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David Klein

Remembering David Klein

by Stu Silberman
President and CEO, Jewish Community of Louisville

David Klein. What do you think of when you hear his name? Enigmatic? Lightning rod? Trailblazer? Inexplicable? Surprising? Unpredictable? Hilarious? Incomprehensible? Devoted? Loyal? Missed?

These sentiments begin to describe him, but only having known him can you understand that he was truly indescribable. So rather than focus on my friend David, I'll ask you to try to consider his accomplishments during the three years he served as JCL board chair, and how they impacted Louisville's Jewish Community.

Even that is a challenging list to distill into a single column, as treatises could be written about his motivations, accomplishments, setbacks and legacy, as he touched so many of us, and there are a wide variety of opinions about him.

One steadfast truth about David is that he placed the needs of the community above his own. His two passions were providing for the cancer community and providing for the Jewish community. In each case, it was a community he was attempting to serve, in the way he thought best.

He taught me the derivation of the word community, from the Latin word *communitas* meaning "together" and "gift". The word community, literally translated, means "to give among each other". When you think about our agency's name, the Jewish Community of Louisville, we literally mean Jewish Louisvillians giving to each other.

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EDITORIAL

I Believe ...

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

I don't write editorials for every issue of *Community*, and often when I do, they are not personal stories. This time, I am going to get personal.

When I came to *Community* more than 23 years ago, I was truly a neophyte to the world of the organized Jewish community. I knew I had the skills to write for and edit the paper and I strongly identified as a Jew. I didn't have a clue about the extraordinary things the Federation does.

It didn't take long for that to change. Just a few months after starting here, I knew that I had found my home and that I was fully committed to the Federation's mission and passionate about the work we do. That commitment and passion are just as strong today.

I believe the Jewish Community of Louisville, with all its constituent parts – the Jewish Federation of Louisville, the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Foundation of Louisville, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC),

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Florman Named One of Five 2014 Women of Distinction

by Cynthia Canada
Special to Community



Phyllis Florman

On February 13, the Center for Women and Families will honor five Women of Distinction at the 27th Anniversary Celebration of Service & Survival at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. Among the honorees is Phyllis E. Florman, president of the Mary Byron Project.

The Mary Byron Project was established in 2000 in memory of the young woman whose murder led to the creation of automated crime victim notification technologies. VINE – Victim

Information and Notification Everyday – started in Kentucky and now operates in 47 states.

According to freedom of information

statutes, victims and other interested parties have the right to know the status of offenders. VINE makes it easy, see FLORMAN page 8

Festival Brings in Award-Winning International Films

The 16th Annual Louisville Jewish Film Festival will present 10 films from February 8-23, bringing tastes of Jewish and Israeli culture to Louisville. The Festival includes two special events – a night of comedy at Congregation Adath Jeshurun with the film, *When Comedy Went to School* and a live performance featuring comedian Mark Klein on Sunday, February 9; and there will be a special screening of *Sonny Boy* at the Muhammad Ali Center on Sunday, February 23.

The Louisville Jewish Film Festival

strives to show the richness and diversity of the Jewish experience by presenting the best contemporary international films. Through feature films, shorts, documentaries and student films, as well as conversations with guest speakers, the festival explores Jewish identity with the hope of increasing tolerance and educating its audiences.

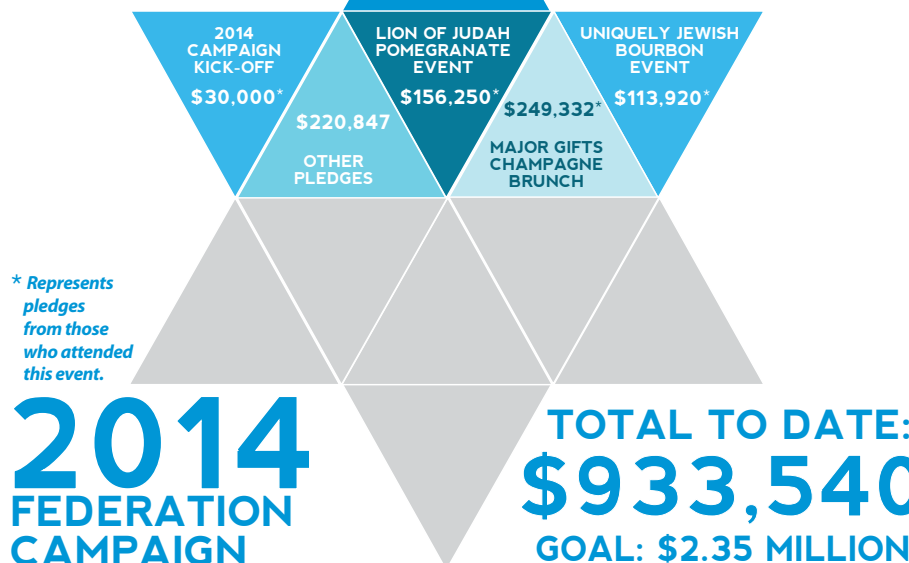
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JCRC UPDATE

by Bob Sachs, Chair
Jewish Community Relations Council

Your Jewish Community Relations Council, a part of JCL, serves as an interface between the Jewish community and the general community on a wide variety of topics. Of course, we are not alone in this regard. The rabbis and cantors and their congregations have always been, and remain, major sources of dialogue with our non-Jewish neighbors. This is true as well of JFCS and NCJW. Indeed, in 21st Century Louisville all Jewish organizations play a role in community relations.



Bob Sachs

When it's working right, we're all pulling in the same direction.

But Jews in Louisville, like Jewish populations everywhere, do not speak with one voice. This is especially true regarding the State of Israel. For some of us, unquestioned support for Israel is the beginning and the end of the conversation. Others of us have a more nuanced

approach, willing to be critical of certain policies of the Israeli government. And there are a few of us – less than a handful – for whom Israel is the enemy.

Why bother mentioning this last group at all? I liken them to a talking dog: What's newsworthy is not that the dog has anything important to say, it's that it talks at all. Unfortunately, that's how the media looks at Jews who are espousing not just criticism of Israel, but its destruction as a Jewish state. Examples abound.

Recently, the American Studies Association, a relatively small group of academics, voted to boycott Israeli academics. The resolution of the ASA, *supported by some Jews*, cited as a rationale the lack of "effective or substantive academic freedom for Palestinian students and scholars under conditions of Israeli occupation" and calls for the association to boycott Israeli higher education institutions, which are described as being "a party to Israeli state policies that violate human rights and negatively impact the working conditions of Palestinian scholars and students."

I should point out that the ASA failed to adopt a similar resolution against apartheid South Africa. Or, for that matter, against any of the many violent and totalitarian regimes around the world.



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When asked why single out Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, the head of the organization said simply, "We have to start somewhere." A similar resolution was passed by the even smaller, Association for Asian American Studies.

Alarm bells went off. The ASA has been roundly criticized. Many of the nation's most prestigious universities publicly denounced the ASA resolution. Some have withdrawn their membership. The American Association of University Professors has had a long-standing policy against academic boycotts and they joined the chorus of criticism of the ASA.

I am proud to say that here in Louisville President James R. Ramsey of the University of Louisville has written to the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU), of which UofL is a member, to express the University's opposition to "any boycott of academic institutions regardless of the political systems in which they operate. The University of Louisville stands for the free exchange on our campuses and the ability of our faculty to share knowledge, research, and ideas with university faculty throughout the world ... the free exchange of ideas is paramount to academic freedom." *He asked that UofL be listed among the institutions represented by the APLU as standing against the effort to boycott Israeli academic institutions.*

Likewise, Eli Capilouto, president of the University of Kentucky, has stated that he disagrees "with the ASA's resolution to boycott academic institutions in Israel."

While the JCRC stands for free speech, we needn't provide a forum to those supporters of the so-called Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. I view those people as, at best, wrong and at worst, anti-Semitic.

So we applaud president Ramsey and the University of Louisville for doing the right thing and we commit to be ever vigilant against the forces that, through ignorance, anti-Semitism or both, seek to isolate the State of Israel from the family of nations and destroy it as a Jewish state.

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Ariel Sharon, the Lion of God, a Personal Reflection

by Shalom Malka
Special to Community

Ariel Sharon, the lion of God, as his Hebrew name suggests, left us twice. He departed us eight years ago when he fell into a coma. This past Saturday he left us for good. As my hero, his memory is still alive as I reflect back on years past. His name was associated with daring and courage.

Growing up in Israel, the ultimate test for one's fiber was to cross the Jordanian border without being detected, slip into Petra – the ancient Roman city – and return home with an undeniable proof characteristic of its landscape, a red rock. Arik, we were told, did so more than once. He captured my generation's imagination throughout our childhood years and for years to come.

My memories of this legendary strategist have to do with his military brilliance as a field commander. For me, he was a modern day Shimon Bar-Kochva.

We first crossed paths while positioned on the Suez Canal during the War of Attrition in 1970. I was a member of an airborne battalion just out of a grueling 14-month boot camp. Arik was in charge of the Southern command, overseeing all operations on the border with Egypt including the Sinai Peninsula.

Little is known about this bloody and costly war. Isolated and far from home for months, and buried in underground massive bunkers during the day, we were no different than groundhogs.

At night, we ventured out for various reconnaissance missions, and various other "crazy" activities aimed at signaling to the Egyptian army, a few hundred yards across the canal, that we were there too – so better keep away!

As young soldiers, we faithfully carried out such missions despite some lingering doubts about their rationale and effectiveness. Arik's name was often mentioned by our commanders stressing that those were Arik's tested tactics. Thus, they work!

In retrospect, those activities kept the Egyptians glued to their positions until the Yom Kippur War years later. We saw Arik once during that dark period but his presence loomed large each night; and even more so each time the other side succeeded in crossing over undetected and ambushing our nightly patrols, causing us massive casualties. Despite some heavy losses, our morale was high convinced of his strategy and wisdom. We prevailed.

Faith and fate had me serve under his command three years later during the Yom Kippur war in 1973. Still an unassigned young captain, I was 'thrown' into an unusual 'unit' comprised of other young officers waiting for a final assignment. We were known as the officers pool.

Being moved by the high command from one front to another during the confusing first bloody days of the war, we were finally flown south and joined the units to be led by the greatest field commander Israel ever had – Aluf Arik Sharon.

Words cannot describe the feelings we all experienced once we realized where we were and what was expected of us. We were part of the force that was supposed to cross the Suez Canal, establish a beachhead – a passable secure bridge – and allow the flow of other divisions north and south in a critical maneuver aimed at encircling the enemy's 2nd and 3rd Armies.

The awesome message was simple and straightforward: the state and the people of Israel's existence depend on the success of the division under the direct command of Arik. And boy what a delivery this was.

Despite heavy casualties, Arik's strategy paid off as we delivered such a surprise blow to the enemy's high command that brought the 3rd Army to its knees. The Lion of God formulated the move and executed it in a way that changed the dynamics of the war and sealed its

end.

Arik was the right commander, at the right place, at the right moment. Such rare alignment was a historic turning point that helped us all recover and regain control. It was a morale booster for the troops in the front and our families back home. In Israel, after the war, Arik was now "Arik Melech Yisrael" – the Lion King of Israel.

Reflecting back on those awesome moments as I write these words, I can still hear his unique voice that was briefly heard through our communications gear. His pronunciation of the Hebrew 'R' – so unique to the Sabra born and raised in Israel – is still ringing in my ears some 40 years later.

Arik was a complex and a controversial leader during both his military and political careers. Some adored him while others despised him. Yet, they all



Ariel Sharon
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agree that he was a brilliant strategist, a problem solver, and a decision maker and a leader.

A towering figure in the country's modern history, he will always be my hero. Arik, you left us but I can still hear your voice ringing in my ears.

Editor's note: Shalom C. Malka is currently a professor of business at Sullivan University's Graduate School and can be reached at smalka@sullivan.edu. He was born in Casablanca, Morocco, and moved with his family first to France and then to Israel in the 1950's. He served in the IDF for four and a half years and studied at the Universities of Haifa and Tel Aviv.

He came to Louisville and served as a shaliach (emissary) to the community from 1980-82. Later, he returned to the U.S. and earned his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh before joining the faculty of the University of Haifa in Israel.

When he took a sabbatical year, he returned to the U.S., married, had two daughters and chose to stay in this country, returning to Louisville, his wife's hometown, in 1990. He was co-owner and later president of Gingiss Formalwear in Louisville and Indiana.

Ariel Sharon, One of Israel's Last Warrior Statesmen, Dies at 85

by Ron Kampeas

January 11, 2014 (JTA) – Ariel Sharon, one of Israel's last warrior statesmen, whose military and political careers were woven into his nation's triumphs and failures, has died.

Sharon, 85, died Saturday at the Sheba Medical Center near Tel Aviv after eight years in a coma. "He went when he decided to go," said his younger son, Gilad, who has become the fierce guardian of his father's legacy.

He was among the last of Israel's founding fathers, fighting in every Israeli military conflict in the first three decades of the state.

As a general, Sharon helped turn the tide of the Yom Kippur War with Egypt in 1973. As defense minister, he plunged his nation into the crucible of Lebanon in 1982, an engagement that nearly cut short his career after he was found to bear indirect responsibility for the massacre of Palestinian refugees at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Lebanon.

But Sharon would rise from the ashes of that calamity to effect an astonishing about-face as prime minister, orchestrating the evacuation of thousands of Israeli settlers from the Gaza Strip after spending the bulk of his career championing the settlement enterprise.

As prime minister, Sharon began the construction of Israel's controversial security fence in the West Bank. His overriding concern, Sharon always said, was to protect a nation built on the ashes of the destruction of European Jewry.

"I arrived here today from Jerusa-

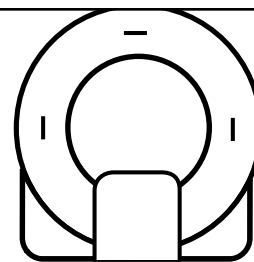
lem, the capital of the State of Israel, the only place where Jews have the right and capability to defend themselves by themselves," he said in a May 2005 visit to Auschwitz to mark 60 years since the Holocaust.

He forged affectionate bonds with Diaspora Jewish leaders, interspersing his English with Yiddishisms and often urging them to emigrate to Israel.

"Sharon worked his entire life for the unity of the Jewish people," said a statement from the Jewish Federations of

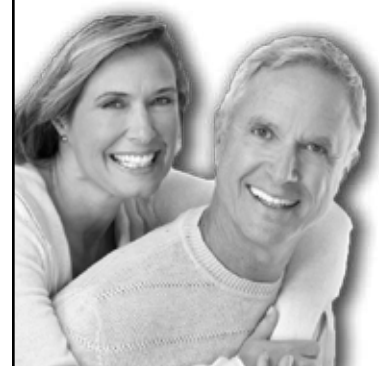
North America. "He was closely engaged with Jewish communities around the world, and acutely aware of their needs and aspirations. In all his leadership roles, and especially as prime minister of the Jewish state, Sharon engaged with Jewish communities across the Diaspora."

Editor's note: The rest of this JTA obituary can be found online at www.jewishlouisville.org. Community stories can be found under "What's Happening" menu.



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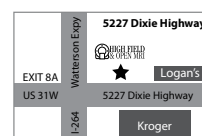
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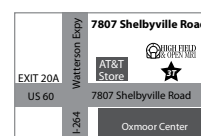
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We Have the Power to Determine What Happens Now and into the Future

by Stew Bromberg
Vice President and CDO
Jewish Federation of Louisville

Is this going to be another article for *Community* connected to another weather analogy? Not quite.

But as I sit here writing this article there is a raging morning snowstorm creating a winter wonderland outside. I know this is not a very Kentucky sentiment, but for a New England boy who now calls Louisville home, this weather brings a big smile to my face. I have always viewed storms as Mother Nature showing us the power and beauty of something we cannot control. Although my 'analogy' is about something beautiful in Louisville, the comparison really stops there.

Louisville is a beautiful community that offers a quality of life difficult to

find in other metro areas across North America. Jewish Louisville provides even more beauty through the programs and services, culture and traditions, friendships and family that surround us all.

We are a strong community that pulls together to help not only our fellow Jews, but everyone in this community, nationally, and, when possible, globally. So like a winter storm, we see a lot of beauty when we look around. The difference is that we CAN control the future of Jewish Louisville. WE have the power to determine what happens now and into the next generation.

This Sunday is Super Sunday for the 2014 Annual Federation campaign. This is a day when we all, young, old and in between, join together in an effort to raise additional funds for the annual campaign so we might be able to provide more dollars to our constituent agencies and to fund other mission driven programs to benefit the entire community.

As a community we all work hard to provide programs and services the community needs, desires and deserves. We collectively provide cultural activities and opportunities for everyone to experience both local Louisville traditions

and celebrations, but also to pass on the joys and traditions of our heritage and our ancestors.

We also provide services to help those in need in our community with programs such as JFCS Food Pantry; JCC Senior nutrition and socialization programs; JFCS Family counseling services; financial assistance to enable Jewish children to experience Jewish overnight camp and teen summer trips in Israel; active Hillel experiences for our young college-aged adults on local campuses; and many more opportunities for all age groups who are looking to be engaged.

Our goal this year is to raise \$2.3 Million. This represents a 10 percent increase over the funds raised last year.

There is so much more we can accomplish if we raise the fund necessary. We welcome you to join us at Super Sunday to reach out and ask others to join us by doing One Mitzvah.

If you cannot join us on Sunday, please answer the call when our volunteers call and ask for your support. We need everyone to step up to strengthen our community. Together we do extraordinary things. Will you join us?

EDITORIAL

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Hillel and *Community*, along with the infrastructure, programs and services we offer – strives to meet the needs of the entire Louisville Jewish community today and for the future.

I believe the JCL listens to its constituents in identifying those needs and seeks to collaborate with congregations, agencies and individuals to devise the best ways to meet those needs.

I believe the JCL strives to be transparent in all it does – from the costs associated with the Annual Federation Campaign to the allocations process to the strategic planning process underway. The Planning and Allocations Committee members are drawn from across the community and represent many different constituencies. The JCL has to make a presentation to the committee, just like every community agency and institution that receives allocations from the Campaign, and it has to demonstrate that it is a good steward of the funds it receives.

I believe that by consolidating the resources of infrastructure, administration, the finance department, human resources and Marketing, the JCL provides a strong foundation for the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Center, minimizing costs, maximizing effectiveness and providing easily accessible and comprehensive newspaper and electronic communications.

I believe the JCC and Federation provide opportunities for individuals to explore and strengthen their Jewish identities by supporting Jewish education, offering Jewish programming, providing scholarships for Jewish camp and Israel trips, connecting Louisvillians to Israelis in a myriad of creative ways through Partnership 2Gether, offering missions and more.

I believe the JCC provides quality programming for teens, engaging them in Teen Connections in middle school and encouraging them to continue to be active through BBYO in high school. Through these programs teens participate in active Jewish life and make friendships with other Jewish teens – in Louisville, in the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio region, across North America and even in Israel – that last a lifetime.

I believe that Hillel on the University of Louisville and Bellarmine University campuses helps Jewish college students to interact with each other, celebrate Shabbat and other Jewish holidays, share Jewish traditions with non-Jewish students and faculty and have the resources they need to address anti-Israel and anti-Jewish activities on campus.

I believe that the JCC makes a real difference in the quality of life for our seniors, by providing hot kosher lunches five days a week – in a congregational setting or delivered meals-on-wheels to those who can't come to the Center – whether or not they can afford to pay. The JCC also sees to their overall wellbeing by offering opportunities for socialization, travel, theater, chorus, arts, crafts and exercise programs tailored to individual needs.

I believe that through the JCC, individuals and families can enjoy healthy bodies with many choices for exercise and fun and intellectual challenges through theater, adult classes and art exhibitions. There are early childhood and onsite J-Play options, too.

I believe the JCRC ensures that the Jewish community's interests are addressed in the greater community – working with schools to ensure the rights of Jewish students are respected; building bridges with other faith communities enabling us to collaborate on common issues; educating the greater community about the Holocaust, Jewish holidays and traditions; keeping com-

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Stew Bromberg

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Young Adults Invited to YAD Campaign Casino Event at The Pointe

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Can Jews in their 20's, 30's and 40's socialize, have some fun and come together to do extraordinary things that make the world a better place?

Yes, and that is just what will happen



at the 2014 YAD Campaign Casino Event on Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m. at The Pointe, 1025 E. Washington St.

"YAD [the Young Adult Division] is not really an age specific group," said event co-chair Tracy Geller. "It is more about stage of life. ... This Casino Event at the Pointe is a fabulous opportunity for people in their 20s, 30s, and 40s to come together to have an amazing evening with their friends in the community," she said, "filled with games, food and prizes."

Getting together with friends and having fun in a wonderful venue with good food and prizes is great, but what adds another layer of meaning and significance to this event is those in attendance who have not yet made their commitments to the 2014 Federation Campaign will have the opportunity to do so.

Those dollars help provide JCC summer camp and Jewish overnight camp

scholarships for children whose families can't afford the fees, help for those who can not afford Hebrew School tuition, subsidies for the senior adult nutrition program, connections to individuals in Israel's Western Galilee and much more.

Geller encouraged all YAD members to come out for this event. "There are so many accomplishments to celebrate from the year behind us, and so much to look forward to in the year ahead ... and this is the perfect venue to do exactly that. We have a fantastic community that it seems only natural to not only participate in these activities, but also to make a contribution that helps support its very existence."

Helping Geller ensure the evening will be the best it can be are Co-Chair Keren Benabou and event hosts Olga Itkin, Faina and Ariel Kronenberg, Shannon and Ed Rothschild and Abby and Barret Tasman.

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

The cost of the event, \$36 per person or \$26 per person for those under age 29, covers the event expenses. A Vaad approved option is available if requested no later than Wednesday, January 29.

Reservations, required by Monday, February 3, may be made online at www.jewishlouisville.org/YADevent or by contacting Kristy Benefield, kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739.

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JANUARY 25

Lost Tribe Campaign Event

7 p.m. hosted by Joe Hertzman at his home. Those age 40-64 are invited to celebrate 40 years of wandering through Jewish Louisville. A fun evening with cocktails and food provided by a gourmet pizza truck. \$18 per person. RSVP at jewishlouisville.org or to Kristy, 238-2739.

JANUARY 26

Super Sunday Telethon

Volunteers needed, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12-2:30 p.m. Call Kristy, 238-2730. If you can't help, please answer generously when a volunteer calls. See story, page 1.

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. Vegetarian option available with advance request by Jan. 24. 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.

FEBRUARY 2

Super Bowl Party/BBYO Recruitment Event

5:30 p.m. for 8th graders; 6:30 for BBYOers and 9th-12th graders. At the home of Bradley Schwartz. For more information, contact Mike Steklhof, msteklof@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2774.

FEBRUARY 8

Press Your Luck YAD Casino Event

7 p.m. at The Pointe. \$36 per person. An evening of games, food, drinks and fun. Those in attendance at the young adult event will have the opportunity to make their gifts to the 2014 Federation Campaign. RSVP to Kristy, kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org

FEBRUARY 13-23

CenterStage presents Wit

\$18 per person in advance, \$20 at the door. This Pulitzer Prize winning drama follows a brilliant and exacting poetry professor as she undergoes experimental treatment for cancer. For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to www.CenterStageJCC.org.

FEBRUARY 23-APRIL 1

Patio Gallery exhibit

Studioworks. Opening reception Sunday, February 23, 2 p.m.

FEBRUARY 24 and 25

School's Out Day at the JCC

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, arts and crafts and swimming. Theme: Out of This World. Early bird discount if you register by 5 p.m. February 17. For more information, see ad, CenterPiece, page 2.

AJ's 2014 Music Festival, Thoroughly Modern American Melodies, Is March 20; Will Feature Zina Goldrich

Editor's note: Congregation Adath Jeshurun will present Zina Goldrich as the featured artist for the 2014 Music Festival: Thoroughly modern American Musical Melodies, Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the shul.

by Cantor David Lipp
Congregation Adath Jeshurun

It takes a great deal of talent to create memorable songs for music theatre. This past Cantors Assembly Convention, I was privileged to hear someone who is expert in the craft.

A modern and budding female Rogers and Hammerstein duo, Zina Goldrich along with lyricist Marcy Heisler has produced two songbooks of engaging, funny, poignant music that most of us in Louisville haven't heard yet. One of her best known melodies, thanks to Kristin Chenoweth who sang it on the Rosie O'Donnell Show and the Craig Ferguson

Show, is *Taylor, the Latte Boy*. If you want a taste of Zina's work, search for it on your computer and have a listen.

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

In writing for Broadway, Zina has also tried her hand at some liturgical music so you'll get to hear an *Ein Keloheinu* and *Adon Olam* among others that are sure to surprise and delight as well.

I look forward to sharing her talents with my colleague Cantor Sharon Hordes, Junior and Adult community choirs and the rest of the Louisville

community. The 2014 Music Festival is endowed by the Adolf and Sara van der Walde and Israel Rosenblum Charitable Fund.

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

For sponsorship opportunities, go to www.adathjeshurun.com/musicfestival, email mevancho@adathjeshurun.com or call 458-5359 and ask for Molly.

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munication open with elected officials and monitoring legislation; and advocating for Israel.

I believe the Federation provides support for Jewish Family & Career Services, helping them to offer their services on a sliding scale, offer free support groups that address issues important to the Jewish community and helping them to maintain their own infrastructure so they can continue to do their vital work in the community.

I believe the JCC and Federation support Israel, providing funding for Partnership and programs like Kivunim – which offers support services that enable disabled young adults in the Western Galilee the opportunity to maximize their capabilities, Birthright Israel, the Jewish Agency for Israel and more.

I believe in the support the Federation provides to the JDC (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) that enables us to fulfill our commitment to Jews-at-risk around the world because we are our brothers' keeper.

The more I write, the more I want to add to the list because I believe that all of this is the work we do and I am passionate about it. I truly believe that together, we do extraordinary things.

I also know that none of this is possible without the Annual Federation Campaign. That is why I make a stretch gift every year and am proud to be a member of the Pomegranate Division (\$1800-

4999 a year) and wish that I could afford to become a Lion of Judah (\$5000 minimum). That is why, even if it were not part of my job, I would volunteer for Super Sunday.

Please join me in supporting the 2014 Federation Campaign. When a Super Sunday volunteer calls you this Sunday, please give generously. Or don't wait for the call – pledge online at jewishlouisville.org/donate or call 238-2739 or drop a check in the mail to 3600 Dutchmans Lane, 40205.

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AJ Announces Spring Season for Live from the 92nd Street Y

Congregation Adath Jeshurun will present three programs in its spring 2014 season of LIVE From New York's 92nd Street Y simulcasts. Thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, these broadcasts are free and open to the community. There will be a dessert reception 30 minutes prior to each broadcast.

On Tuesday, February 4, at 8:15 p.m., the program will feature husband-and-wife team Amy Chua and Jed Rubenfeld who are known for breaking the taboo and saying but some groups in America do better than others. Chua, author of *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, and Jed Rubenfeld, both Yale professors, will discuss their new book, *The Triple Package*, and expose the three unlikely traits that explain the rise and fall of cultural groups in America in a talk that could transform the way you think about success and achievement.

On Monday, March 24, at 8 p.m., Simon Schama will take viewers all over India, Spain, Oxford, Syria, Paris, Cairo and beyond to show how Jews everywhere lived not as a people apart, but as a vital force in any society they joined, inspiring and being inspired by everything around them. Schama laid this out in his new book, *The Story of the Jews: Finding the Words 1000 BC-1492 AD*, which has been made into a television series, soon to air on PBS.

The special guest on Thursday, May 22, at 8 p.m. will be Elie Wiesel. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from the founder of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity and Nobel Laureate.

For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg, dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Celebrate Shabbat with Your Family at the JCC Jan. 31

Shabbat is a time to relax, light candles, enjoy a dinner and spend time with family.

On Friday, January 31, members of the community are invited to welcome Shabbat together at 6 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. At this family-friendly Community Shabbat dinner, there will be a kosher meal, songs, crafts and a scavenger event. For dessert, it's all hands on deck. Participants will have the opportunity to decorate their own cookies.

The dinner will cost \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. RSVP to Mary Jean Timmel at 238-2722 or mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org or register online at

jewishlouisville.org/shabbat.

Families are asked to bring their own Shabbat candlesticks and challah covers so they can include some of their personal Shabbat practice in the evening.

A similar event last year drew more than 100 people. "It's a nice opportunity to celebrate Shabbat with people who may attend different congregations or may not belong to any congregation," said Tziviva Levin Kalmes, a development director who is helping organize the event. "The experience can bring families closer to their Judaism and involve their children in the celebration."

"The Community Shabbat was a huge success last year and the feedback from

all participants was really positive," said Tracy Geller, who helped spearhead last year's dinner. "There is a need and a desire among many of us for there to be a neutral forum to host a community event like this. We want our children to enjoy and appreciate spending time with their families and other families in the Jewish community, regardless of affiliation, and celebrate Shabbat. We are hoping for another fabulous turnout and encourage everyone to help spread the word."

This year's event is hosted by Tracy and Mark Geller, Lisa and Howard Kaplan, Carol and Paul Levitch and Kim and Scott Norton.

Federation Expands Resources by Securing Grants

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

When people think about the Jewish Federation of Louisville, the first thing that comes to mind is the Annual Federation Campaign. The Campaign is critical to the success of our community, providing funding for a lot of the extraordinary things we do together.

The Federation is the Annual Campaign and much more. It addresses total resource development and works hard to ensure that the agency is a good steward of those resources.

One of the ways it seeks to increase available funding is by actively pursuing grants, thereby securing funding to enhance and expand existing programs, create new programming and undertake needed infrastructure projects.

Since the start of this fiscal year on July 1, the Federation, with the assistance of Grants Consultant Amy Fouts, has secured a number of grants and

the results can be seen in many departments.

Thanks to a matching grant from Kosair Charities, a first time funding partner, the JCC was able to offer *Yachad* during Winter Camp. *Yachad* enabled four children with communications-spectrum disorders to participate fully in camp along with their peers.

The program, which has been offered in the summer, helps children with social and emotional challenges, Attention Deficit Disorder, Downs Syndrome and Developmental Delays. These children attended all 8 days of camp, which provided them with enriching, educational and fun opportunities consistent with individual behavior modification plans.

The Kosair Charities challenge grant leveraged funds from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Endowment, which was established to help low-income and vulnerable individuals and families.

Recently, *Yachad* became the National Inclusion Project's first and only partner in Kentucky and southern Indiana for its Let's ALL Play program. This grant will help train staff and implement the program this summer.

The JCC plans to continue to expand the program by offering *Yachad* during 2014 Spring Break Camp.

Spring Break Camp and the Early Childhood Education program received a grant from the Kentucky Arts Council Teaching Art Together program for an artist-in-residence program for Spring Camp. The Federation is still working on the details for implementing it.

The JCC's CenterStage Acting Out program also focuses on children. Its objective is to bring the performing arts into the public schools. Since it is a professional acting company, each school pays a fee to bring shows like *And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank* and *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* to its students.

With today's economic situation, not all schools can afford even the modest Acting Out fees. Thanks to grants from Metro Louisville, Target and Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Acting Out has been able to bring their shows to more schools, and children who otherwise would never get to see a live performance now have that opportunity.

In the area of cultural arts, JHFE has also made a grant to support the Louisville Jewish Film Festival. (see story, page 1.) This year's festival includes 10 films and several special events in four different venues.

The JCC's Seniors Program helps seniors stay healthy and connected, and an important part of that is the hot kosher lunch program. Offered weekdays in a congregate setting at the JCC or delivered to the homes of those who can't make it to the JCC, seniors pay a nominal fee if they can afford it.

Since these meals are only available five days a week, a grant from the Meals on Wheels K kosher Meal Fund provides Mitzvah Meals – shelf-stable or frozen

meals and kosher challah for the times when regular Meals on Wheels can't be delivered due to road conditions and as supplemental meals. Homebound seniors receive five easy-to-prepare meals twice a year.

The JCC knows that children need to learn early about food and hunger. During Camp Tikkun Olam last summer, a group of teens learned about being philanthropists. They decided which issues were important to them, solicited proposals from nonprofits that work in those areas, reviewed the proposals and made grants to the most deserving organizations.

One of the grants they made was for healthy snacks in the Discover CATCH program. Starting with the youngest participants in the ECE program, children are taught healthy food and lifestyle choices. This grant provides healthy snacks for ECE and Spring Break Camp.

The popular movie *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* is a strong draw for teens. Playing on the title, the JCC's J-Serve program for the year is Hunger is Not a Game. Throughout the year teens are doing projects like bringing canned goods for the Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry. They will also be encouraged to participate in the Food Stamp Challenge – where they make the commitment for one week to eat only what they could afford to buy on the amount of money provided to a typical food stamp client – \$4.50 per day.

Hunger is Not a Game will culminate on March 23 with the J-Serve Carnival. Thanks to a grant from J-Serve, teens will run booths, facilitate craft tables, educate participants about hunger, interact with visitors and participate in group activities like relay races at the carnival.

All the programming made possible by these grants is great, but none of it could happen if the Jewish Community of Louisville can't provide the infrastructure to support all its parts. The Federation secured two grants this year that fall into this category.

Every donor to every Campaign wants to know that the organization he/she supports can maintain accurate, secure records of every donation and personal information, like name, address and phone number. With the pace of advancing technology, that means software must be updated regularly.

JHFE made a significant grant toward the purchase of the needed donor management system and C.E.&S. Foundation issued the Federation a challenge grant for it, which was matched by anonymous Federation donors.

Together, they enabled the agency to purchase and install a new donor relations management software system and included staff training, data migration and customer support.

The transition is underway now, and the Federation's target date for full activation of the system is mid-February.

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FILM FESTIVAL

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Tickets are \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$6 student unless otherwise stated. On the day of the show, tickets will be available 1 hour prior to the film at the venue. Tickets to all films are available online at jewishlouisville.org/filmfestival, by phone at 502-459-0660 or in person at the JCC.

The Festival opens Saturday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village 8 Theatre with *Bethlehem*, the winner of six Ophir Awards, including Best Feature Film, at the Jerusalem Film Festival; nominee for best foreign film at the Academy Awards; and first place at Venice Film Festival.

This 99-minute Israeli film depicts the relationship between Razi, an Israeli Secret Service officer and Sanfur, his 17 year old Palestinian informant. Razi cares about Sanfur, but manipulates him to get information about his militant brother's deputy, Badawi. This same relationship with Sanfur is mirrored by Badawi. A series of events eventually forces the teenager to choose sides.

The first special event of the Festival will be Sunday, February 9, at 3 p.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun. In addition to the film, *When Comedy Went to School*, nationally-known Louisville comedian Mark Klein will regale this hometown audience with stories and jokes following the film.

Why are there so many Jewish comedians? This American 77-minute documentary covers the origins of stand-up comedy in the Catskill Mountains. Popping up telling jokes and stories are: Mel Brooks, Jerry Lewis, Sid Caesar, Jackie Mason, Mort Sahl, Jerry Stiller, Larry King, Woody Allen, Jerry Seinfeld and others. A reception and conversation will top off a fun afternoon.

Tickets for this show are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door.

On Tuesday, February 11, the Festival will present the German film *Wunderkinder* at 7 p.m. at the Village 8. The 100-minute film has garnered awards from the Jerusalem Film Festival and the Copenhagen International Film Festival, as well as many Audience Awards

from Jewish Film Festivals.

Three musically gifted children develop deep friendships while living in Poltava, Ukraine, in 1941. Although different religions, nationalities and social classes, the children find they have much in common. When the war reaches their town, they are forced to use their talents and friendship to survive.

The next two films, *The Attack*, to be shown Saturday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m., and *Fill the Void*, Sunday, February 16, at 2 p.m., come from Israel, and both will be shown at the Village 8.

The Attack, winner of awards from the Spanish and Moroccan Film Festivals, is a thriller based on a popular novel about an Arab doctor living in Israel whose wife is killed in an explosion. He desperately pursues an investigation to determine if she was involved in the planning of the bombing. His emotional and physical journey takes him from Jerusalem to the Palestinian territories in search of answers.

This film, a unique cooperation between Israelis, Palestinians and Lebanese, was written and directed by a Lebanese filmmaker who shot the film in Israel with Israeli actors. It is in Arabic and Hebrew and runs 102 minutes.

Fill the Void captured Best Feature Film and 6 other Ophir awards at Jerusalem Film Festival. The 90-minute film recounts the story of 18-year-old Shira, who is thrilled that the marriage arranged for her within her Orthodox Jewish community is with a boy she likes. But when her sister dies in childbirth, Shira's hopes for her future are thrown into turmoil by her grieving mother.

It has become a Louisville Jewish Film Festival tradition for The Temple to sponsor and host the free presentation of Ma'ale Films by the Ma'ale School of Television, Film and Arts in Jerusalem. This year, the two Israeli films will be shown on Monday, February 17, at 7 p.m. *Rabbi's Daughter* and *Ma Nishtana* both focus on the dilemmas facing those who live in a strictly religious community. The program will run about an hour. There will also be a reception sponsored by Louisville Jewish Film Festival and The Temple.

The Festival returns to the Village 8

on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m. for the 105-minute French film *The Other Son*. This is a moving and provocative tale of two young men, one Israeli and one Palestinian, who discover they were switched at birth during the Gulf War, and the complex repercussions facing them and their respective families.

On Saturday, February 22, the 107-minute Polish film, *Aftermath*, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at the Village 8. *Aftermath* is the story of two brothers who dare to investigate the secret murder of Jews in a small Polish village in 1941. When Franek returns from USA to his village, he finds his brother is hated by the neighbors, and together they discover a terrifying secret.

Based on true events, *Aftermath* is considered one of the most controversial and important films made in Poland, and one of the best foreign films of the year. It contains violent scenes.

The Festival concludes with a special free screening of the 132-minute Dutch film, *Sonny Boy*, at The Muhammad Ali Center.

This epic Dutch film, based on a true story and best-selling novel, follows a young man from Dutch Guiana who boards a ship to the Netherlands in search of an education. He finds love with Rika, a white woman twice his age, and they have a son.

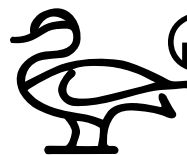
Through difficult years, the mixed race couple fights to survive and life becomes more dangerous when sheltering Jews during the 1940's in Nazi-occupied Netherlands.

This event is co-sponsored by the Mu-

hammad Ali Center. Space is limited, so please call for a free ticket. The museum also invites Film Festival patrons to come early and visit the museum prior to the film for just \$2.

You can become a Louisville Jewish Film Festival sponsor. Details about sponsorship packages are available at jewishlouisville.org/filmfestival toward the bottom of the page or contact Festival Director Marsha Bornstein, mbornstein@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2713.

Keiley Castor is chair of the 2014 Louisville Jewish Film Festival.



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The JCL also received an in-kind marketing grant from GoogleAdWords. This ongoing grant provides a generous allowance that the Marketing Department can use to ensure prime placement of JCL messages when people do Google searches. This is particularly helpful in promoting JCC membership, the ECE program, CenterStage and more.

These are just the grants that have been received this fiscal year. There have been many other grants made prior to July 1 that have made a real difference.

Watch for the launch of a redesigned jewishlouisville.org web site in the near future. This extensive reworking of the site to make it easier to navigate and to provide online registration and payment options for programming was made possible by a grant from JHFE.

The Federation is grateful to every grant maker for the support provided and will continue to seek additional resources to help the Jewish Community of Louisville fulfill its mission through the Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Community Relations Council, Hillel and *Community*.






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allowing users to check the custody status of offenders online. The system automatically notifies users of any change in status, including transfer, escape, or release, so they can take steps to protect themselves.

In addition, the Mary Byron Project cultivates and supports efforts that extend beyond crisis management to attack the root causes of abuse and help build safer, healthier communities.

To Florman, education is the key. Educating victims to opportunities that lift them out of victim status, educating them on where and how to find safety – even educating them to the fact that they can be and deserve to be safe – all of these things move action on domestic violence from crisis management to prevention. To help achieve that goal, the Mary Byron Project annually awards five \$10,000 grants to NGO (non-governmental organization) or non-profit groups with working programs to address the root causes of domestic violence.

Beyond education of victims, Florman focuses on working for legislation that will protect people from abusers. Today, Kentucky is the only state in the union with no civil protection for victims of dating violence. Florman and others want legislation that permits domestic violence protection orders for dating relationships, as well as the implementation of educational and school policy requirements to prevent and deal with teen dating violence.

Beyond her involvement with the Mary Byron Project, Florman has served as a commissioner of the Louisville Jefferson County Human Relations Commission and was appointed three times to the Kentucky Commission on Women. During her third term, she was elected vice-chair of the National Association of Commission on Women. Other career highlights include president of the Louisville Bar Foundation, The University of Louisville Law Alumni Association, and The Family Place, a child sexual abuse treatment agency. She now is a professional arbiter and mediator.

While she prefers not to discuss her personal life and connections, Florman does say she has “a loving husband, three wonderful, successful children, and eight grandchildren.” A native of Brooklyn, NY, Florman and her husband moved here to attend the University of Louisville. They have found the Louisville Jewish community to be very open to newcomers and have enjoyed years of being involved with the community in various capacities.

For Florman, “indifference is not an option.” Her mission is elevating women and families so they can see and accept new opportunities that will improve their lives. She is grateful for the people, family, friends and experiences that have given her the opportunity to make



Ann Coffey, Jennifer R. Jewell, Judy Lambeth and Kathryn M. Mershon

a positive difference. While she is honored to receive the Women of Distinction award, ultimately, she believes the work is what's important.

She likes to quote executive director Marcia Roth, who says of the Mary Byron Project that, “We’re an agency that wants to go out of business.” Phyllis Florman takes every chance she gets to move that goal a step closer to reality.

Other recipients being honored as Women of Distinction include:

Ann L. Coffey, Chief of Staff - Office of Advancement, University of Louisville; former president and chief executive officer of Women 4 Women (W4W), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and economic well-being of women and girls in the community.

Jennifer R. Jewell, associate professor of social work, Spalding University; co-

founder of Women In Transition (WIT), a grassroots organization run by and for poor people working to ensure the economic human rights of all people.

Judy Lambeth, president and CEO, Maryhurst. During her 40 years at the agency, she spent 12 years working as a therapist before moving into administration. Under her leadership, Maryhurst has grown from a single-service agency with a budget of \$1 million to a multi-service agency with an \$11 million budget.

Kathryn M. Mershon – of the three million nurses in the United States, she is one of 2,000 elected as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She served two terms on the Medicare Prospective Payment Assessment Commission (ProPAC), which reported to Congress, making recommendations for improving the Medicare Payment Sys-

tem to hospitals.

The Center also will honor Markham French, executive director of Plymouth Community Renewal and winner of the third annual Joan E. Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes an individual whose work exemplifies a deep commitment to social and economic justice. Currently, French uses his position at Plymouth Center to advocate for intensive case management and wrap-around support services for African-American males ages 18-35, a population that represented more than a third of the city's homicide victims in 2011.

Tickets are still available for the Celebration of Service & Survival, which will be held on Thursday, February 13, at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. A reception and silent auction begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and the program starting at 6:30.

Sponsorships start at \$2,000 and individual reservations are \$175. Funds raised through the event allow The Center for Women and Families to continue serving more than 30,000 individuals annually, advocating, fostering hope, promoting self-sufficiency, and rebuilding lives for survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault. Call Development Manager Carrie Petrocelli, 581-7209 for reservation and information.

Litvins Start Agency, Kosher Kentucky; Seek to Increase Kosher Food Supply

Rabbi Avrohom and Chaim Litvin have a kosher initiative, Kentucky Kosher, to promote increased kosher availability and options within the state. They will also provide kosher certification and supervision to food companies and manufacturers.

In its initial weeks of operation, they report that they are reaching out to national and regional wholesalers to bring more kosher alternatives to stores such as Costco, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and Kroger, and to local businesses that might consider becoming kosher or offering kosher options. In the future, they plan to offer classes, lectures, kosher tastings, cook offs and other programs.

Kosher Kentucky also plans to help travelers and others in need of Shabbat or holiday meals and those who need kosher Shiva meals for just one or two people. Rabbi Litvin said people can contact them at kosher@kykosher.com or call 386-9029 for more information.

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, was kashruth administrator for the Louisville Vaad Hakashruth from 1985-2013. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Central Lubavitcher Yeshiva in Brooklyn, NY, and studied with Rabbi Zelig Sharfstein, the chief Rabbi in Cincinnati, OH, for many years.

Rabbi Chaim Litvin received his rabbinic ordination in Sydney, Australia, and has been working in the application of kosher law ever since. The Rabbinic Litvin explained, “We have teamed up with other Rabbis across the coun-

try and in various Jewish communities around the world to share kosher promotions and to offer kosher certification globally, but with local attention and customer care. Kentucky Kosher currently has over 20 companies that it certifies as kosher, locally and around the world.

“If anyone has any ideas for a viable kosher restaurant in Louisville or has any other idea regarding increasing the availability and accessibility to kosher food within our state,” they continued, “please contact us at Rabbi@KYKosher.com.”

Vaad HaKashruth and Rabbi Litvin Part Ways

Vaad Is Hiring Rabbi Evan Rubin as Kashrut Administrator

The Louisville Vaad Hakashruth has agreed to a separation with Rabbi Avrohom Litvin who served as the agency's kashrut administrator for a number of years, Vaad President Jacob Wishnia announced recently. The Vaad is in the process of hiring a new kashrut administrator, Rabbi Evan Rubin, who is a recent new resident to Louisville, he added.

The mission of the Louisville Vaad Hakashruth is to promote and provide kosher facilities and services to the Lou-

isville community, Wishnia explained. The Vaad is also charged with maintaining a Mikvah for community use and to meet the needs of visitors.

“The Vaad is in the process of updating policies and procedures for the use of the Mikvah,” he added. “We are indeed hoping that this transition will be seamlessly smooth.”

New ideas and suggestions for the Vaad and its mission are welcome. Wishnia can be contacted at 550-7813.

JFNA Offers Specialty Missions

When Annual Federation Campaign volunteers and professionals talk about the importance of raising money for the 2014 Campaign, they often say, together, we do extraordinary things.

This is much more than a tagline. It is an accurate description of what the dollars raised for the Campaign do. Frequent articles in *Community*, like the editorial on page 1 of this paper detail some of the wonderful things that Campaign dollars make possible.

Stories in newspapers, even when accompanied by photos, can't come close to conveying the real impact Campaign dollars have. Only by going on a mission and seeing firsthand the extraordinary things we do together, can we truly understand the importance of the Annual Federation Campaign and the real difference we make for tikkun olam – the repair of the world.

Throughout the year, the Jewish Federations of North America plans missions for people whose interests and resources are similar, to promote understanding. Right now, two special missions for major donors are being offered. Over the course of the year, a variety of other missions will be offered for young leaders, Campaign leaders and other affinity groups.

Members of the King David Society,

those who make an annual commitment to the Federation Campaign of \$25,000 or more, are invited to participate in a mission to Morocco, April 27-May 4.

Participants will journey to the ancient Jewish communities of Casablanca, Rabat and Marrakesh and experience their rich Jewish history and unique culture. They will meet with political leaders, economic experts, diplomats, journalists and young people, who are changing the face of Morocco's Jewish community.

This is an opportunity for King David Society members to share their passionate concern for issues that affect the Jewish people, exchange ideas with their peers and to be inspired by when they see the extraordinary things we do firsthand.

The land-only cost of the mission is \$4850. The single supplement is \$1570.

Those who make an annual commitment to the Federation Campaign of \$100,000 or more, are invited to participate in the Prime Minister's Council Mission, September 13-22. Known as “A Trilogy of History, Heroes, Haute Cuisine,” mission participants will visit the wind-swept coast of Normandy, where Allied forces changed the course of history; Paris, one of the most beautiful capitals of the world, rich in art,

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Uniquely Jewish Event at Evan Williams Experience Was Fun

Many Louisville Jewish Families Had Early Ties to the Distilled Spirits Industry; Was Yours Among Them?

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The Jewish community and the bourbon industry both have deep roots in Louisville, and on Tuesday, January 7, donors of \$1,000 or more to the 2014 Federation Campaign had the opportunity to learn about them and taste some contemporary alcoholic beverages when Heaven Hill hosted a Louisville Jewish Federation Uniquely Jewish event, Bourbon and Jewish Louisville: A Shared Spirit, at its new downtown Louisville venue, the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience.

People mingled in the facility's authentic recreation of a prohibition era speakeasy, enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres until the tours of this exciting attraction began. On the tours, they learned about Evan Williams, the first mass producer of whiskey and namesake of the popular bourbon Heaven Hill produces today.

Tour guides explained the distilling process he used, showed replicas of some of his facilities, and shared brief video presentations that provided additional detail. As visitors moved through history they stopped on a recreation of Whiskey Row, the mid- to late-19th Century business district that developed in Louisville around the bourbon industry before moving on to displays on prohibition and its repeal to the present day.

With a small active distillery on premises, visitors were shown how bourbon is made today and what makes it unique. A second tasting room, named after brothers Max Shapira and Harry Shapira, z"l, the second generation of the Shapira family to manage Heaven Hill, is also available during regular tours. Max Shapira is the company's president.

Back in the speakeasy, Kate Latts, a member of the Shapira family, event chair, Heaven Hill's vice president of marketing and a leader in the Annual Federation Campaign, welcomed everyone, explaining that programs like this were part of Harry's vision for the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, the first Louisville stop on the Bourbon Trail. Mayor Fischer, she added, has defined

bourbon as an extra food group.

Larry Kass, Heaven Hill's director of corporate affairs, delivered the evening's presentation.

In pre-Prohibition days, Kass explained, many local Jewish families were involved in the distribution, wholesaling, rectifying, exporting, bottling and retailing of Bourbon.

In the late 1800's, "families such as the Rosenthals, Frankels, Blocks, Levys, Oppenheimers, Rosenbaums, Blooms, Flexners, Glogowers, Kleins, Loventhals, Kahns and Jacobs ran successful retail operations, selling brands such as University Club, Corn Flower, Kentucky Belle, Bluegrass Club and Old Chickasaw," he said.

In addition, Leon Lobred operated the Louisville Wine & Liquor Co. and wholesalers such as the Charles Bakrow Co., Harry Block Co. and Abraham Goldberg sold bulk whiskey to retailers and hotels and saloons.

Jewish families also ran rectifying businesses, purchasing whiskey from different distilleries, then mixing, filtering and bottling it. These businesses included Rosenbaum Bros., Rosenbaum & Dreifus, L. Weis & Co., Simon Bros., Greenbaum Bros., Martin Hirsch, Louis Levy and I.K. Isaacs & Co.

In the distilling business, the best known Jewish producers were the Bernheim Brothers, Isaac and Bernard, and their partner Nathan Uri, who produced the I.W. Harper brand.

Other Jewish families involved in distilling were the Barkhouse family's Barkhouse Bros. & Co. Distillery, later known as Kentucky Distilling Co.; the David Sachs Co., also known as D. Sachs/M.D. Sachs/D. Sachs & Sons; and Moses Schwartz/M. Schwartz & Co./M. Schwartz & Bros.

The Grabfelder family, S. Grabfelder & Co., produced several brands, including Echo Spring Bourbon, which is now a Heaven Hill brand.

Other Jewish-owned distilleries included the Fern Cliff Distillery, run by the Schwab family; the Henry Block, Franck & Co.; S.J. Greenbaum Distillers; Sloss, Simon & Co.; Laz Simon & Co.;

Jacob P. Schwartz; Roth & Halle; Sunnysbrook Distillery Co., owned and operated by the Rosenfield Bros.; and the Flexner Distilling Co.

The combination of Prohibition, the Depression and World War II, Kass explained, drove many Jewish families out of the business and changed the business practices throughout the industry.

In the first years after Prohibition was repealed, there were no stocks of distilled spirits available in this country and the only major supplier was the Canadian Seagram, run by the Bronfman family. Today the Bronfmans are major Jewish philanthropists, providing the impetus and significant support for programs like Birthright Israel.

In the 1930's and 40's, several Jewish families reentered the bourbon and distilled spirits industry, "two of which today are the Levitch family, who formed Falls City Distributing Co./Crown Distributing Co./Southern Wine & Spirits of Kentucky, and the Shapira family, who founded Heaven Hill Distilleries," Kass concluded.

JCL Board Chair Karen Abrams expressed appreciation to Heaven Hill for the great event, which, in keeping with the agency's developing strategic plan, is an educational fun event series. She announced that the next two Uniquely Jewish events will include Jews and baking and Jews and comedy.

She also told those in attendance to watch for other upcoming activities, including increased family, outreach and interfaith programming. "To do all this," she stated, "we need to raise more money." She thanked those in attendance who had already pledged more than \$100,000 to the 2014 Federation Campaign, and encouraged those who had not yet made their commitments to do so that evening.

Special thanks to Allan and Kate Latts and all of Heaven Hill for hosting this event.

Kass credited the primary research for his presentation to John Ornstein, with help from Siddy Rosenberg and the Temple Archives.



From Heaven Hill, Larry Kass, who presented the historical connections between the Jewish community and the bourbon industry, and Allan and Kate Latts, the evening's hosts.



Jeff Glazer and JCL Board Chair Karen Abrams



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The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience

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David Klein Left a Message: Work Together to Build for the Future

Editor's note: In the last three years, David Klein served as president of the Board of the Jewish Community of Louisville. He was passionate about his work and strove tirelessly to bring the community together in support of the agency and the Annual Federation Campaign. Prior to his death, he wrote this message, and to honor his memory, we print it in this issue of Community.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your Board chair for almost three years. Now, as I reflect on my service, I'd like to share some of what I've learned about leadership in a Jewish nonprofit, and to encourage our leaders to take some time to explore what Jewish leadership means today.

As our society changes, so must our approach to leadership. When the Jewish community first organized, Jews in Louisville had very limited options. If they wanted to play basketball, they joined the JCC. If Jewish teens wanted to attend a dance or engage in other social activities, they joined BBYO. If Jewish physicians wanted to practice medicine, they became affiliated with Jewish hospital. If a group of Jews wanted to enjoy a round of golf, Standard Country Club was the only place they could play. Our differentness isolated and united us. Our institutions were a critical part of the community, and they thrived.

Today, the barriers to mainstream society have fallen. A myriad of activities compete for our ever-more-limited free time and our children's lives include so many classes, sports and special interest programs that we have to carve out time for them just to be kids. Without the burden of discrimination, we no longer have a shared overarching domestic agenda.

Yet we want to maintain our Jewish community, ensure our children develop strong Jewish identities and that

our agencies and institutions are vibrant and able to serve our 21st Century needs. To accomplish this, we need true Jewish leaders – leaders with vision and commitment, who can bring together our fractious community. We also need stalwart supporters, who do their part to lead the community and, when they step aside, continue to support subsequent leaders, even when the Board decisions take a different course than the one they would have chosen.

The true leadership we need involves creativity, ingenuity and a willingness to challenge the status quo in the interest of progress toward community goals. It will inspire Jewish interest, commitment and a renaissance of American Jewish life in our community.

With Karen Abrams at the helm today, the JCL is currently engaged in an intense strategic planning process that involved talking with constituents and stakeholders, including our beneficiary agencies. Board members and interested community leaders have stepped up and are engaged in clarifying our mission and vision and ensuring our entire agency is on track to fulfill that mission, to continue to be faithful stewards of our resources and on target to serve the Jewish community of today and tomorrow.

I am pleased to say that your board is fundamentally rock solid. Through the dedicated leadership and contributions of time and energy by volunteers, most if not all of the standing committees are fully functioning.

And it goes without being said that our staff is world class. It has been a delight to work with Stu Silberman and the staff that he inherited as well as the new members that were added to the team during the past 3 years.

In parting, I would like to thank all

those in our community who put their trust and support in our leadership. As I turn the responsibilities of leadership over to Karen Abrams, I give my word that I will never turn my back on the JCL leadership and their efforts to fulfill its' mission.

I ask all in the community to join me

in honoring, respecting, and supporting for Karen and her Board while they provide the leadership to Stu Silberman and his staff as they all take on the task and challenges of achieving tikkun olam – making the world a better place.

Thank You.
David Klein

DAVID KLEIN

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A slightly broader interpretation is that our community is the Jewish community, not just the Jewish community in Louisville, which is why many of the beneficiaries of our philanthropy reside outside the boundaries of our city.

How did David serve the Jewish community? One of my favorite lines from *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, is "the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few... or the one."

David embodied that sentiment in everything he did. He never sought the limelight. He gave without requesting public praise, and many of those he helped didn't know he was the source.

He invited broad representation in the governance of the JCL. Most recently he offered to serve on the board of one of our national agencies, the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), and was elected to the position representing communities of our size. He passed away before he was able to attend his first board meeting. The condolences Louisville has received from across JFNA, and JCCA (Jewish Community Centers Association), our other national parent agency, sincere and detailed, show that David was a contributor to those organizations as well.

David and I formed a lay-professional partnership that I hope serves as the model for this community for years to come. He didn't dictate – he supported. Though a major contributor and board chair, he didn't wield that influence to direct the agency to accomplish his agenda – he turned the tables and provided a support function for us – helping when we needed it, staying out of the way when we didn't. He created a culture at the board level of forming a foundation for the professionals to rely on.

Merry Mitzvah Volunteers Helped in Many Ways

It is a Louisville Jewish community tradition to undertake a series of mitzvah projects to help people throughout the November/December holiday season. Amy Benovitz coordinates the effort, recruiting volunteers and collecting mitzvah opportunities.

"A heartfelt thank you from the agencies (and me), who appreciated the care and concern you showed by volunteering," she said. "Whether you made, donated or served food, donated warm clothes (or checks) or made someone smile, thank you! Every option was full!"

Benovitz reported that Temple Shalom and Jewish Family & Career Services provided gifts and winter clothing for 49 needy Jewish children through the Hanukah Helpers programs. Volunteers also provided dinner for 70 residents of the Volunteer of America Family Shelter.

The Temple Sunday School students donated hats, gloves and scarves as well as 100 coats. They were distributed to Coalition for the Homeless, Volunteers of America, Schumann Center, and Central State Hospital.

There were hugs, food and gifts for the Wellspring Mental Health facilities parties. On December 24 and 25, Merry Mitzvah volunteers served meals at the Cathedral of the Assumption Soup Kitchen and St Vincent DePaul Open Hand Kitchen.

The Women of Temple Shalom served meals and mingled with clients of Maryhurst Girls Home, while other volunteers

visited and served at the Ronald McDonald House, Cathedral of the Assumption Soup Kitchen, and St. Vincent DePaul Open Hand Kitchen.

There were many who helped Rabbi David prepare 500 sandwiches for clients at St Vincent DePaul's Osnaman Center and volunteers repacked 250 food baskets so clients of the Schuhman Center of St. Martin of Tours shelter, which only served brunch on December 25, would have something to eat later that day.

Merry Mitzvah volunteers entertained at the Home of the Innocents and the Volunteers of America Family Shelter.

Benovitz is continuing to collect food, infant care items, coats, gloves, towels and blankets for the Coalition for the Homeless, Schuhman Center and the Volunteers of America Family Shelter. Several of these agencies help men who live outside, who really needed our sweaters, coats, blankets and new socks.

Benovitz also delivered grocery bags filled with cookies and candy from Paul's Fruit Market to children at the Home of the Innocents all because the people at Paul's overheard people talking to her about the Merry Mitzvah Projects.

Your donations help keep people who live outside warm and fed. The agencies requesting help need volunteers the rest of the year. Call them directly or contact Benovitz, 425-0373, to continue making a difference in our community. "Need has no season and every agency can use you any day," Benovitz said.


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TEEN TOPICS



Award Winners from Louisville: Audrey Nussbaum, Jacob Finke, Eli Gould, Jesse Hymes, Katie Segal

by Mike Steklof
Teen Director

From December 20-23, 40 members of Louisville BBYO attended Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio (KIO) BBYO's Annual Regional Convention, which included the election of the 60th KIO Regional Board States, a showcase of lives of the 59th Regional Board, the Regional Banquet, ice skating and many other fun and informative programs.

Natania Lipp and Maggie Rosen as the outgoing shlichah (vice president of Jewish heritage, community service and social action) and morah (vice president of membership) gave a report to the region about their accomplishments during the past year during their "state" speeches (state of the union addresses) and told the region about all of their experiences in BBYO during their lives (a ceremony to commemorate their lives in BBYO).

During the banquet, Louisville BBYO won many awards. Jacob Finke was named mazkir (vice president of communications) of the year, Audrey Nussbaum was named mazkirah (vice president of communications) of the year, Jesse Hymes was named sganit (vice president of programming) of the year, Eli Gould was named godol (president) of the year and Jay Levine BBG was named chapter of the year.

Also, during this convention, BBYOers learned about the Unified for Uganda, is a student run organization, currently only in Cincinnati, that raises money to benefit students in Uganda. During the presenta-

tion, the convention body skyped with a college graduate from Uganda to learn his story and see firsthand what they could be doing to help children there. Many Louisville Teens expressed interest in starting a Unified for Uganda Club at their schools.

Many Louisville teens were involved in the planning and coordination of this convention. Rachel Bass served as coordinator and Daniela Reuter and Jessie Hymes served on the steering committee.



The Drew Corson AZA (above) and Jay Levine BBG (below) delegations to Regionals. (More photos available at jewishlouisville.org.)



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Raised with Christmas

A Growing Number of Rabbis Come from Interfaith Families

by Julie Wiener

NEW YORK (JTA) – When Eric Woodward started rabbinical school at the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary, he assumed he would be the only student who grew up celebrating Christmas along with Chanukah. But midway through his training, when Woodward started a discussion group for students of interfaith families, more than 20 people showed up.

Not all were children of intermarriage like Woodward, who was raised in Los Angeles by a secular Jewish mother and non-practicing Catholic father. Some were Jews by choice. Others had parents who converted or families with a mix of Jewish and non-Jewish members.

"I don't see a family being interfaith as a shame or a stigma," said Woodward, 31, who was ordained in May and is now assistant rabbi at Congregation Tifereth Israel in Columbus, OH. "It didn't preclude me from having a Jewish journey, and it won't preclude someone else."

Fifty percent of Jewish millennials – a generation roughly defined as those born in the 1980s and '90s – grew up in intermarried homes, according to a new analysis of data from last month's Pew Research Center study of American Jews. And while most of them don't end up becoming rabbis, it is no longer uncommon to see such Jews in the non-Orthodox rabbinate.

No precise statistics are available on

the percentage of clergy or rabbinical students from interfaith families, but they are a noticeable minority at the Reform and Reconstructionist seminaries. Informal estimates put the proportion of children of intermarriage at the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion anywhere from 20 to 50 percent. Marley Weiner, a second-year rabbinical student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, reports that six of 12 students in her class were, like her, raised by a Jewish father and non-Jewish mother.

"I think it's great," said Rabbi Renni Altman, who directs the rabbinical program at HUC's New York campus. "They bring a richness to the community, and a sensitivity and awareness that's also wonderful."

Altman said such rabbis show the potential of a group many demographers write off – a point echoed by the author of the new Pew analysis, Theodore Sasson, a senior researcher at Brandeis University's Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies.

"This is a population that feels itself a part of the Jewish world but typically knows little of it," Sasson wrote this week in the online magazine Tablet. "How Jewish organizations address this challenge will determine – more than any inexorable laws of demography – the future character of American Jewry."

Rabbis raised in interfaith homes are
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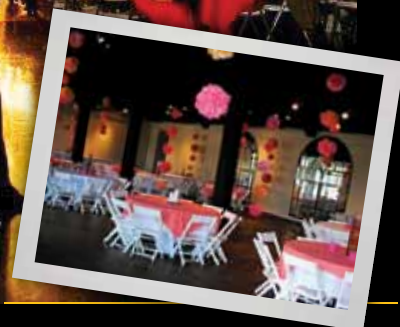
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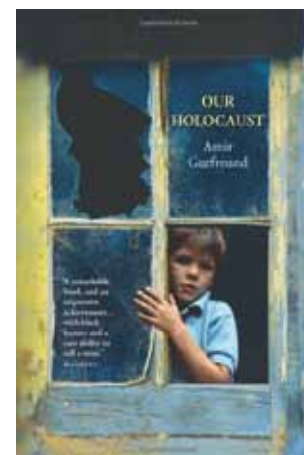
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Spring Wedding Section



Using Community's Checklist Can Help Pre-Wedding Relieve Stress

Editor's note: Stephanie Raphael wrote this timeline several years ago. Most of the material in her original column still holds true. It has been updated to reflect today's realities.

One Year Ahead

Pick a date
Reserve a place for ceremony and the reception
Set a budget (Include 3 percent for tzedakah to help feed the hungry)
Reserve the entertainment
Notify the rabbi

Six to Eight Months Ahead

Choose a caterer, florist, photographer and/or videographer

Choose a color scheme and decorations
Pick out attendants' gowns
Shop for a veil
Decide about how many guests to invite
Select a wedding gown
Select a chuppah, particularly if you are having one made especially for you

Three Months Ahead

Consult with the rabbi about the service
Choose and order a ketuba
Start planning your honeymoon
Schedule fittings for bridesmaids' dresses
Register for china and household items
Finalize the guest list
Arrange for tuxedos for the groom and his attendants

Order invitations

Two Months Ahead

Choose the menu
Address and mail invitations
Reserve hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests
Shop for wedding rings
Arrange limousine transportation for the bridal party from the site of the ceremony to the reception

One Month Ahead

Obtain a marriage license
Make a seating chart and place cards
Notify the newspapers of your forthcoming marriage (Your notice should arrive at *Community* at least five weeks before the event.)
Plan rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
Schedule final fittings

Order the cake
Confirm final arrangements with band, caterer and the florist
Order thank you notes
Record gifts as they arrive

Three Weeks Ahead

Make arrangements with the mikvah attendant.

Two Weeks Ahead

Confirm reservations at the hotel
Give a preliminary guest count to the caterer
Confirm delivery of the flowers

One Week Ahead

Give a final guest count to the caterer
Buy gifts for your attendants
Choose a hairstyle that works with your headpiece

RABBIS

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a mixed lot. Some officiate at interfaith marriages, while others do not or have not yet made up their minds. Some were raised Jewish, while others embraced Judaism as teenagers or adults. Some felt welcomed by the Jewish community as children, others not so much.

But they all say their families, Jewish and gentile alike, support their decision to become rabbis. All see their backgrounds as something that makes them sensitive to the needs of intermarried families and comfortable with the diversity of practices among American Jews. And all are testaments to the unpredictable ways in which younger people are forging their own paths to Jewish identity despite their upbringing.

"People whose lives are messy can still find joy and a home in Judaism," said Weiner, 26, whose parents, at her request, joined a synagogue and enrolled her in Hebrew school when she was 12.

Rabbis with non-Jewish fathers – like Joshua Caruso and Sara O'Donnell Adler, both 44 – are used to questions about their names. O'Donnell Adler, a chaplain at the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor, said she deliberately kept O'Donnell when she married – not just because she is close to her Irish Catholic family, but because the name is a good icebreaker as she makes the hospital rounds.

"Some people make the assumption that I've converted to Judaism, and that's OK," she said. "It builds bridges of conversation and allows people to talk about their families. If I meet interfaith families, it seems to foster a connection."

For Erik Uriarte, 35, a first-year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College, it's not just the name but his Latino looks that raise eyebrows. He is constantly asked if he converted to Judaism to marry his wife – even though it is his wife, whose mother is not Jewish, who converted when the two joined a Conservative synagogue.

The rabbis whose mothers are not Jewish face different challenges, since without a conversion they are not considered Jewish under religious law.

Weiner declined a formal conversion, even though several professors at the Jewish Theological Seminary offered to facilitate one while she was an undergraduate there. She knows conversion would mean she is recognized as Jewish beyond the non-Orthodox movements, but she wants to signal her acceptance of patrilineal descent.

"It's not my job to be all things to all people or convince everyone I'm right," Weiner said.

Rabbi Karen Perelman, 31, the assistant rabbi at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills, NJ, took a different

approach, opting for a Conservative conversion after she was excluded from reading from the megillah at a community Purim celebration in college.

But perhaps the biggest dilemma for these rabbis is whether to officiate at intermarriages. Weiner anticipates that she will, while Uriarte says he is leaning against – a position he acknowledges is "slightly ironic" given his background.

"I totally, 100 percent support people marrying people they love and are going to get along with," Uriarte said. "Where my concern comes in is regarding the children and how they're raised. There's a certain level of confidence you can have in marrying two Jewish people, even if they're pretty secular, or two people when one is on the road to converting to Judaism. That, to me at least, would perpetuate a sense of Jewish identity."

Many of the rabbis say their interfaith background has better prepared them to handle the challenges facing interfaith couples. Caruso believes he has credibility in explaining that his refusal to officiate at an intermarriage doesn't imply rejection of the couple. Weiner says her background makes her more conscious of her obligation to care for both the Jewish and non-Jewish partners in a relationship. And Woodward says it makes him more conscious of the language he employs.

"Welcoming interfaith families doesn't just mean not being mean to them," Woodward said, "but saying we want you here."

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Suggestions for February

Items needed: shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

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

Adoption Fair

Sunday, January 26
 1 - 4 p.m.
 University of Louisville Shelby Campus

This free event gives visitors the opportunity to meet with representatives from JFCS and other local agencies to learn about the adoption options that are available in our community. Workshops on adoption topics will begin at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by WLKY-TV's Wednesday's Child and Brown-Forman.

Bagels & Bingo

Sunday,
 February 9
 5 - 7 p.m.



Support the JFCS Food Pantry by attending this fun event featuring a breakfast buffet for dinner and bingo games. A can of food buys admission to the buffet, and bingo cards cost one can each. Raffle tickets are available for a Verismo gift basket by Starbucks. Make your reservation with Anita Jarboe, ext. 211, or ajarboe@jfcslouisville.org.

ACT Preparation Workshop

March 10 - April 8
 Mondays & Tuesdays, 7 - 9 p.m.

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

Symposium at JFCS Aims for Smooth Sailing through Life

January 31, 8 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

JFCS will team up with Business Networking International (BNI) to present a symposium entitled "Smooth Sailing: Health, Money, Family, Home..." on Friday, January 31. This half-day event will feature experts in areas including health, finance, career management and real estate.

Bob Tiell, director of career and workforce development at JFCS, is a member of BNI and was instrumental in bringing this symposium to JFCS. Tiell will present "Your Quick Career Audit" as a part of the day's program.

"We will be providing information, resources and some things that people can take away to help them in their daily lives," said Tiell. "It's a lot of practical, useful information that impacts everyone, from health care and wellness to financial management and career management and even modern

changes in living arrangements."

Ken Schulz has been selected as the event's keynote speaker. After nearly 30 years on the air in Louisville, the former meteorologist for WHAS-TV is now a consultant with Humana MarketPOINT and is known for the humorous outlook he brings to his educational seminars on health and well-being.

Tickets for the symposium include continental breakfast and lunch. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple in advance, or \$20 and \$30 on the day of the event. To register, contact Janet Poole, ext. 222 or by email at jpoole@jfcslouisville.org.



Bob Tiell

Workshop Teaches Importance of LinkedIn to Job Seekers

February 16 & 23, 3 p.m.

To help clients navigate the ever-changing world of social media, JFCS offers a two-part workshop on LinkedIn, which is arguably the most widely used business networking tool on the Internet today.

As the employment world relies more heavily on online resources, job seekers who do not keep updated profiles online may miss out on lucrative opportunities.

Cindy Vaughan, a human resources and recruiting professional in Louisville, will lead the course. Vaughan will teach

attendees how employers use LinkedIn, and will help job candidates create professional profiles.

After the last workshop cycle, participants were very pleased with the progress they had made with their profiles in only two short sessions. One attendee who gave a positive evaluation of the course said, "I'm now more confident with LinkedIn."

Others were excited that they had learned new features and that they had assistance updating profiles that had been left idle since their creation.

The first session will focus on the basics of LinkedIn, and the second session will be a hands-on guided tour of LinkedIn with help to create a profile. Participants will receive a professional photograph to complete their online profiles.

The cost for the workshop is \$20, which includes both sessions. Participants are asked to bring a laptop and resume and to dress professionally on February 23 for the photography session.

For more information or to register, please contact Janet Poole, ext. 222.



LinkedIn boasts more than 259 million members worldwide. Nearly one-third of Americans have profiles on the popular networking site.

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.

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

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

Third Monday of the month at 1 p.m.
 For anyone raising grandchildren or other relatives.
 Contact Jo Ann Kalb at ext. 335.



Caregiver Support Groups

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
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 Contact Helen Hord, ext. 226.

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NEWSMAKERS

Business First reports **21C Museum Hotel** is building its seventh location in Oklahoma City. **Craig Greenberg** is the company's president.

The December 27 issue of *Business First* highlighted several businesses owned by members of the community. Among them were **Old Louisville Candy Co. LLC**, owned by **Ron and Jane Harris**, whose signature bourbon candies are called "Happy Balls" (named for their inventor, Ron's Aunt Happy); and **Heaven Hill Distilleries Inc.**, owned by the **Shapira family**, which opened its Evan Williams Bourbon Experience on West Main Street in November.

Bruce Cohen, owner of **BC Plumbing Co.**, who believes he can use Google Glass to assist plumbers in the field, was quoted in the same issue.

The Kentucky Distillers' Association announced that **Joe Fraser**, vice president of operations for **Heaven Hill Distilleries, Inc.** has been named chairman of the 134-year-old group that promotes and protects the Commonwealth's signature bourbon and distilled spirits industry. Fraser will serve through December 2014.

Philip Grossman has been elected treasurer of the Kentucky Justice Association and has been recognized as a Kentucky Super Lawyer for 2014. Grossman is a partner in **Grossman & Moore PLLC**, which concentrates in products liability, professional negligence, and serious injury cases. The Kentucky Justice Association is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of Kentucky families, enhancing consumer protection, and preserving the right to trial by jury.

Jewish Hospital, part of Kentucky-One Health, is the only medical center in Louisville offering Medtronic Enterra® Therapy, the only FDA-approved gastric electrical stimulation therapy used in treating gastroparesis of diabetic or unknown origin. Symptoms of gastroparesis include chronic nausea and vomiting, abdominal bloating and pain, lack of appetite, and excessive weight loss, which prevent a person from eating normally and may lead to dehydration and malnutrition. While there is no cure, therapies like Medtronic Enterra® Therapy



NCJW representatives to Gilda's Club Helen Wahba, Susan Gardner, Sandi Friedson, Ellen Rosenbloom, Dr. Phil Rosenbloom, Shelley Myers, and Joyce Bridge

may control these symptoms when other therapies do not.

The **National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section**, was honored as Gilda's Club Louisville's 2013 "Volunteer Group of the Year." A major NCJW project each year is Camp Gilda, a week-long summer program that lets children who have cancer and those whose lives have been touched by cancer enjoy fun-filled week of camp activities.

Dr. Allan Tasman, MD, professor and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Louisville, will lead a post-

show panel discussion after the 8 p.m. performance of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* at Actors Theatre on Saturday, January 25. The discussion will consider the issues of private and public identities and how they create the social fabric of a community from both literary and psychological perspectives. Tickets are free following the 8 p.m. performance.

Frank F. Weisberg has been awarded the 2013 Commercial Real Estate Transaction of the Year Award for the state of Kentucky by the Kentucky CCIM (Certified Commercial Investment Member) Chapter. The CCIM is the highest Real-

tor designation one can achieve in the field of Commercial/Investment real estate brokerage. Weisberg was the first CCIM in Kentucky in 1970 and was the founder and first president of the Kentucky CCIM Chapter in 1979.

Congressman John Yarmuth filed paperwork with Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes to officially launch his campaign to continue representing the Third Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

CORRECTIONS

The quotes in the story about **Heaven Hill Distilleries** in last month's *Community* were incorrectly attributed to Kelly Hubbuch. They should have been attributed to Kate Latts.

In listing the story about **Lisa Eisen**, one of Jewish Women's International's 2013 class of Women to Watch, the name of her father, **Richard Bergman**, was inadvertently omitted.

We apologize for the errors.

Post Receives Mayor's Freedom Award and Is Honored by UofL

by David Wallace
Special to Community

Nationally, the weekend of January 18-20, was a time to celebrate the life and remember the death and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Locally it was also an occasion to celebrate the life and contributions of Suzy Post.

On Sunday, Post was awarded the Mayor's Freedom Award at the Community Arts Celebration, "Keepers of the Dream," at the Kentucky Center for the Arts. One day later she was one of seven women featured in a play and honored by the African American Theatre Program (AATP) at the University of Louisville for fighting for racial equality. After the play, Georgia Montgomery Davis Powers, Mattie Jones and Gracie Lewis were given AATP's Service to all Mankind Award. The highlight of the evening was the keynote address given by local journalist Betty Baye.

Suzy Post was born in Louisville to first-generation German Jews. She is a former president of what later became the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Kentucky and organized Kentucky's first Women's Conference. She

has been involved in the Civil Rights movement in Louisville for decades, mainly in the open-housing movement in the 60's and the fight to desegregate Jefferson County Public Schools in the 70's.

She was elected to the National Board of the ACLU in 1970 and became vice president in 1972. She still plays an active part in local efforts by participating in various civil rights activities today.

In her acceptance speech she stressed that the fulfilling of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of a free America where equality abounds is not complete and never will be as long as economic inequality exists. As she neared the end of her speech, this woman, looking tiny on the big stage at Whitney Hall, said in clear rising tones that she was "one damned angry woman" and everybody there rose to their feet in tribute and

were forced by her words to look at themselves and their commitment to the cause of freedom for all.

The next day, at the University of Louisville's Playhouse, Gracie Lewis, one of the recipients of the AATP's Service to Mankind Award, echoed Post's words when she said, "I am going to stay on the battlefield till I die."

Many times we honor Dr. King for one weekend and with words only. Suzy Post, Gracie Lewis, Georgia Montgomery Davis Powers and Mattie Jones have honored him with their entire hearts and souls. Can we do anything less?



Suzy Post

REVIEW

by Robert Steinman
Special to Community

Would "Bordello" have been better? For a sell-out audience that laughed and applauded throughout, the title of the current CenterStage offering was just fine. *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* sounds spicy and is suggestive, but it works well for this Tony Award-winning play.

John Leffert, CenterStage artistic director, apologetically (tongue-in-cheek, I expect) announced that the language used in the play was on the coarse side and no one could, by law, change and soften the script. Such was the beginning of an evening of fun, lightheartedness and just a bit of wickedness.

The story is based on a little known bit of history – for more than 100 years, serving veterans of five wars, cowboys, farmers, travelers, politicians and more, there actually was a bordello in Texas more recently called the "Chicken Ranch" (called that because during the depression, services were often paid for with chickens and farm goods.)

It operated from the 1840's to 1973 when it was finally shut down by the efforts of a Bible-thumping, crusading, Houston radio personality and his conservative followers. That story was massaged and written into a hit musical by Larry L. King and Peter Masterson with music and lyrics by Carol Hall.

Leffert, also the scenic designer, cre-

ated sets with a functional simplicity that worked well. The players skillfully moved in and around the main set with ease for their fine choreographic work and even managed the flow of people when the whorehouse was raided.

While everyone played their roles well and the singing and dancing was wonderful, through the direction brought by the play, I found myself focusing on particular individuals with major roles.

Miss Mona, the Chicken Ranch Madame, was brought to life by a very talented Glenna Godsey, whose acting and singing were outstanding. Her duet in the second act with Tamika McDonald who played "Jewel" (a "watchdog" of and for the girls) was especially moving.

The story tells us that the character "Mona" shouldn't be faulted as she was a valued member of the community. She paid her taxes regularly and gave money and time to the community.

Mona was close to the sheriff, Ed Earl (Kiel Dodd) who helped keep the whorehouse doors open despite their illegality. The sheriff was played well and enthusiastically by Rusty Henie.

And, there must be a villain – in this case it's a boisterous, sleazy and irritating Melvin P. Thorpe, well played to the letter by Jason Cooper. The self-promoting Thorpe successfully moved his conservative followers into managing the ultimate demise of the Chicken Ranch.

This play wasn't a lesson on sexual abuse or religious morals. It was just a play endowed with silliness, fun and a bit of reality wherever one might find it.

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Saturdays, beginning January 25

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Saturday, January 25

Those ages 40-64 are invited to celebrate 40 years of wandering through Jewish Louisville at the Lost Tribe Campaign Event on Saturday, January 25 at 7 p.m. at Joe Hertzman's home. The fun evening includes cocktails and food provided by a gourmet pizza truck. \$18 per person. RSVP at jewishlouisville.org or to Kristy, 238-2739.

Sunday, January 26

Volunteers are needed for the Super Sunday Telethon, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12-2:30 p.m. Call Kristy at 238-2730. If you can't help, please answer generously when a volunteer calls.

Sunday, January 26

PJ Library's 5-Year Birthday Party will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the JCC. Nationally known recording artist Rick Recht will perform an interactive program; we also will have a PJ Library book reading and birthday cake. Children through third grade are invited. Adults, \$5; children free.

Mondays, beginning January 27

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel's Monday night adult education class at The Temple begins the second semester on January 27 with the long awaited third season of *Surgim*, the most talked-about series on Israeli TV. Learn about the realities of modern Israel through this popular TV series. Enjoyable even if you are new to the series. Mondays through May at 7

p.m. in the Waller Chapel.

Wednesdays through May

The Temple Scholars meet in the Fishman Library with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, 9:30-10:35 a.m. on Wednesdays. The class will 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 and grapple with big questions that emerge from ancient texts and teachings, confronting and rethinking these teachings, exploring the ways in which our tradition have enabled, empowered, and shaped modern Jewish thought and life. Registration is required; call 423-1818.

Friday, January 31

The community is invited to a Community Shabbat at 6 p.m. in the JCC auditorium. Shabbat dinner, songs, crafts, scavenger hunt. Vegetarian option available with advance request by January 24. \$15 for adults, \$8 for children. RSVP online at jewishlouisville.org or to Kristy at kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739.

Sunday, February 2

The Women of Temple Shalom (WOTS) and Temple Shalom Men's Club will host "Game Day" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 2, at Temple Shalom. WOTS is hosting a community-wide Mah Jongg day, and the Men's Club is hosting a Texas Hold-'em style poker afternoon. Both are open to all. The cost for Mah Jongg players is \$5. There is a \$10 buy-in for poker. Costs include soft drinks and snacks. RSVP to Temple Shalom, 458-4739, by Friday, January 31, and indicate whether you will play Mah Jongg or poker.

Sundays, beginning February 2

Adath Jeshurun offers two free Adult Hebrew classes: Second-Year Conversational Hebrew and Prayer Book Hebrew. Second-Year Conversation begins at 10 a.m. and Prayer Book Hebrew at 11 a.m. Classes run through April 20. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359.

Sunday, February 2

Teens are invited to a Super Bowl Party and BBOYO Recruitment Event at the home of Bradley Schwartz. 5:30 p.m. for 8th-graders; 6:30 for BBOYOers and 9th-12th graders. Contact Mike Steklhof, msteklof@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2774, for more information.

Mondays, February 3, 10, and 24

Adath Jeshurun is offering a new Introduction to Judaism" class taught by Cantor David Lipp on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. The class will be geared to those who would like an introductory course, those considering conversion to Judaism and those who are interested in a basic introduction to Jewish thought and practice. The class is free of charge and open to the community. Classes run through March 24. For more information, email Cantor Lipp at dlipp@adathjeshurun.com or call 458-5359.

Monday, February 3

The Sisterhood Interfaith Coffee takes place at The Temple on the first Monday in February, hosted by the Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood), who welcome visitors from area churches, mosques, and other houses of worship.

This year's program, "Jewish Holidays: A Stroll Through the Hebrew Year," will be presented by The Temple rabbis, Joe Rooks Rapport, Gaylia R. Rooks, and David Ariel-Joel. Coffee and cakes available at 9:30 a.m.; educational program begins at 10.

Tuesdays, February 4 and 18

On February 4, Free Movies and More at Adath Jeshurun presents *Big Hand for the Little Lady*, with Henry Fonda, Jason Robards, Joanne Woodward, and Burgess Meredith. This is a comedy centering on a poker game in the Old West. On February 18, view *A Night in Casablanca*, full of Marx Brothers mayhem by Groucho, Harpo and Chico. All shows begin at 3 p.m. at AJ and are open to the community.

Wednesday, February 5

The Knit & Qvell Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 5, at 1 p.m. in the library at Congregation Anshei Sfard. New, experienced, and "want-to-be" knitters are welcome. All knitters items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. For more information, call Toby Horvitz at 458-7108, Esther Strizak at (812) 218-8952, or Fran Winchell at 426-4660.

Fridays, February 7, 14, 21 and 28

Adath Jeshurun offers a weekly class in Mishneh Torah, held in downtown Louisville. 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; classes are open to the community. Classes take place in the office of Steve Berger located at 500 West Jefferson Street on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. Classes run through May.

Saturday, February 8

Young adults are invited to "Press Your Luck" at a YAD Casino Campaign Event, an evening of games, food, drinks and fun starting at 7 p.m. at The Pointe. \$36 per person. RSVP to Kristy, kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739. (See story, page 5.)

Sunday, February 9

Local comedian Mark Klein will give an informative and amusing lecture on "Alan Sherman" Sunday, February 9, at

10 a.m. at Congregation Anshei Sfard. The community is invited to attend services at 8:30 a.m., brunch at 9:30, and the lecture at 10. RSVP by calling 451-3122, ext. 0, no later than Wednesday, February 5. This event is free to the community.

Friday, February 15

Professor Trisha Tull will speak on her new book, *Inhabiting Eden*, on Friday, February 14 at 7 p.m. at The Temple. Dr. Tull is Professor Emerita of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. *Inhabiting Eden* looks to the Bible for what it can tell us about our relationships to the earth, as well as to plant and animal life, to each other, to descendants who will inherit the planet from us, and to our Creator. Dr. Tull is a longtime friend of The Temple congregation, and her speech during Sabbath evening services is part of the annual National Preach-In on Global Climate Change.



Dr. Trisha Tull

Monday, February 17

The community is invited to The Temple to view two award-winning films created by the graduate students at The Ma'aleh School of Television, Film and the Arts, part of the Louisville Jewish Film Festival (see story, page 1). This unique Jewish Orthodox school for film-making has produced two films that focus on the dilemmas facing those who live in a strictly religious community. Both films will be shown on Monday, February 17, in The Temple's Waller Chapel beginning at 7 p.m., with moderated discussion following.

Ma Nishtana: Passover eve. The last of the chametz is burned. The burden of emotion is heavy for a mother and daughter who must wrestle with the pain of a father and brother now gone, and with their loneliness.

The Rabbi's Daughter: The story of three daughters of rabbis, directed by the daughter of a rabbi. The women have chosen a different path from their parents, and now they face inner dilemma, communal censure, and the sacrifices that have to be made.

Saturday, February 22

Parents and students in kindergarten through seventh grade are invited to attend Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation at Adath Jeshurun. The next service is February 22 at 10:30 a.m. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359 for more information. Open to all families in the community.

Saturday, February 22

At Adath Jeshurun's Shabbat Scholars program on February 22, Rabbi Benjamin Segal will discuss, "Is God As My Shepherd Enough?" (Psalm 23). Discussion follows the kiddush lunch.

Friday, February 28

The Temple's Annual Interfaith Shabbat with Mohammed Wasif Iqbal, Imam of the River Road Mosque, will take place on Friday, February 28 at 7 p.m. Mohammed was born in Mumbai, India, and grew up in Baltimore, MD. He attended Seminary School in New York. After 12 years of studying and internship, he moved to Louisville in 2008 to lead the Islamic community at the River Road Mosque and Islamic Cultural Center. He currently resides in Louisville with his wife and daughter.



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LIFECYCLE

Birth

Hadley Eden Jacobs

Fran Englander, Perry Jacobs, and Bruce and Elaine Stauble Tasch announce the birth of their granddaughter, Hadley Eden Jacobs on December 5. The proud parents are Molly and Seth Jacobs.

Obituaries

Marcia Braun Abramson

Marcia Braun Abramson, 88, died Friday, December 20. Marcia was born in St. Joseph, MO on March 3, 1925 to Bess and Martin Braun. She graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in education. Marcia volunteered at Jewish Hospital for more than 35 years, where she accrued a record of over 15,000 hours.

Marcia was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, John Bud Abramson; her son, Jon Abramson; and her sister, Beverly Adler Wilson.

She is survived by her children, Joanie Abramson (Peggy Miller) of Versailles, KY and Bob Abramson (Judy) of Louisville; her grandchildren, Jayme Mueller and John Mueller (Ericka); her great-grandchildren, Jazmyne Noel, Caiden Mueller, and Valery Sale; and her brother, Jerome Braun (Delores) of San Francisco, CA.

Arrangements were handled by Herman Meyer & Son.

The family wishes to thank Hosparus for their kindness and gentle care of Marcia. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or Hosparus.

Doris Joan Benjamin

Doris Joan Benjamin, 89, died Saturday, December 21, at Signature at Cherokee Park. She was a native of Louisville, born May 21, 1924 to the late Gertrude Cohen and Morris Abraham.

She was a retired librarian with Jefferson County Board of Education. Doris was a member of The Temple, JCC, WRJ, past president of Hadassah, a volunteer for Jewish Hospital, a docent with Kentucky Center for the Arts, an actor with Heritage Theatre at JCC, and an avid UofL fan.

She is survived by her beloved daughter, Maren Mitchell and her family, Marcee Hanning, Katie Valenti, and Riley Burtone; her beloved son, Max Benjamin (Stephanie) and his family, Elliott, David, Samantha and Zachary Benjamin; and her great-granddaughter, Mieli.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the nurses at Four Courts at Cherokee Park, Shelly McGrath, Shannon Watson, Sally Rose, Mary Cooley, and Varian.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Kentucky Humane Society, Alley Cat Advocates, or Diane Moore Miracle Dancers Scholarship Fund.

Gail Auslander Zemon

Gail Auslander Zemon of Louisville, KY, was born July 21, 1952 at Flaget Memorial Hospital in Bardstown, KY, and died December 20. She was a 1970 grad-

uate of Bardstown High School and a 1973 graduate of Indiana University with a degree in social work. Gail spent her career as an optician and in the jewelry business.

She was the daughter of Lilo Behr Auslander and the late David D. Auslander, former owners of Behr's 5 & 10 in Bardstown.

She is survived by two children, Rachel Mather, MD, and Adam Mather, BSN, RN (Martha); one grandson, Lewis; brothers, Michael B. Auslander, DVM (Lee Ann), Steve W. Auslander, DMD (Janine); aunt, Ellen Behr Bizer; several cousins, including a special cousin, Lynn Bizer DeMarco (Gino); and nieces, Sheila Auslander (Imre Noth), Alana Auslander-Price (Jon), and Marissa Auslander.

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

Expressions of sympathy may go to the Gail Auslander Zemon Educational Endowment for Single Working Mothers, c/o Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation, 250 East Liberty Street, Suite 612, Louisville, KY 40202.

Leslie S. Cohen

Leslie S. "Les" Cohen, 89, died Friday, December 27, at Magnolia Springs. He was a WW II veteran of the Air Force and fought in the China-Burma-India Theater, a retired regional sales manager with Caloric Corporation, a member of Temple Shalom, the JCC Senior Adult Club, a recipient of the Senior Adult Volunteer of the Year at the JCC, former Board of Director member & a long-time past Volunteer at the Louisville Zoo, a member of China-Burma-India Veterans Association, the American Legion Post 201, a former TRIAD member, and neighborhood senior condominium block watch captain. He was a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Velma Cohen; and his brother, Jerry Jerome.

He is survived by his son, Larry Cohen (Barbara) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and grandchildren, Jennifer and Alexandra; his daughter, Cindy Phelps (Mike) of Mt. Washington, grandchildren, Josh (Trine) and Jessie, and two great-grandchildren; and his brother, Robert Cohen (Shirley) of Indianapolis, IN. A special thank-you to the staff at Magnolia Springs for their wonderful care and especially to his nurse, Tracy Underwood.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hosparus, The Louisville Zoo, Temple Shalom, or donor's favorite charity.

David Nathan Klein

David Nathan Klein, 57, died December 29 at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, TX. He was born and raised in Louisville, was a 1974 graduate of Waggener High School, and attended Ohio Wesleyan University and the University of Kentucky.

David was an employee of Bank of Louisville from 1978-2002 and in 1998

was appointed the bank's Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Executive Board Director until the company's sale to BB&T in 2002.

David is the most recent past Board Chair for the Jewish Community of Louisville, a Board Member of Gilda's Club Louisville, and a founding Board Chair of Metro Parks Foundation (2005) and Chairman Emeritus.

He was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Jewish Community Center of Louisville, LiveStrong, a Stanford University Business School advancing education participant, Advisory Board volunteer of Meghan's Mountain, and a local cycling enthusiast who served on the Eva Bandman Community Steering Committee of the Louisville Sports Commission. He was also a member of the Advisory Council of Actors Theater of Louisville, Jewish Hospital Foundation Board member, 1994 Leadership Louisville graduate, 2001 Corporate Campaign chairman for the Louisville Fund for the Arts, and the 2013 keynote speaker at Yum Center as the Kentucky Derby Julep Ball honoree.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Elaine Klein, on July 31, 2013.

David is survived by daughters Erin Hilsenrad and Kathryn Klein with former wife, Jodi Redmon Klein; grandson Luke Hilsenrad; father Bertram Weiss Klein; brothers Stephen (Yael) Klein of Yelm, WA and Richard (Beth) Klein; former wife Jill Mangold and stepson Will Pfeffer, all from Louisville; a number of nieces and nephews; and his two dogs, Portia and Ridley.

The family would like to extend a thank you and gratitude to the University of Texas, MD Anderson Care Center in Houston and Dr. Michael Kommor and team at Baptist Health Hospital in Louisville.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to The Elaine & Julia Klein Landscape Memorial Fund at The Temple, Gilda's Club of Louisville at gildasclublouisville.org, Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Jewish Family Career Services, or the Jewish Community of Louisville.

Jessie Shuckman Parris

Jessie Shuckman Parris, 94, of Louisville, died Thursday, January 2. After graduation from Louisville Girl's High School, she attended the University of Kentucky.

She is survived by her children, Arlene Parris and Harriette Schuler (John); her grandchildren, Amie Oakes (Christopher) and Morgen Schuler; and her great-granddaughter, Jane Oakes. We will always love you, Mama.

A special thank you to all the staff at Twinbrook Nursing Home - especially to Annie, Amber, and Troy for their extraordinary, loving care.

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

arrangements.

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

Harry Kletter

Harry Kletter, 86, died January 5 at his Florida home in The Villages. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 14, 1927, served in the Navy, attended University of Michigan and graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit. In 1953, Harry moved to Louisville and opened Tri-City Scrap Baling, a recycling and scrap metal business.

Throughout his sixty plus years in business, Harry's entrepreneurial ambition enabled him to create many companies, including Tri-City Industrial Services, Mobile Waste Controls, Louisville Athletic Club, Computerized Waste Systems, Tri-Pak Equipment, and Industrial Services of America (ISA). He recently retired as CEO and Chairman of the Board of ISA after nearly three decades of service. He is widely viewed as a visionary in the waste and recycling industry and was inducted into the Environmental Industry Association Hall of Fame in 2003.

Harry was a past board member of the Jewish Community Center and with the Kentucky Economic Council under Governor John Y. Brown. Harry loved to travel, work out, play tennis and racquetball, fly airplanes, and mentor young business people.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Max and Maya Kletter, and his brother Sam. Harry is survived by his wife of sixty years, Bobbie; daughters Debbie Montz (Art), Alisa Pipkin (Senator EJ), Tina List (Ed), son Ronald (Rhonda); his six grandchildren, Eric and Adam Montz, Carter, Meredith, and Tyler Pipkin, and Alexis List; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Bloomington, IN.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the Jewish Community Center in Louisville.

Elizabeth Heilmann

Elizabeth "Betty" Heilmann, 99, formerly of Goshen, KY, died Tuesday, January 7, at Masonic Home of Shelbyville, KY. She was a native of Cincinnati and a

former Registrar and Secretary for Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Karl O. Heilmann; a daughter, Sharon Rosenberg; a son, Charles Heilmann; and brothers, William E. and Daniel Bruegge.

She is survived by a son, Robert Heilmann (Christina) of Pensacola, FL; a son-in-law, Kenny Rosenberg; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Beaver Dam, WI. Arrangements were entrusted to Herman Meyer & Son of Louisville.

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

Barbara Gordon Wexler

Barbara Gordon Wexler, 82, died Thursday, January 9, at Jewish Hospital. She was born September 28, 1931 in New York City to the late Esther Harrison and Reuben Gordon. Barbara was part of two generations of family-owned businesses, a consummate salesperson who graciously served the Louisville community.

She was a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, KI Sisterhood, B'nai

Brith International, and a volunteer for Jewish Family & Career Services, where she was a driver for PALS program and instrumental in the New American Resettlement Program.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Hy Wexler.

She is survived by her daughter, Audrey Jensen (David) of Madison, WI and her son and former wife, Gary Wexler (Tamela) of Lexington, KY; her brother, Isser Leib Gordon of Israel; four grandchildren, Joshua, Corley and Ansley Wexler and Jacob Jensen; and one great-grandson, Wyatt Wexler.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation or Jewish Family & Career Services.

Ivan Greenspan

Ivan Greenspan, 84, died Sunday, January 12. He was born in New York, NY on December 27, 1929, graduated from Long Island University, and served in the Army from 1951 to 1953. Ivan married Renee Graver in 1955 and moved to

Louisville, where he was employed as an accountant for Welenken and Masters, ASA, CPA.

In 1963 he was hired by his good friend and mentor, Stanley Yarmuth, as controller of National Auto Sales, which later became National Industries, Inc. Ivan served as treasurer and vice president of the conglomerate until 1977, at which time he became director of mergers-acquisitions for the First National Bank. He was a long-standing member and board member of Standard Country Club and a staunch supporter and season ticket holder of UofL athletics for 50 years.

Ivan is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Renee; son, Andrew (Ellen), daughters, Susan Jaffe and Marcy Grossman (Ken); and his 12 grandchildren, Emily and Jamey Eckstein, Amy and Brook Greenspan, E.J., Evan and Eden Henricks, Jack and Ethan Grossman, and David and Rebecca Jaffe (financé, Per Svensson).

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to one's charity of choice.



isville Male High School, Centre College, attended UofL School of Law, and served in the Navy during WWII.

David spent his life in community service and the advertising agency industry. In a career spanning over 50 years, he worked with Advertising Associates and The C.N. Mullican Company, was executive vice president and director of Fred R. Becker Advertisings, president of Staples Advertisings, marketing director for The Kentucky Easter Seals Society, and marketing consultant to F.B. Purnell Sausage Company.

He served as president or chairman of the Kentucky Derby Festival, the Advertising Federation of Louisville, Louisville East Rotary Club, the River Road Country Club, Sigma Chi Fraternity-Falls City Chapter, Louisville Theatrical Association, The Temple, Salvation Army, Kentucky Easter Seal Society, and the Louisville Better Business Bureau; he was president of the National Alumni Association and Louisville Alumni Association for Centre College, and chairman of the committee that named Freedom Hall.

In addition, he was a member of the Public Relations Society of America, Kentuckians in New York, the Louisville Tennis Club, the Filson Club, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, the Louisville Jaycees, the Bachelors, and the Jefferson Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor Tachau Sachs, and his sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Bob Schulman. He is survived by his daughter, Louise "Weezie" Sachs, who would like to thank everyone at Jefferson Place for their constant care, kindness, and overwhelming support, and his first cousin, Joan Sachs Reis of Cincinnati.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Pearson's.

Contributions may be made to the donor's choice of charity.

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David Alexander Sachs, III

David Alexander "D.A." Sachs, III died January 14. He was born in Louisville on January 25, 1924, to Bertya and D.A. Sachs, Jr. He graduated from Lou-



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D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Avrohom Litvin
Mazel Tov and Good Luck

Do Jews believe in luck? On the one hand, the Prophet Jeremiah teaches: Do not be afraid of the signs of the heavens or the insight of astrology, as the Talmud teaches: "Ain Mazal BeYisroel – luck does not affect the people of Israel."

Yet the Sages discuss the zodiac sign of each month and teach that they do indeed relate to our lives. Based on this astrological energy, our Sages teach that during some months we should be happier and during others, we should minimize our joy. Do we Jews believe in luck or not?

Like most questions in Judaism, here too there is more than one way to answer the question. One answer might be that luck does exist, but prayer combined with hard work can overcome luck or natural expectations. With this in mind, let's look at the upcoming Jewish lunar month of Adar and see what lessons we can derive.

In the Purim story, Haman cast lots to determine which month was most suited for the genocide of the Jews. Our sages tell us that when the lot fell on the month of Adar, Haman rejoiced. For every other month on the Jewish calendar had some type of joyous occasion for the Jews, but Adar had nothing. All he saw was that Moses passed away on the seventh day of this month. Haman was so sure that this date would cause misfortune for the Jewish people that he made Adar the deadline for his deadly decree.

However, what Haman didn't know is that Moses was also born on the seventh of Adar, which made the month an auspicious one for the Jewish people, not only during the events of Purim but also

today.

Of course everyone's birthday is a special day because, as it explains in the Kabbalah, on our birthdays the stars are lined up just as when we were born and new energy and blessings is allowed to be poured into our lives. Being that Moses was the greatest Jewish leader of all time and was connected to each and every Jewish person, his birthday brought not only personal energy, but energy and blessing for all of Israel. This is why the mazal of the Jewish people is strongest in Adar.

Adar is the official "happy month" of the year, as it is written in the Code of Jewish Law, "When Adar begins, increase in joy." But this year, things are even better. You see, a month on the Jewish calendar includes either 29 or 30 days (reflecting the 29.5-day lunar cycle). But every two or three years – seven times in a 19-year cycle – an extra month is added to even out the lunar and solar year and to ensure that Passover will continue to fall in the spring. This coming year is such a leap year. So this year we have not only 30 days of joy, but a full 60 days of good luck and Divine energy and blessing.

The Hebrew word Adar comes from the word "Adir" which means mighty or glorious. The Sages find further proof that the Jewish people are beyond the scope of mazal or luck from the fact that Adar is spelled with the 3 Hebrew letters, *alef*, *dalet*, and *reish*.

The *alef* represents the power of G-d, which may seem to be separate from everyday existence. The *dalet* and *reish* form the word "dar", which means "to

dwelling". The lesson of this is that during this month, the *alef*, or G-d's unlimited power, dwells openly and is totally accessible for the nation of Israel.

The Sages also teach that Adar is the month of transformation. Adar presents us with the ability to transform sadness into joy. Adar transforms a "scattered people" into a unified nation, and a period of national danger into a time of national celebration.

So while just 2 days are observed as the holiday of Purim and Shushan Purim, the entire month is considered a time of great power and joy for the Jewish nation. Each Adar, we're offered that opportunity to transform anything negative in our lives into blessing and joy.



Rabbi Avrohom Litvin

LJDS Ribbon Cutting Is February 18

by Rabbi Avrohom Litvin
Regional Director, Chabad of Kentucky

The Louisville Jewish Day School has relocated to the historic Starks Building, 445 S 4th St. in the heart of downtown Louisville, adjacent to museums, the Center for the Arts, the main branch of the Louisville Public Library and many other cultural attractions.

On Tuesday, February 18, at 11 a.m., the Day School invites the entire community to attend the official ribbon cutting and open house of this new location. Mayor Greg Fischer will be the guest of honor to welcome the school to its new downtown location. A tour of the school will be offered and refreshments will be served.

The Louisville Jewish Day School offers kindergarten-6th grades with an emphasis on science, language arts and music, in addition to core math and social studies subjects. Hands on laboratory experiments and educational field trips complement the instructional portion of study.

This year we have two months of Adar, (February 1-March 31) to make this spiritual transformation of blessing and joy into our lives.

I wish each of you a "Happy Adar" and may we all be blessed with an abundance of "mazel tov" (good luck) and much Divine Blessing!

Shabbat candles should be lit Fridays, January 24 at 5:38 p.m., January 31 at 5:45 p.m., February 7 at 5:53 p.m., February 14 at 6:01 p.m. and February 21 at 6:09 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, regional director of Chabad of Kentucky, has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

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. In February, enjoy a free lunch on February 13 and bring a friend for free on February 20.

January 30

Bingo Games with prizes

February 6

"Music from the Decades"
David Shapero and Amy Lloyd

February 13

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will present "John Adams and the Jews" and celebrate Valentines Day with a FREE LUNCH for all.

February 20

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will pre-

sent "Israel and the Palestinian Peace Process – where is it going, risks and rewards." Bring a Friend for Free Day.

February 27

Bingo games with prizes for all.

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

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

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gastronomic splendor and home to an extraordinary Jewish community; and Jerusalem, where every stone evokes the saga of our people. Participants will also meet with world leaders on this trip.

JFNA also plans missions throughout the year for families, young adults,

Campaign volunteers and other affinity groups at many different levels of Campaign giving. There are also opportunities to visit Israel through Partnership 2Gether and Birthright Israel

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