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Campaign Chair invites seniors to "Happy Days Are Here Again" reminiscing Campaign event.
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Linda Goodman, left, and Janet Meyer and Jan Glaubinger were among the many volunteers who helped Jewish Family & Career Services raise nearly \$6,500 during the Pizza for the Pantry fundraiser at Wick's Pizza on August 11. For details and more photos, see page 11.



Youngblood Named JCC Early Childhood director

by Niki King
Public Relations Specialist

New names and faces flooded the halls of the JCC this week for the first day of school. And maybe none of them were as excited to be there as new-kid-on-the-block Melissa Youngblood, who will serve as the early childhood director.

Youngblood comes to Louisville to build on a 10-year career in early childhood education, most recently as the director of Gordon Jewish Community Center's Early Childhood Learning Center



Melissa Youngblood

in Nashville. She started here August 12 with a host of immediate and long term plans to enrich all parts of the JCC's early childhood programs.

"I'm so excited to be here, to be a part see **YOUNGBLOOD** page 9

JCL UPDATE

by Stu Silberman
President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville

While seasons change four times during the year, it's the transition to fall that most elicits in me waves of emotion. It's the time of year that I remember most enjoying with my Dad as the NFL season started.

As a parent of two girls each entering a new school, it naturally marks a time of advancement. Add to that transitions at your Jewish Community of Louisville.

We congratulate Dr. Karen Abrams, our new Board Chair. This past year we've welcomed three new directors to our Board and over a dozen new staff. Our final standing committees have been populated, many committees have new chairs, all have charters, we have all set about accomplishing the objectives of the JCL. I'm very proud of the leadership team we've built.

We have a packed agenda for this com-



Stu Silberman

ing year. Karen will lead her first Board meeting next week, and already she's committed to lead our strategic planning process down the home stretch. In our efforts to continue to increase transparency, our new annual report process means that rather than reporting on year-old financials, this fall we will publish a document that includes our current financial results, allocations, and details on our programs.

We've also transitioned into an operating model responsive to your needs. As we continue to complete long overdue facility upgrades, we've added many new programs featuring Jewish education, entertainment and health and wellness.

We welcome Doug Gordon, this year's Campaign Chair, whose creativity will add to our already successful new approach to philanthropy that has been attracting a wave of new, younger donors.

As we enter the High Holiday season, a time to refresh ourselves for the coming year, your Jewish Community of Louisville, through its Jewish Community Center and Jewish Federation divisions, is doing the same. We're building on our successes, and planning for the future. We hope you are, too.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous Shana Tova.

Join the Jewish Community of Louisville Hunger Walk team

36th annual event starts at 2:15 September 15 at Waterfront Park's Festival Plaza

The 36th annual Hunger Walk, organized by Dare to Care Food Bank and Interfaith Paths to Peace and presented by Aramark, will be held Sunday, September 15. The Hunger Walk will begin at 2:15 pm at Waterfront Park's Festival Plaza. The 5K (3.1 miles) route for walkers and runners follows a flat, out-and-back course along Louisville's riverfront. The route will be enhanced by entertainment including live music and

spirit teams.

A Hunger Walk Family Festival, 12-4:30 p.m. that day at Festival Plaza, will bring added excitement to event. The Festival will include the Stampede Against Hunger Obstacle Course provided by the Stampede Series, a Kids Zone by KaZooing with inflatables, the Bubble Bus and more. There will also be musical entertainment, free food and refreshments, and food available for purchase from four of Louisville's finer food trucks.

Aramark returns for the fourth straight year as the Hunger Walk's presenting sponsor. Other major sponsors include Kroger, Yum! Brands, Ford Motor Company and Fifth Third Bank.

Kentuckiana's rise in hunger has

caught the attention of local faith leaders. Local leaders of several faiths, including Roman Catholic Archbishop Joseph Kurtz and Jewish Community of Louisville representative Matt Goldberg, are uniting to call on their congregations and the entire community to support see **HUNGER WALK** page 7

Enroll Now for Melton; classes start Oct. 1

by Niki King
Public Relations Specialist

Louisville's Florence Melton Adult Mini-School is gearing up for a new slate of classes that explore the many aspects of Jewish life through texts. The classes, which will begin in October, offer students an opportunity to explore Judaism through adult-style learning focusing on text-based discussions.

Melton Director Deborah Slosberg said there are several important aspects about the class would-be participant should know. First, they would be studying actual texts and learning from primary sources, like Biblical texts, rabbinical commentary or modern commentary. "It's the whole history," she said.

Also, it's an interactive classroom, not a lecture, so each week is a discussion, she said. And, everyone is encouraged to participate, no matter their religious affiliation or existing knowledge base.

"They don't even have to be Jewish see **MELTON** page 9



Rabbi Laura Metzger, president of the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors was one of the speakers at the Hunger Walk kick-off event.

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

School and the Jewish holidays

I have heard from more than a few parents recently that they are ready for school to start up again, and I bet kids are ready as well (although they probably would not admit it). As school starts up again, it is important to be vigilant to make sure that our kids are allowed to celebrate and observe the Jewish holidays without any academic or disciplinary repercussions.

Our relationship with the local public school systems is very good. They know about our holidays and they know about the strict observance requirements with which many in our community attempt to comply. Still, every year, I receive phone calls from parents with complaints that teachers demand kids come to school after high holidays Synagogue attendance. Or their absences are unexcused if they miss school. Or they will not be allowed to make up a test given on a holiday. Or a teacher does not believe that Rosh Hashanah (Or the first and last days of Sukkot) might be a two-day holiday.

Other, school related issues I have dealt with include proselytizing at local summer camps that are conducted by public schools on their property. I have heard all of these in the last three years, I am certain I will get phone calls like these this year.

If you experience any problems like this, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. Most of the time, these issues are easily solved with a simple phone call. Our local school systems not only have guidelines and policies that every teacher and administrator is made aware of, but they

are really very accommodating and the principals are almost always eager to rectify any situation that comes up.

Your JCRC is a community resource, and we are eager to help with any situation in school (or anywhere else you feel appropriate).

Hunger Walk

Our Jewish Community Relations Council took a tour of the Dare to Care (the primary recipient of funds raised through the Hunger Walk) facility recently, and it was a truly enriching experience. We learned that a small percentage of the food they receive is from food drives, another small percentage is purchased by Dare to Care, however, the vast majority of their food is donated by supermarkets, manufacturers, etc.

What this means is the money raised goes VERY far. One dollar raised can feed four people, and Dare to Care feeds hundreds of thousands of people in the greater Kentuckiana area including those who use JFCS's Dare to Care affiliated food pantry. Join our team "Jewish Louisville" (www.thehungerwalk.org). (See story, page 1.)

Middle East chaos

The Middle East is descending into chaos ... not a good thing for Israel. Syria is a failed state; Egypt is on its way to ever greater turmoil and uncertainty; the Syrian civil war has now spread to Lebanon; and Jordan's monarchy, losing domestic support, has had to relinquish some power recently.

Ironically, the Palestinians are the most stable of all of Israel's neighbors. Regional distress, in a strange way, might push the Israelis and Palestinians closer together as a peace agreement will promote domestic stability.

After Israel released a certain number of Palestinian prisoners, both sides are now in the process of talking about



Dare to Care Director of Policy and Planning Stan Siegwald addressed the JCRC at that agency's warehouse.

parameters for future final status negotiations. This coming holiday season, let's keep Israel and her people in our thoughts and prayers, and let's hope the Peace that Israel has always hoped for is at hand in the coming year.

LETTERS

Lots of Action from the JCC

Dear editor,

My, my, since January, I have noticed a lot of action at my JCC. I have attended many of the CenterStage productions. John Leffert's plays fill the parking lot. My mom said the *Legally Blonde* play was the best event of the season.

Hats off to Stu Silberman and Sara Wagner. The parking lot was full the night of the JCC Annual Meeting. This grand event celebrates the staff and volunteers and recognition of people and teens who serve our JCC with community service.

A very special thanks to Club 60. Ms. Slava Nelson and Diane Sadle took my wife and 40 other seniors on a trip to tour Washington, DC. The weekly luncheons and programs are terrific. A special event was the Barr family model Seder. Note: the parking lot is little impacted by the seniors as a bus rides them to these great senior events. Thank you bus drivers Frank, John and John.

This summer, the parking lot is full-est on Swim Team Monday. Liz Stumper has had the pools working to the max. They are full. The lots are full as we all tried to beat the heat in the lap pool and splash pools. The guards and maintenance staff work very hard during summer.

This summer the lots are full of happy campers. Their parents follow a complex maze to get to the gates. Julie Hollander runs a wonderful camp program. The staff works to ensure the kids are safe and have a good time at camp. Challah is a Friday treat, as usual.

Lewis Rowes

Poor Stewardship

Dear editor,

Our neighborhood and JCC cohabitate in the same community. It is our duty to see **LETTERS** page 4

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LETTERS

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one another to respect property and people. It is the general opinion of my neighbors and I, that a retail grocery/co-op/farmer's market/food-share program is not appropriate for a strictly residential area. We do not want the added congestion, traffic, parking or annoyance of a stream of people "shopping" at a home in our neighborhood.

That you would advertise to promote an undesirable use of a private home in our neighborhood is disappointing at best and abetting the misuse and perhaps code-violating arrangement at worst. Shame on the Jewish Community Center.

Judy Glidewell

Editor's note:

It is Community's responsibility to report news that affects the Jewish community. Any enhancement of kosher food availability is news. It is not the respon-

sibility of Community to check on zoning nor proactively seek neighborhood reaction to new undertakings.

Following receipt of this note, Community contacted Judy Wallace, the administrator of the Yad Moshe kosher food share program. She explained that she has been in touch with the Health Department and the Zoning Commission and is in compliance with all laws and regulations.

Wallace states that program is not a grocery store and food is never sold out of the house. Yad Moshe gives food to people who want or need it. She also states that no money changes hands when people pick up food.

If people cannot afford the food, they do not pay for it. If people want to make donations toward the cost of the food they take or to cover the cost of food given to people who cannot afford it, Wallace says they send checks through the mail.

She also states that people cannot drop by any time to shop. They must call for an appointment.

Unless an organization is found to be

in violation of the law, or otherwise not in keeping with the interests of Louisville's Jewish Community, our publication will accept advertising from them to offset our costs and enable us to provide the broadest possible news coverage.

We welcome feedback and appreciate Judy Glidewell's letter as it enabled us to provide additional information to the community.

Thank you

Dear Louisville,

I am extremely honored that I was able to represent the USA in the 2013 Maccabiah Games in Israel. With everyone's support, I got to enjoy the experience of a life time. I am truly touched by everyone who helped me achieve this dream.

Now I have a new home away from home. Israel has been implanted into me and I have been altered by this trip. I loved Israel and now I feel I have a role in our Jewish state. I'm a part of another family that took me under their wings

and found friendships from around the world competing in these games.

For everyone who supported me through this journey, I would like to say thank you immensely. Thank you so much to my family and friends, Lakeside Seahawks, DuPont Manual, The Temple congregation, and Louisville's Jewish community. When I look back I will remember the generosity of so many people. This trip has been a dream come true. Thank you.

Peyton Greenberg

Camp Gilda Coverage

We were so pleased to see the feature on the National Council of Jewish Women in the June 28 edition of Community (NCJW Organizes Camp Gilda for Children Touched by Cancer).

For the past six years, the NCJW has been such a gift to Gilda's Club Louisville. Not only have they supported Camp Gilda monetarily, but equally important, they have given their time, talent and hearts to the 30+ children living with cancer who attend Camp Gilda each year.

These women deserve to be acknowledged for all they do and we'd like to add our sincere thanks to Camp Gilda Chair Judy Shapira and lead volunteers Judy Borinstein and Helen Wahba who were at the clubhouse every day.

Their team deserves our thanks as well: Shannon Benovitz, Shellie Benovitz, Ron Borinstein, Joyce Bridge, Barry Friedson, Sandi Friedson, Linda Fuchs, Susan Gardner, Georgia Goldman, Shary Hyman, Phyllis Jasnoff, Mindy Klein, Shelley Meyers, Mindy Needleman, Kim Reinhardt, Sue Rosen, Ellen Rosenbloom, Phil Rosenbloom, Marcy Rosengarten, Julie Sabes, Marilyn Schorin, Marsha Segal, Phyllis Shai-kun, Leni Sweet, Sheila Tasman, Susan Waterman, Alice Welenken and Sandi Weiss.

With their daily delicious and nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks, NCJW volunteers not only filled our campers' tummies, but filled their hearts as well.

Sincerely,
Karen Morrison
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This art was created by a camper in the Jewish Community Center's Summer Camp program.

At this Sukkot holiday, we gather with friends and family to give thanks for the bounty of the season and the blessings of community. We have food on our tables, access to the services we need and sufficient resources to meet our needs.

Not everyone is so lucky.

This Sukkot, share the bounty with which you are blessed.

May 5774 be a year of health and happiness for you and yours.

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Campaign chair invites seniors to reminisce at old-fashioned Campaign event October 6

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor

When Doug Gordon stepped up to chair the 2014 Federation Campaign, he promised to work hard for its success, to complete the work as quickly as possible, to be creative and to inject some fun into the process.

He enjoys looking back and reminiscing. So he thought, "when I was just a youngster, I have fond memories of individual volunteers standing up for the best interests of the community and leading the charge to raise hope for those Jews in Louisville less fortunate and to unite support for the State of Israel."

If that's how it was back then, why not bring that energy forward to the 2014 Campaign? To start the ball rolling, Gordon has announced a special event for people 65 and over. The "Happy Days Are Here Again" event will be on Sunday, October 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Transportation available upon advance request.

This will be a time to swap stories about the old Campaigns, Gordon explained. Bring your old photos and memorabilia. Join us for brunch, some local entertainment and a chance to see how much you remember about the good old days in a game of "Second Street Trivia."

Of course, this is a Campaign event, so you'll have the opportunity to make your 2014 Campaign pledge. "Why should it take us over 12 months to complete a campaign?" Gordon said.



Jewish Louisville trivia: Do you recognize this building?

"The way I see it, you have made a consistent annual gift to the campaign, so let's continue that tradition and celebrate our philanthropy together, enjoying the great feeling of *tzedakah* together, and doing it in a day instead of over 12 months. Make sense? Just say 'YES' and dare to break the cycle!"

It's a great way to keep our community strong, support the State of Israel, help Jews in need around the world and have time left to schmooze and have a good time.

Be sure to let the Jewish Federation know you're coming so there's enough food for everyone. RSVP to Mary Jean Timmel, 238-2739 or mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org by October 2.

Chabad House opened with Shabbat celebration

by Rabbi Avrohom Litvin

On August 9, an hour before Shabbos was set to begin, Louisville's new Chabad House opened its doors for the first time amid much joy and celebration. The first program was attended by over 90 people of all ages from a wide cross-section of the community.

The goal was to create a dynamic, family oriented center, to enhance the Louisville Jewish community by promoting Jewish pride, celebration and education. Furthermore, the Chabad House has been set up to encourage every participant to feel welcome to worship, learn and experience their heritage, in a non-judgmental and joyous atmosphere.

There are no membership requirements at the Chabad House and everyone is welcome – regardless of observance, affiliation, or financial status. Chabad House is committed to offer "Judaism with a Smile" and a home away from home for everyone who walks through its doors.

Initially, the Chabad House will offer 10 programs to the community ranging from adult education to children's programming, to activities for teens and young adults. Shabbos and holiday services will be highlighted by insights from Jewish philosophy and mysticism.

A number of events will be offered especially for women, such as the superiority of the feminine soul as taught in

the Kabbalah, and a hands-on kosher cooking series for items such as challah, cholent and other traditional holiday dishes.

The Chabad House seeks to encourage people to connect to G-d on their own terms and at their own pace.

For those who want to pray, there will be Shabbos prayer services each Friday evening at sunset and Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Once a month, there will be an introductory Shabbos Mussaf service at 11 a.m. followed by a Kiddush luncheon.

On the second and fourth Friday of each month, a program called TGIS – Thank G-d It's Shabbos, will begin with services at 7 p.m. and be followed by a dinner to help people experience Shabbos in its fullest sense. There will also be prayer services each morning and evening.

For those who want to study, there will be classes each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening, and other classes will be held on a monthly basis. A more complete list of classes and programs can be found at Chabadky.com.

On Monday, September 2, Labor Day, from 12-2 p.m., Chabad will host an official opening, during which they will dedicate of their Torah scrolls and affix Mezuzah scrolls on each of their doors. There will be refreshments on hand and the entire community is invited to take part in the celebratory opening of this new community resource.



At 3 p.m., Chabad House will present a Model Shofar Factory, a hands-on workshop for the young and the young at heart. Rabbi Chaim and Rabbi Baruch will guide you through the step-by-step process of crafting your very own shofar. Participants will also learn to distinguish a kosher shofar from a collection of exotic animal horns from all over the world.

Participants will see how to separate the shofar from the core, clean and measure the cured horn. They will then be able to saw off the solid end of the shofar and drill the mouthpiece. The horn is cleaned, tested and polished. Participants will also be guided in the proper way to blow the shofar. The cost of the Shofar Factory program is \$5 per person.

The address of the Chabad House is 1564 Almara Circle, just a block away from the JCC. For more information visit Chabadky.com or call 235-5770 or 994-9233.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now through AUGUST 27

Patio Gallery Exhibit

Hanging by a Thread: The Life and Contemporary Art of Adrienne Sloane.

Through AUGUST 25

CenterStage Presents A New Brain at the JCC

\$18 per person in advance, \$20 at the door. Based on the real life struggle of the author, this show is about a neurotic, frustrated composer, confronted with a terminal illness, who finds salvation in the healing power of art. For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to www.CenterStageJCC.org

Starting AUGUST 25

Live Long and Perspire JCC Running Club

Run for fun or train for a race. Club members will run through Seneca Park Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings. \$40 fee includes JCC Running Club T-shirt. Drop-ins \$5 per day. To register, call the Health & Wellness desk, 238-2727.

AUGUST 28

JFCS Pledge 13 Meeting

6:30 p.m. at JFCS. Informational meeting for bar and bat mitzvah candidates and their parents about the Marjorie and Robert Kohn Pledge 13 program. Participants pledge 13 hours of community service. Pizza will be served. For more information, contact Kim Toebe, 452-6341 ext. 103.

SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 8

Patio Gallery Exhibit

Double show: "Hindsight" – paintings, prints and drawings by Brian Jones and "The Shape of Nature" – marble sculptures by Beverly Glasscock. Opening reception: Sunday, September 1, 2-4 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2 Labor Day

JCC open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 4-6

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on September 4. JCC closes at 6 p.m. and will be closed September 5 & 6 for the holiday.

SEPTEMBER 8

Louisville's Got Talent

Presented by Jake Latts and CenterStage. Come see the best youth talent Louisville has to offer as 20 finalists compete for cash prizes. Tickets \$7 for children, \$12 for adults at JCC front desk or 451-0660. Proceeds benefit Center-Stage Acting Out.

SEPTEMBER 13-14

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur begins at sundown on September 13. JCC closes at 6 p.m. and will be closed September 14 for the holiday.

SEPTEMBER 15

Community Hunger Walk

12-4:30 p.m. Family Fund Festival; 2:15 p.m. Run/Walk. Waterfront park. Register to be part of the Jewish Community of Louisville team at thehungerwalk.org. \$25 adult; \$15 youth.

SEPTEMBER 15

Teen Connections Sukkot Program

4-6 p.m. Middle Schoolers are invited to build and decorate the Sukkah at the JCC.

SEPTEMBER 18-20

Sukkot

Sukkot begins at sundown on September 18. JCC closes at 6 p.m. and will be closed September 19 for the holiday. The JCC will be open September 20.

SEPTEMBER 25-27

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah begins at sundown on September 25. JCC closes at 6 p.m. and will be closed September 26 for the holiday. The JCC will be open September 27.

OCTOBER 1 and 3

Melton Classes begin

Adult-style Jewish study. The Tuesday class meets 6:30-9 p.m. and the Thursday class meets 9:30 a.m.-noon. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg, 458-5359. See story, pg. 1.

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Campers raise over \$1900 for JFCS Food Pantry

Campers at the Jewish Community Center's Summer Camp raised a record-breaking \$1,903.21 for Jewish Family and Career Services' Food Bank during its fourth annual Week of Caring and Sharing.

Throughout the week, campers aged 20 months through 8th grade raised money in a myriad of ways, including a dance-a-thon, swim-a-thon, bake sale, art auction and car washes. A group of campers even picked up instruments and joined a traveling Mariachi band to play music for donations.

In past years, campers have typically raised about \$1,000.

Julie Hollander, JCC Summer Camp Director who created Caring and Sharing Week, said the mission of feeding the hungry truly resonated with campers this year, especially with ones who remembered participating in Caring and Sharing Week before.

"You could tell they made a strong connection to the mission this year; they were very committed and motivated to work hard for those in need," Hollander said.

Eileen Meyer Renco and her daughter, Emily, accepted the check on behalf of her parents, Janet and Sonny Meyer, who established the food pantry's fund

about five years ago. (Photo at left.) Emily, was a camper this summer.

"It's absolutely incredible the kids have done so much to help the food pantry," Renco said. "My parents are thrilled."

The pantry, which is a part of the Dare to Care program, feeds between 130 and 170 people a month. Summer is its peak time of need as many children no longer have access to their school's free or reduced lunches. The money will be used to purchase foods to augment donated goods.

Each Thursday, JCC campers have also been collecting canned and dry goods and have donated hundreds of pounds, much of it kid-friendly foods, said Kim Toebbe, JFCS's volunteer coordinator.



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Successful JCC Summer Camp served 650+

More children than ever attended Summer Camp at the Jewish Community Center of Louisville this year. More than 650 campers, representing a 13 percent rise compared to last year, went to camp this year.

Several new camp options were debuted this year including Color Camp, Minecraft Lego Camp, Intermediate Sailing and Spotlight on Glee Camp.

JCC Summer Camp also partnered with several Louisville institutions to expand options. With the University of Louisville, JCC Summer Camp created

Creative Writing and Young Astronomers. JCC Summer Camp also partnered with the Speed Museum for Painting & Portraits, Photo & Collage and Drawing & Print Making Camps.

Louisville also welcomed a shlichah to the city for the summer. Dikla Alegra Levy spent a lot of her time in Louisville working with JCC Summer Camp. She said that she had a great summer at camp and getting to know the Louisville community as a whole.

While at camp, Levy introduced several Israeli games that quickly became favorites of the campers including *Hana-chash Ba* (The Snake Comes) a game where she would spin a jump rope under the camper's feet and if it they did not jump over it, they were out.

The highlight of the summer for Levy was when one of the older kids asked her to come to his school to talk about her life in Israel.

"The kids really understood what I came to do," she said. "[They] have a better understanding about Israeli life in general. I think it was a very successful summer."

That sentiment is shared by Camp Director Julie Hollander with respect to the whole summer camp, especially the Lenny Krayzelburg Swim Academy. Hollander says children are safer in the water because of the revised swim program during camp. Over the course of the summer, children advanced 216 levels in LKSA. She hopes to continue the success into the rest of the school year with more new and revised programs.

"The fall programming will continue to provide the same growth and development opportunities for children," said Hollander. "A new Volleyball Camp will develop coordination, Lego programs will foster engineering and Girl Power will help establish self-esteem and fitness."

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Louisville Jewish Day School moves downtown, adopts Montessori style

The Louisville Jewish Day School is committed to provide the best Jewish and Secular education to children in our community, Rabbi Avrohom Litvin said. The best schools realize that classroom instruction can be greatly enhanced by allowing students to receive further

educational benefits from cultural centers and institutions. So the school can take advantage of the many museums, parks and cultural opportunities offered by downtown Louisville, the Louisville Jewish Day School is moving there this fall.

The Louisville Jewish Day School re-

mains the only accredited Jewish Day School in the State of Kentucky for Jewish children from preschool through the sixth grade. This year, the Day School will introduce Montessori-style teaching in both Hebrew and English classes as well as a new Environmental Science Program in the elementary grades. Judaic studies will be taught in a total Hebrew immersion program. A nutritious and healthy kosher lunch program especially geared to children's needs is also provided.

Recently, Rabbi Avrohom Litvin met with Mayor Greg Fischer to discuss moving the school to the downtown area. Mayor Fischer was extremely pleased to hear of the school's decision to relocate to a downtown location – the lower level of the Hertz Starks Building (formerly the site of the Colonnade Restaurant).

Transportation will be provided to



Mayor Greg Fischer and Rabbi Avrohom Litvin discuss the Louisville Jewish Day School's impending move.

and from the Jewish Community Center parking lot as an option for those children coming from the east end of the city.

For more information, check out the school on Facebook at Louisville Jewish Day School and Gan Torah of Louisville or contact Goldie Litvin, principal, at 494-3774.

HUNGER WALK

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port this year's Hunger Walk. Terry Taylor, Interfaith Paths to Peace executive director, said: "We in the faith community do not often come together to publicly address an issue, but we stand together now to call upon everyone in the Louisville area to face and overcome a foe that threatens the greater Louisville area. That foe is the specter of hunger."

"Community service and feeding the hungry are core Jewish values," said Jessica Goldstein, the Jewish Community Relations Council's 2013 Hunger Walk chair. "Jewish Family & Career Services' Food Pantry (a Dare to Care affiliate) has seen an increase in demand year after year for several years now, and it is likely that trend will continue."

"With the future of the funding for the SNAP program (Food Stamps) in such immediate peril, supporting food banks is more important than ever," she continued.

The Jewish community was among the Hunger Walk's founders, and has always been one of its strong supporters. "This is an honorable legacy. We can be proud of our past participation and we want to continue it," Goldstein said.

"This year's Hunger Walk is the day after Yom Kippur," she continued. "It's hard not to think of the symbolism. Think about how hard it is to be hungry for one day by choice." Now consider how hard it is to be hungry more often because you have no choice.

Goldstein was one of the participants in the JCRC's Food Stamp Challenge last January. With just \$31.50 per person to spend on food for an entire week, she observed, "many of us were hungry a lot. And when you're that hungry, you can't think straight. You can only think about there the next meal will come from."

Chairing this year's Hunger Walk for the JCRC, with help from last year's chair, Leon Wahba, was the logical next step for her.

She urges members of the Jewish community to sign up as part of the Jewish Community of Louisville team.

Registration is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth 18 and under. With online registration, individuals can also seek their own sponsors to increase their impact on the fight against hunger. Registration and more information is available at www.thehungerwalk.org.

Dare to Care Food Bank and Interfaith Paths to Peace organize The Hunger Walk, which was Louisville's first public issue walk. The Walk evolved from the faith community's public unity after the 1969 death from hunger of a nine-year-old boy in Louisville on Thanksgiving Eve. That movement led to the beginning of Dare to Care over 40 years ago and grew into a movement that formed The Hunger Walk in 1978.

Over 2,500 people attended the 2012 Hunger Walk, raising more than \$100,000 to fight hunger. The majority of the proceeds go to Dare to Care and other local hunger relief agencies, including JFCS's Food Pantry, to fight hunger locally. A smaller portion goes to other relief efforts.

Dare to Care Food Bank is a local non-profit agency with a mission to lead the community to feed the hungry and conquer the cycle of need. In the past twelve months, Dare to Care distributed over 13 million meals to nearly 200,000 different people in eight Kentucky and five Indiana counties. Dare to Care also operates 14 Kids Cafes in neighborhood afterschool locations and Backpack Buddy weekend nutrition programs in 36 Kentuckiana elementary schools. For more information, visit www.daretocare.org.

KI wins Golden Bagel

The Keneseth Israel KingPinner's successfully defended the Golden Bagel at the Summer Bowl-A-Pa-Louza at the AMF Rose Bowl Lanes on July 28. The quarterly event brings together all five Louisville Metro synagogues for friendly competition. The one-of-a-kind Golden Bagel was conceived by K.I.'s Dave Miller and built by Temple Shalom's Matt Karr.

Check with your synagogue's office for the fall event.

The Robert and Betty Levy Bronner Ellis Island Education Fund

In 1998, Robert and Betty Levy Bronner established a Second Century Fund in their names to send students to Ellis Island. Since that time, graduating students from the Louisville Hebrew School have had the opportunity to visit the site during their class trip to New York City with Rabbi Stanley Miles. Their generosity has allowed many young people the unique opportunity to connect with the early history of our American Jewish community.

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AJSS brought 17 to Louisville for summer of community service

Group partnered with YouthBuild and others, lived at KI, used JCC facilities

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

For the third consecutive year, the American Jewish Society for Service (AJSS) has chosen to send a delegation of high school students to Louisville to spend the summer doing community service work. For six weeks, 17 teens and four staff members lived in the preschool classrooms at Keneseth Israel Congregation, showered and swam at the Jewish Community Center. Five days a week, they did community service projects and in the evenings and on the weekends they enjoyed special programming.

Louisville team Co-Director Meredith Levick explained that AJSS has a strong partnership with YouthBuild, and in the course of the summer, the volunteers did a number of projects from gardening to construction to demolition. They also created educational programs for local children. On garden day, the AJSS volunteers taught young children about the plants in the garden and on chicken day, they visited the coops on the property.

The volunteers also worked in the community garden in the Shawnee neighborhood and at soup kitchens at both YouthBuild and St. Vincent de Paul.

Levick said another reason they like to come to Louisville is the richness of the community. The close knit network of synagogues, the richness of the Jewish cultural scene, the breadth of the interfaith network and the many opportunities the city offers for recreational and educational programming all contribute to the program's success.

"The community at Keneseth Israel embraced us warmly," Levick said, "and we've appreciated their hospitality."

The volunteers are teens from across

North America, and even beyond. This year's group included staff members from Canada and a volunteer from the Dominican Republic.

Sara Barth, a 16-year-old junior from Teaneck, NJ, said she wanted to do something meaningful during the summer. "Why not do something to make a change in someone else's life?" she asked. She discovered AJSS in a Google search and she was very happy with her choice.

One program she particularly enjoyed was spending a day at YouthBuild with some Iraqi teens. The two groups discussed changes they would like to see, and they did an art project together, "because with art, there are no boundaries and everyone can participate, no matter what language they speak."

She also enjoyed an interfaith conference AJSS did with Interfaith Paths to Peace, because she had the opportunity to learn about other religions.

Barth also recruited her friend, Raquel Greenfield, from Paramus, NJ, for the program. "I was surprised by how much I loved it," the 16-year-old said. She liked getting to know the community and the people. She described the summer as an "incredible experience" and plans to continue to do community service work when she returns home.

For her, preparing and serving food in a soup kitchen was a highlight of the summer and very satisfying.

Sally Rifkin, a 17-year-old senior from the Boston area, wanted to do something Jewish this summer where she could hang out with friends "without the camp experience." AJSS was a natural choice because her sister had participated in the program three years ago and "had an amazing experience" in North Carolina.

She particularly enjoyed working in the community garden that services a



AJSS volunteers Sam Parren, Sarah Barth, Ariel Bergman, Sophie Aronow and Raquel Greenfield near YouthBuild's garden.

local fresh stop. Working there, she said, "made it seem like I was giving back."

David Lalo, a 15-year-old from the Dominican Republic, wanted to spend his summer helping make the world a better place. He seemed to enjoy the entire experience.

While he was working in the soup kitchen, Lalo enjoyed preparing the food because he knew it would be eaten and that would help someone get through the day. Later, on the clean up detail, as he washed each dish, he would tell himself, this represents "another meal someone was able to eat today because of us."

When tasked with a construction project, Lalo enjoyed rearranging the bricks into a structure and seeing the change.

"I love Keneseth Israel," he added, "because of the people there." He regards it as his second home.

When someone chooses AJSS, he said, "you need to want to be here and to work hard, but you get so much out of it." He highly recommends the program.



David Lalo

KentuckyOne Health extends participation in Surgery on Sunday program to Jewish Hospital in Louisville

Jewish Hospital, part of KentuckyOne Health, has joined the Surgery on Sunday program to provide essential outpatient procedures for free to those in need.

The inaugural event in Louisville was Sunday, August 18, when approximately 12 patients received colonoscopies at the Jewish Hospital Outpatient Care Center Endoscopy Unit. Subsequent events will be held periodically throughout the year. Jewish Hospital in Louisville is the fourth in the nation to participate.


Surgery on Sunday, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides essential outpatient surgical services for free for those in need who cannot afford insurance and who are not eligible for federal or state programs. Patients are referred from existing organizations in the com-

munity and receive much needed surgical procedures.

For income-eligible patients with no health insurance, all services and supplies – from the pre-operative visit with a volunteer surgeon, to the imaging studies, to pre- and post-surgery medications, to physical therapy, to the post-operative appointment – are free.

Surgery on Sunday is completely volunteer-driven and all of the professionals who assist at the hospital – surgeons, anesthesiologists, certified nursing assistants, nursing staff, administration and others – donate their time and expertise for the procedures. Approximately 30 volunteers were hand to make Surgery on Sunday a success for patients.


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Jewish Federation helped make dreams come true this summer

by Stew Bromberg
Vice President and CDO
Jewish Federation of Louisville

It is hard to believe that the summer of 2013 is coming to a quick end. As I write this, the temperature outside is barely above 70 degrees and it feels a lot like fall. The holidays, as we all know, are either early or late, never on time. This year they are here early adding to the perception that fall is here. So why am I rambling on about fall?

Actually, I am reflecting on what we were able to accomplish this summer. I am thrilled that we were able to help

nine Jewish teens from Louisville participate in summer Jewish teen programs in Israel thanks to the generosity of numerous donors in the community.

Many thanks go out to other donors who helped us provide financial assistance for more than 35 families so their children could experience the many facets of Jewish overnight camps as they build lifelong memories that will enhance their Jewish lives forever. We were also able to provide assistance to families who needed a safe, nurturing environment for their children over the summer as they participated in a record breaking JCC summer camp season.

Two of our donors made it possible for us to hire Special Needs advocates for some of our campers who otherwise would have been unable to enjoy a summer camp experience. I am overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and generosity of many of the donors in our community. Louisville is not only a compassionate city; it is also a generous city that answers the call to support those who need our help.

What does fall really have to offer us this year? We have new programs, new opportunities for growth, new friends we have yet to meet, and a chance to

show the world that the Jewish Community of Louisville is strong, vibrant, and ready for the future.

The Jewish Foundation of Louisville has helped dreams come true for teens who want to go to Israel, children who want to go to Jewish overnight camp, families with children in the JCC Summer Camp and donors who want to have an impact on the future. What is your dream? Let the Jewish Foundation of Louisville help you make your dreams come true. Together we do extraordinary things.

Shana Tova.

YOUNGBLOOD

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of what I understand to be a wonderful Jewish community and look forward to becoming family," she said.

Angie Hiland, who has served as interim director for the last nine months, will be the new preschool assistant director and preschool camp director.

"We are all grateful to Angie for her energy and hard work, we would not be where we are today without her," said Sara Wagner, senior vice president and chief operating officer for JCC. "With Angie and Melissa working together, I am confident our early childhood department will be in great hands."

During Youngblood's time at the Early Childhood Learning Center in Nashville, she oversaw 30 staff members, major

classroom renovations, a giving campaign, installation of two state-of-the-art playgrounds, the design and implementation of a two-year-old through pre-kindergarten curriculum and re-branding of the preschool.

She was also heavily involved in the Gordon JCC and oversaw its annual raffle, which grosses \$65,000, and helped design its main fundraising event.

Youngblood received her undergraduate and master's degrees from Vanderbilt University in elementary and special education. She also received a federal grant to further her studies in emotional and behavioral disorders and became a board certified behavior analyst.

"I've wanted to be a teacher since I knew what teaching was. That was my passion; I never had a doubt," she said. "I got my first job at a Jewish day school teaching kindergarten and taught for

six years and learned the importance of formative years to long term educational success, thus my passion for early childhood education was born."

Youngblood said she's particularly looking forward this year to adoption of a new science curriculum and the healthy fitness and lifestyles program, Discover CATCH, which will be implemented after Rosh Hashanah.

"We wanted to start the year off by setting classrooms up with best practices, providing the kids with the best opportunities to grow and learn through materials, classroom environment and

curriculum," she said.

As for future years, she'd like the JCC to move toward earning national accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), which is a level above the state standard.

"This is the gold standard of childcare and we want to be that and we're going to get there," she said.

Newly married, she and her husband John Youngblood, who oversees the Pepsi facility in Lebanon, and her son, Iain, will live in Bardstown. Iain started preschool at the JCC this week as well.

MELTON

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or believe in God," she said. "It's people coming from all different places. It's a highly respectful environment."

Sandy Harrison, a 2005 participant and former board member, said she liked the diversity of thought best about the class. In her group, there were people from Reform, Orthodox and other backgrounds.

"You really got different perspectives on the same topic," she said.

She said it was also refreshing to have a much deeper understanding of some of the rituals she's habitually performed as an adult. The connections she made were invaluable, too, she said.

"We were a very tight knit group; we made long-lasting friendships," she said.

The Taste of Melton event, which offers participants a snapshot of the course, was held August 18. Slosberg said there were more than 50 attendees, suggesting a particularly strong group this year.

Students choose either classes that

meet on Tuesday evenings 6:30-9 p.m. or Thursday mornings 9:30 a.m.-noon, for 30 sessions from October 1-May 29. The full curriculum spans two years. The cost for each year is \$200. Scholarships are available.

Louisville Melton is also offering "Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict," a Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum. It costs \$150 and lasts 20 weeks. Classes will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. from October 1-March 11.

For additional information or to register for class call Slosberg at 459-0660. Online registration is also available at jewishlouisville.org/melton.

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Louisville athletes capture 16 medals at Maccabi Games

by Rachel Lipkin
Middle School and Assistant Camp Director

This year, the Louisville JCC sent nine athletes to the Maccabi Games in Austin, TX, from July 28-August 2: table tennis players Nathan Cohen and Alex Koby; tennis players Gabrielle Dubilier, Alex Dubilier and Becca Lustig; dancer Laina Meyerowitz; swimmer Maiya Gaston; and soccer players Allison Heffley and Hillary Reskin.

The games started off on Sunday with the opening ceremony, which was held at the Frank Erwin Center at the University of Texas. There were many special guests at the ceremony, including Olympic Gold Medalists Lenny Krazelburg and Aly Raisman. The ceremony also including a moment of silence for the Israeli athletes who were murdered at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

On Monday, the athletic competitions began and all of the athletes had a great time competing in their sports. That night the athletes had a huge dance party at Club ATX, which is a giant nightclub with different rooms for different kinds of music. Louisville's athletes enjoyed learning how to do country line dancing and singing along to karaoke.

Tuesday, the last day of regular competition before the medals rounds began, also marked the beginning of this year's JCC Cares Project. Since 1982, the JCC Maccabi Games have always been more than an athletic competition. The JCC Cares program is an opportunity for participants to enhance their experience at the Games by taking a few hours away from competition to participate in a service project.

This year participants took part in the Anti-Defamation League's World of Difference Institute, customized for the

Austin JCC Maccabi Games. The program was designed to help participants recognize bias and the harm it inflicts on individuals and society; explore the value of diversity; improve intergroup relations; and combat racism, anti-Semitism and all forms of prejudice and bigotry. The athletes truly learned a lot from this program.

Tuesday night was spent with the athlete's host families, with whom they had the opportunity to experience all there is to do in Austin.

Wednesday began the medal rounds and all of Louisville's athletes played tremendously. That night they went to Austin's Park, a giant venue that had mini golf, bumper boats, go-carts, batting cages, an arcade and laser tag.

Thursday marked the last day of the 2013 Austin JCC Maccabi games. That night the Austin JCC pulled out all the stops and put on a great closing party at their JCC. They had an Israeli shuk, the University of Texas cheerleaders, the University of Texas' mascot, Bevo, an interactive arcade, a giant dance party and delicious food. It was a great last night in Austin.

The group had an amazing time while in Austin and won a total of 18 medals. Maiya Gaston brought home more medals than any other Louisville competitor, capturing 12 medals during the four days of competitions in the pool.

Nathan Cohen earned a gold medal in doubles table tennis, and Alex Koby received both a bronze medal in doubles table tennis and a bronze in single table tennis.

Laina Meyerowitz received a silver medal for her hip-hop routine and a bronze for choreography and Alex Dubilier took a silver medal in tennis.

Louisville didn't have enough soccer players to field a team of our own,

so Allison Heffley and Hillary Reskin played on a mixed team with Phoenix, San Francisco and Chicago, coached by former Louisville JCC Middle School Director David Siskin.

All of the athletes had a great time trading clothes and pins, competing, and meeting new people throughout the entire experience and cannot wait to attend next year's games!



Alex Koby and Nathan Cohen sporting their table tennis doubles medals



Maiya Gaston wears one of her gold medals for swimming



Becca Lustig along with her host mom for the week and a friend



Allison Heffley and Hillary Reskin with their mixed soccer team



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Pizza event raises \$6,500 for Food Pantry

Wick's Pizza at Goose Creek was abuzz August 11 from 12-2 p.m. with lots of JFCS volunteer workers and hungry pizza lovers who participated in Pizza for the Pantry, a fundraiser to benefit the JFCS Sonny and Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund.

Now in its second year, this family-friendly event brought out lots of parents and grandparents with children who loaded up with plates of cheese and veggie pizzas. Loyal volunteers took tickets, seated guests, cleared tables and poured drink refills. Sara Yamin provided a thank you gift of homemade chocolate chip cookies to everyone leaving the

event.

At the end of the day, a nearly \$6,500, a new record for the event, was raised through ticket sales, matching funds from JFCS board member Bonnie Bizer, and donations from Temple Shalom and Wick's.

These funds will be used to help clients get emergency food, Kroger gift cards and cleaning supplies when they are in need. The JFCS Food Pantry provides food and supplies to 135 individuals on a monthly basis. Annually, 80,000 pounds of food is distributed to families in need.

Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Toebbe, and the JFCS Food Pantry Committee

helped to make this event run smoothly. Volunteers included Susan Allen, Bonnie Bizer, Ann Leah Blieden, Nancy Blodgett, Frankie Bloom, Dara Cohen, Melanie Fadel, Michael Friedman, Shirley Geer, Jan Glaubinger and Carole Goldberg.

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 Louis & Lee Roth Family Center
 2821 Klempner Way
 Louisville, KY 40205
 (502) 452-6341; (502) 452-6718 fax
www.jfcslouisville.org

JCFS Food Pantry

Suggestions for September

Canned tuna, ketchup, jelly, juice, canned peaches and pears, small bags of snacks, small boxes of raisins, toilet paper

All donated food must be in its original packaging. Please do not donate expired items as they cannot be distributed. Contact Kim Toebe, ext. 103 or ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org.

Career & Education Services

ACT Preparation Workshops

Weeknight sessions
 September 23 - October 22
 7 - 9 p.m.

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

Volunteer Services

The Marjorie & Robert Kohn Pledge 13 Program Student/Parent Meeting
 Wednesday, August 28
 6:30 p.m.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah students are invited to join the Pledge 13 program and commit to performing 13 hours of community service. To RSVP for our first informational meeting, contact Kim Toebe, ext. 103.

JCFS Holiday Schedule

In observation of the holidays, JCFS will be closed on the following dates.

Labor Day, September 2
 Rosh Hashanah, September 5 - 6
 Succoth, September 19 - 20
 Sh'mini Atzereth, September 26
 Simchat Torah, September 27

JCFS Celebrates Rosh Hashanah with Signature Residents

Sunday, September 8; 1:30 p.m.
Signature Healthcare

Join JCFS and the residents of Signature Healthcare for a family mitzvah event on Sunday, September 8, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Families with young children are invited to come and enjoy storytelling

and children's art activities. The highlight of the day will be a tea party with residents, where we will serve apples and honey.

This event will be held at Signature Healthcare, 2100 Millvale Road. Come in the front door; our party will be in the atrium. RSVP to Kim Toebe, ext. 103.

Visit JCFS Navigate Enterprise Center at WorldFest!

August 30 to September 2
The Belvedere



WorldFest, one of the region's largest international festivals, celebrates its 11th anniversary with four days of expanded world food, music, dance, culture and education this Labor Day weekend on the Belvedere in downtown Louisville. Staff of the Navigate Enterprise Center will have a booth promoting the services available for immigrants and refugees.

Admission to WorldFest is free all four days -- from Friday, August 30, through Monday, September 2. Visit louisvilleky.gov/globalization/worldfest/ for more information.

Learn to write the perfect college application essay

Thursday, September 12; 7 p.m.
JCFS

With college and scholarship application deadlines quickly approaching in the next few months, many students find themselves unsure about what to write. Others know what they would like to say, but cannot quite figure out the best way to say it. The application essay is a student's first chance to impress an admissions office or a selection committee, and that can be a daunting challenge for a teenager.

At our College Essay Workshop, master teacher Lynn Grise will teach students to write effective, unique essays that will capture the attention of admissions offices. She will share tips for producing good ideas as well as how to approach the writing process. Students will leave with the tools to write personally and vividly, and they will learn some college writing skills.

The workshop fee is \$45. For more information or to register, contact Janet Poole, ext. 222.

The JCFS Board of Directors and staff wish you and your family a Happy New Year



L'shanah tovah!

11.10.13
Sunday, 7 p.m.
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Adath Jeshurun
Kristallnacht
at 75:
Pogrom as
Prelude

Event Chair:
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Support Groups at JCFS

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

Caregiver Support Group
 Monthly meetings for adult children of aging parents

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

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

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

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

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group

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

Diabetes Support Group

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

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

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 Toebe 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

Newsmakers announcements are welcome, but must be submitted in writing to *Community*, 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205, for inclusion in this column. Items may also be faxed to (502) 238-2724, or e-mailed to newspapercolumns@jewishlouisville.org. Deadlines for the next two papers are always printed in the information box on page 2. No Newsmakers announcements will be accepted over the telephone. There is no charge for the written announcement, but there is a \$5 photo fee.

Doctors Karen Abrams, David Katz, Ronald Lehocky and John Roth of the **Kaplan Barron Pediatric Group** have been recognized by *Louisville Magazine* as "Top Docs" in the practice of pediatrics. The Kaplan Barron Pediatric Group, founded in 1948, recently celebrated their 65th year providing care to infants, children, adolescents and young adults. Dr. Steve Baum is the most recent physician to join the practice.

The Actors Theatre Board of Directors has announced its returning members for 2013. Those members include **Jeffrey Callen, Carolle Jones Clay, Marsha Beck Roth, Matt B. Schwartz, Allan Tasman and Roanne Victor**.

During the 2013 Delta Upsilon Leadership Institute & Convention, Delta Upsilon presented Louisville alumnus **Wayne Goldberg**, Class of '83, the Sloan-Kettering Award of Merit in Business. Goldberg is the CEO and President of La Quinta Inn and Suites and lives in Dallas.

Karen Elizabeth Katz was awarded the 2013 Riegelman Jacobs Award on July 26, by Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity. The Riegelman Jacobs Award is given each year to someone who exemplifies

the value of service in the interfraternity community.

Karen is the CEO of Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity and volunteers in many capacities with other fraternities and sororities nationwide. She is a graduate of the University of Evansville and earned a master's degree in College Student Personnel from Western Illinois University. She is the daughter of Lowell and Martha Katz, is married to Joseph H. Stadlen and currently lives in Hollywood, FL.

The July 29 edition of *Business First* reports that **The Eye Care Institute** has a new laser that will better serve clients as well as help hold down operating costs. The new system from Alcon Surgical is called the WaveLight Refractive Suite. According to information from Alcon, the Eye Care Institute is only the seventh company in the world to install the WaveLight laser. CEO **Mark Prusian** said in an interview with *Business First*. The practice has been using the laser on about 50 to 60 clients per month since February.

According to **Dr. John Meyer**, a Lasik and cornea surgeon in the practice, the new equipment performs Lasik surgery much more quickly. Lasik causes a reduction in eye moisture, so swift action is essential to prevent the eye from becoming dehydrated. The WaveLight routinely reduces the active surgical procedure time from seven to 10 minutes to 90 seconds. Meyer said re-treatment rates have decreased as a result of the investment. Previously, about five percent of clients needed re-treatment; that's now less than one percent.

Rabbi Aaron D. Panken, Ph.D. has been named the new president of Hebrew Union College, succeeding Rabbi David Ellenson.

LMPD Officer **Lamont Washington**,

the grandson of Lou and Janice Frankel, was awarded the Medal of Honor and the Purple Heart at the LMPD Awards Banquet that took place at the Galt House in May. In February 2012, Washington responded to a home invasion call and was shot twice – once in the hand and once in the chest – while chasing the suspects. Because he was wearing a protective vest, and because his police badge deflected the shot to the chest, he was spared much more serious injury. Even

after being injured, he continued to send radio updates until the suspects were captured.

In an article at WDRB's website, Washington said, "I'm excited to get the awards but I don't think I did anything different than any of the other guys on the platoon that I work on... I signed up for this and I love it. I wouldn't trade it for the world." Read the complete article at www.wdrb.com/story/22221974/heroes-of-lmpd.

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Koby named to Atherton Hall of Fame

Atherton High School will honor Melvyn Koby, a retired ophthalmologist and member of Louisville's Jewish community, at its 12th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet Thursday, September 19.

Koby, class of 1956, will share the stage with 10 other distinguished alumni, including former metro councilman and mayoral candidate, Hal Heiner. Since 2002, Atherton has inducted 138 teachers, principals, coaches and former students into its hall of fame, including such luminaries as author Sue Grafton, guitarist David Grissom, Metro Councilman Tom Owen and Congressman John Yarmuth.

"Atherton has a long history in this community and honoring these distinguished alumni and teachers not only recognizes the contributions of Atherton, but also inspires future generations," said Nicholas G. Gardner, Atherton Alumni Association president.

Koby graduated from Vanderbilt University with a BA in chemistry and attended medical school at the University of Louisville's School of Medicine. He completed an internship and a year of internal medicine at Barnes Hospital at Washington University in St. Louis, MO, then went into the Air Force during the Vietnam War with the rank of captain.

He started his ophthalmology practice in 1971 in Louisville and then founded the Doctors Eye Institute and Surgery Center and The Right to Sight program. Koby was one of the first ophthalmologists in the U.S. to perform refractive

surgery, including LASIK, and did the first cataract operation with the implantation of an intraocular lens in the area.

He retired this January after 42 years of active practice and is now an associate professor of medicine at UofL. He's active in the Department of Ophthalmology and works with its eye residents.

The induction ceremony will be at 6 p.m. in the Galt House Hotel and Suites, Grand Ballroom A. Call Gardner at 568-4267 or go to www.athertonalumni.com to purchase tickets.



Dr. Melvyn Koby

CHAVURAT SHALOM

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

September 6

Arab and Jewish Women in Kentucky, Nora Rose Moosnick

September 13, 20, 27

No meeting due to the Jewish holidays

October 4

Medicare update presented by Humana

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

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



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ROSH HASHANAH SECTION

High Holiday Service Schedules and Closings Announced

Note: Candle lighting times for Shabbat and holidays are announced at the end of the D'var Torah on page 23.

ADATH JESHURUN

2401 Woodbourne Ave.
451-5359

Sat., Aug. 31, Selichot
8:45 p.m., Pre-Selichot Disney Concert
10 p.m., Dessert Reception
10:30 p.m., Service

Sun., Sept. 1

1 p.m., Annual AJ Cemetery Service
Wed., Sept. 4, Erev Rosh Hashanah
5 p.m., New Year's Eve Party
5:45 p.m., Service

Thurs., Sept. 5, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

9 a.m., Traditional Service
9:30 a.m., Intergenerational Family Service

Fri., Sept. 6, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

9 a.m., Traditional Service
10:30 a.m., Family Service

Fri., Sept. 13, Erev Yom Kippur

7 p.m., Kol Nidre Services

Sat., Sept. 14, Yom Kippur

9 a.m., Traditional Service
9:30 a.m., Intergenerational Family Service
2 p.m., Rap & Reflect
5:45 p.m., Ask the Rabbis
6 p.m., Mincha Service
7:30 p.m., Neilah Service
8:20 p.m., Ma'ariv Service
8:30 p.m., Havdalah and Final Shofar Blowing

Thurs., Sept. 19, Sukkot Day 1

9:30 a.m., Service

Fri., Sept. 20, Sukkot Day 2

9:30 a.m., Service

Sat., Sept. 21

7:45 p.m. Sushi in the Sukkah (for adults)

Thurs., Sept. 26

9:30 a.m., Shemini Atzeret Service and Yizkor
6:00 p.m., Simchat Torah Adult Celebration

Fri., Sept. 27, Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m., Service
5:30 p.m. Simchat Torah Family Service

ANSHEI SFARD

3700 Dutchmans Ln.
451-3122

Sat., Aug. 31, Selichos

11:30 p.m., Refreshments
12 a.m., Service

Wed., Sept. 4, Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:50 p.m., Evening Service

Thurs., Sept. 5, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

8:30 a.m., Services
7 p.m., Mincha followed by Tashlich Service
8:15 p.m., Evening Services

Fri., Sept. 6, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

8:30 a.m. Services
7:45 p.m. Mincha followed by Evening Services

Sat., Sept. 7, Shabbat Shuva

Sun., Sept. 8, Fast of Gedaliah

Fri., Sept. 13, Erev Yom Kippur

3:15 p.m., Mincha
7:15 p.m., Kol Nidre

Sat., Sept. 14, Yom Kippur/Shabbos

9 a.m., Services
11:30 a.m. (approx.), Yiskor Service
5:45 p.m., Mincha Services
8:35 p.m., Yom Kippur ends

Thurs., Sept. 19, Sukkos Day One

9 a.m., Services

Wed., Sept. 20, Sukkos Day Two

9 a.m., Services

Wed., Sept. 25, Hoshana Rabba

Thurs., Sept. 26, Shemini Atzeres

9 a.m., Services
11 a.m. (approx.), Yiskor Service
7:20 p.m., Mincha Services
7:50 p.m., Simchas Torah Service

Fri., Sept. 27, Simchas Torah

9 a.m., Services

CHABAD HOUSE

1564 Almara Circle
235-5770

Sat., Aug. 31, Selichos

12 a.m., Movie
1 a.m., Selichos Service

Wed., Sept. 4, Rosh Hashanah Eve

7:45 p.m., Services

Thurs., Sept. 5, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

9:30 a.m., Service
12:15 p.m., Shofar Service
6:45 p.m., Mincha
7:15 p.m., Tashlich Service at water's edge

Fri., Sept. 6, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

9:30 a.m., Service
12:15 p.m., Shofar Service
7:45 p.m., Program: Connect Rosh Hashanah to the joy of Shabbos

Sat., Sept. 7, Shabbos Shuva

10 a.m. Service

Fri., Sept. 13, Yom Kippur

3:15 p.m., Mincha
7:45 p.m., Kol Nidrei

Sat., Sept. 14, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., Morning Services
12:45 p.m., Yiskor
6:15 p.m., Mincha
7:30 p.m., Neila

Wed., Sept. 18, Sukkot

7:30 p.m., Service and Celebration

Thurs., Sept. 19, Sukkot

10 a.m., Service

Fri., Sept. 20, Sukkot

10 a.m., Service

Wed., Sept. 25, Simchat Torah Night 1

8 p.m., Dancing with Torah

Thurs., Sept. 26, Shemini Atzeret

10 a.m., Service
11:30 a.m., Yiskor

Thurs., Sept. 26, Simchat Torah Night 2

8 p.m., Dancing with Torah

Fri., Sept. 27, Simchat Torah

10 a.m., Service
10:45 a.m., Dancing with Torah

KENESETH ISRAEL

2531 Taylorsville Rd.
459-2780

Sat., Aug. 31, Shabbat Selichot

9:30 a.m., Morning Service
9 p.m., Selichot Program
10:30 p.m., Selichot Service

Sun., Sept. 1

11 a.m., Cemetery Service

Wed., Sept. 4, Erev Rosh Hashanah

7 p.m., Mincha Service

Thurs., Sept. 5, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

9 a.m., Morning Service
10 a.m., Family Service
4:30 p.m., Tashlich Service – Meet at Big Rock
7 p.m., Afternoon Service

Fri., Sept. 6, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

9 a.m., Morning Service
10 a.m., Family Service
7 p.m., Afternoon Service

Sat., Sept. 7, Shabbat Shuvah

9:30 a.m., Morning Service

Sun., Sept. 8, Fast of Gedaliah

Fri., Sept. 13, Erev Yom Kippur

7 p.m., Kol Nidre

Sat., Sept. 14, Yom Kippur

9:30 a.m., Morning Service
10 a.m., Family Service
11:30 a.m. (approx.), Yizkor
4:30 p.m., Healing Service
5:45 p.m., Afternoon Service
6:45 p.m., Ne'ilah

Wed., Sept. 18, Erev Sukkot

7 p.m., Services

Thurs., Sept. 19, Sukkot Day 1

9:30 a.m., Morning Services
7 p.m., Afternoon Services

Wed. Sept. 20, Sukkot Day 2

9:30 a.m., Morning Services
7 p.m., Afternoon Services

Wed. Sept. 25, Hoshana Rabba

7 p.m., Erev Yom Tov Services

Thurs. Sept. 26, Shemini Atzeret/ Yizkor

9:30 a.m., Morning Services
6 p.m., Evening Service and Dinner

Fri. Sept. 27, Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m., Morning Services
6 p.m., Afternoon Service

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Wed., Sept. 4, Erev Rosh Hashanah

4 p.m., Services in the Synagogue
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ROSH HASHANAH SECTION

AJ presents musical fundraiser for autism group at Selichot service

by Cantor David Lipp

What happens when you put Dawne Gee, Representative John Yarmuth, the well-known Bluegrass band Storefront Congregation, John Gage, Jennifer Diamond and Congregation Adath Jeshurun together?

You get an event to raise awareness for the only school in town whose aim is to teach autistic kids with a primarily one-on-one student/teacher ratio, The Bluegrass Center of Autism (formerly The Academy of St. Andrews).

That event will be on Saturday, August 31, at 8:45 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun.

Since Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005, AJ has taken the opportunity each year before Selichot to highlight a local

or national cause and perform some awesome music. Past programs have included New Orleans Jazz, Sudanese Rebaba music and country.

BCA principal, Susan Fowler, explains the value of Disney music this year for her student population: "Children with autism watch the same videos over again. Disney movies are a special favorite. The songs are a very special part of every Disney movie and enhance this experience for them."

Truth be told, children of all ages love Disney music!

For the first time ever, Storefront Congregation, a well-known local Bluegrass treasure, will tackle a few Disney gems to benefit BCA with local singers John Gage, Jennifer Diamond and Cantor David Lipp participating.

vid Lipp participating.

The evening will be hosted by WAVE3's Dawne Gee. Featured guest, the Honorable John Yarmuth will speak about the importance of autism education in Louisville. A parent of one of the children in the school and one of their teachers will also share their experiences of this school that takes as its mission to create 100 learning opportunities per child per hour.

"Having two autistic nephews, I know firsthand the work of the Academy is a Godsend," says AJ's Rabbi Robert Slosberg.

Although admission to the event is free, there will be an opportunity contribute directly to the school that evening during the dessert reception follow-



Storefront Congregation

ing the 8:45 p.m. program.

A traditional Selichot service follows at 10:30 p.m.

SCHEDULES

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Thurs., Sept. 5, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

10:15 a.m., Services in the Synagogue

Fri., Sept. 6, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

10:15 a.m., Services in the Synagogue

Sat., Sept. 7, Shabbat Shuvah

10:15 a.m., Services in the Synagogue

Fri., Sept. 13, Kol Nidrei

4 p.m., Services in the Synagogue

Sat., Sept. 14, Yom Kippur

10:15 a.m., Morning Services in the Synagogue

6:30 p.m., Neilah Service in the Solarium to break fast

Thurs., Sept. 19, Sukkot

10:15 a.m., Services in the Library

Fri., Sept. 20, Sukkot

10:15 a.m., Services in the Library

Thurs., Sept. 26, Shemini Atzeret

10:15 a.m., Services in the Synagogue

Fri., Sept. 27, Simchat Torah

10:15 a.m., Services in the Synagogue

THE TEMPLE

5101 U.S. Highway 42

423-1818

Sat., Aug. 31, Selichot

10 p.m., Oneg

10:30 p.m., Selichot Service (Waller Chapel)

Wed., Sept. 4, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m., Classical Service (Union Prayer Book) (Sanctuary)

6 p.m., Children's Service (Waller Chapel), followed by Oneg in the Trager ECEC

8 p.m., Regular Service (Sanctuary)

8 p.m., Contemporary Service led by TiLTy, The Temple Youth Group (Waller Chapel)

Thurs., Sept. 5, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

10 a.m., Morning Service (Sanctuary)

10 a.m., Children's Programming - Hugim and Babysitting - preregistration required (Preschool)

Immediately following services - Tashlich (Captain Quarters' dock)

Fri., Sept. 6, Erev Shabbat Shuvah

6:30 p.m., Yahrzeit Service

7 p.m., Shabbat Service

Sat., Sept. 7, Shabbat Shuvah

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Service

Fri., Sept. 13, Erev Yom Kippur

6 p.m., Kol Nidre Classical Service (Sanctuary)

6 p.m., Children's Service (Waller Chapel)

8 p.m., Kol Nidre Regular Service (Sanctuary)

8 p.m., Contemporary Service Led by TiLTy (Waller Chapel)

Sat., Sept. 14, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., Morning Service (Sanctuary)

10 a.m., Children's Programming - Hugim and Babysitting - preregistration required (Preschool)

12 p.m. Service of Healing (Sanctuary)

12 p.m., Educational Session - Building a Vision (Library)

1 p.m., Educational Session - Story of Job (Library)

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ROSH HASHANAH SECTION

Traditional and modern tastes have a place at New Year's tables

by Helen Nash

NEW YORK (JTA) – Nearly 30 years ago, when my first cookbook was published, I wrote that kosher cooking wasn't just about traditional recipes like gefilte fish and chopped liver, that you could make gourmet meals and international dishes using kosher ingredients.

Since then, many new kosher ingredients have become readily available, making all kinds of fusion cuisine even easier to prepare. Some of these ingredients include vinegars, oils, mustards, Panko breadcrumbs and a larger selection of cheeses.

But traditional recipes also have their place – and Rosh Hashanah is a great time to use them. There is something about ushering in the New Year with old family recipes that is very satisfying. I do, however, introduce one or two new dishes to make it more interesting for my friends and family with whom I celebrate every year.

For dinner on Rosh Hashanah, I like to begin my meal with Chopped Chicken Liver. This traditional dish brings me back to my Eastern European roots and

my guests love it. The version offered below is incredibly easy to make and actually tastes like a paté.

Another traditional favorite is Honey Cake, moist and light with a touch of sweetness. It freezes well but also can stay fresh in the fridge for many days.

Here's a new dish for Rosh Hashanah lunch: Chicken Rolls with Orange Sauce. The sauce adds some sweetness to the chicken, which is perfect for the holiday. The dish can be made ahead of time and served at room temperature.

Broccoli with Panko, the flaky Japanese breadcrumbs, is a delicious side dish that can be served with the chicken rolls. Panko is lighter and crunchier than ordinary breadcrumbs. When toasted, they transform an ordinary vegetable into something quite special. This dish also can be made in advance and served at room temperature.

These are just a sampling of the many delicious recipes featured in my latest cookbook, *Helen Nash's New Kosher Cuisine* (Overlook Press). I hope they help make your preparations a little easier and your holiday more enjoyable. Shanah Tovah!

CHOPPED CHICKEN LIVER

Makes about 1-1/2 dozen hors d'oeuvres or 8 appetizer servings

For an hors d'oeuvre, I like to serve on whole-grain crackers, toasted Potato Bread, cucumber slices or endive petals. For an appetizer, I like to place sliced radishes and sliced cucumbers on the plate as accompaniments.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound chicken livers
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 4 medium onions, coarsely chopped
- 4 large eggs, hard-boiled and quartered
- 2 to 3 tablespoons sherry
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Preparation:

Preheat the broiler. Set the rack in the broiler pan and cover it completely with foil.

Remove from the livers any green spots, which are bitter, as well as any fatty particles.

Make a shallow "basket" with a piece of heavy foil, crimping it at the corners so that the liquids don't spill out. (See Notes on techniques in "Helen Nash's New Kosher Cuisine," page 351.) Set the basket on the broiler rack and arrange the livers inside. Place the broiler pan in the oven (or broiling unit), as close as possible to the heat source. Broil for about 4 minutes per side, until cooked through. Cool.

In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the onions and saute until brown. Cool.

Place half the onions, livers and eggs in a food processor and pulse, adding sherry through the feed tube, until the mixture is moist and almost smooth. Transfer the first batch to a container and repeat the process. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



Chicken Rolls with Orange Sauce, which adds some sweetness to the poultry -- perfect for Rosh Hashanah. PHOTO FROM "HELEN NASH'S NEW KOSHER CUISINE," OVERLOOK PRESS

CHICKEN ROLLS WITH ORANGE SAUCE

Makes 4 servings

This is similar to Chicken Rolls with Mushrooms but with a more distinct Asian flavor. I serve it as the main course for dinner or as one of several dishes on a buffet table.

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, about 6 ounces each (Ask the butcher to butterfly the chicken breasts and pound them thin.)
- 12 large spinach leaves
- Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

FILLING

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup raw sushi rice
- 3/4 cup cold water
- 1 tablespoon seasoned rice vinegar
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

ORANGE SAUCE

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2-inch piece ginger, peeled and grated
- 3 to 4 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 3/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 1/2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 1/2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons honey
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Preparation:

TO MAKE THE FILLING: Place the sushi rice and water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil; lower the heat and simmer, covered, for 8 minutes. Remove from the heat and let rest, covered, for 10 minutes. Season with vinegar, salt, and pepper. Mix well and cool.

TO MAKE THE SAUCE: Bring all the sauce ingredients to a boil in a small enamel-lined saucepan. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

TO MAKE THE ROLLS: Lightly salt and pepper each chicken breast on both sides and place it on a piece of cling wrap. Remove the stems from the spinach leaves and flatten the leaves so they will roll easier. Line each breast with 3 spinach leaves and one-fourth of the filling. Starting with the narrowest end, roll the breast up (not too tight!) until it looks like a log. (I use the cling wrap to facilitate the rolling.) When the breast is rolled and completely enclosed in the cling wrap, twist the sides and close them with a metal tie. Refrigerate if not using right away.

TO COOK THE ROLLS: Bring the chicken rolls back to room temperature, if necessary. Place them in the basket of a bamboo steamer. Set the basket over a large pot or wok, whose bottom third has been filled with water. Bring the water to a rolling boil. Cover and steam over high heat for 9 to 10 minutes, turning the rolls once. Cook until the chicken has turned pale pink inside. Turn off the heat and let rest, covered, for 1 minute.

TO SERVE: Remove one of the ties and, holding the other end, slip each roll onto a plate. Pour off the accumulated see **RECIPES** page 17



Broccoli with Panko, a lighter and crunchier bread crumb that makes vegetables into something special. PHOTO FROM "HELEN NASH'S NEW KOSHER CUISINE," OVERLOOK PRESS



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ROSH HASHANAH SECTION

Going to the source of Rosh Hashanah sweetness

by Edmon J. Rodman

LOS ANGELES (JTA) – Here's the buzz about Rosh Hashanah: Beyond a congregation or family, it takes a hive to have a holiday. You may have your tickets, new dress or suit and High Holidays app, but without the honey in which to dip a slice of apple, where would you be?

We wish each other "Shanah tovah umetuka," "Have a good and sweet New Year." To further sweeten the calendar change we eat honey cake – even Martha Stewart has a recipe – and teiglach, little twisted balls of dough boiled in honey syrup.

Little do we realize that to fill a jar or squeeze bottle containing two cups of the sticky, golden stuff, a hive of honeybees must visit 5 million flowers.

For most of us, the honey seems a somehow natural byproduct of the cute, bear-shaped squeeze bottle that we pick up at the store. But for beekeeper Uri Laio, honey is like a gift from heaven. His motto, "Honey and Beeswax with Intention," is on his website, chassidic-

beekeeper.com.

"Everyone takes honey for granted; I did," says Laio, who is affiliated with Chabad and attended yeshiva in Jerusalem and Morristown, NJ.

Not wanting to take my holiday honey for granted anymore, I suited up along with him in a white cotton bee suit and hood to visit the hives he keeps near the large garden area of the Highland Hall Waldorf School, an 11-acre campus in Northridge, CA.

After three years of beekeeping – he also leads sessions with the school's students – Laio has learned to appreciate that "thousands of bees gave their entire lives to fill a jar of honey." In the summer, that's five to six weeks for an adult worker; in the winter it's longer.

It's been an appreciation gained through experience – the throbbing kind.

"It's dangerous. I've been stung a lot. It's part of the learning," Laio says. "The first summer I thought I was going into anaphylactic shock," he adds, advising me to stay out of the bees' flight path to the hive's entrance.

Drawing on his education, Laio puts a dab of honey on his finger and holds it out. Soon a bee lands and begins to feed. "Have you ever been stung?" he asks.

"A couple of times," I answer, as Laio uses a hand-held bee smoker to puff in some white smoke to "calm the hive." After waiting a few minutes for the smoke to take effect, and with me watching wide-eyed, he carefully pries off the hive's wooden lid.

Half expecting to see an angry swarm of bees come flying out like in a horror flick, I step back.

"They seem calm," says Laio, bending

down to listen to the buzz level coming from the hive. "Some days the humming sounds almost like song."

The rectangular stack of boxes, called a Langstroth Hive, allows the bee colony – estimated by Laio to be 50,000 – to efficiently build the waxy cells of honeycomb into vertical frames.

As he inspects the frames, each still holding sedated bees, he finds few capped cells of honey. The bees have a way to go if Laio is going to be able to put up a small number of jars for sale, as he did last year for Rosh Hashanah.

According to Laio, hives can be attacked by ants, mites, moths and a disease called bee colony collapse disorder that has been decimating hives increasingly over the last 10 years.

Pesticides contribute to the disorder as well as genetically modified plants, he says.

Underscoring the importance that bees have in our lives beyond the Days of Awe, Laio calculates that "one out of every three bits of food you eat is a result of honeybee pollination."

Laio practices backwards or treatment-free beekeeping, so called because he relies on observation and natural practices and forgoes pesticides or chemicals in his beekeeping.

The resulting wildflower honey – Laio hands me a jar to try – is sweet, flavorful and thick, tastier than any honey from the store.

"Honey is a superfood. And it heals better than Neosporin," Laio claims. "In Europe there are bandages impregnated with honey."

He says it takes a certain type of character to be a beekeeper.

"You need to have patience. Be determined. Learn your limitations. Be calm in stressful situations," he says.

"People are fascinated with it. I can't tell you how many Shabbos table meals have been filled with people asking me about bees."

On the Sabbath, Laio likes to sip on a mint iced tea sweetened with his honey – his only sweetener, he says.



Edmon J. Rodman dons beekeeper's gear to get a honey of a High Holidays story.

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"In the Talmud, honey is considered to be one-sixtieth of manna," says Laio, referring to the "bread" that fell from the sky for 40 years while the Israelites wandered in the desert. "The blessing for manna ended with 'Min hashamayim,' 'from the heavens,' and not 'min haaretz,' 'from the earth.'"

With the honey-manna connection in mind, especially at the Jewish New Year, Laio finds that "all the sweetness, whatever form it is in, comes straight from God."

(Edmon J. Rodman is a JTA columnist who writes on Jewish life from Los Angeles. Contact him at edmojace@gmail.com.)



Uri Laio, the Chassidic Beekeeper, on his craft: "You need to be calm."

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RECIPES

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juices. Cut each roll on the diagonal into 3 pieces. Place the pieces on a dinner plate or serving dish. Reheat the sauce and spoon the hot sauce over the pieces.

BROCCOLI WITH PANKO

Makes 4 servings

Ingredients:

1 small bunch broccoli, about 3 stalks
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1/2 cup Panko bread crumbs
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper

Preparation:

Separate the broccoli into florets and set the stems aside for another use. Steam the florets until they are bright green but still crisp to the bite.

Heat the oil in a wok. Add the garlic and saute over low heat for a few seconds. Add the Panko and stir until golden. Add the broccoli and combine well. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

HONEY CAKE

Makes 2 loaves, each serving 12

I could not resist sharing this heirloom honey cake recipe. Following tradition, I make it every Rosh Hashanah.

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons unsalted margarine, for greasing the pans
2-1/3 cups sifted unbleached all-purpose flour, plus 2 tablespoons for dusting the pans
2 large eggs, room temperature
Scant 2/3 cup sugar

1 cup strong brewed tea (made with 3 tea bags), cooled
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 cup honey
1/2 medium-ripe banana, thoroughly mashed
Grated zest of 1 navel orange
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Grease two 5-by-9-inch loaf pans with margarine and dust with 2 tablespoons of the flour. Invert the pans and tap to shake out the excess flour.

Place the eggs in the bowl of an electric mixer bowl. Using the balloon whisk attachment, beat them at medium speed, gradually adding the sugar until the mixture is pale and bubbles appear, about 5 minutes. Lower the speed and beat in the tea, oil, honey, banana, orange zest, cinnamon and cloves. Combine thoroughly.

With a rubber spatula, gradually fold in the flour, baking powder and baking soda, combining well after each addition. No traces of flour should be visible.

Pour the batter evenly into the two pans. Bake the pans side by side, without touching, on the middle shelf of the oven for 15 minutes.

Increase the heat to 350 and bake for another 30 minutes, or until a cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean.

Cool the cakes on a wire rack. Run a metal spatula around the sides of the pans to loosen the cakes. Invert each pan onto a serving plate.

Note: These cakes freeze well. Wrap them individually in wax paper, then in foil, and place in plastic freezer bags.



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ROSH HASHANAH SECTION

What children can teach us at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

by Dasee Berkowitz

NEW YORK (JTA) – A deep spiritual life is hard to find. While opportunities abound for spiritual connections (yoga, meditation, retreats and the like), for most of us it doesn't come easy. The noise, unfinished to-do lists and the distractions of everyday life interfere with quieting our minds, letting go of our egos for a moment and connecting to something far greater than ourselves.

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we notice just how difficult it is to connect spiritually. As we log in hours of prayer at our neighborhood synagogues,

with unfamiliar liturgy and an unfamiliar language, we can easily let the longing for spiritual growth morph into a longing for the service to be over.

But for some, the spiritual life that we crave comes naturally. This is especially true for children.

Yes, they may be running through the synagogue's aisles and "whispering" too loudly, but this time of year they can become our best teachers. We just need to slow down enough to listen to them.

Cultivating a relationship with God comes easy for children. As an adult, a relationship with God has never been central to my Jewish identity. It might sound strange because I live an observant life and prayer is important to me. The weekly holiday cycle punctuates my family's calendar and Jewish ethics frame much of my behavior.

Still, I seldom credit my observance to God. Judaism is important to me because it adds meaning to my life. And if I start speaking about God, I start to feel self-conscious, too "religious" and slightly fundamentalist. Then I notice how easily my kids speak about God.

At 3, my son periodically gave a high five to God and explained to others what a blessing was. "A bracha," he would say, "is like a group hug." With his simple young mind, he experienced both a level of intimacy with God and recognized that connecting to God helps one develop a sense of intimacy with others.

The Rabbis call Rosh Hashanah "Coronation Day." In the rabbinic mind, the metaphor of crowning God as Ruler and giving God the right to judge our actions



Perhaps Yael Berkowitz-Morris, shofar at the ready, can teach her mom, JTA contributing writer Dasee Berkowitz, a few things at the High Holidays.

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was a powerful way to galvanize Jews to do the hard work of repentance, or teshuvah.

While the image of a King sitting in judgment might motivate some, the Rabbis also knew that God is indescribable. Throughout the liturgy, they struggled to find other images that might penetrate the hearts of those who pray. The famous medieval piyut (liturgical poem) "Ki Anu Amekha" portrays God as a parent, a shepherd, a creator and lover.

The images continued to proliferate in modern times. The theologian Mordechai Kaplan spoke of God as the power that makes for good in the world. And the contemporary poet Ruth Brin speaks about God as "the source of love springing up in us."

The liturgy on Rosh Hashanah challenges us to confront the meaning of God in our lives and then develop a level of intimacy with the Ineffable. While I am still not sure what God is, I am coming to appreciate the view that God is what inspires us to live our lives in service to others.

Children have a natural ability to be awestruck. There is so little that they have experienced in life that it must be easy for them to experience wonder. We watch their delight as they find out how a salad spinner works, or when they find a worm squirming in the dirt, or when they observe how flowers change colors as they enter full bloom.

These are not simply the sweet moments of childhood. These are ways of being that have deep theological resonance.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel recalls in "Who is Man" (1965), "Awe is a sense for transcendence, for the reference everywhere to mystery beyond all things. It enables us ... to sense in small things the beginning of infinite significance, to sense the ultimate in the common and the simple: to feel in the rush of the passing the stillness of the eternal."

Would that we could develop that sense of awe by first simply noticing our surroundings instead of being preoccupied with what comes next.

We can make space this Rosh Hashanah to begin a journey toward wonder, whether you notice the cantor's voice as she reaches a certain note, or hear the

crackle of a candy wrapper, or connect to the sound of your own breathing during the standing silent Amidah prayer. Take a walk sometime during the High Holidays and notice the leaves on the trees, the sunlight refracting from a window, the taste of holiday food at a meal or the voice of a loved one. Notice the small things and consider for that moment that they have ultimate significance.

Consider the concept that Rosh Hashanah marks the birth of the world. Act as if nothing existed before this moment. Slow down, focus in, be silent and you may experience awe.

Children forgive easily, grown-ups not so much. The central work of the period of the High Holidays is teshuvah, or return. We return to our better selves and make amends with those whom we have hurt in some way. Every year I recognize how uncomfortable I am to ask for forgiveness from family members, peers and colleagues. "So much time has passed" or "I'm sure they forgot about that incident" are common rationalizations I offer.

What takes an adult days, weeks or even years to let go of resentment takes children a matter of minutes before they are back to laughing with those with whom they once were angry. While it might be difficult to coax an "I'm sorry" from a child's lips, they rebound quickly. It is a lesson for us.

Children offer their love freely. I am overwhelmed daily with the unbridled love that my 2-1/2-year-old daughter unleashes toward me as she jumps into my arms, hair flying, at the end of each day. For many adults, the doors of possibility seem to close more and more with every passing year. In contrast, the ecstatic joy and free spirit that children naturally exude is a lesson in being open to the fullness of what life can offer.

This Rosh Hashanah, let the children be our teachers. As we do teshuvah, let's return to a simpler time and the more childlike parts of ourselves – when a relationship with God was intimate, when awe came easy, when we didn't harbor resentments and when the door was open wide to forgive and to love.

(Dasee Berkowitz is a contributing writer to JTA.)

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ROSH HASHANAH SECTION

For the New Year, children's books open new worlds

by Penny Schwartz

BOSTON (JTA) – Shofars, apples and honey, make room for pomegranates, couscous and pumpkins.

The new crop of children's books for the High Holidays opens a world beyond the beloved traditional symbols of the New Year (Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on September 4).

From ancient times to today, the savory, engaging reads presented here will take families from the kitchen to the bedroom to the sukkah.

Jewish Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook

Tales Retold by Jane Yolen; recipes by Heidi E.Y. Stemple; illustrated by Sima Elizabeth Shefrin Crocodile Books/Interlink, \$25; ages 5 and older

Master storyteller Jane Yolen and her daughter, Heidi E.Y. Stemple, a cook and children's writer, serve up a collection of richly detailed retellings of Jewish folk tales from around the world paired with kid-friendly recipes for Jewish foods. Yolen presents a range of tales, from the entertaining and humorous to lesser-known sophisticated tales for older readers that pose life's challenges. Stemple offers up tempting recipes adapted for today's families, from the traditional, familiar Eastern European fare to some lesser-known African and Sephardic cuisine.

The brightly colored collages and recipe illustrations by Sima Elizabeth Shefrin make the book a pleasure to browse for all ages.

Among the 18 stories and recipes are two Rosh Hashanah entries. "Two Jars of Honey," set in the days of King Solomon, where a wise beyond his years Solomon resolves a feud between neighbors. All ends well on a note of compassion and forgiveness. A recipe for honey cake, a traditional sweet eaten during the High Holidays, includes a surprising ingredient – a can of cola.

In "The Pomegranate Seed," a tale that originated in Morocco, a poor man caught stealing uses his wit and a moral challenge to save himself. An appealing recipe for pomegranate couscous is packed with flavor, texture and color from pomegranate seeds, dried apricots, cinnamon, cilantro and fresh mint. An added note explains that pomegranates are associated with Rosh Hashanah because the red, globe-shaped fruit is said to have 613 seeds that correspond with the Torah's 613 mitzvot, or commandments.

It would have been easy to fill a cookbook with Jewish tales about challah and chicken, common Jewish foods,

Yolen tells JTA, adding that it took plenty of research to find stories that matched the book's breadth of recipes.

"When I found the honey cake story, I was thrilled," Yolen recalls.

Budding storytellers, folklorists and teachers will appreciate Yolen's outstanding end notes that credit other storytellers for their earlier versions and provide the origins and cultural history of the stories.

In the introduction, Yolen and Stemple write that storytelling and cooking change over time and location.

"Be playful," they encourage, and "let's eat!"

What a Way to Start a New Year! A Rosh Hashanah Story

Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Judy Stead Kar-Ben; \$16.95 hardcover, \$7.95 paperback; ages 3-8

Award-winning author Jacqueline Jules' "What a Way to Start a New Year!" is a lighthearted and authentic story for Rosh Hashanah that reflects the diversity of today's Jewish families and the hustle and bustle of daily life.

In the opening pages, a perky young girl is eating a slice of pizza in her family's new home, which is filled with unpacked boxes. Her family, including two younger brothers, has just moved to a new town. While her dad isn't Jewish, he loves celebrating the High Holidays. But how will they observe the New Year, our storyteller wonders with some concern.

When they venture back to their old neighborhood to share a traditional Rosh Hashanah meal with their friends, one plan after another goes awry. "What a way to start a new year!" they each sigh after mishap follows zany mishap.

Things begin to look up when one of dad's co-workers invites them to synagogue services. While the prayers and songs are familiar, the kids still feel out of place because they don't recognize anyone.

Finally they are welcomed to share Rosh Hashanah dinner with new friends. "What a wonderful way to start a new year!" the young girl exclaims.

Judy Stead's brightly colored, cartoon-like illustrations are a lively accompaniment to the story.

An author's note reminds parents that

while starting in a new home or school can be difficult, it's made easier by generous hosts. She explains the mitzvah of "hachnasat orchim," "welcoming guests."

A Watermelon in the Sukkah

Sylvia A. Rouss and Shannan Rouss, illustrated by Ann Iosa Kar-Ben; \$17.95 hardcover, \$7.95 paper; ages 3-8

Decorating a Jewish school's sukkah becomes inventive when a young boy, Michael, wants to hang his favorite fruit, a watermelon, from the roof. All the kids' usual ideas – think duct tape and string – fall flat. Michael's creative thinking and teamwork save the day. A brief author's note explains the holiday.

Iosa's fall-toned illustrations of gold, green and purple convey the children's excitement and disappointment with lively action that will entertain young kids.

Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too!)

Leslie Kimmelman, illustrated by Stefano Tambellini Albert Whitman, \$13.99, also available on Kindle; ages 6 to 8

A delightful chapter book that was published earlier this year, "Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too!)" is a story of friendship of young new neighbors. The book is divided into five stories that tell

of the daily ups and downs among two Jewish friends and a younger sibling. The format and Kimmelman's light and endearing touch evokes the classic "George and Martha" series by James Marshall, or the beloved "Frog and Toad" series by Arnold Lobel.

The last of the set, titled "I'm Sorry Day," will have the kids giggling along with Sam and Charlie even as it opens up an easy conversation to the tough subject of apologies and forgiveness. Children of all faiths and backgrounds will have fun with these memorable stories and learn about the meaning of Yom Kippur, the holiday of forgiveness.

Tikkun Olam Ted

Vivian Newman, illustrated by Steve Mack Kar-Ben; \$5.95 board book, also available as eBook; ages 1-4

From Sunday to Friday, a young, small boy named Ted spends his days doing some big things to make the world a kinder, better place. On Shabbat he rests, dreaming of tikkun olam, the repair of the world.

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AROUND TOWN

High Holy Days

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.com.

Saturdays, August 24 and 31, September 7

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

Sunday, August 25 and Thursday, August 29

The High School of Jewish Studies will hold an open house for rising ninth- and tenth-grade students at Jewish Family and Career Services (JFCS), 2821 Klempner Way, on Sunday, August 25 from 1 – 2 p.m. and Thursday, August 29 from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. For more information, call HSJS at 459-1695 or email Sarah Harlan at sarahhsjs@twc.com.

Sunday, August 25

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.

Monday, August 26

For high school students preparing for college, the next A.C.T. Preparation Workshop at JFCS begins at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 26. The cost of the workshop includes eight sessions and two textbooks. For more information and to register, contact Janet Poole at 452-6341, ext. 222.

Tuesday, August 27

The Kentucky Center will screen *The Potter's Field*, a documentary on the young volunteers who give funeral services for indigent community members, at 7 p.m. in the Bomhard Theater. Tickets are \$9; one dollar of each ticket purchased benefits the Louisville Coalition of the Homeless. For tickets, visit kentuckycenter.org/presents, call 584-7777 or 1-800-775-7777, or stop by the Kentucky Center box office at 501 West Main Street. Kentucky Center members can call the member hotline at 562-0144.

Wednesday, August 28

Bar and Bat Mitzvah students are invited to join the Marjorie and Robert Kohn Pledge 13 Program, in which students pledge at least 13 hours of community service. The first meeting for students and parents will be held at JFCS at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28. Join us for pizza and a short meeting about the program. For more information, please contact Kim Toebbe at 452-6341, ext. 103.

Saturday, August 31

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 next-door neighbor, the Academy at St. Andrews, a school for children with autism.

At 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. Desert 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.

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Saturday, August 31

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.

Wednesdays in September

As a service to the Jewish community, Signature Healthcare of Cherokee Park (formerly Four Courts) will offer round challah bread and honey cakes for the upcoming holidays. Call in your orders to 451-0990 by Monday at noon through the month of September for pickup that week from noon-6 p.m. on Wednesday at the front desk. Challah bread \$3.75 per loaf; honey cake (in a loaf pan) \$7 per cake. For more information, call dining services director Mike Jewellson at 451-0990.

Sunday, September 1

The Annual AJ Cemetery Service takes place in the Adath Jeshurun Cemetery located at 2926 Preston Highway on Sunday, September 1, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, September 4

Say goodbye to 5773 and hello to 5774 at the Adath Jeshurun 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 p.m. Free and open to the community.

Thursday, September 5

Keneseth Israel welcomes all to attend Tashlich at the Big Rock on Thursday, September 5 at 4:30 p.m. Cast off your sins (and breadcrumbs) into the Middle Fork Beargrass Creek. The entrance to the park is at the north end of Valletta Lane.

Saturday, September 7

All grandparents in the community – and their grandchildren – are invited to Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, September 7, for an aliyah in their honor. Services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 7

Louisville klezmer band Lost Tribe invites klezmer lovers to join them for their CD Release Concert on September 7 at 8:30 p.m. at The Rudyard Kipling, 422 W. Oak St. Cover charge is \$5. Lost Tribe's new CD, "Beyond the Sambatyon," will be available for purchase.

Saturday, September 7

Sign up for the Louisville Zoo's second annual Wild Walk to Support Endangered Species on September 7. This after-hours adventure takes participants on an untimed walk through the Zoo and includes special up-close encounters with animal ambassadors, animal demonstrations, zookeeper interactions and free rides. The walk concludes with door prizes, special treats and a movie, *The Croods*, at 9 p.m. Each dollar raised goes directly to care, food and enrichment for the animals at the Zoo. The annual food budget alone for the Zoo's animals is more than \$400,000.

To participate in the Wild Walk, each individual must raise a minimum of \$50. Participate as an individual, a team member or a donor. Get details about prizes and register online at louisville-zoo.org.

Sunday, September 8

JFCS hosts a Sweet New Year Party Family Mitzvah at 1:30 p.m. in the Solarium at Signature Healthcare of Cherokee Park. Celebrate Rosh Hashanah with storyteller Marsha B. Roth. RSVP to Kim Toebbe at 452-6341, ext. 103, by Tuesday, September 3.

Saturday, September 14

Keneseth Israel Sisterhood invites the community to Break the Fast on Saturday evening, September 14, following the conclusion of Yom Kippur services at approximately 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for this light meal, but you must make reservations no later than Monday, September 9, by calling 459-2780 or emailing gkahn@kenesethisrael.com. Donations to defray preparation costs are always appreciated.

Tuesdays, September 17 and 24

Movie Matinee returns to Adath Jeshurun in September, with a new title, "Movies and More!" The new season includes movies as well as other presentations. On September 17, see four of television's greatest hits: "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. All of these shows originated from early radio. On September 24, the show is "Larger Than Life" With Carol Channing, both a rare journey inside Broadway's most glamorous era, and a whimsical look at an inspiring and always entertaining American legend. All shows begin at 3 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun and are open to the community and free of charge.

Friday, September 20

Sukkah Palooza at The Temple starts with dinner and entertainment at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share: side dish if your last name begins with A-N, dessert if your last name begins with O-Z. Shabbat service in the sukkah at 7 p.m.; gelato and desserts at 7:30. This event is sponsored by the Meyer Family. No charge for dinner; to RSVP, call The Temple at 423-1818 by Tuesday, September 17.

Saturday, September 21

Parents and students in the community in kindergarten through seventh grade are invited to attend Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation services at Adath Jeshurun. The first service of the school year is scheduled for September 21 at 10:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Saturday, September 21

The community is invited to attend Shabbat Scholars, an enlightening discussion following the AJ kiddush lunch on September 21, at 11:45 a.m., as Frank Schwartz speaks on the "13 Articles of Faith" of Maimonides.

Saturday, September 21

Congregation Adath Jeshurun invites the entire community to Sushi in the Sukkah, a fun evening of sushi, socializing and sukkot-celebrating open to adults of all ages. The program takes place at Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, September 21 beginning at 7:45 p.m. with Sukkot blessings, Japanese appetizers, drinks and socializing. Following are a Havdalah service, interactive sushi-making class and dinner. The evening ends with dessert in AJ's Vivian & Chester Slosberg Sukkah. Cost is \$25 per person; reservations must be prepaid by Friday, September 13. For reservations, call the AJ office at 458-5359 with your credit card information, or visit adathjeshurun.com/sushi.

Sunday, September 22

Keneseth Israel Men's Club presents see **AROUND TOWN** page 21

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Birth

Jayson Evans Benovitz

Todd and Shannon Benovitz are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jayson Evans, born July 20th at 6:49 p.m. Jayson is the grandson of Diane and the late Jay Levine of Louisville, KY and Shellie and the late Melvin Benovitz of Louisville, KY. Jayson is proud to be named in memory of his maternal and paternal grandfathers.



B'nai Mitzvot

Jacob Edwin Latts

Jacob (Jake) Edwin Latts, son of Kate and Allan Latts and brother of Lindsey, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, September 21, at 10:30 a.m., at The Temple. Jake is the grandson of Ellen and Max Shapira and Liz Latts and the late Sandy Latts, of Minneapolis, MN.

Jake is in the seventh grade at Kentucky Country Day, where he is active in



the theater, music and speech programs, performing and participating in many school productions and competitions. He also plays on the tennis and soccer teams. Outside of school, Jake spends much time studying piano as well as voice. Jake has attended B'nai Brith Beber Camp for the past five years.

Because of his passion for the arts, Jake developed and is 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 the city of Louisville, giving kids exposure to theater who otherwise may not have the opportunity. Louisville's Got Talent is open to children between the ages of 7 and 18 and will take place at the Jewish Community Center on September 8, at 2 p.m. For more information on how you can participate and/or become a sponsor, please visit CenterStageJCC.org/talent.

Jake is also participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program and looks forward to establishing a B'nai Tzedek fund through the Jewish Community of Louisville.

Leah Hannah Goldberg

Leah Hannah Goldberg, daughter of Steven and Najla Aswad Goldberg, sister to Zach and Jordan, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah



on Saturday, September 28, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple. Leah is the granddaughter of Charles and Joanne Aswad of New York, NY and Jeanne and the late Herbert Goldberg of Philadelphia, PA. Leah is a seventh grader at Kentucky Country Day School where she is a member of the Speech Team, Drama Society, KCD Lacrosse, Bluegrass Premier LAX and Field Hockey teams. She is the Drama Society Community Service Chair and enjoys performing in all the plays and musicals at KCD.

Her mitzvah project, Farmers for Families, is dedicated to providing fresh, local produce and artisan products to the food pantry at Jewish Family and Career Services. She gleans from area farmers markets and has collected over 650 pounds of food from local farmers in Kentucky and Indiana to help hungry families. Leah works every Saturday at the St. Matthews Farmers market.

Leah and her family invite the community to celebrate and enjoy the kiddush luncheon to follow, where most of the ingredients will be from the farmers of the Kentucky and Indiana.

Wedding

O'Connell/Johnson

Katherine Sherman Johnson and Noel Cornelius O'Connell will be united in marriage at The Temple, Congregation Adath Israel Brith Shalom, on September 15. Katherine is the daughter of Charles and Pamela Sherman of Louisville, a member of the Temple, and a teacher in the Temple Religious School. Noel, son of Cornelius and Theresa O'Connell, comes to us from Ballineen, County Cork, Ireland. The couple will be joined under the chuppah by Katherine's children Tate and Asher.



Obituaries

Kurt Wertheimer

Kurt Wertheimer, cousin of Hans Bensinger and Karin Bensinger Appelbaum, died in July at age 92 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He and his family moved in 1939 from Germany to Colonia Avigdor, Provincia Entre Rios in Argentina, an agricultural settlement sponsored by Baron de Hirsch, and relocated to Buenos Aires after a few years.

He is survived by his daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Lilliana Szwimer, who was assassinated at age 22 on July 18, 1994, in the Iranian sponsored terrorist attack on the AMIA (JCC) in Buenos Aires. Justice has not been served. Lest we forget.

Max Schulwolf

Max Schulwolf, 90, of Montgomery, Alabama passed away Friday, July 19.

Max was one of the original "Pawn Stars," owning Max's Pawn Shop at Monroe and Lawrence Streets in Montgomery, AL. He was a kind and thoughtful man who loved his Crimson Tide football. Max was a member of Agudath Israel-Etz Ahayem Synagogue. He was an Army Veteran during World War II, serving in the Philippines.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Regina Varon Schulwolf. Survivors include his three sons, Lynn (Sande) of Louisville, KY, Marvin of Waleska, GA, and Steven of Atlanta, GA. He also is survived by his sister, Esther Fleischman; eight grandchildren: Amy, Jonathan, Jessie, Rachel, Carson, Brooke, Bailey, Blake; and two great-grandchildren: Brody and Taylor.

A graveside service was performed by Rabbi Scott Kramer. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to The Temple Cemetery Beautification Fund or the Kentucky Humane Society.

Benjamin Robison Kommor

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Memorial services were held for Captain Benjamin Robison Kommor on Sunday, July 21, at Temple Israel in Charleston, West Virginia. Captain Kommor died at Ft. Bragg, NC, where he was on active duty, serving the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division in Military Intelligence.

Benjamin, the son of Dr. Martin Jay Kommor and Dr. Joan Robison Palmintier, was born and raised in Charleston, WV, where he graduated with honors from George Washington High School in 2001. He was a member of all-district chorus and was a National Merit Scholar. He graduated on the see **LIFECYCLE** page 22



AROUND TOWN

Pizza in the Hut on Sunday, September 22 at 12:45 p.m. in the KI Sukkah. Make a personal pizza and enjoy it in the Sukkah, having fun and partaking in a mitzvah all at once. There is no charge, but reservations are required by Tuesday, September 17 to ensure enough food for all. RSVP to mensclub@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

Monday, September 23

The JCC Book Club will read *The Color of Water* by James McBride in September, and will discuss the book on Monday, September 23 at the JCC, 11 a.m. in the Naamani Library. All are welcome.

Wednesday, September 25

The National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, holds its opening meeting at 11:30 a.m. on September 25 at The Olmsted, 3701 Frankfort Avenue (on the grounds of the Masonic Homes). The speaker is Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools.

Thursday, September 26

The community is invited to the Adath Jeshurun Simchat Torah party for adults – singing, dancing, appetizers, desserts and a wine and juice bar. Minyan begins at 5:45 p.m., with party at 6 and Simchat Torah service at 6:30 p.m. During the service, everyone will be called to the Torah for a group aliyah as the Torah is rewound back to the beginning. The event is free; to ensure enough refreshments for everyone, please visit

adathjeshurun.com/simchat_torah to let the AJ Office know that you will attend.

Friday, September 27

AJ's 5:30 p.m. Mini-Minyan Family Service is for children in Preschool through grade 5 and their parents and grandparents. Families will enjoy active participation through prayers, songs, and a special Simchat Torah celebration. Open to all families in the community.

Dinner follows at 6 p.m. The meal is available by reservation only and must be prepaid by Wednesday, September 18. Make reservations online at adathjeshurun.com/miniminyan. If you have questions, contact Molly Evancho at 458-5359 or mevancho@adathjeshurun.com.

Thursday, September 26

Join Keneseth Israel on Saturday, September 26 for Simchat Torah. The evening starts at 6 p.m. with Mincha and a light, celebratory dinner. Hakafot will be at 7 p.m., including stuffed Torahs for the kinder to march with and our tradition of completely unwinding a Torah beneath the Fischer Windows. Cap off the evening with an ice cream feast. RSVPs required to 459-2780 by Monday, September 23.

Saturday, September 28

Join KI to wrap up the High Holidays with one last sweet celebration at 7:30 p.m.. All who RSVP to attend Shabbat & Sundaes can get a treat at Graeter's, 2204 Bardstown Rd., for up to \$5 with-

out having to pay at the counter. After enjoying some time to nosh and schmooze, stay for a Havdalah service to start your week off right. RSVPs required no later than Wednesday, September 25 at 4 p.m. to 459-2780.

Ongoing

JFCS Food Pantry suggestions for September: Canned tuna, ketchup, jelly, juice, canned peaches and pears, small bags of snacks, small boxes of raisins, toilet paper. All donated food must be in its original packaging. Please do not donate expired items. You also can donate grocery gift cards and monetary donations to the JFCS Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. Donations accepted at JFCS Roth Family Center, 2821 Klempner Way, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ongoing

With support from the Humana Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters is recruiting adults age 55 and older to join the agency's Human Legacy Program. The goal is to match an additional 50 senior "Bigs" with children ages 7-16 by year's end. You don't need special skills to be a Big – just the willingness to listen, offer encouragement and share what you've learned about life. "Littles" typically come from families headed by a single parent who want the best for their child, but do not have the time they would like to spend with the child.

Big Brothers Big Sisters has 400 children on its waiting list, waiting for a mentor. Visit www.legacybigs.com or call Big Brothers Big Sisters 587-0494 ext 164 to get involved.

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Dean's List from Virginia Tech in 2005 with a degree in Political Science. He was an Assistant Editor on the college newspaper, with heartfelt editorials written with maturity beyond his years.

Benjamin joined the U.S. Army in 2006 and obtained the rank of Captain, serving his country on full tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. His last posting was at Ft. Bragg, NC, where he relished the challenge of Military Intelligence.

A hint of Ben's love of life was noted in his winning smile and his dedication to his family, friends and work. He cherished excellent cuisine and fine wines, computer gaming, and books and movies that challenged his intellect. He fully enjoyed the work in Military Intelligence offered by the Army. This had been a lifelong desire.

Along with his parents, Benjamin is survived by his stepmother, Kathie K. Kommor, of Charleston, WV and his stepfather, Dr. Jon S. Palmintier, of Lafayette, LA; his step-siblings, Jennifer Hoffman of Las Vegas, NV, Stephanie Franco and her husband Tony of Denver, CO, Bryan Palmintier and his wife Michele of Golden, CO, Karin Price and her husband Jason of Lakewood, CO; his grandparents, Alvin and Selma Kommor; his aunts, Sandee Miller and her husband Lester, and Shelley Cozzens and her husband Rick; and his cousins, Brian Miller and his wife Pia, Loren Miller, and Robert Cozzens, all of Louisville, KY, Will Slaughter and his wife Betsy Fitzpatrick of Pittsburgh, PA, and Michael Slaughter and his wife Holly of Baton Rouge, LA.

Benjamin's family and friends will miss him dearly, but will forever cherish the times he was with them.

Adam Ryan Pyles

Adam Ryan Pyles, 31, of Austin, TX, died suddenly Wednesday, July 24. He was a native of Lexington, KY, attended high school in Austin and obtained his Master's degree from Texas State University. He was an administrator with St. Edwards University in Austin.

He is survived by his parents, William "Ken" Pyles and Sharon Greene of Grapevine, TX; his sister, Devon Pyles; and many extended family members.

Burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts may go to American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCs).

Florence Krebs



Florence Krebs, 90, died Sunday, July 28, at Baptist Health Louisville. She was born October 9, 1922 in Louisville to the late Dave and Anna Wasbutsky Schwartz. She was a partner with

her husband Sydney in Sydney's Ladies Apparel in the Gardiner Lane Shopping Center and Brown Dinner Theatre. She was a member of Congregation Anshei Sfar.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Sydney Krebs; her son, Martin Krebs; and two sisters, Lillian Bleicher and Rose Cooper; and a brother, Jack Howard Schwartz.

She is survived by her daughter, Sally Judah (Michael); her son, Larry Krebs; her daughter-in-law, Lisa Krebs; her brother, William "Sonny" Schwartz of Cleveland, OH; four grandchildren, Nick and Alli Judah and Samantha and Mat-

thew Krebs; and many loving nephews.

Graveside services were held at Anshei Sfar Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son was in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may go to Humane Society and Hosparus of Louisville.

Robert Dennis Firkins

Robert Dennis Firkins, 66, of Louisville, died Tuesday, July 30, at his home. He was born February 2, 1947 to the late Robert Hyman and Pauline McDaniel Firkins. He was teacher for Jefferson County Public Schools and a photographer for *The Courier-Journal*.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet Frankel Firkins; his son, Seth Chaim Firkins of Atlanta, GA; and his daughters, Rachel Chaia Firkins (Elisha Keel) and Rebecca Hannah Ratliff (Jon D.).

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may go to Keneseth Israel Congregation Sisterhood.

Joseph Frank Leffert

Joseph Frank Leffert, 68, of Bardstown passed away Tuesday, July 30, at his home.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Linda Lemke Leffert.

He is survived by sons, John R. Leffert (Jason Tumulty) and Joseph A. Leffert (Anne Mary); grandchildren, Will, Sam, and Jack; sister, Joan Leffert; and brother, Jim Leffert.

Burial was in Middletown Historic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Leffert's name may go to CenterStage at the Jewish Community Center of Louisville, where his son, John R. Leffert, is the Artistic Director.



Elaine Brodnax Klein

Elaine Brodnax Klein, 80, died Wednesday, July 31, at her home. She was born in Nashville, TN, and grew up in Birmingham, AL. She attended the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin and in 1953, married her husband, Bert Klein. She was a member of The Temple, NCJW - Louisville Section, a volunteer in the nursery and inhalation therapy at Jewish Hospital; and was a former vice president of Women of Reformed Judaism. In 1983, she co-chaired with her husband, Bert, the opening of Kentucky Center for the Arts, and she was a vice president

of the National Board of the National Symphony Orchestra at The Kennedy Center for the Arts in Washington, D.C. She also was a member of the Louisville Zoo Commission and Kentucky Racing Commission; and in 1980, she won the Women's Amateur Road Pony Championship with her pony "Yankee Doodle Dandy." In 1982, she won the National Championship in Madison Square Gardens. For 28 years, she was a partner in the thoroughbred industry with her family. She had a great passion and love for all animals, mostly horses, and most importantly, her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Phil Brodnax.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Bert Klein; her sons, Stephen (Yael) Klein of Yelm, WA, David Klein and Richard (Beth) Klein; a sister, Sandra (Edward) Russell of Birmingham, AL; her grandchildren, Erin, Kathryn, Chelsea and Casey; a great-grandson, Luke; and several nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend a thank you and gratitude to her doctors and her caregivers, especially Mittie Davis and Tinuke Maclu-Uboku (Tue-Tue).

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may go to The Temple.

Dr. George Shpilberg

Dr. George Shpilberg, 82, died Friday, August 2, at Norton Brownsboro. George was born in Trujillo, Peru and immigrated with his wife, Sara, to the U.S. in 1954 to further his medical education. George was truly grateful to eventually become an American citizen.

He was a retired physician and was very proud of opening his family practice in West Point, KY, in 1958. He practiced in Valley Station and Pleasure Ridge Park until 2000. He always considered it a privilege to help take care of patients who placed their trust in him. Many sought his good counsel and advice, which he gave generously. Above all, he loved his family with all his heart. He was very encouraging to his children to start their own businesses. He enjoyed traveling the world with Sara. Over the past 15 years, he made Miami Beach his second home and will surely be missed by many good friends and family who reside there.

He was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Greater Louisville Medical Society, Kentucky Medical Society, American Medical Society, a Diplomate and fellow of the American Board of Family Medicine, a past president of



the Department of Family Practice at Jewish and Methodist Hospitals during the 1970's and 1980's, and was a clinical instructor at University of Louisville Medical School.

He is survived by his wife, Sara Shpilberg; a daughter, Raquel Koff (Dr. Ronald); a son, Dr. Victor Shpilberg (Karen); a brother, David Shpilberg (Anica) of Miami Beach, FL; his grandchildren, Michelle (Aaron) Tasman, Daniel Cohen, Jacob Shpilberg and Andrea Shpilberg; and a great-granddaughter, Isabella Tasman who will miss him dearly. He was a great and generous dad and granddad.

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

Expressions of sympathy may go to The American Cancer Society.

Sonia Davidson

Sonia Davidson, 88, died Tuesday, August 13, at Norton Pavilion Hosparus Care Center. She was a native of Louisville, born January 28, 1925. She was a retired bookkeeper and a former member Keneseth Israel Congregation.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Azriel and Julia Borowick; her husband, Melvin Davidson; her daughter, Sharon Davidson; and a sister, Corrine Goodman.

She is survived by her sons, Michael Davidson (Amy) of Lexington and Barry Davidson (Rochelle) of Bardstown; her brothers, Alvin "Buddy" Borowick (Linda), Leo Borowick (Shirley) and Hershel Borowick; a sister, Florence Weinstein of Farmington, CT; her grandchildren, Brittany, Andrea, Aimie, Tess and Zachary; and her great-grandchildren, Jaden and Parker.

Burial was in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son were in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts may go to donor's favorite charity.

Sidney Rubin

Sidney Rubin, 87, died at his residence on August 13. He was an Army veteran of WWII. Mr. Rubin was the former owner of Gold's Pawn and Jewelry in Jeffersonville, IN. Sid was a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, St. George Lodge #239 F&AM and Scottish Rite.

Mr. Rubin is preceded in death by his first wife, Florence Levy, and his second wife, Ruthie Gumer.

He is survived by a stepson, Jeffrey Gumer, and several nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service was held; Herman Meyer & Son were in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Skolnick-Gumer Fund at the Jewish Community Center.

REVIEW

A New Brain

by David Wallace
Special to Community

When I first heard of *A New Brain* and learned that it was a musical, I wondered how that could be? What next? *Wit*, which CenterStage will present later in the season, as a musical? Would their featured number be *Singing in the Brain*?

As the show started the night I attended my mind started to change. From the beginning I realized that Mr. Bungee wasn't Kermit the Frog and that any subject in the world can be sung about.

Gordon Michael Schwinn, played by Jordan Price, suffers a blackout early in

the play and is diagnosed with arterial venous malformation, as was the author of the play, William Finn. The play describes Gordon's subsequent operation and various reactions to it.

This show continuously pushes the envelope to the edge of absurdity and then backs off just in time. No one is what they are supposed to be. Richard, the "nice" nurse, played by Anthony Johnson, has an image problem. Nancy D., the not-so-nice nurse, played by the ever-reliable Lauren McCombs, is a trim version of *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest's* Nurse Ratched. Roger, Gordon's lover, first appears singing *I'd Rather Be Sailing*. Mother Mimi Schwinn, played by Jennifer Pennington, reacts to Gordon's illness by engaging in "therapeutic" censorship. Mr. Bungee, played by Jason Cooper, is cruel, ego-driven and insensitive, but encourages Gordon in a scene near the end.

When all is said and done, the play is an affirmation of living and as Lisa,

the Homeless Lady, played by Tamika Prince - she of the deep rolling gospel voice - says: "I'm just asking for change," and that's what almost everybody does during the course of this play (though I'm not so sure about Nancy D.) - change and survive.

In many ways this is a new experiment for CenterStage and I urge you to take advantage of it.

I also urge that you sign up for the season which continues October 24-November 10 with the area premiere of *Les Miserables*.



Gordon Michael Schwinn and Mr. Bungee

YAD has picnic, brunch and learn and potluck Shabbat



Event Chair Seth Gladstein and his son, Judah



Over the summer, the Jewish Federation of Louisville's YAD division offered three different events that encouraged young adults to come together, socialize and engage in a variety of activities.

On Sunday, July 28, there was a YAD brunch and learn at Java where participants enjoyed crepes and coffee. Adath Jeshurun's Cantor David Lipp led a discussion and workshop about Lashon Hara, negative speech, and the Jewish perspective on the power of words.

Similar events will be planned in the future.

On Sunday, August 11, 80 people came to the Jewish Community Center for the annual YAD Picnic. This year's event, chaired by Seth Gladstein, offered all YAD members access to the JCC's pools throughout the afternoon.

There were lots of activities for children. The youngest jumped in a bouncy house, listened and sang along as John Gage performed Jewish and traditional children's songs, enjoyed activities led by the JCC's camp counselors and played on the equipment in the family park.

Other children had the opportunity to make friendship bracelets and tie-dye projects. There was even a Ga-Ga game for middle schoolers.

It was a nice way for young families to

get together before the end of the summer.

On Friday, August 16, young adults in their 20's and early 30's gathered at the home of Matt and Lisa Goldberg for a vegetarian potluck Shabbat dinner, that included the traditional Shabbat blessings. Watch for more programs like this in the future.





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