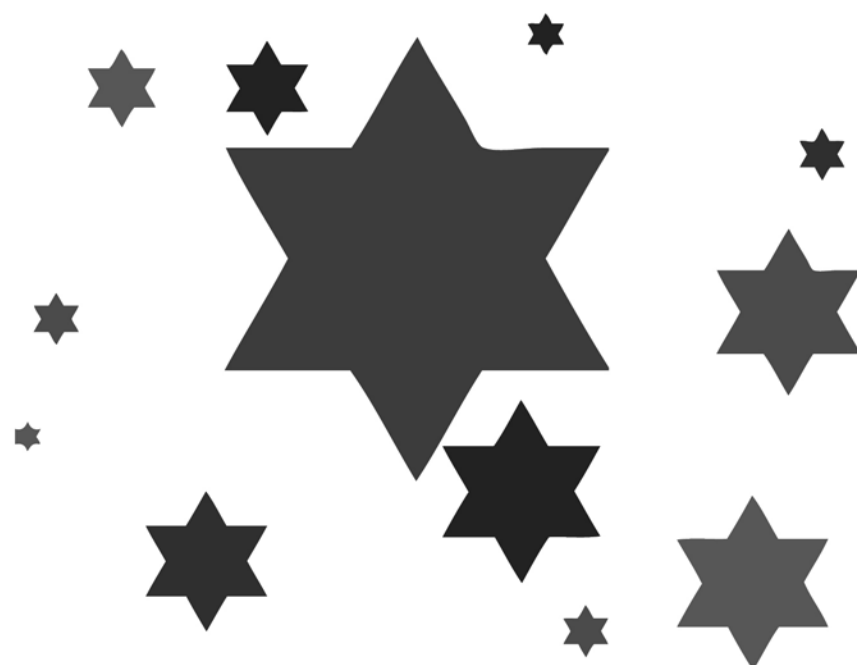
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JFCS CALENDAR

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 January 6 - February 17

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 Mondays, 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.
 January 6 - February 3

Four-week cycle with a one-time materials fee of \$10. For information or to register, contact Janet Poole, ext. 222.

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

\$170 fee includes two textbooks. Availability is very limited for this session. For more information, contact Janet Poole, ext. 222.

Bagels & Bingo

Sunday,
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 5 - 7 p.m.



This breakfast buffet for dinner and bingo game will benefit clients who use the JFCS Food Pantry. Dinner and bingo cards may be "purchased" with cans of food. Reservations are required. Contact Anita Jarboe, ext. 211.

Carole Goldberg honored with endowed Family Mitzvah Program at JFCS



Carole Goldberg

Carole Goldberg has been an active volunteer at JFCS, co-managing the food pantry and training other volunteers. She has become so passionate about her service at JFCS that she has involved her family, including her two grandchildren, Lori and Susie Joels. Even at their young ages, she is teaching them that there is significant need for food and other JFCS services not only within the Jewish community, but throughout the community at large.

With this in mind, Carole's son, Jeff Shankman, decided to honor his mother by endowing the Carole and Larry Goldberg Family Mitzvah Program at JFCS. This program provides intergenerational mitzvah projects for families to do together. It also ensures that families have what they need for holiday celebrations, whether that is food, ritual items or special gifts. In addition, the program will facilitate other family volunteer opportunities where parents, grandparents and their children can all participate in the spirit of Tikkun Olam.

Jeff relates, "When my family first moved to Louisville in 1978, we sponsored a very large Russian family who had just emigrated to Louisville, and seeing what a difference our family could make to one other family was really the beginning of my appreciation for all JFCS does for the community at large. "By endowing this program, Jeff is proud to connect his family with JFCS and promote the value of volunteerism and family holiday celebrations. Carole's daughter Rachel Shankman Joels and her husband David Joels are also involved with community volunteering and are following in their family's tradition of helping others, encouraging their daughters to be involved with JFCS.

During Carole's recent birthday party, the family made the surprise announcement. Upon learning about the donation, Carole was thrilled. "I have seen

the needs in the Jewish community and also have seen the positive impact on my grandchildren when they help others. I want to encourage other families to do mitzvah activities together and to tie the Jewish holidays into opportunities to support those in need. We have found these opportunities to be meaningful and also fun."

Debbie Friedman, president of the JFCS Board, appreciates how the extended Goldberg family has involved itself at JFCS. "Carole has been an exemplary volunteer who earned a Presidential Volunteer Award this past year for all of the hours and good work she has donated. Endowing this program allows JFCS to ensure that families will



Goldberg teaches her grandchildren, Lori and Susie Joels, that JFCS fills needs for both the Jewish community and the larger Louisville community.

have a place to do mitzvah for others." Jeff and his family also hope that others will find their passions at JFCS and support JFCS and its clients in whatever ways they can.

The next Carole and Larry Goldberg Family Mitzvah Event will take place in relationship to Passover and will include preparing holiday bags of food for family Seders and creating holiday crafts and items for distribution to families and seniors. For more information on how you can get involved, contact Kim Toebe at ktoebbe@jfcsloouisville.org or 452-6341. Donations can be made to the Carole and Larry Goldberg Family Mitzvah Program and will be used to help support these events.

Check out the photos from Chanukah Helpers Family Mitzvah!

Browse JFCS' blog at jfcsloouisville.org/blog or go straight to the story with this short link: ow.ly/rGmQv

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

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.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

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NEWSMAKERS

Amy Gilbert was named to the Board of Directors of GuardiaCare Services, Inc. in October. Gilbert, who is the Special Events Manager for Republic Bank, also has joined the GuardiaCare Services Marketing Committee and will serve as chair on their Chocolate Dreams Event Committee.

Fred Gross spoke at Corbin Middle School on December 5 about his experiences as a child in a family that escaped the Holocaust in the 1940's. The memories of his parents and brothers, related to him in the 1980's, helped him to recall the feelings and experiences of being a small child during that time, and formed the basis of his book, *One Step Ahead of Hitler: A Jewish Child's Journey Through France*.

Gross' visit to Corbin Middle School was reported in the *Times Tribune*, Friday, December 6; to read the story, visit <http://www.thetimestribune.com/local/x1566991421/Holocaust-survivor-Fred-Gross-speaks-at-Corbin-Middle>.

Gross often speaks at middle and high schools throughout Kentuckiana.

In the November edition of *Louisville Magazine*, **Siera Hanks**, a senior at Atherton High School, was profiled as one of 12 of our community's "Super Kids." She was characterized by the interviewer as "most likely to win the Nobel Peace prize." At Atherton, she was selected by her peers as "Most likely to Succeed." Additionally, Siera has been selected from 1000 Governor's Scholars across Kentucky to be honored in the group of the Top 30 "Winner's Circle" Governor's Scholars. A reception and luncheon was held at Churchill Downs on Nov. 14 for these exceptional students. Siera is the daughter of Leslie and Eric Hanks, sister of Kaden Hanks, and granddaughter of Brenda and the late Karmen Bush and Linda and Eric Hanks.

Chelsea Klein is field hockey star at Centre College

by Holly Hinson
Special to Community

Since the first time she put on her jersey, Chelsea Klein has had a passion for field hockey. The daughter of Richard and Beth Klein of Louisville, the 21-year old has been a star forward at Centre College since arriving there in 2010. She began playing the sport in sixth grade at Kentucky Country Day, where her brother Casey, 18, will graduate this spring.

The field hockey forward recently helped spur her Centre team to a Sweet Sixteen appearance – only the second in the program's history. The team lost in the tournament in a tightly contested match.

"We lost to a penalty stroke," said Chelsea, "but it was a phenomenal game and an amazing experience. Just the fact that we made it to the tournament was a victory."

Chelsea, who was a gymnast for 10 years as a young girl, said team sports like field hockey give her opportunity to interact with many different girls and to accomplish things together. "This year, we had a young team with 13 freshmen, so it was interesting to learn how to mesh everyone's talents together in the best way," she said. "What we learned about the experience was that we can do whatever we put our minds to. Our team said we wanted to make it to the tournament, and we did just that," she said.

After the Sweet 16 tournament, Chelsea was invited to wear her jersey one final time as one of the competitors in the senior all-star game for Division 3 in Virginia Beach, playing with some of the



Chelsea Klein



Klein had control of the ball in an NCAA match in Lynchburg

PHOTOS BY PAM KALBFLEISCH

same girls she faced in the tournament.

Honored to be selected as a Longstreth/National Field Hockey Coaches' Association First Team All-American, Chelsea said she will miss competitive field hockey, but plans to connect with some recreational summer leagues when she returns to Louisville next year after graduation.

Chelsea Klein is a confident and accomplished young woman who has always been proud of her Jewish faith. She attended The Temple Religious School and celebrated her bat mitzvah there, but it took a later experience for her to truly connect with her heritage in a deep way. The Centre College senior had the opportunity to study abroad in Strasbourg, France, in the spring of 2013; and while in Europe, she visited the infamous Dachau Concentration Camp.

"One of my grandparents' closest friends is a Holocaust survivor, and to see all she'd gone through was a really emotional experience for me," said Chelsea.

"I had heard her story before, but to be there where it all happened was when it really resonated for me. Because of that visit I felt more connected. In fact, I wrote a paper on it for college. It gave me a real sense of pride, and brought everything into perspective," she said.

Chelsea, who studied biology and French at Centre, said she would love to travel more after college and plans to visit Israel one day with her family. But for now her post-graduation plans are focused on veterinary school – not surprising for a young woman whose family has owned and bred thoroughbred horses.

"I remember always going to Lexington horse farms with my dad," she said, "and my grandparents lived on a farm. That passion for animals is in my blood. That's what always makes me happy. In fact, one of the first pictures of me when I was one or two years old was on a horse. I guess it was destined to be," smiled Chelsea.

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AROUND TOWN

Thursdays through January 23

Rabbi Josh Golding's study session continues each Thursday evening now through January 23, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Anshei Sfard Library. The topic – "The Way of the Name: How to Energize your Spiritual Life in Four (not so) Easy Steps." The class is free and all are invited. For more information, email rabbi@ansheisfard.com.

Thursday, December 26

Louisville's Hadassah chapter will have a book club meeting on December 26 at 7 p.m. at Panera on Dutchmans Lane to discuss *The Zoo Keeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. All Hadassah members and friends of members are welcome to attend the free event. Participants are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early if they are eating; food and beverage are not included. Reservations are not necessary. In February, the book club will host Fred Gross to discuss his new book, *One Step Ahead of Hitler: A Jewish Child's Journey Through France*. Look for date and location details in the coming weeks.

Fridays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Adath Jeshurun offers a weekly class in Mishneh Torah in downtown Louisville on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. January classes are on January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag dairy lunch and join Rabbi Slosberg and Cantor Lipp. Prior knowledge of Jewish texts and Hebrew is not required; open to the community. Classes take place in the office of Steve Berger at 500 West Jefferson Street.

Sunday, January 5

The KI Men's Club hosts the quarterly



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Bowl-a-pa-louza, where teams from all five Louisville synagogues compete for the prestigious Golden Bagel, on Sunday, January 5, at 1:15 p.m. The competition takes place at Rose Bowl Lanes North, 2217 Goldsmith Lane. Two games, shoe rental, soft drinks, and a nosh for \$10; children 13 and under will have their own lanes.

Mondays, January 6 through May

"Mysteries of the Alef-Bet: Kabbalat HaTorah" meets at The Temple with Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks in Room 172 at 7 p.m. on Mondays through May. The curriculum offers insights into Bible, prayer, Midrash, Jewish philosophy, and spirituality. Each class unlocks the mysteries of a new letter with its corresponding number, G-d name, legends, mystical interpretations, and meditative powers. Students progress at their own pace based on their own background, goals, and interest. Optional dinner at 6 p.m.; call 423-1818 to make a reservation.

Mondays, January 6-May

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

Mondays, January 6-March

The Temple offers the community a Basic Judaism class on Mondays from 8-9 p.m. A new trimester titled "Jewish Holidays: A Journey through the Hebrew Year" will be taught by Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks beginning January 6. Recommended for interfaith couples and parents, people considering conversion, or those who just want to expand their knowledge of Judaism. Please call The Temple at 423-1818 before joining the class.

Mondays, January 6, 27 and February 3

Join Rabbi David Monday nights at 7 p.m. for text study in The Temple's Waller Chapel, with the long awaited third season of *Surgim*, the most talked about series on Israeli TV. Come and learn about the realities of modern Israel through this popular TV series, enjoyable even if you are new to the series.

Wednesdays, January 8-February 12

"The Torah of Tikkun Olam" meets in The Temple's Fishman Library on

Wednesdays at 10:50 a.m. with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport. Topics encompass the Jewish roots of social justice from the Bible to the Talmud, through the mystical tradition of Lurianic Kabbalah and up to the Modern Age. Participants will trace the Jewish values that command us to become builders of a better world. Each session stands alone and no registration required. A new semester titled "The Many Faces of the Holocaust" will begin on February 19.

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, February 5 and 12

Meet in The Temple's Fishman Library for Temple Scholars with Rabbi David from 9:30-10:35 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. 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 will examine 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. Registration is required. Second semester begins Wednesday, February 19.

Wednesday, January 8

The Knit & Qvell Circle at Anshei Sfard is looking for knitters or people who want to learn how to knit. The Knit & Qvell Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 1 p.m. (instead of the usual first Wednesday). All knitted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public School Clothes Closet. For more information call Toby Horvitz at 458-7108, Esther Strizak at (812) 218-8952, or Fran Winchell at 426-4660.

Wednesday, January 8

Adath Jeshurun Book Club meets Wednesday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Scenes from Village Life* by Amos Oz. Meetings are held in the Bornstein Classroom at Adath Jeshurun and are open to the community. New participants are always welcome at AJ Book Club meetings. Please contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359 for more information.

Friday, January 10

The Temple will commemorate its 1843 Charter with a Founders' Day Shabbat Service at The Temple, January 10 at 7 p.m. This is a Classical Reform Service led from the Sinai Edition of the Union Prayer Book, along with music from the era; the service is open to the community.

Saturday, January 11

Community members are invited to Shabbat Scholars, an enlightening discussion following the AJ kiddush lunch on January 11. Moshe Ben-David will be the Shabbat Scholar, and his topic will be, "Is it Possible that We Jews Are Really...Wow!!"

Sundays, January 12, 19 and 26

Adath Jeshurun offers two free Adult Hebrew classes, "Second-Year Conversational Hebrew" at 10 a.m. and "Prayer Book Hebrew" at 11 a.m., on Sundays now through April. January dates are January 12, 19 and 26. For more information about classes and textbooks, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359.

Sunday, January 12

Rabbi Hillel Smulowitz will give a lecture on "Introduction to Hypnosis and Its Religious Roots" at Anshei Sfard on January 12. Rabbi Smulowitz is a registered hypnotherapist with over 30 years of experience. He will offer an in-depth explanation of how hypnosis works and share a number of individual cases that have changed many lives. Services begin

at 8:30 a.m., followed by brunch at 9:30 and the lecture at 10 a.m. Lecture and breakfast are free and open to the public. RSVP by calling 451-3122, ext. 0, by Wednesday, January 8.

Sunday, January 12

The Keneseth Israel Men's Club invites the community to a special evening with dinner and speaker, Lieutenant Governor and former Louisville mayor Jerry Abramson, immediately following the 5:45 p.m. minyan on Sunday, January 12. Dinner is \$6 per person. Reservations required no later than Friday, Jan. 10, to mensclub@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

Sunday, January 12

Sunday Night at the Movies at The Temple presents *Yossi's Story* on January 12 at 7 p.m. in the Waller Chapel. *Yossi's Story* follows Yossi, a closeted gay man living a solitary existence in Tel Aviv. A chance encounter with a group of soldiers ignites Yossi's desire to live an open, fulfilling life. 2012 People Award Winner Paris Film Festival; 2012 Best Narrative Feature Tribeca Film Festival.

Tuesdays, January 14 and 28

Bring your friends and enjoy free movies and more at AJ. All shows begin at 3 p.m. The movie for January 14 is *The Jazz Singer* (1951): Jerry Lewis in a rare dramatic performance pays tribute to the Jolson Film classic with aplomb. The original television airing was part of an NBC special and hasn't been seen since 1959. Joey (Jerry) has to decide whether to leave a family tradition of five cantors or to be a jazz singer and comedian. On January 28, view *The Lemon Drop Kid* (1951), with Bob Hope as a racetrack peddler who owes a lot of money to gangsters.

Wednesdays beginning January 15

During "Jews and Brews," a one-hour morning class led by Rabbi Michael Wolk from Keneseth Israel, participants study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary while enjoying a cup of coffee. All in the community are welcome to join in this study. Jews and Brews meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. at the JCC Coffee Shop and begins again on January 15. You need not attend each week to enjoy participating.

Saturday, January 18

The community is invited to join AJ on Saturday, January, 18, as they thank Carol Zegart for her commitment as a weekly volunteer in the synagogue office. Carol, a retired accountant, has been generously donating her time and talents to the shul for more than a year. Shabbat services begin 9:30 a.m., followed by a special kiddush lunch in Carol's honor.

Saturday, January 18

Parents and students in kindergarten through grade 7 are invited to attend Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation. The next service is January 18 at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com for more information.

Saturday, January 18

Keneseth Israel invites the children and families of the community to attend KI Katan, its monthly 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. Rabbi Wolk will lead the next KI Katan on January 18 at 10:45 a.m. at Keneseth Israel. No reservations are needed.

LIFECYCLE

B'nai Mitzvah



Eric Nathan Laber

Eric Nathan Laber, son of Lia Laber and Damian Laber and brother of Natalie and David, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, January 11, at 10:30

a.m. at The Temple. Eric is the grandson of Raul and Ana Maria Rodriguez and Felisa Laber and the late Manuel Laber.

Eric is in the seventh grade at Collegiate, where he is member of the Tennis, Lacrosse and Soccer teams. Eric also enjoys playing chess, is an avid reader, a great mathematician, and is currently learning French. Eric loves school and enjoys spending time with his friends.

Eric did the "Walk for Hunger," which benefits "Dare to Care," and participated in the "Hannukah Helper" Program.

Eric and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.



Ava and Brooke Schumacher

Ava and Brooke Schumacher, daughters of Leslye and Todd Schumacher and sisters of Spencer, will be called to the Torah on Saturday, January 18, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple and invite the community to join us. Ava and

Brooke are the granddaughters of John and Jean Amber, formerly of Cincinnati and members of The Valley Temple. Ava and Brooke are in the seventh grade at North Oldham Middle School. Brooke plays on the basketball and softball teams and is involved in the Kentucky Youth Association. Ava plays on the field hockey team, is involved in drama, plays the piano, and is also involved in the Kentucky Youth Association.

Engagements

Lerner/Gininger

Joel Lerner of Louisville, KY, and Janie Behr of Chevy Chase, MD, announce the engagement of their son, Daniel Lerner, to Michelle Gininger, daughter of Joel and Lisa Gininger of Centerville, VA.

Lerner, a graduate of American University, is a professional staff member on the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington, D.C.

He is the grandson of Claus and Joy Behr, the late Simone Behr, and the late Louis and Justine Lerner. He is the brother of Shawn, Lindsey, and Ashley Lerner.

Gininger, a graduate of Boston University, works at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute in Washington, D.C., and is pursuing a graduate degree at George Mason University.

She is the sister of Steven Gininger.

The loving couple was engaged on November 25, in Madrid, Spain. They are looking forward to exchanging their vows in the Washington, D.C. area with family and friends.

Levine/Wallace

David and Shiela Wallace announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Wallace, to Ross Levine, the son of Joyce and Paul Eiseman and Barry Levine and Susan Samuels.

Ross earned his undergraduate de-



gree in electrical engineering and math from the University of Kentucky and will complete his PhD in electrical engineering at Georgia Tech, Spring 2014.

Sara earned her BFA from Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle and currently works as a legal assistant at a personal injury firm in Atlanta. She will be starting law school in the fall of 2014.

An August 2014 wedding is planned.

Obituaries

Shirley Shapiro Brilliant

Shirley Shapiro Brilliant, 74, formerly of Louisville, KY, passed away November 13 at her home in Langhorne, PA, surrounded by family. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Stephen Brilliant, sons, Lawrence Brilliant (Ann) from Philadelphia, PA, and Allan Brilliant (Marcia) from New York, NY, daughter, Dina Brilliant (Dr. George Segel) from Newtown, PA, a sister, Lillian S. Levy (Mrs. Bert), from Louisville, sister-in-law, Marlene Alterman, from Cherry Hill, NJ, five grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. She was devoted and loved dearly by all her family. Memorial and interment services were November 15 in Trevoze, PA.

Shmuel Mann

Shmuel Mann, 60, Rabbi of Temple B'nai Israel of Aurora, IL, passed away suddenly on Friday November 15. Beloved husband of Beryl and loving father of Adina and Erin, son of Menasche, brother to Akiva and Nicky, and uncle to many nephews and nieces. Interment was at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery to follow.

Arrangements were handled by Healy Chapel, 332 W. Downer Pl., Aurora, IL. For further information, please call

(630) 897-9291 or www.healychapel.com to sign the online guestbook.

Memorial donations may be made to the Adina and Erin Mann Educational Fund or to Temple B'nai Israel.

Dolores Jane Schucart

Dolores Jane "Doe" Schucart died suddenly on November 23, just 10 days short of her 92nd birthday. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 65 years, Aaron, her beloved son, Richard Alan, and her sister, Joyce (the late Zale) Oxenhandler; she is survived by her daughter, Linda Blue of Louisville, KY; her grandsons, Jonathan (Tracy) Blue and Todd (Karen) Blue; and her great-grandchildren, Talia, Gracie, Tamar, Isaac and Bella. A special thanks to her caregivers who were with her recently.

Dodie will be remembered for her deep concern for others and her very special sense of humor.

Interment was in Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.



Marilyn G. Bornstein

Marilyn G. Bornstein, 77, died at her home on November 25. She worked for over 20 years as a marriage and family therapist at Jewish Family and Career

Services. She was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun and the NCJW-Louisville Section.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lillian and Sol Goldberg; and her brother, Gilbert Goldberg.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Alan Bornstein; her three children, Susan (David Fox), Brian (Christie Emler), and Joan; and her four grandchildren, Lilli and Melissa Bornstein and Hannah and Brandon Woempner.

Burial was in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. See **LIFECYCLE** page 18

AROUND TOWN

Monday, January 20

MLK Mitzvah opportunity: The Temple, AIDS Interfaith Ministries and Kids Against Hunger will come together on Monday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Klein Center to package food for hungry children both in Louisville and internationally. Help The Temple reach its goal of packaging 5,000 meals. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided to volunteers.

Friday, January 24

Children in preschool through fifth grade and their parents and grandparents are invited to AJ's Mini-Minyan Family Service, an interactive Shabbat service, catered dinner, and cookie-decorating bar. Families will enjoy active participation through prayers, songs, storytelling and more. Service begins at 5:45 p.m., with dinner to follow. Dinner is by reservation only and must be prepaid by Friday, January 17, at 5 p.m. All reservations received after January 17 will be placed on a waiting list pending approval from the caterer. Make your reservations online at www.adathjeshurun.com/miniminyan. If you have questions, please contact Molly Evancho at 458-5359 or mevancho@adathjeshurun.com.

Friday, January 24

Nurture your spirit and your body with a special Shabbat B'Yachad (Together) on Friday, January 24, at 5:30 p.m. at KI. This Souper Kabbalat Shabbat starts over a warm cup of soup, followed by a Joyous Kabbalat Shabbat service. Bonnie Cohen will serve as our special storyteller for the evening. The

program is sponsored by the Faye and Simmy Davis Kabbalat Shabbat Fund. There is no charge for attendance, but donations are appreciated. RSVP by Wednesday, January 22, to 459-2780 to ensure plenty of soup for all.

Sunday, January 26

The community is invited to AJ on January 26 at 1 p.m. for a hamentaschen-baking workshop for all ages. Eden Ungar will lead children ages 5-12. A light lunch will be served for those students arriving straight from religious school. Children will be taking their hamentaschen home with them to share with their families. Adults will bake in a separate group - a few hamentaschen for themselves, but mostly for the congregation during Purim. Bring your friends and relatives to this fun, free workshop. Please contact Bonnie Shaikun at 458-5359 or bshaikun@adathjeshurun to reserve your spaces.

Monday, January 28

The Temple invites the community to celebrate Tu B'Shvat - the New Year of the Trees, with a special mystical seder on Monday, January 28 at 7 p.m. This seder features the fruits of the tree, as well as wine and chocolate. Join Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks and the WRJ (Sisterhood) and take time to appreciate our gorgeous world and the Source of all life. Cost is \$5 per person. RSVP to The Temple (423-1818) by January 23. The seder takes the place of regular Monday night Adult Ed classes.

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LIFECYCLE

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Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Jewish Family and Career Services or donor's favorite charity. The family would like to send a special thank you to Dr. Jane Cornett.

Dorothy Flexner Speier

Dorothy Flexner Speier, 95, died Tuesday, November 26, at Baptist Health. She was a native of Louisville, a retired RN, an RN Supervisor at Jewish Hospital (1941-1944), a former co-owner of Speier Hardware, a member of The Temple, Hadassah and NCJW-Louisville Section.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ruth and Gus Flexner; her husband, Fred Speier; a daughter, Susan Katz; and a sister, Jean Rae Ellenberg.

She is survived by her son, Ronald Speier (Sharon) of Schenectady, NY, and two grandchildren, Amy Katz Purdie (Aaron) and Jodie Katz Weinrib (Aviad).

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple.



Phyllis Alese Weinberg Kozlove

Phyllis Alese Weinberg Kozlove, born August 12, 1923, died November 27 at the Episcopal Church Home. She was a graduate from

Atherton High School in 1941, graduated with a biology degree from University of Louisville in 1945 and retired from Stewart's Dry Goods in 1987.

She is survived by two daughters, Diane Feldon (Dick) and Patricia Sucher of Palm

Beach Gardens, FL; and two grandsons, Jordan and Jason Sucher, of Louisville, KY.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to the Episcopal Church Home and her caretakers for the last five years, Jonell Steff and Amber Temple. The family greatly appreciates the compassion and skill given by Dr. Jane Cornett and her nurse practitioner, Angie Ethridge.

Phyllis loved, cooking, bridge and making others laugh with her phenomenal sense of humor. She adored her two grandsons who lovingly called her "Baga." They will deeply miss her, her wonderful matzah ball soup and cheering on the U of L Cardinals basketball team.

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

Pauline Kort Mickler

Pauline Kort Mickler, 86, formerly of Louisville, died Wednesday, November 27, at Miami Jewish Health Systems, Miami, FL. She was born in Louisville, November 13, 1927 to Anna and George Kort, and was the sister of Maury Kort. She grew up in Bastrop, LA, moving at age 16 to Louisville. In Louisville, she met and married Dr. Arthur M. Mickler in 1946. She was a member of The Temple, and was president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Louisville and Kentucky Dental Associations. She loved crafts and needlework and was an avid reader, as well as being active in adult Boy Scout Leader training with her husband.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Mickler, DMD.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Andrew

S. Mickler of Louisville; daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Barry Schwartz; four grandchildren, Aaron Schwartz (Stacey), Amy Schwartz Klosky (Chad), Jason Mickler and David Mickler; and one great-grandchild, Ethan Schwartz, all of south Florida.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple, Kentucky Dental Association, Boy Scouts of America or The Alzheimer's Association.

Shirley A. Goldberg

Shirley A. Goldberg, 80, died Saturday, November 30, at Jefferson Place. She was born June 27, 1933 in Kansas City, MO, to the late Frieda and Simon Silverman. She was a former pari-mutuel clerk at Churchill Downs and a member of Congregation Anshei Sfard.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Alvin Goldberg.

She is survived by her sons, Steven Goldberg (Tyler), Jeffrey Goldberg (Peggy) and Frank Goldberg; her daughter, Denise McCormack; her sister, Rosaline Kraiman of Kansas City, MO; and six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Anshei Sfard Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to J. Graham Brown Cancer Research Center.

Anatoly Dubrovsky

Anatoly Dubrovsky, 78, of Louisville, died Wednesday, December 4, at Diversicare of Seneca Park. He was born November 7, 1935 in Babruysk, Belarus to the late Sarah and Abram Yankel Dubrovsky. He was former sales clerk with H&S Hardware and attended The Temple.

He is survived by his loving wife, Zina Tsozik Dubrovsky; his sons, Michael

Dubrovsky (Luba) and Yefim Dubrovsky (Phyllis) of Indianapolis; and three grandchildren, Natalya, Aleksey and Tony Dubrovsky.

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

Phillip David Yoffe

Phillip David Yoffe, 75, passed away Sunday, December 8, at home. He was a lifelong resident of Louisville, born on October 28, 1938 to the late Bernice and Abraham Yoffe.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Iris S. Yoffe; his son, Bryan Yoffe (Kristen) and their three children, Owen, Elizabeth and Clair; blended family members, Dana Smith (Scott) and their children, Turner and Rhys; Leslie Acosta (Tony) and their children, Hannah and Antonio, and Christopher Leisten (Barbara); his brothers, Stuart Yoffe and his wife, Georgia, of Brenham, TX; and many dear cousins and devoted friends.

A special thank you to Phillip's physicians, some of whom were close friends, who aided him to live an extended, quality life.

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

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

CHAVURAT SHALOM

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

December 19 and 26

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January 9 and 16

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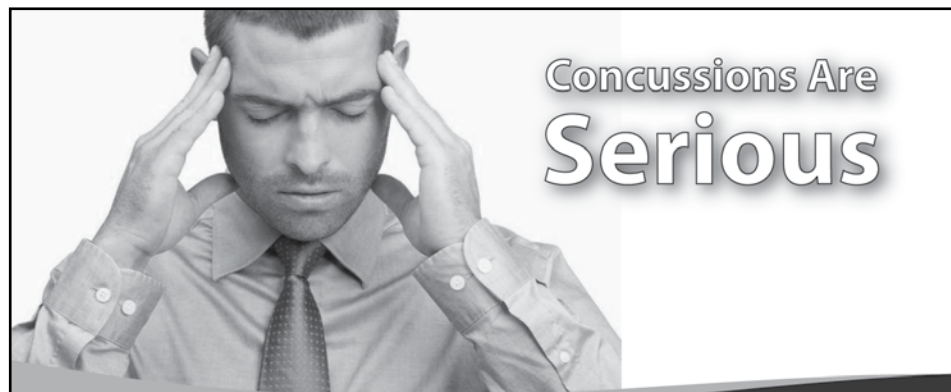
"Jewish Journeys through Budapest and Prague" with Rabbi Gaylia Rooks

January 30

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D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Michael Wolk

Recently we began the public reading of the book of Shemot (Exodus), the second book in the Torah. The biblical story picks up after the end of Bereishit (Genesis) and all the characters that we learned about previously have died. Joseph and his brothers passed away and their children remained in Egypt.

The Egyptian society was going through changes as well. The Pharaoh, who worked with Joseph to ensure that his people were fed during years of famine and that Egypt prospered, also died and new leadership rose to power. We read about a new Pharaoh who did not know about Joseph, and it was this ruler who enslaved the Israelite nation in Egypt.

At first, it looks like this horrible action will bring additional prosperity to the kingdom because of a whole new work force. Pharaoh needed workers to build their cities and here was this untapped resource that they could use without repercussions. We, who know the whole story, already know that Pharaoh's failure to remember his country's history leads to its ruin through the ten plagues and the drowning of the Egyptian army at the Red Sea.

The importance of remembering history is an idea that is very familiar to us in the Jewish community as so many of our traditions and customs are based on remembering important events, both good and bad. We are instructed to remember that kindness that God showed our ancestors by taking us out of Egypt,

which is the foundation of our religion. We are also required to remember the many atrocities perpetrated against our people such as the Holocaust. We are the prime teachers of the maxim "If you forget history, you are doomed to repeat it."

In Louisville, we are wonderful at preserving Jewish communal memory. People remember the rabbis and cantors who prepared them for their b'nai mitzvah 60 years ago, and they remember where their grandparents sat in the old synagogue buildings downtown.

Recently at KI, we hosted a beautiful event where our congregants and others had the chance to learn about the synagogue's history and to share their own personal memories, which are the foundation on which our community is built. This area of communal memory is something that Louisvillians should be very proud of and it is one of the factors that has kept our community strong where other more recently-formed communities have floundered.

Everything that I have written until now comes with a big "but" attached to it. We know anecdotally and from recent surveys of the Jewish community

in America that younger generations do not necessarily want the same things out of Jewish community as their parents and grandparents. How do we value our commitment to historical memory while at the same time meeting the needs of current and future constituents? Without either of these key ingredients, Louisville's Jewish community will flounder.

Rabbis and other Jewish professionals spend a great deal of time trying to solve this equation, but as we see from the Torah story I mentioned, leaders can get it wrong. It is up to each and every one of you to acknowledge these multiple needs within our community and to work towards a happy future for Jewish Louisville.

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Shabbat candles should be lit Fridays, December 20, at 5:07 p.m.; December 27, 5:11 p.m.; January 3, 5:16 p.m.; January 10, 5:23 p.m.; January 17, 5:30 p.m.; January 24, 5:38 p.m.; and January 31, 5:45 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi Michael Wolk, the rabbi of Keneseth Israel Congregation (Conservative), has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

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Silk Painting Intermediate	Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.	1/14-2/6
Ballroom Dancing	Mondays at 6:45 p.m.	1/13-2/10
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