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Nine local teens will compete in Maccabi Games in Austin

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**Legally Blonde** 

At the Bend and Snap Preview Party, cast members and CenterStage Theatre patrons let loose and had fun. Kate E. Reedy, who played Elle Woods, celebrated with Abbey Buckman who won the Bend and Snap competition at the party. Alicia Springer applauded. For a full write up of the event and more photos, see CenterPiece, page 2. For a review of the show, see page 6. For information on the next show, A New Brain, see CenterPiece, page 2.

## JHFE works on strategic plan

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

he Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence has a dual mission - to provide support for medical research/education and to provide support for the Jewish community.

With a board committee to vet requests, JHFE has been providing grants for the Jewish community since the fund was established, and it has recently begun considering medical research opportunities. Now, led by Executive Director Jeff Polson and Board Chair Louis Waterman, JHFE is developing a strategic plan that will clarify and clearly articulate its vision and lay out guidelines that the fund can implement to achieve that vision.

'The purpose of what we're trying to do," Waterman said, "is to answer the questions:

- "What does it mean to be a major grant-making organization today?
  "What does the future hold for these
- types of organizations?
- "How can we best utilize our resources to have a sustained and significant impact on our community - both the medical research community and the Jewish community?

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## Sarah Harlan named principal of HSJS

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by Shiela Steinman Wallace

"The High School of Jewish Studies is very excited to announce the hiring of Sarah Harlan as the new principal," said Board President Liam Felsen recently. "The Board undertook an extensive search, and we are confident that Sarah

is the right person for the job. We are all looking forward to a great year, and to providing new, exciting Judaic core curriculum, electives, and confirmation studies to our 9th and 10th grade stu-

Harlan, too, is excited about her new position and the opportunities it gives her to help young people connect to their

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While the position of principal is new to Harlan, she's an experienced religious school teacher and has formal training as an administrator. She's been teaching at The Temple for 12 years and taught at Temple Israel in Memphis before that.

She earned her Masters degree in Public Health from UCLA's School of Public Health with an emphasis in Health Services Management and has a B.A. in human biology from Stanford. With that background, she said, "I understand general management and administration," and she believes the basic skills will translate well to administering the HSJS.

addition. she has done a lot of volunteering. She's currently in her third year as president of the St. Francis Parent Association, and prior to that, she served three years as president of the Collegiate Parent Association. She



will also draw on her experience as the parent of three current or former high school students.

Harlan has a core group of skilled, dedicated teachers, both clergy and lay, who will be returning this year, and she see **HARLAN** page 4

#### Swansburg chosen for JCPA leadership program

Ruby

by Shiela Steinman Wallace Editor



**Becky Swansburg** 

Swansburg, an up and coming young leader in Louisville, is now recognized nationally as well. This year, the

Council Jewish for Public Affairs, the parent organization of the Jewish Community

Becky

Relations Council, created the Frank Family Leadership Institute, a yearlong

program to educate a corps of talented leadership for the Jewish community in general and the Jewish community relations field in particular.

JCPA put out a national call for JCRCs across North America to encourage individuals with character, creativity and critical thinking ability to apply for the program. Swansburg was selected to be a member of the inaugural class, which is limited to just 8-10 people and brings together a diverse group of individuals from different geographic areas, ages and backgrounds. "My political background probably puts me in the minority of participants," Swansburg said, "but I think that's an opportunity to start dis-

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## **JCRC UPDATE**

by Matt Goldberg, Director Jewish Community Relations Council

#### **Food Stamp Update**

Continuing our never ending quest to help feed those less fortunate than us, we have been closely following the legislative path of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Stamp Program. In the past month, the U.S. House removed SNAP funding from the Farm Bill, placing the program in great danger of even further restrictions. President Obama has threatened a veto of the Farm Bill in part because of the removal of SNAP funding. Leaders of the U.S. House have promised to pass a separate bill for funding the SNAP program, but there is great uncertainty about this.

In light of the cloudy future of the Food Stamp Program, it is more vital than ever that we support non-governmental forms of hunger relief. The Jewish community again will be active participants in The Hunger Walk, a community event on September 15, where the majority of the proceeds go to support Dare to Care, a local food bank that helps to feed those citizens in seven counties who need access to food pantries to help with their basic food needs. (We also sit on the planning committee for this event.)

The Hunger Walk also supports, in part, the World Food Program, an international hunger organization that feeds people around the world, including the millions of refugees from war torn Syria.

I have established a Hunger Walk team, "Jewish Community of Louis-ville," and you can register on line at TheHungerWalk.org to join our team.

#### **Israel Update**

The situation in Israel, in many ways, could not be better. The economy is booming, international companies are investing in Israel at an unprecedented rate, and a recent discovery of crude oil off Israel's coast could supply all of Israel's oil needs for 15 years.

Culturally, the Maccabiah games have opened this week in Israel, with Jews from over 70 countries participating. Olympic gold medal winning gymnast Aly Reisman lit the flame at the opening ceremony, and all-star New York Knicks power forward Amare Stoudemire, who is discovering his own Jewish roots, is coaching the Canadian basketball team.

Of course, we're all pulling for Louisville's own Peyton Greenberg, who is competing in swimming. For her, the Maccabiah is the next step toward her dream of competing in the Olympics.

The opening ceremony was an amazing thing to see on television, very reminiscent of the Olympics. In fact, the Maccabiah is now the third biggest sporting event in the world, behind the Olympics and the World Cup.

All this success is even more amazing when you consider that Israel's neighbor-

hood is an absolute mess. On one border, there is Syria, which is in the midst of a devastating civil war, with over 100,000 killed and six million displaced.

To the south, Egypt is in danger of becoming a failed state, with the military effectively removing the elected president. The Egyptian military, blaming Islamists for the country's turmoil has also turned on Hamas, an offshoot of the suddenly powerless Muslim Brotherhood. Egypt has now shut down its border with Gaza and has closed all of the underground smuggling tunnels, leaving Gaza almost completely dependent on the massive amounts of aid that Israel provides on their side of the border. Despite prospects for peace with the Palestinians brightening somewhat in recent days, the neighborhood tumult is almost certain to continue.

With all of this turmoil nearby, it is remarkable that such a small country continues to thrive and flourish, best exemplified by the games in Israel right now. We can only hope that the good will and good cheer of the Maccabiah becomes infectious and spreads to the whole of the Middle East.

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#### **Vaad Hakashruth**

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involved with the future of kashrus and operation of the community Mikvah in Louisville.

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Please feel free to contact me or your rabbi.

Thank you. Sincerely, Jacob Wishnia, Vaad President jakewish@bellsouth.net, 452-6134

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Mark Jude McGilvery and Nechama

Editor's note: Nechama is the Jewish response to disaster. Nechama volunteers provide natural disaster preparedness, response and recovery services nationwide. They bring comfort to disaster survivors by training and mobilizing thousands of volunteers to help communities after floods, tornadoes and other natural disasters. Nechama had teams of volunteers on the ground in Henryville, IN, following the March 2012 tornado, and the Jewish Community of Louisville provided monetary support and volunteers to help.

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• "And how can we help strengthen the organizations we work with through our grant making?

"That's really what the strategic planning process is about," he continued.
Waterman is pushing hard to have

Waterman is pushing hard to have an inclusive process that includes both quantitative and qualitative input to help identify core values and establish priorities, and to complete the process in just a few months. "We're talking to a broad cross-sec-

"We're talking to a broad cross-section of the community," added Polson, "reaching out to community leaders in the Jewish community – rabbis and leaders of the Jewish agencies and community members at-large – and people associated with medical research, including our partner agencies – KentuckyOne Health, Passport, the Cardiovascular Innovation Institute and the University of Louisville."

JHFE is looking for responses from a wide cross-section of the community, and will be conducting the research through a combination of surveys, interviews and face-to-face conversations

"This is something the board has been looking forward to," Polson said. "This is a very important piece of what our organization is about, and the results will help guide us for years to come.

The grants program began in February 2010, when Jewish Hospital HealthCare Services launched the Louisville Jewish Community Excellence Grants initiative as part of its historic support of the hospital's founding community. The program was created as a perma-

nent funding source to provide assistance to charitable organizations offering programs focused on Jewish culture/identity, health, human services and education.

In 2012, more than \$350,000 in excellence grants funding was provided to the local Jewish community, and since its establishment, Excellence Grants have enabled organizations such as the Jewish Community of Louisville, Jewish Family & Career Services; the High

School of Jewish Studies; the Jewish Community Center, Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad (the Louisville Hebrew School) and Congregations Adath Jeshurun, Anshei Sfard and Keneseth Israel, The Temple and Temple Shalom to pursue and sponsor innovative new programs that have enriched our entire community.

With the 2012 merger between Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare and the Saint Joseph Health System to form KentuckyOne

Health, JHHS was renamed the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Approximately \$70 million, retained from the merger, was added to its resources and the fund's mission was expanded to support initiatives to improve and enhance health care, fund medical research and promote educational initiatives as well as local Jewish community programs and senior services.

### HARLAN

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will add some new teachers to the mix. She wants to ensure that the faculty can engage the students and elicit positive

responses from them.

"This year," she said, "we really want to re-energize the school and make sure every student who's going wants to be there." To achieve that goal, she is striving to create "a nice balance between traditional academics and experiential learning. We'll be going out into the community and doing things," she said, "and there will be plenty of time for students to socialize with their friends." She feels one of the best things about the HSJS is the time it affords students to be with kids from other congregations.

"And of course, we'll still feed them," she added.

Harlan realizes that the High School of Jewish Studies' purpose is to build strong Jewish identities. "I know kids today are a lot busier than we were," she observed, "but it is so important that every student who comes through feels

extraordinarily grounded in his or her Jewish identity. We'll be sending them off to college, and we really want them to have a strong sense of who they are."

Reaching out to parents is also an important part of her plan. "We want parents to feel very connected to the school," she said. "I'm going to work very hard to make sure parents are kept up to date, in the loop, and that they know what's going on.

"We welcome their participation, too," she added, "as substitute teachers or on field trips."

Harlan is also cognizant that the High School of Jewish studies is just one of Louisville's Jewish agencies. "We, like the other schools," she said, "rely on funds from the Federation's Annual Campaign for our budget, and we're going to create the absolute best program we can within our budget. I hope that the community and our parents realize that by supporting the Campaign, they're supporting us, Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad, The Temple Religious School and other agencies in town."

"I'm really excited about the school

year," she concluded. "This is a very new thing for me, but I'm looking forward to the challenge. ... We really have the opportunity to turn this into a premier community Hebrew high school experience. Down the road, I'd like to see it going beyond confirmation."

Harlan is a member of the Jewish Community of Louisville's Board of Directors, and this year she served as Super Sunday chair. She has been an active member of the CenterStage Board since 2007 and has chaired the successful Light Up CenterStage fundraiser for four years. She also chaired the JCC's Jewish Festival of the Book for several years.

With National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, she's a new director, a member of the Nominating Committee and has worked with the Adopt-a-School program. She has been teaching at The Temple Hebrew School for a number of years, and will continue to do so in addition to her new duties with the HSJS.

Harlan and her husband, Michael, have three children, Jennifer, 23; Sadie, 19; and Joseph, 17.

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course about thing that both unite and divide us in the political realm.

"In a way, what I love most about the JCPA," she said, "is that in America, in our entire Jewish community, we've come together broadly and created an organization that can be a voice to the community and our legislators." Everyone is at the table. Discussion is passionate, thoughtful and compassionate as members work to build consensus.

Institute participants will join the annual JCPA Leadership mission in Israel in November, during which they will meet with key decision makers and experts in Israel. They will also participate in a private pre-mission trip to Auschwitz. In addition, they will attend the JCPA Plenum in Atlanta in March.

Through the rest of the year, they will participate in a series of conference call webinars, which will present a comprehensive curriculum about the Jewish community relations field and JCPA. They will explore many topics, including the Jewish community's place and role in America; what is a Jewish issue; how does the Jewish community reach out to "make friends and influence people;" how does the Jewish community come to consensus on important policy issues; and much more.

הסוכנות היהודית THE לארץ לארץ EWISH AGENCY ישראל ישראל FOR ISRAEL At the conclusion of the program, institute participants are expected to join national JCPA task forces and take on other leadership roles in the Jewish community relations arena.

"It's really wonderful to have this opportunity," Swansburg said. Louisville has a strong tradition of producing national leaders for JCPA and Louisville's JCRC is respected throughout the country. Both Lewis Cole and Marie Abrams served the organization as president, and Ron Abrams served as treasurer.

With this legacy, Swansburg noted, "it's a big responsibility to be not just representing myself, but our entire community in this program."

Throughout U.S. history, she observed, "the Jewish community has really been one of the leading voices in a lot of the important social and political changes –from integration to immigration – and it's that work that the JCPA continues."

Swansburg is a member of Louisville's JCRC and enjoys the work she does locally. She also enjoyed "attending the JCPA's plenum earlier this year and getting to see how the Jewish community still includes some of the most forward thinkers in the political arena today.

"One of the reasons I wanted to apply for the Frank Family Leadership Institute," she explained, "is it's an opportunity to learn from some of the national leaders in the Jewish community who have been doing this very successfully for a long time. It's also an opportunity to bring some new ideas and some fresh perspective of a younger generation to the national level."

"I really applaud the Frank family for putting this program together," she added, "because we have a tendency to let the leadership in the Jewish community to get a little gray haired. I believe it is important to train the next generation of leaders and this program makes great strides toward doing that."

Swansburg is especially excited about the mission to Poland and Israel. "I've never been to Poland or Auschwitz, she said, "but I've heard that both are really impactful places to visit."

She spoke with Marie Abrams about the Israel portion of the trip and learned that the JCPA Leadership Mission is very different from most missions. "We will be experiencing it through the eyes of their community relations – how their society interacts with itself and the United States. We do a lot of advocacy for Israel here," she said. "I'm very excited to hear the Israeli perspective – their hopes for that relationship and how we can really best support them."

To qualify for the institute, Swansburg had to submit an application that included an essay, commit to paying \$1,500 to participate in the program and secure a matching commitment from Louisville's JCRC. The balance of the program is funded by the Frank family.

In her essay, she wrote that, "growing up in Louisville, I was very active in the Jewish community, BBYO and NFTY," even serving as a NFTY regional officer. "When I went to college," she continued, "I was president of Hillel and was a founder and co-president of Interfaith Council at Middlebury College.

"When I moved to Washington, DC, to start my career," she lamented, "I fell out of touch with the Jewish community." She missed that involvement, "so when my husband and I moved back to Louisville in 2006, one of the things I wanted to do was get reengaged."

"Louisville has such an accessible Jewish community," she noted, "so it's

been very exciting for me ... to get reintroduced to the Jewish community I left when I was 18." Swansburg previously served on The Temple's Board of Directors and worked with its youth group. She currently co-chairs the popular PJ Library program and is active in YAD.

"The Frank Family Leadership Institute is a great way to continue that development," she added, "and I really hope to get some new and innovative ideas to bring back to our community and implement.

"Louisville is a Jewish community that is often willing to try new things," she continued. "It is willing to be a leader and ahead of the curve. Participating in this program will further that reputation."

Swansburg is also looking forward to serving the national organization when she completes the program. "It is a very, very exciting aspiration," she said, "and it means a lot to me that JCPA felt I have qualities that could lead to that kind of service one day."

Swansburg is the chief marketing officer at Stonewood Financial Solutions, a local financial services firm. In addition to her activities in the Jewish community, she serves on the boards of the local chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners and the Rauch Planetarium at the University of Louisville.

She earned her B.S. in political science from Middlebury College and her M.A. in communications from Boston University. Following her graduation, she worked for a U.S. congressman and briefly at the White House before returning to Louisville with her husband. She worked for Greater Louisville Inc. before taking her current position.

In the past, she served on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives and as a Teach Kentucky mentor. She was also named to *Business First's* prestigious 'Forty Under 40' list.

On the personal side, she is a member of Le Leche League, which supports breastfeeding women, and the Louisville Mothers of Twins Club.



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## JFCS Fundraiser, Pizza for the Pantry, is August 11 at noon

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This event supports the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund at JFCS. A record crowd of 288 guests last year hung out with family, friends, colleagues and the community to enjoy steaming hot, gooey, delicious cheese and veggie pizzas.

Tickets are only \$7 per person, children 4-14 eat for \$5, and children under 3 eat free. Tickets will be \$8 at the door. This year each per ticket contribution will be matched from the Rabbi Stanley Miles Discretionary Fund of Temple Shalom and by JFCS Board member, Bonnie Bizer. These funds will be used to help clients get emergency food, Kroger gift cards and cleaning supplies when they are in need.

Tickets for the event can be purchased

at JFCS or through the dedicated members of the JFCS Food Pantry Committee: Janet and Sonny Meyer, Co-Chairs, Ann Leah Blieden, Linda Goodman, Carole Goldberg, Frankie Bloom, Tami Penner, Harold Gordon, Bonnie Bizer, Carole Snyder, Sara Yamin, Dara Cohen, Debbie Friedman, Diane, Rachel, Lori and Suzie Joels, Eileen Renco, Harold Cohen, Howard Klein, Jan Glaubinger, Jane Shapiro, Lois Marcus, Louise Miller, Marcia Gordon, Michael Friedman, Nancy Blodgett, Sandi and Barry Friedson, Sheilah Abramson-Miles, Sue Ament, Sue Goodman, Susan Allen, Karen Waldman, Judy Halliday, Dorie Zimmerman, Sam Hendrick, Judy Tiell and Kim Toebbe.

## YAD Picnic at the JCC offers free pool passes

### August 11 event starts at 3:30; also features GaGa tourney with prizes, family soccer game

by Shiela Steinman Wallace Editor

YAD is gearing up for their annual end-of-summer picnic on Sunday, August 11, from 3:30-6 p.m., and this



year's chair, Seth Gladstein, is excited about some changes program that will offer a greater variety of activities for teens and adults.

The first change is the venue. This year's picnic will be at the Jewish Community Cen-

ter, and Gladstein sees it as an opportunity to showcase the Center. Everyone who comes to the picnic, including non -members, will be given a free pool pass. It's a great way to check out the facilities, especially the new Seng Jewelers Wad-

ing Pool.

There will also be organized sports, Gladstein said, including a family soccer game that starts at 3:45 p.m. and a Teen Connection GaGa tournament that begins at 4:30. There is even \$50 Visa gift card for the GaGa tournament winner. If you'd rather play basketball, softball or other sports, the fields and courts will be available for informal games

In addition, John Gage will be there to provide the music. Sing along or just listen. He always adds to the fun. There will also be instructor-led arts and crafts projects for all ages, including tie dying.

Bring your own dinner or purchase food from the Dive in Diner. Choose from chicken nuggets, hot dogs or vegetarian

macaroni and cheese. Watermelon, veggies, chips or pretzels, cookies, soda, water and lemonade are included with each entrée. Dinner is \$8 for children ages 3-12 and \$10 for adults if ordered in advance or \$10 for children and \$13 for adults the day of the event. Purchase dinner in advance online at www.jewishlouisville.org or contact Mary Jean Timmel at mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.

org or 238-2739.

"I am looking forward to seeing familiar faces and new faces," Gladstein said. "This year's event is an explicit effort to open the gates of YAD to people with children of all ages. I do hope people who have attended in the past but stopped will come back" to enjoy the changes that have been planned this

The YAD picnic is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Louisville.

## The Temple honors Prizant family with L'Dor V'Dor tribute

On Friday, August 23, The Temple have a special Back to School Blue Jean Shabbat dinner and service, during which the congregation will honor the Prizant family with their L'Dor V'Dor Tribute for their multi-generation contributions to both The Temple and the Louisville Jewish community.

The dinner will begin at 6 p.m., and the service at 7. Carol Heideman will provide special Shabbat music.

'My family feels extremely honored to be the first recipients of The Temple's L'dor V'Dor Award," Ellen Prizant said. "Maud Fliegelman, Anne Oppenheimer and I and our entire families (Bruce, Evan, Loren, Jane, Teller and Amelia Prizant, and John and Marc Oppen-



Clockwise from front, Maud Fliegelman, Anne Oppen-

heimer and Ellen Prizant

heimer) are thankful for the recognition of the intergenerational commitment we have shown at The Temple and in the communities where we live.

'My mother and father, [Maud and] Dr. M.T. Fliegelman, have served on many boards," she continued. My father was "the first doctor on the Jewish Hospital Board, Metro United Way, and the Louisville Orchestra. He also started the U of L department of Dermatology and had it certified, all voluntarily.

"My sister, my mother, and I are primarily involved in helping families and children," Prizant added. "Mother helped start many non-profits in Louisville: VIPS, CASĂ, 4-C, and California Family Child Development Center.

Anne is the treasurer of the International Council of Jewish Women, has been president of two sections of NCJW, served on her Temple board and is very active in AIPAC," she said. I am involved with many non-profits including VIPS, Family and Children's Place, NCJW, MUW, Walden Theater, Stage One, and California Area Family Development Center.

'My mother, my sister, and I have all been awarded the Hannah Solomon Award that is presented to an outstanding person in the community who has made a significant contribution in the

fields of educa-tion, family life, etc.," she said. "My entire family has belonged to The Temple for over 55 years and my grandchildren are just starting their iournev.

"Again, we are appreciative of this recognition," Pri-

zant concluded.



**Marc Oppenheimer and Loren Prizant** 



#### **JULY 28**

#### **JCC Summer Camp Reunion**

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Presented by Jake Latts and CenterStage. Open auditions start at 3:30 p.m. for performers of all kinds, ages 7-18. 20 finalists will compete on September 8 for cash prizes. Register by August 15. Entry fee \$10 per person. Details and registration form available at CenterStageJCC.org/talent or call 238-2763. Proceeds benefit Center-Stage Acting Out. See story, page 13.

#### REVIEW

#### **Legally Blonde**

by Rabbi Stan Miles

Once again John Leffert begins the Centerstage season with a perfect summer musical. For 2013-2014 the offering is Legally Blonde The Musical, based on the hit movie.

The main color scheme is pink, shocking pink, you know the color of cotton candy. The talented CenterStage cast, musicians and crew whipped up a theatrical confection just like cotton candy.

The orchestra for Legally Blonde The Musical seemed larger than other groups in the past. When the overture began it was an electric moment. For the duration of the play the energy level never abated.

All the performer were strong and likable. Special kudos go to Kate E. Reedy who played Elle Woods, the female lead; Mitch Donahue, the likable male lead Emmett Forrest; Lauren LeBlanc (Paulette) and Laure McCombs (Brooke Wyndham).

Ms. McComb led the company in "Whipped Into Shape", an incredibly spirited dance number. Choreography on the tiny JCC stage is always a challenge. Frank Goodloe III truly used his talented cast and that confining space well.

Sadly, when you read this review, Legally Blonde The Musical will have ended its run at CenterStage. The crowd at the performance I attended was SRO(standing room only), a well deserved SRO. In fact, folks were turned away; too many people, not enough seats.

As we left the performance members of the cast greeted us in the lobby, thanking us for attending. I, in turn, thanked them for sharing their wonderful talent with a magical evening of theater.

Six plays remain in the 2013-2014 Cen-

see **LEGALLY BLONDE** page 7

## Chabad House to open Aug. 1; many programs planned

n August 1, a new Chabad House in Louisville will open just minutes away from the Jewish Community Center. The Chabad House will welcome all people and aim to assist and guide them in their journey towards G-d and goodness.

A Chabad House is a unique institution in a Jewish community, Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, regional director of Chabad of Kentucky, said. Chabad is synonymous for caring and helping - as seen by the over 4000 Chabad centers across the country and more than 70 countries around the world. House is synonymous for the place you feel most at home.

Together, Chabad House will be the place where each person can connect to G-d in a non-judgmental and informal setting, he continued. Everyone is welcome. There is no membership and no requirement to pay in order to pray. Chabad House will be that safe place to explore G-dliness with joy, friends and

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, regional director of Chabad of Kentucky, explained

"The ABC's of Chabad House will be its caring staff - Rabbis Avrohom, Boruch and Chaim. But just as the alphabet has more letters than just ABC, each person who attends the Chabad House will be invited to bring their own personal letter and join together to form the most beautiful words and phrases imaginable.'

Rabbi Susman added, "Only when all of our letters are united, can we really express the joy of Judaism.

Do you like to study? Chabad House may have something for you. Torah Studies, Lunch 'N Learn, and BLT (Bagels Lox and Torah) are a few examples of classes being offered.

Are you a bit more spiritual than studious? "A Taste of Two Spirits" is a class that combines the study of spiritual texts with a l'chavim of kosher spirits of another kind. Are you interested in meditation, prayer or ancient and modern Jewish heroes? Chabad House will offer those classes as well.

If your child is 6 weeks to 18 months old, then you might enjoy Mommy and Me classes. If you are a senior with time on your hands, you may enjoy a different kind of interactive adult learning experience. If you are interested in joining a book club, or a kosher cooking or baking class, Chabad has that too. And if you like cholent, gefilte fish, kugel and the festive feeling of a Shabbos meal celebrated with friends – then T.G.I.S. – "Thank G-d it's Shabbos" Friday night dinners may be exactly the right fit for

Special programs will be offered for children, teens and young adults. Women will be offered specially designed programming as well. The one unifying thread among all the classes programming, Rabbi Litvin says, will be the feeling that the Chabad House has been created to be the home away from home for every person who seeks to find out more about their Jewish heritage or develop more of a connection with G-d.

There will be a mezuzah hanging ceremony and official opening on Labor Day Weekend. For more information visit Chabadky.com.

## **Kosher Food Share Store opens on Almara Circle**

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

For those who choose to keep kosher or who prefer kosher products, living in Kentucky can be a challenge. The only kosher butcher works at Kroger in Mc-Mahan Plaza. The store offers a reasonable selection of meat and kosher products, but its offerings are at premium pricing.

That makes it difficult for people with limited resources who want to keep kosher. Also, the supply of basic items area stores stock is limited, and those who keep kosher can't always find what they need when they need it.

Judy Wallace, a member of the local

Orthodox community, recognized those issues and decided to do something about it. In February 2013, she founded Yad Moshe of Kentucky, a food-share program that serves as a combination food pantry and kosher food-purchasing consortium. The program has been so successful that Wallace is expanding it into a small store with limited inventory and hours.

Originally, Wallace said, "people in the neighborhood would provide for their own families and we didn't share. I did this to start a conversation, to begin working together to procure kosher food, and to engender more 'groupness' among people who use kosher food."

At first, Wallace offered freezer space to her neighbors. Later, the group started buying food together and sharing it. As interest grew, they began purchasing basic items in bulk and by Shavuot were dividing it into shares and offering the service twice a month. The food shares, valued at about \$100 each, include ko-sher chicken, beef roast, cholent cubes, bulk mozzarella and cheddar cheese, hard-to-find pareve chocolate chips, and more. They often include Jewish lifestyle items, like Shabbat tablecloths.

Yad Moshe is also a food pantry, Wallace explained. Anyone who needs kosher food can get what they need. She asks for a minimum donation of \$18. Some people pay the full value for the food and some pay more, but if someone can't afford it, even the \$18 minimum, he or she will not be turned away.

Unlike farm coops, people who use

Yad Moshe can take the products they want and need - from just one item to a full share, Wallace said.

On August 1, Yad Moshe will enter a new phase. The Yad Moshe Service Team is opening the Food Share Store at 1626 Almara Cr. It will be open Thursdays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Fridays, 8 a.m.-2

"The free will donation method has worked very well in the past," Wallace "therefore we will continue to make the items at the Food Share Store available to households who desire to shop there for no cost. Whatever dollar amount the household members feel is appropriate for them at that time, if they

choose to give, is their choice."

The store is also planning "to become a zone for a free coffee (fairly traded, of course!) and healthy baked goods, an internet hotspot and perhaps have a pickle barrel," Wallace added.

To keep the project going, Yad Moshe offers an ongoing "Deli Tray Fundraiser." "Other fundraisers are on the horizon," she said, "which will make more products available at the Food Share Store, such as fairly traded coffee from Equal Exchange, fairly traded handicrafts from Trades of Hope, and editions of Joanne Caras' Holocaust Survivor Cookbook."

Yad Moshe gets its food from Restaurant Depot, Kinneret Café in Cincinnati, and Hungarian Kosher and Romanian Butcher in Chicago.

For more information, contact Wallace at 233-8235.

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## 9 Local Teens to compete in Austin Maccabi Games

For the second year in row, a group teens will be leaving Louisville for the Maccabi Games on July 28. This year, nine teens will compete in Austin, TX, in soccer, tennis, table tennis, swimming and dance.

The Maccabi Games are like the Olympics for Jewish teens all over the nation. Louisville's delegation includes Nathan Cohen, Alex Dubilier, Gabi Dubilier, Alex Koby, Maiya Gaston, Allison Heffley, Becca Lustig, Laina Meyerowitz and Hillary Reskin. Louisville Jewish Community Center staffers Rachel Lipkin and Ben Goldenberg will be taking the team to Austin.

The teens have a lot to prepare for if they want to come home with the gold. There is training to do and don't forget the fundraisers, such as a dinner at Sol Aztecas on Fourth Street and ice cream

Twenty percent of the money made from both nights went to the team. The team also had a cookie dough fundraiser where each member sold cookie dough.

The Louisville teens have to get in shape in order for them to be the very best they can be! "I had to choreograph a dance and I have to continuously practice and stretch," Laina Meyerowitz ex-

Alison Heffley and Hillary Reskin will be joining teens from three other cities to make their own soccer team. Lucky for them, the coach will be David Siskin who worked at the Louisville JCC as the middle school director and left about a year ago.

The team also has a lot of packing to do, since they will be in Austin for a week. Every team member received the cool red and black team wear, which includes a shirt, jacket, pants and a bag

with the Louisville team logo. The team's logo says 2013 Team Louisville JCC Maccabi Games with a cardinal bird and a list of the sports we're participating in. This year, the team sent own items to be customized with the team's name so the athletes will have items to trade at the games

Trading is a big part of the games. Every team has a pin that represents the city they come from to trade with other teams. The goal is to collect as many items as you can from other cities and countries. The teens also trade away their uniforms with other teens, its fun to come home with clothes from other cities.

In all, the Louisville team is prepared for the games and counting down the days until they leave for Austin.



Nathan Cohen, who will be competing in table tennis in the Austin Maccabi Games, got in some practice time at the Jewish Community Center.

## At Camp Tikkun Olam, teens assess projects, make grants to charities

#### Proposals for allocations up to \$1000 are considered

Working toward tikkun olam, the repair of the world, is a core Jewish value, so it is a natural fit to introduce teems to the concept by having them spend a week in a summer camp tikkun olam

That's just what the Louisville Jewish Community Center did this year, and the Jewish Teen Funders Network helped make Camp Tikkun Olam by selecting it to be part of a teen philanthropy pro-

A group of teens at Camp Tikkun Olam are participating in a group process of learning about giving to non-profit organizations and how non-profit organizations function. Campers will act as a foundation board, reviewing proposals submitted in response to RFPs (requests for proposals), going on site visits and awarding a grant to their selected non -profit organization.

The Louisville JCC Summer Camp-Camp Tikkun Olam Repairing the World Teen Foundation, with the support of the Jewish Teen Funders Network, announced the availability of grant funds to support projects for:

"Building and sustaining an enriched, caring and connected community ensuring a vibrant future in Louisville, KY, Israel, and worldwide."

Grant requests for up to \$1000 are being considered. The requests received range from animal shelters, children's hospitals and therapy dog programs to community gardens, and food banks.

The participants in the camp are Gabriella Aberson, Ben Bedichevsky, Eliza Brodsky, Derrick Couch III, Alexis Desmond, Dawson Dornick, Micah Ehrman, Garrett Grubbs, Emily Renco, Elijah Shina, Spencer Shina, Benjamin Wilga, and Jonah Wilga. The program director is Rachel Lipkin.

Watch the next issue of Community for their decisions.

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terStage season. If you enjoy theater, I urge you to purchase season tickets for the rest of the season. Download a season brochure at www.CenterStageJCC. org or call 238-2763.

August 15. Based on the real life struggle of the author, this show is about making the most out of life in the face of tragedy. When a neurotic, frustrated composer is confronted with a terminal illness, he finds salvation in the healing power of art. Purchase your individual show tickets online at www.CenterStageJCC.org, at the front desk at the JCC or by calling

#### Next up is A New Brain, which opens 459-0660.

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

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## NCJW volunteers ensure Gilda's Camp lets kids touched by cancer just be kids

by Dianna Ott Special to Community

mall children sometimes have big fears. Monsters might be hiding under the bed. It's dark inside the closet. Mom has cancer.

But at Gilda's Club, kids can be with other kids who are on the same cancer journey, and feel more normal there than in any other place. And every summer, at Camp Gilda, they spend a week together in activities where living with cancer is not the focus of their lives.

Running Camp Gilda takes dozens of volunteers who do everything from chaperoning field trips to preparing meals and snacks for the more than 30 kids aged 6-11 at the weeklong day camp. For six years, volunteers from the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) have done the lion's share of the work for Camp Gilda, which culminates in a community-wide carnival and fundraising activity.

The kids create their very own carnival (complete with game booths, cotton candy, ice cream, bouncy structures, a fire truck, dunking booth, and lots of food and prizes). They work shifts at the carnival and invite their family and friends to join in the fun – all while raising money for a cause. They vote on the charity to receive the funds each year and often go to present the check. This year, the children raised \$1,700 for the cancer program Pay It Forward. The camp children always vote to "pay it forward," giving the money to another charity to help its children in need.

The camp continues to reflect innovative programming that has become a benchmark not just for the program in Louisville, Kentucky, but for 58 plus Gilda's affiliates around the United States and Canada. It is singly the most popular event with the youth membership. This year's camp was held June 17-21.

This year's theme was "3-Ring Circus at Camp Gilda!" From magic tricks to juggling, by week's end the campers could perform a variety of circus acts designed to engage the body, mind and spirit. Children learned how to apply clown makeup one morning at camp then spent the afternoon at the Turner's Club of Louisville as the staff there guided them through lessons in hula-hoop tricks, tumbling, trampoline and balance beam.

"While cancer is a large component of their lives, this camp lets kids be kids," said Jennifer Beasley, youth program manager at Gilda's Club. "Talk about juggling! Children whose lives have been affected by cancer tend to take on





additional family responsibilities. This gives them a chance to let go of that for a while."

Most campers come from the Louisville area, although some are staying with their families at the Ronald McDonald House while family members are being treated at Louisville-area hospitals. Some of the children are survivors of cancer, others have parents, siblings or other family members who are on a journey with cancer.

"I was blown away by how talented these kids were. I was inspired as I watched them learn all of the circus tricks," commented Beasley. "But seeing the closeness develop between the children, watching the friendships form and noticing the gentle kindness they show each other is truly inspiring."

Facilitated by three licensed mental health professionals, along with a team of volunteers (many of them NCJW members), the campers enjoy a wide variety of activities in the clubhouse from light exercise, games and cooking to dance, music and artistic expression. Each day also involves a trip to places like a local water park, an equine therapy barn, a ride down the river on an antique steamboat, a nature hike through a forest, picnic in a park, a visit to a hands-on organic farm (to taste vegetables right out of the ground, make bread from scratch and dig for worms), Putt Putt golf, bowling, rock climbing or a refuel pit stop at an ice cream parlor.

An important part of the camp each year is a visit with medical professionals who honestly and openly answer any question asked. This "Ask the Doc" encounter helps the children understand the treatment and side effects of the disease, for example, why do people who undergo radiation treatments frequently lose their hair? Because radiation targets fast-growing cells like hair follicles, hair-loss is a common side effect.

"We couldn't do this camp if it were not for NCJW and the support they provide," said Karen Morrison, CEO of Gilda's Club. Last year NCJW expanded its support by organizing an outing for all of the campers and their families aboard the Belle of Louisville. The event brought together participants from all past years of Camp Gilda for a five-year reunion.

"Judy Shapira, who is one of our founding board members, created the partnership with NCJW six years ago. We knew we wanted to expand our programming for children and they stepped up as our primary sponsor for Camp Gilda," said Morrison. "The initial two years of support were at the \$5,000 level. Recent years have been at the \$7,000 level (due to the camp's growth in both activities and the number of youth participating)."

According to Shapira, this project "is a win-win for all of us: it's a fabulous way for our women to enjoy hands-on volunteer activities with the children; and it's a smile-a-minute opportunity for the regular Gilda's staff to sit back and watch the love that exudes from the volunteers. Gilda's Club Summer Camp fills all our hearts with buoyancy – the volunteers, the staff, and especially the children!"

Karen Morrison's daughter Kinsey, age 16, is a cancer survivor and a volunteer at Camp Gilda. Cancer-free for almost nine years, she had high praise for the NCJW volunteers who "are role models for me."

"They come for the right reasons. Even with their busy schedules they find the time to contribute their time to this camp," said Kinsey. "They are a great group of ladies, and fabulous cooks!"

Beasley echoed the sentiment. "It is a really big deal feeding 30 hungry kids and managing their transportation and activities. Nothing we do runs as smoothly as this camp. The NCJW volunteers are completely responsible for that." Many of the camp volunteers return year after year.

volunteers included NCJW NCJW Camp Gilda Chair Judy Shapira and Judy Borinstein and Helen Wahba who orchestrated and cooked healthy breakfasts and lunches for the kids all week. Also, Shannon Benovitz, Shellie Benovitz, Ron Borinstein, Joyce Bridge, Barry Friedson, Sandi Friedson, Linda Fuchs, Susan Gardner, Georgia Gold-man, Shary Hyman, Phyllis Jasnoff, Mindy Klein, Shelley Meyers, Mindy Needleman, Kim Reinhardt, Sue Rosen, Ellen Rosenbloom, Phiul Rosenbloom, Marcy Rosengarten, Julie Sabes, Marilyn Schorin, Marsha Segal, Phyllis Shaikun, Leni Sweet, Sheila Tasman, Helen Wahba, Susan Waterman, Alice We-



lenken and Sandi Weiss.

Gilda's Club welcomes volunteers at any time, and all of the programs offered by the club are free-of-charge. Sometimes people living with cancer come to the club to volunteer, finding that offering support to others is the way they cope with the disease themselves.

Kinsey Morrison said that she can relate to the children at Camp Gilda because she remembers being diagnosed with cancer at age 5. "Kids need a safe place to talk about cancer and they need to hear that it's okay to feel however you feel. They come here and they don't feel so alone."

Gilda's Club (named in tribute to comic actress Gilda Radner, who died of ovarian cancer in 1989) is a community organization for people living with cancer, their families and friends. Local chapters provide meeting places where men, women and children living with cancer and their families and friends join with others to build emotional and social support as a supplement to medical care.

Free of charge and nonprofit, Gilda's Club chapters offer support and networking groups, lectures, workshops and social events in a nonresidential, homelike setting. Louisville is home to a very special and a very successful Gilda's Club

and Clubhouse.

## Sue Paul installed as forty seventh president of NCJW

by Ellen Rosenbloom Special to Community

Sue Paul was installed as the 47th president of National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, on Thursday, May 23, at the Limestone Restaurant, filling giant shoes of contemporary leaders such as Betty Fleischaker, Maud Fliegelman, Carolyn Neustadt, Marie Abrams, Marcia Roth, Jane Emke, Elaine Weinberg and Sandi Weiss. Sue Paul will become another "woman who dared" as she becomes the Louisville face of NCJW. Ellen Rosenbloom performed the installation honors.

An admitted perfectionist, detail-oriented, self-motivated nurturer, Sue Paul has spent the past two years in training beside President Mindy Klein taking



Sue Paul and Mindy Klein

copious notes. Her goal during her presidency is to "make a difference," – following the NCJW mission of working tirelessly on behalf of women, children, and families. NCJW will become her "baby" to nuture for these two years as Paul hopes to encourage younger members to get involved with the organization. "NCJW is such a great organization – there are so many ways to be involved here. There is truly something for everyone!"

Outgoing president Mindy Klein, a runner, likened her two-year term to a marathon. As she passed her gavel, she compared her feelings to crossing the finish line at the end of a race, having completed the training, run the course, checked the final time and pace, and looked back on what she accomplished during her entire "race" to the finish. Klein presented Paul with her own engraved gavel and NCJW President's Pin.

Paul will work during the coming year with a full slate of officers including Shelley Meyers, vice president of administration; Marlene Schaffer, community service; Joyce Bridge and Jan Glaubinger, membership; Beth Salamon, public affairs; Karen Kohn and Betsy Prussian, ways and means; and the Nearly New Shop board, along with the shop manager, who will oversee administration of the shop and Fashion Encore. Madeline

Abramson was installed as secretary; Barbara Pass, treasurer; Ellen Shapira, assistant treasurer; and Meryl Kasdan, financial secretary.

New Directors installed for the 2013-2015 term included Sharon Berger,

Sarah Harlan, Janie Hyman, Amy Lapinski, Judy Shapira and Helen Wahba.
It was an American Beauty rose affair: Wayne Esterle from In Bloom Again donated table centerpieces of rose

arrangements; and all new officers and directors were presented gifts of the long-stemmed roses.

As this was the annual NCJW membership meeting, the budget was passed for the upcoming fiscal year, 2013-2014.

bership meeting, the budget was passed for the upcoming fiscal year, 2013-2014, showing some \$130,000 to be expended for women, children, and families in the local community. In addition, Judy Shapira spoke about the Gilda's Club Summer Camp for Children. (See story above.)

Court Watch is going to begin again as many of the judges have requested that NCJW members monitor the courts once more. Volunteers are needed. Interested women may call the NCJW office, 458-5566, to leave their e-mail addresses.

National Council of Jewish Women is always seeking new members, life members, volunteers, Nearly New Shop volunteers and donors to the Nearly New Shop

## Hadassah reports on spring programs

by Michelle Elisburg and Heidi Bennett

he Louisville Chapter of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, has had an eventful spring season. In April, 20 local Hadassah members

In April, 20 local Hadassah members from different generations, came together at a private residence for a cupcake decorating workshop and information session in honor of Israel's 65th anniversary. The women drank wine, munched on cheese and bonded together while crowding around a kitchen

island to decorate cupcakes with the expert guidance of Dara Cohen.

Each cupcake came out uniquely beautiful and everyone gained the knowledge of how to decorate a treat worthy of a five-star bakery. When all of the cupcakes were finished and topped off with mini Israeli flags, Robin Wolff led a discussion about Israel's past 65 years of existence. Many of the women chimed in with information that no one else knew and information was shared through the generations.

Hadassah's next event was equally

delectable during a luncheon at Mitchell's Fish Market, with guest speaker, Barbara Goldstein. "BG" as she is affectionately known, is the Deputy Executive Director of the Hadassah office in Israel.

A dynamic and thoughtful speaker, BG engaged the 13 Hadassah women from both the local chapter as well as leaders from the Lexington chapter, and Louisville's own Jewish Community of Louisville CEO, Stu Silberman, in a lively discussion about the importance of supporting Israel and the powerful medical work that Hadassah Hospital accomplishes.

BG inspired us with tales of her early years as a young Hadassah mother, commiserating with those of us with young children, or who work outside the home, or are doing both, and acknowledged the time away from family that volunteer work sometimes needs. Her solution – get men involved watching the children and don't feel guilty about serving them

her "Hadassah dinner" of hotdogs or TV dinners.

Several members have inquired about greeting cards and Hadassah is happy to announce that its cards program is again in operation. There are several styles that can be previewed on Hadassah Louisville Chapter's Facebook page or via email with Louisville's Hadassah member list. There are even styles for Rosh Hashanah, so be sure to order in time for the early holidays. For further information contact Michelle Elisburg, meehadassah@gmail.com.

Look for future programming during the upcoming seasons. Hadassah is grateful for the generous allocation from the JCL, and plans to use the money to enhance its events and continue to reach out to its members and the community. Anyone interested in becoming more involved should contact Michelle at the email above.





# Interfaith Iftar dinner focuses on peace and understanding

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

Tvhe Pakistani American community and Interfaith Paths to Peace hosted Louisville's third annual Interfaith Iftar Dinner. The program was held Wednesday, July 17 at Second Presbyterian Church.

Several hundred people came to the program, which focused on interfaith peace and understanding and Louisville's spirit of compassion, and joined the Islamic community in the traditional Iftar dinner, breaking the daily Ramadan fast as one community.

After welcoming remarks from Dr. Abdul Jabbar of the Louisville Islamic Center, who served as the evening's emcee, and Rev. Steve Jester, the pastor of Second Presbyterian, Dr. Muhammad Babar, one of the event's primary organizers, set the tone. We sit together as one human body, he said. Every one of us is a chosen one. Tonight we make a call for compassion and speak with the language of hope – with no fear and no hatred.

Mayor Greg Fischer spoke of Louisville's commitment to being a compassionate city, a global city that welcomes immigrants from around the world and values our diversity as our strength. He set forth three goals for Louisville. He wants Louisville to be a city of lifelong learning and innovation; a healthier city and a more compassionate city.

Terry Taylor, executive director of Interfaith Paths to Peace, introduced the panelists for a discussion on "Standing

Shoulder-to-Shoulder in Compassion." Rev. Martin Brooks, the Midwest regional director of Peace Catalyst International served as Moderator. The panelists were Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell, pastor of Highland Presbyterian Church and president emerita of McCormick Theological Seminary; Dr. Kiarash Jahed a resident in radiology at the University of Louisville hospital and student of Islam; and Leon Wahba, a member of the executive committee and past chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council. Dr. Jahed spoke of his quest for tran-

Dr. Jahed spoke of his quest for tranquility and called spirituality the Xanax of the soul. For the Muslim, he said that means putting faith in God.

Dr. Campbell compared the Christian observance of Lent to Ramadan, although not quite as rigorous. She said prayer is the way to find peace and focus in God. Practice leads people to lives of peace and devotion to God leads to love

of neighbors.

Wahba drew from his own upbringing in Egypt. He equated the Islamic call to prayers, *Allahu Akbar*, God is great, and *la eelah illallah*, there are no other gods but Allah, to Judaism's *Shema* – hear o Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one. He regards his invitation to speak at an Iftar dinner an affirmation of his commitment to promoting understanding and tolerance between Jews and Muslims.

Following the Muslim call to prayer at sunset, guests and hosts shared a dinner featuring international food prepared by Jarfí's catering.



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## Adath Israel Brith Sholom promoted Rabbi David to Senior Rabbi

by Holly Hinson Special to Community

hen Rabbi David Ariel-Joel first arrived at Temple Adath Israel Brith Sholom 11 years ago, he said he "wished to learn what it meant to be a Rabbi in America. I wanted to serve my congregants the very best I could and I wanted to help build a very strong learning and caring community at The Temple," the rabbi said.

accounts, Rabbi David has done just that. In fact, his accomplishments were recognized at the Temple's Annual Meeting on June 6 when he was promoted to senior rabbi. joining the other senior rabbis, husband and wife team Rabbis Rabbi David Joe Rooks Rapport Ariel-Joel Gaylia Rooks.



Members of the Temple overflowed the Waller Chapel to demonstrate their support for the new senior rabbi.

"I was honored and appreciative to all the members of The Temple for their trust in me, and for the kindness and warmth they have shown me through the years," said Rabbi David. "I was humbled that my colleagues Rabbi Rooks and Rabbi Rapport were the ones to first offer me this privilege, grateful to our president, Susan Lancaster, for leading the effort, and to the Board of Trustees, for being so supportive," he said.

Newly elected President Craig Goldstein said Rabbi David brings true compassion - and passion - to everything he does. "I have known him since he arrived, and it's hard to describe how wonderful he has been for the congregation," said Goldstein. "He's a relationship person with a true passion - passion for the Temple, for its activities, for its members, for Jewish studies. He's welcoming to everything and everyone; he really cares about people: about who you are.

Born in Jerusalem, Rabbi David was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem in 1994. Before coming to Louisville, he served four years as executive director in the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (the Reform Movement in Israel) in Jerusalem, representing the IMPJ on an international level and overseeing all aspects of the organization.

This role was all-encompassing, including the oversight of everything from fundraising and public relations to problem solving, education, special events and publications, as well as maintaining contact with affiliated congregations and institutions in Israel. While he enjoyed the position, he said he felt it left little time for scholarship or ministry and yearned to return to the teaching and pastoral work of a pulpit rabbi. When the opportunity arose, Rabbi David chose to come to America - and to The Temple here in Louisville.

The journey has been wonderful. I quickly grew to love The Temple and all that it stands for. I have never worked with a nicer, more welcoming, and considerate group of people than we have here. The Temple and its members have provided a nurturing and kind environment for me. This is much more than a job; it is my life and my passion," he said.

Together with colleagues Rabbis Rooks and Rapport, Rabbi David said he felt in the time he has been here, they have accomplished much for the Temple and its members, including expanding community outreach and educational offerings and embracing opportunities to celebrate and share in life cycle events. With a passion for scholarly pursuits, he said he is proud that the Temple offers something for all ages to study Judaism.

"Almost every day of the week we teach young and old; and that is a truly wonderful attribute of our Temple, "he said. The educational offerings run the gamut from an enriched learning environment for adult education with eight different weekly classes to learning opportunities for younger members through the highly respected Religious School, Hebrew school, and family programs.

'We are proud that parents and students love our religious school," said Rabbi David. "I am extremely pleased that all of The Temple rabbis teach at the school. It is crucial that young students enjoy a positive Jewish experience.

According to Rabbi David, another important feature of a robust Temple has been continuing the creation of a caring community of volunteers to visit members in nursing homes, hospitals and home visits.

"As a rabbi, it is my obligation to serve our members in joyous occasions as well as in crisis. I do my very best to help our members design and mold their life cycle events, to share and to help in all the sacred moments of life. This aspect of my work has been a great source of fulfillment for me personally."

In years of teaching and ministering at the Temple, the Rabbi said his own personal faith has been strengthened, has grown and in some ways, has changed.

'In America, interfaith marriages are common, and originally, I did not officiate at them. But I have since realized that the future of our community is in reaching out to all its members, and that it is my religious duty to provide service to all our members. We can serve our members' needs best by supporting their personal decisions and creating the opportunity for a meaningful religious ceremony during an important time in their life. I hope that I am contributing to preserve and ensure the future of Jewish life in Louisville by doing so. I am proud that our Temple is an inclusive congregation, where all are welcomed and all are treated equally

As a scholar and published writer, Rabbi David takes to heart his role as a teacher to his congregation and believes in life-long learning and in sharing those important lessons he is learning with Temple members. After teaching at a study seminar for rabbis in South America in 2007, he initiated the Temple Scholars program, offering members the chance to understand how sacred texts are relevant in modern life. The program draws approximately 50 students, who spend half a day studying Jewish texts every Wednesday from the beginning of October through the middle of May. This "Beit Midrash" (house of learning) has just finished its fifth year.

In addition, for every summer since coming to America, Rabbi David has attended The Hartman Rabbinical Torah Seminar, where from early in the morning to late at night, he and his colleagues study Torah with the best intellects in the world. "I see the role of teacher and interpreter of Torah as a calling," he "That is why we study the Torah portion of the week at The Temple with 20-30 members coming regularly to our Shabbat Torah Study. It is a true delight and inspiration as we share the pleasure of learning, and being on the forefront of Jewish learning," he said.

Rabbi David has also translated his passion for learning into the written word, with many articles and three publications in Hebrew to his credit. One book, published in 2006 while he was living in Louisville, is," Who is a Jew in Our Day?" It explores the concept of Jewish identity, a theme with which the Rabbi loves to engage through other media as well, particularly film.

An acknowledged fan of Israeli cinema, Rabbi David has long had a connection to the Ma'ale School of Television, Film and Arts in Jerusalem, and supports the vision of artists to express themes and subjects of Jewish interest.

"At Ma'ale Film School, they create films where burning issues of Jewish/ Israeli identity are fearlessly yet artistically explored on screen... bringing an unusual and authentic voice from the Israeli society. The themes and dilemmas present ethical and moral questions, and arouse profound discussions about Jewish and Israeli identity. Some of the most sensitive and difficult issues facing Jewish communities today are depicted, heralding a new era of artistic and Jewish debate," he explained. This year, with the generosity of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Rabbi David will show many new and exciting Israeli films at The Temple, including some

Ma'ale films. Being a Rabbi in Louisville offers many opportunities to address trends that may be reflected in Jewish communities across the nation.

Louisville's Jewish community is getting older and smaller," Rabbi David said. "It is our sacred duty to offer as many programs as we can for our aging population. Programs like the wonderful Chavurat Shalom on Thursday afternoons need our help and resources as they continue to grow. I am encouraged that The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is considering helping such programs and is creating a transportation program for the elderly amongst us."

For Rabbi David, the most gratifying aspect of his ministry has been, and continues to be, developing relationships with Temple members, and the daily connection of sharing their life experi-

"More in America than in Israel, the synagogue is the center of Jewish life ... Much of my time is spent in contact with members in life-cycle ceremonies from birth through the last farewell to loved ones; in pastoral meetings, in classes for adults seeking spirituality and meaning, as well as teaching lively children. .. Being able to help is my most fulfilling experience.

Rabbi David said he is ready and excited for the challenges coming his way in his new role as senior rabbi, and only hopes to continue to grow in faith with his Temple community. "I am strengthened by the generosity of our Jewish community; by the warmth of its members and by living, learning and working with and for such a wonderful congregation. I hope that the community and the congregation have benefited as much from my life in Louisville as I have from being here with them."

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## Lion of Judah/Pomegranate Tea is an afternoon of food, flowers and fun

he Jewish Federation of Louisville thanked the members of the Lion of Judah and Pomegranate Divisions for their generous contributions and leadership in the community with an Afternoon Tea at Karen Abrams' home on June 30.

Abrams, the 2013 Campaign Chair and newly-elected Board Chair of the Jewish Community of Louisville, thanked those present for their roles in helping the Campaign reach its \$2.1 million goal. The generosity and commitment of the Lions and Pomegranates contributed significantly to this success.

Abrams also urged the women to continue their leadership in the community for the 2014 Campaign and encouraged them to participate in future Lion and

Pomegranate events.

The women enjoyed an elegant tea, catered by Café Fraiche, with live piano music in the background as they visited. The tea was followed by a flower design workshop led by staff from Nanz and Kraft. Each participant created her own arrangement and took it home.

"It was really a nice event," Abrams

"It was really a nice event," Abrams said. "Everyone had a good time, and it was nice to be with other women who care as much about the community as I do.

"We're going to try to have more get together things for women in the community," she added, "because this event was so successful."

Tzivia Levin Kalmes is the Women's Division director.



Marsha Roth, Beth Salamon and Karen Abrams



Phyllis Present, Sharon Sexter and Cheryl Karp



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Robin Wolff and Vycky Goldenberg-Minstein



Vycky Goldenberg-Minstein and Lisa Klein received instruction from a Nanz and Kraft staff member.



Dikla Alegra Levi was coached by Marsha Roth.



Phyllis Shaikun and Beth Salamon



isa Klein and Robin Miller



Linda Spielberg



Nancy Abrams, Lora Koby and Phyllis Present

#### FORMER IDF CAPTAIN KEREN BENABOU TALKED ABOUT HER SERVICE

Editor

# Participants at Uniquely Jewish event tested their trap shooting skills by Shiela Steinman Wallace its target. In trap shooting, the project, fence and the area beyond it for a



Keren Benabou talked with Ben Vaughan and Karen

act: Sunday morning, July 14, was beautiful, clear and hot when members of the Jewish community arrived at Jefferson County Sportsman Club for the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Uniquely Jewish Trap Shooting event. They learned about gunpowder and how to handle a gun safely to shoot at clay pigeons and they heard Keren Benabou's story about her service in the Israeli Army.

Fact: Once ignited, one cubic inch of gunpowder instantaneously expands to a volume of about two and a half gallons. Inside a gun, the force of that sudden expansion is focused through the barrel propelling the projectile toward

its target. In trap shooting, the projectile is a bunch of small pellets that move forward in an expanding cone shape pattern so they cover an area the size of a hula hoop by the time they reach the fragile disk target, called a clay pigeon.

Fact: Most Israeli teens serve in the Army after they graduate high school. Men serve three years and women serve two. Keren Benabou chose to become an officer. She served six years and retired from the service with the rank of cap-

Benabou served in the Combat Intelligence Corps as an Observation System operator. In this position, she operated high tech equipment and relied on her own powers of observation to keep Israel's borders safe and secure. She was responsible for monitoring 15 km of fence and the area beyond it for any unusual activity and reporting it to enable other groups within the military to respond appropriately.

"I love my country," she said, and she was happy to serve and protect it. Today, as a mother, she also adds that she hopes her children won't have to go into the Army, "but that won't happen."

In addition to hearing Benabou's story, those in attendance at this Uniquely Jewish event received instruction on the safe handling of several kinds of weapons used in trap shooting and, with range officers at their sides, had the opportunity to try each one.

Ben Vaughan chaired this event. Watch *Community* for information about future Uniquely Jewish events.







Bob Keisler, Glenn Levine and Alan Friedmar



Nicholas Glazer and Karen Abrams



Mark Wolff and his range officer



Ariel Kronenberg and Ben Vaughan



Peter Resnik, Bob Keisler and Alan Friedman were coached by range officers.

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# Fall Bar/Bat Mitzvah Section

# Congregations announce upcoming b'nai mitzvah

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

#### **July 28, 2013**

Kaden Hanks Member of Temple Shalom, bar mitzvah at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI)

#### August 10, 2013

Samuel Feinstein The Temple Caroline Rosenthal Barbara Sanders Temple Shalom

#### August 17, 2013

Abbie Foote The Temple Dana Hubscher Adath Jeshurun

#### August 24, 2013

Shayna Michelson Lena Levein Temple Shalom Nate Pinhas Keneseth Israel

August 24, 2013 Cont. Gregory Schwartz The Temple

#### August 31, 2013

Aidan Salmon Temple Shalom

#### September 21, 2013

Jacob Latts The Temple

#### **September 28, 2013**

Leah Goldberg The Temple

#### October 5, 2013

Benjamin Berdichevsky Adath Jeshurun

#### **October 12, 2013**

Sylvia Goodman Keneseth Israel Joey Schuster The Temple

#### October 19, 2013

Bennett Schramko Adath Jeshurun

#### October 26, 2013

Benjamin Benitez The Temple Andrew Tuvlin Adath Jeshurun

#### **November 2, 2013**

Carly Schwartz The Temple

#### November 9, 2013

Andrew Baker The Temple Emily Rosenthal Adath Jeshurun Miriam Shir Temple Shalom

#### November 16, 2013

Tiana Felson Adath Jeshurun Jacob Ioffe The Temple

#### November 23, 2013

Lilah Weiss Keneseth Israel

#### December 7, 2013

Nicole Goldberg The Temple

#### **December 28, 2013**

Simeon Kreitman Eva Kreitman Keneseth Israel

#### January 11, 2014

Lucy Calderon Adath Jeshurun Eric Laber The Temple

### January 18, 2014

Ava Schumacher Brooke Schumacher The Temple

March 1, 2014 Bradley Waller Temple Shalom

#### March 22, 2014

Solomon Blinchevsky Adath Jeshurun

#### May 10, 2014

Henry Harkins Keneseth Israel

#### May 17, 2014

Walker Greenwald The Temple

#### May 24, 2014

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#### May 31, 2014

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## June 7, 2014 Emily Callam

Temple Shalom Aaron Ogburn The Temple

#### June 14, 2014

Alexander Salamon The Temple

#### August 2, 2014

Eli Sherman The Temple

#### **August 16, 2014**

Amy Niren Temple Shalom

#### August 23, 2014

Eliza Brodsky Abigail Brodsky The Temple

## Latts creates event for bar mitzvah project "Louisville's Got Talent" raises money for CenterStage Acting Out

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

ar and bat mitzvah mark a young person's entry into the Jewish community. They are now responsible for doing their own mitzvot and working for tikkun olam, the



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repair of the world.

As part of their preparation for this milestone, most b'nai mitzvah candidates choose to do a major mitzvah project during the year leading up to their celebration. The projects vary widely, developed to work with each child's interest and motivation.

When it came time for Jake Latts to pick a project, not only did he choose a project tied to his love of the performing arts, but he tapped into his own creativity and energy to develop "Louisville's Got Talent." This unique project is an opportunity for performers to showcase their talents to delight and entertain a live audience while raising money for Acting Out, CenterStage's professional children's theater company that brings live theater to school children who would not otherwise have that experience.

If you are between the ages of 7 and

18, and you sing, dance, act, play an in-

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strument or have some other talent in the performing arts, Jake is inviting you to open auditions on Sunday, August 25, at 3:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The top 20 performers that day will be invited back for the final live showcase of "Louisville's Got Talent" on Sunday, September 8 at 2 p.m.

The entry fee is \$10 per person, and cash prizes will be awarded: \$300 for first place, \$150 for second and \$75 for third.

The open audition is a closed event, during which judges Jake Latts, Center-Stage Artistic Director John Leffert and Jeff Tuvlin, a longtime theater fan and childhood perfomer himself, will select those who will go on to perform at the showcase.

Jake said he, WAVE 3 personality Dawne Gee and a third person, yet to be named, will be the judges at the showsee **LATTS** page 14

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# B'nai Tzedek Program introduces changes

New format includes hands-on opportunity for participants to request and evaluate proposals and make allocations

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

ow do you teach a young person the value of tzedakah and the skills he/she will need to become a philanthropist? The Jewish Federation of Louisville's B'nai Tzedek program is designed to do just that, and now the program has been totally reworked to make it relevant and engaging for today's young people.

Today's B'nai Tzedek keeps the best aspects of the original program while introducing an entirely new format that will enable young people to experience what it means to be philanthropists, including taking them through the process of evaluating projects and choosing which to fund.

As in the past, b'nai mizvah candidates who participate in B'nai Tzedek will donate some of the money they receive as gifts for their milestone celebration, and that money will be matched, creating principle for an endowment. Some of the funding from the match will come from the Lewis D. Cole Youth Initiative and some from other donors, to be named later.

What's new, is B'nai Tzedek is now truly a group project where participants will pool their funds and work together to decide how available dollars should

be allocated. Rachel Lipkin will direct the program.

Using a curriculum developed by the Jewish Teen Funders Network, participants will have meaningful discussions and hands-on experiences. They will develop a mission statement and answer questions including what's the purpose of being a Jewish group and what values are important. Once they have determined what they want to accomplish, they will solicit proposals from groups seeking funding for projects or programs that match the B'nai Tzedekers

As those proposals come in, the participants will review the proposals, ask questions and, in some cases, even make site visits. Once all the information has been gathered, the participants will hold discussions, build a consensus and decide which proposals they can fund.

The participants will be the decision makers. They will decide what kinds of projects or programs they want to fund, will craft the RFP (request for proposal), evaluate the submissions, ask the tough questions and make the final choices. Once they complete the program, they will have the skills they will need to make informed decisions about their charitable giving throughout their lives.

Since their funds will be pooled, a larger amount will be available for allocation than would have been available had each participant established his/her

In addition, there are 106 participants in the original B'nai Tzedek program with total assets of approximately \$73,000. Many of these participants have not made recommendations for allocations, and \$13,000 from those funds is available for allocation.

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#### **LATTS**

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case. The audience will also participate in determining the winners. "We're going to pass out sheets of paper to each person in the audience so they can write their first three choices and have input in the decision," he said. Tickets for the showcase are \$7 for

children and \$12 for adults and will go on sale on line at the JCC on August 1.

Jake is actively recruiting performers. He's sent letters to all youngsters and teens who auditioned for CenterStage, as well as local music and dance schools. He also has distributed posters and flyers about the program. All the information, including the registration form, is available online at www.CenterStage-JCC/talent.

Entry fees and ticket sales are just part of Jake's fundraising efforts. He is also seeking sponsors. Anyone can be a sponsor, but he's also encouraging those who are invited to his bar mitzvah to sponsor this showcase.

Show Stopper Supporters, who contribute \$250, will receive special acknowledgment during the show, acknowledgment in the event program, eight tickets to the show and their company's logo/name on the marketing materials.

Rising Star Supports, who contribute \$100, will be acknowledged in the event program and receive four tickets to the

Fan Club Supporters, who contribute \$50, will be acknowledged in the event program, as will those who make donations of any other amount.

In a statement on the "Louisville's Got Talent" web page, Jake explained, "In honor of my bar mitzvah, I am producing 'Louisville's Got Talent' to raise money to support the operations of CenterStage Acting Out. CenterStage Acting Out is a program that takes live productions to schools across our city.

'I have developed a passion for the arts," he continued. "I am very fortunate that throughout my childhood, I have been able to go to many plays and musicals at CenterStage, the Kentucky Center for the Arts, and even all the way in New York City. I want to raise money for Acting Out so other kids can be introduced to the arts and have the same wonderful experiences with theater I have had in

my first 13 years of life."

When Jake first had the idea for a talent show, his first step was to approach John Leffert to see if CenterStage would be interested in helping him co-produce the show. Last summer, the Latts started the process by meeting with Leffert, CenterStage Development and Outreach Manager Lenae Price and Jewish Federation of Louisville Vice President and CFO Stew Bromberg. "They have all been incredibly supportive in the development of the talent show concept, name, marketing materials and fundraising goals," Kate Latts said.

The Latts also said that Ben Golden-

berg and the Marketing Department "have been a huge help designing the flyer and setting up the website.

In addition to enjoying watching live theater, Jake has also spent some time on stage performing. At Kentucky Country Day, where he attends school, he's been performing for two years. His credits also include two roles with the Kentucky Opera – a street boy in Carmen and a member of the church choir in *Tosca* – and two roles with Center-Stage – a munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz* and a member of the children's chorus in Joseph.

Jake is also an accomplished pianist. He's been playing for 6-1/2 years and has entered several competitions, including the Kentucky Music Teacher Association's competition in May 2012, which he

His bar mitzvah is September 21 at The Temple.

Jake is the son of Allan and Kate Latts. He has a sister, Lindsey.



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# Fall Bar/Bat Mitzvah Section

## Minstein helps inmates at LaGrange with b'nai mitzvah

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

n Saturday, July 20, at 1 p.m., a small group of men gathered in the chapel of the Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange. There, with guidance from Anthony Minstein from Congregation Adath Israel Brith Sholom, three of the inmates – James Gill, Jack Hubbard and James Peters – led the Shabbat Torah Service as b'nai mitzvah.

Each of the three helped lead the service, reading prayers in Hebrew and English. Each was honored with an aliyah; each read his own section of this week's Parasha; and each gave a three-minute speech explaining the relevance of what he read – much as is expected of a traditional bar mitzvah candidate.

This service was the next step in a journey Minstein began two years ago. For 10 years, he taught Sunday School at The Temple, and then he taught at the High School of Jewish Studies. When that came to an end, he looked for another meaningful volunteer project and a request from Jewish men at the Kentucky State Reformatory came to his attention.

After completing the prison's mandatory training classes, Minstein began his volunteering by conducting Friday evening services, and when the High Holidays rolled around, he led those as well.

Over time, he acquired prayer books and a small Torah from Israel for the men, and for the High Holidays, Carol Heideman knit plain white kipot for the inmates. One of the inmates made a small ark for the scroll and Minstein topped it with a small battery-powered light to represent the ner tamid.

Who are these men and what did they do? Minstein doesn't ask. It is enough that they come each week to study, pray and practice their Judaism. The Kentucky State Reformatory, located in La-Grange, KY, has the state's second largest inmate population with a 2005-bed capacity. Its mission is true reform and

is dedicated to preparing inmates to return to society by mending minds, bodies and spirit.

The volunteers who work with the inmates "are there to be role models," Minstein said, "to provide a light of guidance to men, who in many cases, made bad decisions, and to give them the tools to make good decisions."

Over time, Minstein continued, "our services began to include Torah study and using Torah as a backbone of guidance on appropriate living. ... Almost every Torah story refers to correct decisions, the rules, customs and law for living as a society."

As their study progressed, Minstein observed the high personal investment in Judaism from the inmates, so the next logical step seemed to be a bar mitzvah ceremony. "The bar mitzvah service represents the Jewish person proclaiming in front of God and their community, I am now an adult, responsible for my actions."

When the three men decided to participate in the service, Minstein chose July 20 as the date because the Torah portion, V'etchanan, includes the restatement of the 10 Commandments.

While the service will include all the normal parts of a Shabbat morning Reform Torah service, "for these men," Minstein said, "there is no party, no reception, no dance and no presents. It is each man representing in front of God his devotion to Judaism and his devotion to the lessons of Torah."

Well, Minstein backtracked, there really will be presents. "I've arranged with the rabbis at The Temple to provide each man participating [in the service with] a tallit. The tallit is representative of devotion to God and J, and these men, of their own free will, are demonstrating that. They understand the obligation of the wearing of tallit, an obligation to live as righteous men; that obligation is not to me or the rabbis, but to God."

Holding the service presented a number of challenges, and each step Minstein took had to be approved by the prison

authorities. "I had originally wanted to have them present a Havdallah service," Minstein said, "but the prison regulations restrict the use of candles, incense burners and wine. Also, because of timing in chapel, the only time available to us is 1-3 in the afternoon."

"None of the men know Hebrew," he continued, and "because it is a prison, I'm restricted to the amount of learning aids I can use. So, I created a series of CDs for them that they could play over and over again."

Learning the Torah portions was also an obstacle. In addition to the men's limited knowledge of Hebrew, the Torah scroll they use is only 18 inches tall, and it is very hard to read. To help the men with this task, Minstein asked Rabbi David Ariel-Joel of The Temple to prepare CDs with their portions.

"We have tacked on b'nai mitzvah preparation to our weekly Shabbat services," Minstein says. "Practicing our Hebrew, practicing the service, undressing and dressing the Torah as well as reading the Torah. The men have in-

vested a great deal of time and energy in this activity."

The small congregation has also had their struggles in the past with prison authorities. "Kentucky is not a very Jewish state," he said. In past years, the Department of Corrections had to defend against legal suits to allow freedom of worship. The positive result today is an appreciation by the current administration serving the diverse needs of the population. "Kosher food is prepared in the kitchen, and I have personally advised chaplains from other institutions on appropriate practices on kashrut and other traditions," Minstein says.

"We have had very good support from the prison authorities including Chaplain Art Turner and the Wardens. This really does reflect the Bureau of Prisons support for and commitment to their mission of reform." Some of the past suits were brought by Jewish inmates.

"Our congregation was discussing how we, as a group, could practice *tikkun olam* [making the world a better place].

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A letter has been sent to those B'nai Tzedek participants explaining the new program and inviting them to participate in the new program by making the interest available to be allocated through the new process. To date, 10 past participants have rolled their accounts over into the new program.

Lipkin is excited about the new pro-

gram and will be working closely with the congregations and Hebrew schools to contact 7th and 8th graders and their families across the community, encouraging them to participate in the B'nai Tzedek program.

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## Louisville to San Diego: hi-tech bat mitzvah prep

by Tzivia Levin Kalmes

orking at the Temple Hebrew School, I frequently observe young b'nai mitzvah studown the hallways with thick folders containing their Torah portions, prayers and speeches. However as a fourth grade teacher, I merely see these children passing by while I focus on instilling the fundamentals of Hebrew letters and vowels to younger students.

This year, I experienced my first en tree into the world of b'nai mitzvah preparation in a unconventional manner. On one of my trips to San Diego to visit my family, I was sitting around the table discussing my cousin, Lily's,



Tzivia Levin Kalmes

upcoming bat mitzvah with her and my aunt. When the topic of her potential teacher arose, I started listing off many qualified people that I knew in San Diego. After a few quiet seconds, Lily asked me if I would like to be her teacher. I was surprised and flattered as there were many other people living in San Diego who could have easily mentored her.

I quickly realized that this process was not going to be as simple as walking into a synagogue or a student's home on a regular basis. We decided on Google chat as our vehicle of choice to conduct biweekly online sessions, And after solving a few technological glitches, we developed a workable study system.

Since San Diego is three hours behind Louisville and Lily's school ends at 3:30 p.m. we usually "met" around 7:30 p.m. Louisville time during the week, and on Sunday during in the afternoon. There were often date changes due to my evening work commitments and her extracurricular activities.

Each session was forty-five minutes long, and we alternated between studying her parsha, Parshat Korach, and Pirkei Avot, Ethics of the Fathers. I selected Pirkei Avot as an additional text because I felt that there were many life lessons applicable to Lily both as a 12 year old and a young Jewish adult.

Each time we connected. I could sense if she was tired, upset or had a good day, just as I can easily gauge the mood of a child in the classroom. Sometimes, I could hear her dog, Henry, barking in the background if he wanted attention!

We would briefly talk about her day before delving into study. I gave her homework assignments to ensure that she was grasping the material, including the Hebrew text of her parsha. Lily would submit her work via email and I would send back corrections.

When it was time to write her speech, we emailed drafts back and forth until a final version was completed. On June 8, Lily celebrated her bat mitzvah and I attended in person! It was very rewarding to see her hard work applauded by her family and friends.

Though faced with unique obstacles such as time zones and technology, Lily and I worked together to create a successful and innovative method of bat mitzvah preparation.



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## TEEN TOPICS



Jack Grossman, Daniel Levine, Clayton Oppenheimer, Jake Lapin and Michael Schwartz

#### **Beber Camp**

by Alex Koby

Beber Camp is my home away from home where I enjoy spending my summers. When I first arrived at Beber, I instantly felt at home. I bonded so quickly with all the people in my cabin. After being around my cabin mates for just a week, I felt like my cabin was one big family. I am so close and have such a special bond with some of them that I can talk about anything in the world with them.

When I'm not at camp, I'm constantly talking with my camp friends on Skype, or communicating with them in other ways. I am always hanging out with my camp friends who are from Louisville.

I have also been lucky enough to have some of the most influential and inspirational counselors that have taught me so much about life. They make me want to become a counselor some day so that I can impact campers lives the way they impacted mine.

When I'm not with my cabin during camp, I'm participating in hobbies of my choice. Camp is one of the only places where I have the opportunity to water ski and play gaga.

Beber has really great staff from all over the world that all add their own touches to the hobbies. I always love getting to know the staff and hearing their stories, and it gives you another perspec-

Another special thing about camp is Judaism. On Shabbat we take a day off from hobbies and remember that we're all Jewish. We have deep conversations about what Judaism means to us, and it's really meaningful because everyone is of a different stream of Judaism and comes from a different background, but we know nobody is going to judge another because we have that bond between us. It's that bond that makes camp such a special place to me and has kept me coming back year after year.

## **BBYO Chapter Leadership Training Conference**

by Emily Schulman

**MINSTEIN** 

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tive statement."

CLTC 2 (Chapter Leadership Training Conference) was literally the best 12 days of my entire life! CLTC is an international program that lasts 12 days. Everyone told me before I went, just put yourself out there and find yourself!

From crying all night, to people I just

We had discussed a range of possible

volunteer activities including donations

from the men's personal accounts (they

earn \$0.82 a day from prison jobs) to

services performed on behalf of hospice

To build positive relations for our con-

gregation, he continued, "I counseled the men to present ourselves in a posi-

tive light by holding a Torah service and

inviting the prison staff along with the

community, thereby making a very posi-

mates means a great deal to them be-

Minstein said his work with the in-

and physically handicapped inmates.



**Chapter Leadership Training Conference** 

met, to laughing forever, as if we had known each other our whole lives, I can honestly say I started the journey of finding myself as Emily Blair Schulman, as a leader, and as a member of BBYO!

The very first day I met so many people who were strangers, and I thought, how will I ever make a best friend – and then I made tons. The third day I put myself out there with a girl I had just met, and planned morning services! We were the first to do so!

Throughout the week I ran for positions, talked about being Jewish, and gained tons of ideas to bring home to my home chapter of BBYO, Jay Levine BBG, #1508

What is a day at CLTC normally like? Well, in the morning, you can go to optional morning services, which I recommend! Then you have rotations that talk about what Judaism is, how to be a leader, how to find yourself, and different aspects of BBYO that you should know about!

After lunch, you have a program, and have mock chapter planning time (where you plan your chapter's program and talk more in depth about BBYO stuff). My mock chapter was named Achayot, meaning sisters in Hebrew.

Finally, you have *chofesh*, which is free time! You can swim, hang out, play sports, and each chapter even planned a fundraiser that was held during this time for a cause of their choice! Then you have some more programs, dinner and *shira*, which is a song session! Then, after a long day, you go to bed!

One of the programs that stood out to me was on bullying! It was shocking to hear all the stories of things people had gone through!

CLTC is an amazing learning experience, and it is all done while making friends that could possibly be in your wedding, and memories that will stay with you until you die! I could go on forever about those amazing 12 days, but you just have to go to really understand! I don't know where I would be with out starting my summer off in dorm room D of suite 32 at Bethany College, in Bethany, WV!

#### **Camp Livingston**

by Maddy Geer

Camp Livingston is my home away from home. This summer I got to enjoy it in a whole different way. This year I attended the Adventures Unlimited pro-

cause "they feel the community cares about them. They're in prison, but that doesn't mean they have no value. They pay their debts to society and should be open to return to society."

Minstein plans to do another similar service in the fall and hopes members of the community will be able to come to the prison and participate, although, he noted, people must get prior approval before visiting.

"Reaching out to and providing spiritual assistance to the unserved is a mitzvah," Minstein said, "and each week I pray that what we study will help the men lead righteous lives. That, to me, is the essence of *tikkun olam*."



Camp Livingston's Adventures Unlimited girls

gram (also known as AU). AU is a program for kids going into 10th grade; you travel to different states and do adventurous activities with some of your closest friends.

Our first trip was to Lake Michigan in Indiana Dunes State Park. We hiked and relaxed on the beach. On our second trip we went to Red River Gorge in Kentucky. Here we rappelled, climbed, and hiked five miles with our backpacks. Although it was difficult we all made it to the end with a smile on our faces. Our last trip was to ACE in West Virginia. Here we mountain biked, white water rafted, played paintball, and enjoyed a day in the lake.

On all the trips we also cooked our own meals over a fire we built and pitched our own tents. Not only was this experience amazing because of the activities, but what made it over the top was the bonds that we all built with our friends that we didn't think we could get closer to.

AU has been the best summer yet and I can't wait to have more amazing summers at Camp Livingston!



Ben Humphrey and his campers

#### My Experience as a JCC Camp Counselor

by Ben Humphrey

Nearing the end of the school year, I was thinking about what kind of job I wanted to have for the summer. I thought, maybe go back to working at an ice-cream parlor, look for an internship, or work at a retail store. I mulled these ideas over for the better part of a month and hadn't really made any progress in eliminating options.

Then one day I get a call from my mom saying I think you should work at JCC summer camp; honestly I told her I would apply so I could get her off the phone. After having worked at the JCC for six weeks, I can say that had she not given me the idea to be a camp counselor, my summer would have been much less exciting.

Every single day at camp has a surprise factor to it. Which camper is going to decide they want to be my best friend for the day? Is it actually going to rain, or is this cloud just going to hang here all day? And most importantly, what did mom pack for lunch today? Every day I come in to work curious as to how the day will pan out.

Every week I get a new set of campers and every week it's an entirely new dynamic, even if we get some returning campers. It's incredible to see how kids will interact completely differently when there are three boys in the group versus four.

Having a group of campers hasn't just been a job for me; I come into work every day ready to play. My campers and I have the best time every day. It's just one big party. I have met some of the sweetest and most thoughtful kids I could have ever met. I get to hear all of their goofy stories on Monday morning from their weekends and how their little brother fell and scraped his arm up, and honestly I couldn't be happier to get to hear about it.

I have to say that had I been working at an ice cream parlor, an internship or a retail store this summer I wouldn't have had even a quarter of the fun that I have had this summer. With only two weeks left at camp I can honestly say I'm sad to see it go so soon and will miss all of my campers when I'm back at school. But at the same time I'm excited to see what's in store for the last few weeks because like I said every day is a surprise at Camp



**Camper Luke Hisey with Louis Rosenbaum** 

#### My Experience as a JCC Camp Counselor

by Louis Rosenbaum

This is my first summer in Louisville, and working at the JCC summer camps has been an excellent way to settle into the city.

I grew up in a predominately Jewish suburb on the east side of Cleveland. Last year, when my parents told their friends that they were relocating, Jewish life in Louisville was a popular topic of conversation.

As is typical, both my maternal and paternal lineage is rooted in Cleveland, a trait common among may Jewish families in the city. So, naturally, many of my peers were baffled by the move. When I decided I would spend this summer in Louisville, I had no idea what to expect.

What I found is a city that embraces diversity, and a Jewish community that is well integrated and established. The JCC camps cater to a wide variety of children and staff, gaining respect throughout Louisville.

These summer camps truly compose one diverse community centered around Jewish values. It is fun to watch children of different cultural backgrounds learn about Shabbat and Jewish tradition. It provides a lesson in teaching and learning, as well as early exposure to acceptance of differences.

As a staff member, the camp management is very accommodating and appreciative

I came to Louisville and the JCC with no preconceived notions. When I leave, I will be able to recommend these camps to any family or potential staff member as an excellent way to spend a summer.



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As children get older, parents need to be less involved with their daily lives, gradually teaching new self-management skills and allowing them to develop their own coping strategies. Learning how to solve life's small problems is required for young people to grow into adulthood with the necessary skills to handle life's larger problems. Going off to college is the first major test of these coping skills.

Technology has made it possible for students and their parents to remain in almost constant contact despite being



College life can be a big adjustment for students and parents

hundreds of miles apart, thus fostering helicopter parenting behaviors. However, parental over-involvement during the college years can hinder the development needed for college success and effective transition into adulthood.

Being the parent of a college student brings about many changes for the parent as well. Sending a child off to college signals the end of the "active parenting" stage and brings about many emotional changes for the parent.

These issues will all be discussed at a workshop, "Helping Your Child Leave Home," on Monday August 5 at 7:00p.m. To register, contact Janet Poole, ext. 222.

## Margorie and Robert Kohn Pledge 13 Volunteer Program kicks off for Bar and Bat Mitzvah students

## Wednesday, August 28; 6:30 p.m. JFCS

JFCS invites impending Bar and Bat Mitzvah 7th graders to join the Margorie and Robert Kohn Pledge 13 Program, where students pledge at least 13 hours of community service. Many students already have community service requirements as part of a school's Beta Club or synagogue. Those hours can count toward the Pledge 13 program and vice versa. Students are encouraged to complete some hours at Jewish sites, such as synagogues, JFCS, Shalom Towers or the JCC.

A previous Pledge 13 group assembled Passover baskets

The first meeting for students and parents is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2013, immediately following Hebrew School at 6:30 p.m. at JFCS. Please join us for pizza and a short meeting about the program.

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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 2 p.m. For anyone raising grandchildren or other relatives.

Contact Jo Ann Kalb at ext. 335.



### NEWSMAKERS

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The 21c Museum Hotel has received a 2013 Governor's Award in the Arts. 21c was granted the Business Award for significant contributions to improving the quality of the arts and to the revitalizing Louisville's downtown. The 21c Museum Hotel combines Southern hospitality, thoughtful design and culinary

creativity, anchored by contemporary art by today's emerging and internationally acclaimed artists. Recipients of Governor's Awards will be recognized at a public ceremony and celebration in Frankfort on October 29.

Suzy Post, Marsha Weinstein and Mery Aubespin were profiled in the Forum section of the June 30 Louisville Courier-Journal, in an article about Louisville's ties to the civil rights and social equality movements.

The article traces the path of Aubespin, the first black reporter for the Courier-Journal, from his arrival in Louisville in 1958, when African-Americans had no access to movie theaters, public libraries, or other services.

It also follows Post's and Weinstein's evolution from civil rights activists to champions of women's rights, drawing parallels between the two movements.

**Ruth Brinkley**, president and CEO of Louisville-based KentuckyOne Health

Inc., was profiled in the June 28 edition of Business First. KentuckyOne Health was created in 2012 by the merger of Louisville-based Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare Inc. and Lexington's Saint Joseph Health System.

Rabbi Ĵoe Rapport, Rabbi Gaylia Rooks and Roanne Victor are among those recently named to the Center for Interfaith Relations' (CIR) 2013-14 Board.

The CIR Board of Directors provides governance over CIR-sponsored programs and activities, including the Festival of Faiths, an annual event that celebrates the religious diversity of our community, promotes unity and strengthens the role of faith in society.

Republic Bank & Trust Co. is acquiring most of H&R Block Bank, a subsidiary of tax-services giant H&R Block Inc., according to the July 11 edition of Business First.

Republic and H&R Block Inc. also

are negotiating agreements under which Republic Bank would offer H&R Block-branded financial services products, including tax refund transfers, advance lines of credit and a prepaid MasterCard product. **Steve Trager** is chairman and CEO of Republic.

Louisville-based Almost Family Inc. has acquired the Medicare-certified home health agencies owned by Indiana Home Care Network, according to a news release from Almost Family. IHCN is a provider of home-health services that operates in six home-health locations, primarily in Northern Indiana. Almost Family is a regional provider of home health nursing services, with locations in 10 states.

William B. Yarmuth is Almost Family's chairman and CEO.

The combination of this transaction with existing Indiana operations expands Almost Family's reach to nearly the entire state, making it one of the largest home-health providers in Indiana.

## Heaven Hill Distilleries brings together the bourbon industry to honor Master Distiller Parker Beam

eaven Hill Distilleries, Inc., the nation's largest independently owned and operated distilled spirits producer and the world's second largest holders of aging Bourbon, announced a new and unprecedented project to raise funds for The ALS Association in honor of legendary Heaven Hill Master Distiller Parker Beam, who was recently diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's Disease. Called "Master Distillers' Unity" the

project will create a never before seen blending of Bourbon from all the major Kentucky heritage distilleries in a special crystal two bottle set, which will be offered at the Bonham's Whisky, Cognac and Rare Spirits auction in New York City on October 13.

All proceeds from the auction of this one-time bottling will go toward the Parker Beam Promise of Hope Fund (alsa.org/parkerbeampromiseofhope), established to raise money for research and patient care by The ALS Association in honor of the 6th Generation Master Distiller of such renowned Bourbon brands as Evan Williams, Elijah Craig and Larcenv.

Never before have all the major Kentucky Bourbon Distilleries - Heaven Hill, Buffalo Trace, Four Roses, Jim Beam, Maker's Mark, Wild Turkey and Woodford Reserve – united to marry their products together. Since announcing that Lifetime Achievement Award Winner and Bourbon Hall of Fame charter member Parker Beam was afflicted with ALS back in February, Heaven Hill has begun a series of initiatives to raise money for the Parker Beam Promise of

Hope Fund, and the Master Distillers' Unity charity bottling is only one example of that effort.

Master Distillers' Unity is comprised of barrel-proof, extra aged Bourbons hand selected by Master Distillers Harlen Wheatley (Buffalo Trace), Jim Rutledge (Four Roses), Fred Noe (Jim Beam), Greg Davis (Maker's Mark), Jimmy Russell (Wild Turkey) and Chris Morris (Woodford Reserve), carefully married together with select Heaven Hill Bourbon. The blend was developed and approved by Parker Beam himself.

The end result will be put into two 750ml crystal decanters with silver closures, concealed inside a specially made silk lined wooden box hand signed by all the participating Master Distillers, bottled unprocessed and unfiltered at 100 proof. A two-bottle set will be offered - one to drink, should the winning bidder so choose, and one to keep.

Conceived as a way to demonstrate the industry's united support against ALS and for 54-year veteran Parker Beam, Master Distillers' Unity represents a coming together not only of the major Bourbon distilleries, but also partners like Saxco Industries, Walsen International and Promotional Wood Products, which have donated the highend packaging materials; and Bonham's 1793 Auction House, which has agreed to waive all commissions on the Master Distillers' Unity offering.

Aside from the charity auction winner, the only consumers lucky enough to taste this one-of-a-kind Bourbon will be attendees at a special tribute to Parker Beam during Whisky Advocate magazine's WhiskyFest New York on Satur-

day, October 12 - the day before the Bonham's auction event. At the WhiskyFest tribute, an additional ten 750ml bottles of the Master Distillers' Unity will be poured out for ticket holders, other Master Distillers and industry figures in a toast to Parker Beam and his half century of accomplishments at Heaven Hill.

One final component of Heaven Hill's fundraising initiatives for The ALS Association and the Parker Beam Promise of Hope Fund, and perhaps the most financially impactful, will be this fall's edition of Parker's Heritage Collection, Heaven Hill's seventh release of this annual ultra-premium limited edition series. Though the specific details of the 2013 Parker's Heritage Collection will be released separately, Heaven Hill has already announced that for every bottle of the upcoming seventh edition, the company will donate \$20 to the ALS Association Parker Beam Promise of Hope Fund, a move which will raise at least \$250,000.

"Parker Beam's impact on Heaven Hill Distilleries, as well as the Bourbon industry in general, is beyond estimation," noted Heaven Hill President Max L. Shapira. "We have already begun a number of different projects within the company to raise money for ALS research and care, including the upcoming fall edition of Parker's Heritage Collection, but the Master Distillers' Unity initiative is perhaps the best single example of how our competing distilleries can come together for one of our own and join forces for a greater good. We are proud to have spearheaded this effort and proud of how our industry can collaborate for a great cause'

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## AROUND TOWN

#### Friday, July 26 and Sunday, July 28 – 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Women of Temple Shalom holds their annual indoor yard sale on July 26 and July 28. You'll find sporting goods, dishes, furniture, baby and toddler clothes, toys, baby items, games and puzzles, books, CDs, and many other household items in good or gently used

#### Sunday, July 28 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

JCC Summer Camp Reunion - Enjoy swimming, ice cream, and singing with former camp director Jaye Sparber Bittner. Open to everyone who attended or worked at Louisville JCC Summer Camp, as well as friends and family. Wear an old camp T-shirt and share the memories. At the JCC; adults \$5 each, children free.

#### Monday, July 29 - 11 a.m.

The JCC Book Club meets on Monday, July 29, at 11 a.m. in the Naamani Library to discuss The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw. All are welcome to join.

#### Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 - 9-10 a.m.

Saturday Torah Study with Rabbi David meets in the Fishman Library at The Temple before the morning service to read and discuss the Torah portion of the week over good coffee, bagels, and other treats.

#### Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

The Shabbat Jewish text group study session at Adath Jeshurun follows the kiddush lunch after Shabbat morning services. Study sessions take place every week except when there is a bar/ bat mitzvah, Shabbat Scholar, special



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birthday or similar event. The group is now studying *Mishneh Torah*. Copies of the text are provided in Hebrew with English translation. The community is invited to participate.

#### Wednesday, August 7 - 1 p.m.

The Knit & Qvell Circle meets on Wednesday, August 7, at 1 p.m. in the Library at Congregation Anshei Sfard. All knitters and want-to-be knitters are welcome. All knitted 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.

#### Wednesdays, August 7 and 14 -11 a.m.

Jews and Brews meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. at the JCC Coffee Shop. During this one-hour morning class led by Keneseth Israel's Wolk, participants study the weekly Torah portion over coffee. All in the community are welcome to join. Wednesday, August 21 is the last meeting before the High Holidays hiatus; classes begin again in October.

#### Monday, August 12 - 7:30 p.m.

AJ at The Glenview, 5100 U.S. Highway 41 - In preparation for AJ'S pre-Selichot event, Cantor Lipp presents a performance of Disney music plus other popular selections. Bonnie's Baking Bunch provides delicious treats.

#### Mondays, August 12 and 19 -6:30-8 p.m.

Walking the Path of Life - A Journey through the Jewish Holidays: Join Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks in exploring the Jewish holidays and experiencing a deeper sense of connection to our Jewish calendar, our Jewish faith and our Jewish souls. Classes include a simple supper and take-home materials. RSVP required: call 423-1818.

#### Wednesday, August 14 – 5:45 p.m.

Dinner + Minvan = Dinvan: Join Keneseth Israel on Wednesday, August 14, at 5:45 p.m. for a 25-minute musical Mincha/Ma'ariv service, and stay for dinner. There is no charge for the evening, but donations are recommended in support of the program to The Yael Melzer Fund and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Reservations required by Monday, August 12; call the KI office at 459-2780.

#### Friday, August 16 - 5:30 p.m.

Keneseth Israel Congregation invites the community to Hi, KI! Find out what KI has to offer during the High Holiday season and year round. Start your visit with appetizers and a chance to chat with KI's dynamic clergy team, current

member families, and committee representatives, and stay for a Kabbalat Shabbat service. You also can arrange for one-year complimentary High Holiday tickets. Friday, August 16, at 5:30 p.m. at 2531 Taylorsville Road. Call the shul office at 459-2780 to RSVP or with questions.

#### Saturday-Sunday, August 17-18

Rediscover the fun of overnight camp with other Jewish young professionals at The Great Escape, sponsored by Access and Camp Livingston. The event kicks off at noon on Saturday with a camp-style lunch, followed by more than 24 hours of nonstop fun, including sports, crafts, a campfire and midnight pool party. Cost is \$110 per person, but thanks to The Mayerson Foundation, the first 200 to RSVP before August 10 will pay only \$35/person.

Access is an initiative of The Mayerson Foundation, a private family foundation in Cincinnati, and offers 4-6 programs a month designed to help Jewish young professionals connect to one another and to the Jewish community. To learn more about Access or upcoming events, visit jypaccess.org, or contact Briana Landesberg at info@jypaccess.org or (513) 373-0300.

Sunday, August 18 - 11:30 a.m.
Experience the '70s at a Blast from KI's Past on Sunday, August 18, at 11:30 a.m. Glance through photos, listen to some rare recordings of Cantor Meyer Elias and Rabbi Irving Glickman, and learn about the history of Keneseth Israel Congregation. If you have memories and memorabilia from KI's past, please bring them to share in the discussion. Traditional deli fare will be available for purchase. Reservations requested; call the KI office at 459-2780.

#### Monday, August 19 - 11 a.m.

On August 19, the JCC Book Club discusses Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand; the meeting is held in the Naamani Library, and all are welcome. The book for September is *The Color of Water* by James McBride.

#### Friday, August 23 - 5:30 p.m.

Usher in Shabbat with a family-iendly musical program, "Shabbat friendly musical program, "Shabbat Shalom Hey!" on Friday, August 23, at 5:30 p.m. The evening starts with an abbreviated musical Kabbalat Shabbat service showcasing the Shabbat songs taught throughout the year at Keneseth Israel Preschool. A light, kid-friendly dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. The full traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service begins around 6:10 p.m. Attend all three segments or those of your choosing. RSVP to 459-2780 by August 19 to ensure there is plenty of food for all.

#### Sundays, August 25 and **September 1 – 5:45 p.m.**

KI's Rabbi Wolk helps you get in the High Holidays mindset with Mahzor 101. All are welcome – those who get a little nervous as the High Holidays approach, worried that they won't remember all the intricacies of the service, and those who are so comfortable with the High Holidays that they're yearning for some new inspiration. Meet at Keneseth Israel immediately after the 5:45 p.m. minyan on Sunday, August 25 (focusing on Rosh Hashanah) and Sunday, Sep-

tember 1 (focusing on Yom Kippur). Call 459-2780 with questions.

#### Sunday, August 25 - 6 p.m.

In a free concert at The Temple, Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks and Steven Stuhlbarg perform music from their new CD. Driven Leaf. Shir Chadash, The Temple's Intergenerational Choir, also performs. All ages are invited; Waller Chapel, The Temple, 6 p.m.

Saturday, August 31 – 8:45 p.m. AJ "Goes the Distance" for the Academy at St. Andrews with an evening of music, tzedakah and prayer. This year's pre-Selichot fundraiser is for AJ's nextdoor neighbor, the Academy at St. Andrews, a school for children with autism.

8:45 p.m. - Free concert of Disney music performed by bluegrass band Storefront Congregation, Cantor Lipp John Gage and Jennifer Diamond, with WAVE-3 News anchor Dawne Gee serving as emcee for the evening. 10 p.m. - Dessert reception. 10:30 p.m. -Inspirational Selichot Service. For more information, please call the AJ office at 458-5359 or email mevancho@adathjeshurun.com. This event is open to the community.

#### Saturday, August 31 – 10:30 p.m.

The community is invited to The Temple for Selichot: A Service of Forgiveness on Saturday, August 31, at 10:30 p.m. According to Jewish tradition, the gates of Heaven are most open to prayer at midnight. That is the basis for the powerful and haunting service of Selichot, the preparation for the Days of Awe. If you've never experienced Selichot, the Gates of Forgiveness are waiting.

#### **High Holy Day Seats at AJ**

Complimentary High Holy Day seats are available at AJ to residents who are new to Louisville. To obtain free seat reservations, please call Membership Services Coordinator Lizzie Tasch at 502-458-5359 or visit adathjeshurun.

#### Wednesday, September 4 – 5 p.m.

Say goodbye to 5773 and hello to 5774 at the AJ New Year's Eve Party, with wine, apples, honey, socializing and celebrating. The party begins at 5 p.m., followed by the Ley'l Rosh Hashanah service at 5:45. The New Year's Eve Party is made possible through the generosity of Drs. Shellie Branson and Ralph Green.

#### Tuesdays, September 17 and 24 -3 p.m.

Movie Matinee returns to AJ in September, with a new title, "Movies and More!" In addition to movies, other presentations will be offered.

September 17: Four of television's greatest hits, all originating from early radio programs - Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy's Thanksgiving Show, The Life of Riley with William Bendix, Fibber McGee and Molly, and The Halls of Ivy with Ronald Coleman.

September 24: Larger Than Life – this presentation captures the magic and vivacity of stage and screen icon Carol Channing. It is both a rare journey inside Broadway's most glamorous era, and a whimsical look at an inspiring and always entertaining American legend.

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#### **B'NAI MITZVAH**

#### Samuel Edward Feinstein

Samuel Edward Feinstein, son of Lisa Hamilton and Bruce Feinstein, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, August 10, at 10:30 a.m.



at The Temple. Samuel is the grandson of Alyce and Bennett Feinstein. He will be entering the seventh grade at Noe Middle School, where he enjoys playing the baritone in the school band and participated in the JCPS All County Band. He recently completed five years of performing with the Louisville Leopard Percussionists and continues to play guitar in his rock band Happy Panic. Sam's mitzvah project included helping the Dare to Care Food Bank, as well as being a volunteer camp counselor this summer. Sam and his family invite the community to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah and the luncheon following the service.

#### Caroline Brucker Rosenthal & Barbara Seifer Sanders

Caroline Brucker Rosenthal and Barbara Seifer Sand-

ers will be called to the Torah as adult b'not mitzvah at Temple Shalom on August 10 at 10:30 a.m. Although their lives until now have followed different paths, they have come together to jointly prepare for this simcha.

Caroline has lived most of her life in Louisville, where she was born and raised. She is married to A.W. Rosenthal, has two children and seven grandchildren. After retiring from the Jefferson County Public Schools, where she was a speech therapist, she has enjoyed traveling (including Israel and all 50 states), playing bridge and Mah Jongg, as well as volunteering in the synagogue office and being involved in many Temple Shalom activities. With the guidance of Rabbi Stanley Miles and Zmira Gold, Caroline's bat mitzvah is another step in embracing her Jewish heritage.

Barbara is the daughter of David and Ruth Seifer. She lived in Lexington, KY before moving to Louisville and marrying Larry Sanders. Barbara has been tutored and guided on her bat mitzvah journey by Dafna Shurr and Rabbi Stanley Miles. She has four children and seven grandchildren. Barbara graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in the School of Nursing, and has been a Registered Nurse for thirty years. She enjoys horseback riding, needlepoint, gardening, travel and fishing. Barbara is active in Temple Shalom; she is passionate about helping the food pantry, attends activities and volunteers whenever needed.

Caroline and Barbara and their families invite the community to celebrate with them at a kiddush luncheon following the service.

#### Dana Naomi Hubscher

Dana Naomi Hubscher, daughter of Lori and Charles Hubscher and sister of Hannah Hubscher, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzyah on Satur-

day, August 17, at 9:30 a.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun. Dana is the granddaughter of Eunice Nadler of Montreal, Canada, the late Hyman Nadler, and the late Elenore and David Hubscher. Dana is starting eighth grade at Kammerer Middle School. She has been playing the flute for four years and is an active member of the Kammerer Middle School Band. She was selected to play in the JCPS All County School Band for each of the past three years. Dana enjoys hanging out with her friends, shopping, baking, swimming and going to the beach. She participated in the Pledge 13 program. Dana and her family invite the community to join them as they celebrate this wonderful simcha.

#### Abbie Elena Foote

Abbie Elena Foote will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Temple. She is the daughter of Marci and



Jason Foote and sister of Alex, and the granddaughter of Linda and Frederick Black of Pomona, NY, Lenore Foote of Indian Trail, NC, and Anne and David Foote of Vonore, TN. She is an eighthgrader at North Oldham Middle School, where she participates in band and chorus and plays soccer. She's played competitive soccer since the age of eight and currently plays for United 1996 FC, on the 2000 Girls International team. She enjoys travel, theatre, watching the New York Yankees, going to the beach and playing the flute. Abbie and her family invite the community to join us in celebrating her bat mitzvah.

#### Gregory David Schwartz

Gregory David Schwartz, son of Ann and Rob Schwartz and brother of Sarah and Brian, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday,



August 24, at The Temple. Greg is the grandson of Ellen and Howard Mermelstein of Delray Beach, FL, and Elise and Mort Schwartz of Boca Raton, FL.
Greg is an eighth-grader at Meyzeek

Greg is an eighth-grader at Meyzeek Middle School and plays tennis and lacrosse. He is also a member of the Beta Club, Robotics Club, Science Fair, and WMZK, the morning telecast at Meyzeek. Greg enjoys programming on his computer and reading.

For his b'nai mitzvah project, Greg is raising money for The Brain Aneurysm Foundation in memory of his Aunt Annette Monachelli, who died last February due to an unknown brain aneurysm. Greg is asking for donations and selling survivor bracelets that he is making. All donations can be made online at the Brain Aneurysm Foundation website, bafound.donorpages.com/BRAIN-POWER/GregSchwartz/. The foundation provides support and education along with funding continued research.

Greg also participated in the Pledge 13 program.

Greg and his family invite the community to join them in celebrating this joyous occasion.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Sydney "Big Sid" Biberman

Sydney "Big Sid" Biberman, 82, died June 22. Biberman grew up in Norfolk, VA, the son of Jewish immigrants. His father, Joe Biberman, ran a butcher shop in Norfolk.

As a young man in the 1950s, Sid Biberman raced his drag-style motorcycle, a methanol-fueled red Vincent Rapide. (Vincent Engineers Ltd. was a British motorcycle manufacturer that went out of business in 1955.) In 1974, after his father died, Sid Biberman opened a motorcycle shop in Virginia Beach, VA. His business grew with the popularity of mopeds, in response to rising gas prices; the sideline was performance enhancement. "If it had two wheels and you put gas in the tank, he would make it go faster," said son Matthew Biberman.

Later in life, Biberman gained renown as a gifted mechanic, or "wrench," specializing in Vincents. After winning top craftsmanship and European bike awards at the 1991 Daytona Vintage Motorcycle Show, Biberman decided to close his shop and work on Vincents full time.

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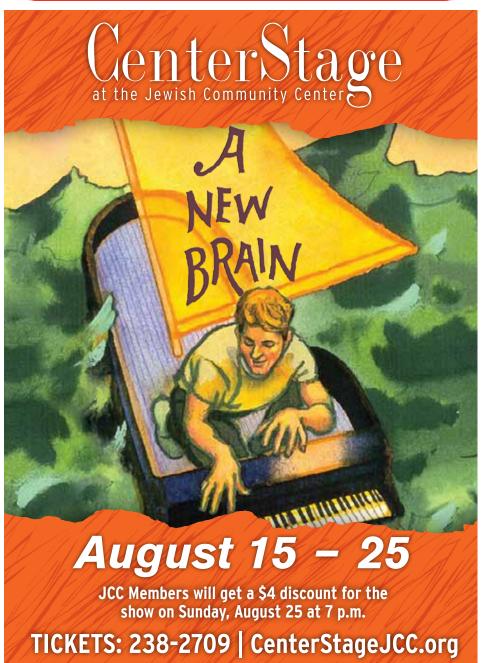


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In 2000, he retired and moved to Louisville to be closer to his son, who teaches English at the University of Louisville. After Sid had a heart attack, Matthew proposed they work together to build a Vincati hybrid motorcycle – a Vincent engine on a Ducati frame – in an effort to give his father a sense of purpose.

Over the next five years, Sid and Matthew Biberman assembled the hybrid, worth around \$100,000, using a donated Vincent. The resulting bike won attention from such magazines as Cycle World and Classic Bike. In 2009, it won an award for best modern café racer from the American Motorcycle Association. Matthew Biberman wrote a memoir, Big Sid's Vincati, about the experience of reconnecting with his father while building the bike.

Jay Leno, a motorcycle devotee, interviewed Sid Biberman about the Vincati for his website, Jay Leno's Garage. After Biberman's death, Leno recorded a short memorial to Biberman, saying, "Motorcycling lost one of its icons."

Beginning in 2010, the Bibermans brought two Vincents to speed competitions around the country. Sid Biberman's bikes set eight speed records in their class at four events in the past three years.

On June 22, Biberman was watching the NBA finals with his son when he said, "I'm tired of this game," according to Matthew Biberman. "I said, 'Do you want to change the channel?' and he said, 'No, I'm tired of this game." Sid Biberman died later that day at a hospital. He was 82.

"When Sid had his heart attack in 2000, there was a lot of talk about re-

grets," Matthew Biberman said. This time, "he had done what he wanted to do."

Note: This obituary contains information from the Louisville Courier-Journal, June 29, 2013 – "Motorcycle 'wrench' 'Big Sid' Biberman ends winning run."



#### Sandra Berman

Sandra Berman, 74, died at her home in Louisville, Kentucky on July 1, surrounded by her family. The cause was cancer.

Sandra was born in Chicago, IL, to Celia

(Faigen) and Isadore Kreeger. She was a graduate of Roosevelt University and an elementary school teacher in Chicago public schools. Since moving to Louisville in 1965, Sandra became a part of the city's fabric, as an adult-education teacher, dedicated volunteer and thoughtful friend. Sandra's philosophy was to "always be a mensch," an approach she brought to life each day for her closest family and strangers alike.

Sandra loved to teach and to give advice, sharing tips and articles she hoped might improve others' lives. She found great joy in helping students earn their GED diplomas. She especially reveled in making valuable personal and professional connections for those around her.

Sandra was a devotee of books and the library, museums and theaters; lectures of all stripes; and behind-the-scenes tours. She would be heartened to know, for instance, that this notice strongly encourages readers to attend the yearly Idea Festival and Kentucky Author Forum. Sandra was a long-time member and active participant at Keneseth Israel Synagogue and, more recently, Congregation Adath Jeshurun. She also served on multiple boards and committees that sought to improve Jewish life in Louisville.

She and her dedicated husband of 48 years, Harris J. Berman, were adventurers, traveling the world from Asia to Africa with their much-loved sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Robert Kohn.

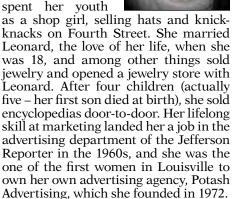
Sandra was an affectionate and influential mother to her children, daughter Ilene Berman and son-in-law Steven Frantz of Baltimore, Md., daughter Sheila Berman and son-in-law Paul Sizemore of Washington, D.C., son Dennis K. Berman and daughter-in-law Tiffany Kary of Brooklyn, N.Y. She leaves behind two grandsons, Jonas Berman Frantz and Alexander Kary Berman, and two step-grandsons, Chris Sizemore and Eli Sizemore. She also is survived by sister-in-law Rayma Shuster of Louisville, sister and brother-in-law Jane and Stanley Kreinik of New York, and a wealth of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins who loved her dearly.

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

Expressions of sympathy may go to the Library Foundation for the Louisville Free Public Library (www.lfplfoundation.org) or Congregation Adath Jeshurun (www.adathjeshurun.com).

#### Esther "Becie" Potash

Esther "Becie" Potash, 91, beloved matriarch, passed away peacefully on July 2. She was a graduate of Louisville Girls School and spent her youth



With her son Jim and daughter Shelly, she spent every day working with her clients and the media. Becie could write a piece of copy or lay out an ad in a fraction of the time of seasoned veterans. Becie worked full-time until she retired in 2008, at the age of 86. She credited her longevity, continuing vitality, and enduring wit to the mental activities of her career. Even after her retirement, she worked part-time when she could. She was sharp and active into her final days. Becie was beloved by everyone whose life she touched, from her large and growing family to the dealers at her favorite casinos, whom she knew by name. In the 1960s and 70s, she mentored a generation of Jewish youth at Gamma Kappa, a Jewish youth sorority, and performed on stage for the Heritage Community Theater in plays such as Fiddler on the Roof, in which she played a man, wearing a full beard and mustache. Becie's life-long love was poker and could regularly be found at the casino boat. Prior to the casino, she enjoyed years of playing poker with her family, where on Saturday nights she could be heard arguing over the cards as children played under the table. She loved to vacation in Las Vegas and her poker culmination was that she once

competed in the World Series of Poker.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 46 years, Leonard Potash; her parents, Bernard and Minnie Baker; her sister, Eleanor Gibson and her husband, George; her sister, Blanche Wasserman and her husband, Herman; and her younger brother, Alan Baker and his wife, Betty.

She is survived by her children, Laura Coleman (Keith), Jim Potash (Selma), Shelly Satton and Fran Nedjat-Haiem (Isaac); her sister-in-law, Margie Baker; her grandchildren, Tom Cravens, George Russell, Benjamin and Rachael Potash, Mark, Adam and Matthew Satton, Jonathan and Jessica Nedjat-Haiem, Vickie, Lewis, Michael and Gregory Winner; six great-grandchildren; and countless nieces, nephews and cousins.

Burial was in Anshei Sfard Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Temple Shalom or the charity of your choice.

#### **Bonnie Schneider**

Note: Bonnie Schneider was a talented graphic artist who worked for Community and the Jewish Community Federation for more than 10 years. Community is printing this obituary, as her family submitted it, to honor her memory.

Bonnie Jean Schneider passed peacefully away and joined hands with her goddess on July 2, surrounded by her family and friends.

She graduated from Atherton High School 1959 and received her degree at Central Academy of Commercial Art in Cincinnati in 1961.

Among her vast artistic accomplishments, she was a graphic designer for the Jewish Community newspaper. In her retirement, she enjoyed outings with the Red Hat groups.

She is survived by her children, Patrick Kevin O'Mara (Laurie), Jennifer O'Mara, and Heather O'Mara. She was blessed with four beautiful granddaughters, Megan, Paige, Ashley and Hope.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Amyloidosis Foundation, 7151 N. Main St., Suite 2, Clarkston, MI 48346, or the World Wildlife Fund, 1250 Twenty-Fourth Street NW, P.O. Box 97180, Washington, DC 20090-7180, or online at worldwildlife.org.

#### **James Earl Harris**

Jimmy Harris, senior adult nutrition cook, passed away in early July. He was born on January 4, 1938, to Henry and Blanche Harris in Louisville, KY. He later met and married Rose Marie Lea. They moved to Reading, PA, to raise their family. Years later, they divorced.

Jimmy was employed at the Dana Corporation in Reading, PA, until he was laid off. He then remodeled homes until he moved back to Louisville, where he continued to remodel homes until his employment with the Jewish Community Center as cook. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, especially Gerry Burns, his nephew, who has been cooking for the seniors since Jimmy's illness.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his daughter, Veronica Daile Harris; parents, Henry and Blanche Harris; sisters, Geraldine Burns, Sheryl Ann Harris, Mary Elizabeth Parish and Libby Simpson, and two brothers, Henry Raymond Harris, Jr. and George Harris.

Jimmy leaves to cherish his memories his daughters, Joan Harris-Craig (Kevin), Cheryl Ann Jones, and Christel B. Heckard (Ricky), all of Jacksonville, NC; sister, Myrtle Foster; brother, William Harris; seven grandchildren, Andrice Rhodes, Porchia Osby, Dominique Craig, Jasmine Bady (Lazon), Leland Darring, Ricky Heckard, Jr., and Miranda Heckard; five great-grandchildren, Kalayshia,



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## VAR TORAH

by Rabbi David Ariel-

Jewish survival what is our secret?

The Torah portion is week is "Ekev" this week is very important portion. Τt deals with worshiping our God versus worshiping idols, the impor- Rabbi David tance of the Land of Ariel-Joel Israel, and the differ-



ences between the Promised Land (Israel) and Egypt (in Israel, God is watching us from the beginning of the year 'til its end); and finally it speaks about reward and punishment for our actions on earth.

In this wonderful Torah portion, we find two verses that might explain one of the most surprising attributes of the history of our people. The secret of how we managed to survive more than 4,000 years, holding to our religion and people. How could such a small people impact the history of humankind and contribute to its evolution?

This could be thanks to a wonderful innovation coming from Moses and God:

"At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister and to pronounce blessings in God's name, as they still do today; That is why the Levites have no share or inheritance among their fellow Israelites; the LORD is their inheritance, as the LORD your God told them." (Deuteronomy 10:8-9). 1. Uniquely Jewish Trap Shooting event

One wonders, what was in that Ark of Covenant, and what was the Inheritance of the Lord?

The Levites were the carriers of the Book: they carried the ark in which the Torah was contained, together with the broken tablets and the second set of the tablets of covenant given to Moses on Mount Sinai. In essence, the Levites are the guardians of the lore, of the Jewish tradition and Law.

The role of the Levites is also described in another verse: "They teach your precepts to Jacob; they give your instructions to Israel." (Deut. 33:10).

What is the significance of this role? Moses dedicates an entire tribe (in fact it is Moses' tribe, he is a descendent of Levi), to teaching to be the educators of Israel. This heritage of writing, of preserving of ancient heritage and texts, may be the secret to our survival and to our being.

Moses' act of dedicating an entire tribe to teaching may be what has set us apart and what has kept us as a people, a whole tribe whose task is to keep the memory alive, maintain and promote our cultural heritage, and teach it nto the younger generation. This work has become sacred.

The values of the Levites have been summarized in the Dead Sea Scrolls, where it is said: "His spirit is the knowl edge of truth, and justice in the Holy of Holies. The spirit of God is enlightening".

The Levites are the preservers of our

tradition, they are the teachers and educators of our people, without them where would we be?

Let us continue to preserve and learn from our texts. Let us ensure the coming 4,000 years of Jewish survival!

Shabbat Shalom.

Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, July 6 at 8:40 p.m., August 2 at 8:34 p.m., August 9 at 8:26 p.m., August 16 at 8:18 p.m., and August 23 at 8:08 p.m.

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

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Jailyn, Elijah, Jordan and Zaniah; and a host of loving family and friends.

## Alec Jay Spielberg

Alec Jay Spielberg, 74, passed away on Saturday, July 13, at Jewish Hospital. A native of Louisville, Alec was born May 2, 1939. He was a graduate of Louisville Male High School.



His religion was a very important aspect of his life, shown through his years as chairman of the 1993 and 1994 Annual Campaign of the UJC, his myriad trips to Israel and his membership at Keneseth Israel and The Temple.

He also served on the Boards of Keneseth Israel, the Jewish Community Federation, the Jewish Community Center and Four Courts Senior Center and was a member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Steering Committee.

He was president of Kentucky Mirror & Plate Glass Co. and was the self-proclaimed Mayor of Main Street.

His life centered around his five grandchildren: David, Nathan, Jacob, Klaire and Katie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Katie and Morris Spielberg, his brother Myron, his daughter Melissa

Spielberg Marshall, in-laws David and Clarice Gradman and brother-in-law Harry Gradman.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Carole Gradman Spielberg, sons Jeffrey (Jamey) and Gregg (Linda), son-in-law John Marshall, his grandchildren, and a plethora of close friends and extended family members.

Burial was in Keneseth Israel Ceme-

The family requests that donations be made to The Bachmann-Strauss Dystonia & Parkinson Foundation, 551 Fifth Ave. Suite 520 NY, NY 10176.

# CHAVURAT

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

#### August 1

Violin students recital concert – all are invited to attend.

#### August 8

Rabbi David presents "The Real Threats to Israel

#### **August 15**

Bob Sokolor presents "My Life as a TV Anchor

**DEADLINE:** 

August 22

Movie Day: "Young at Heart"

#### **August 29**

No meeting. Happy Labor Day

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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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