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JCL UPDATE

by Stu Silberman
*President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville*

“What are you calling yourselves these days – JCL? Federation? JCC?” a rabbi asked me at lunch this week.

Funny? Yes, it is funny, as humor is generally based in truth, just presented a different way. But embedded in the laughter there is truth. The reality is that Louisville’s Jewish community should be very proud that we have an agency complex enough to wear many different names.



Stu Silberman

Each name represents a different way the JCL serves the community; and it takes the programs and services we deliver through all of them to serve our community today and ensure that there will be a Jewish community in Louisville in the future. And the future of the Jewish community is once again in the national spotlight.

Have you read the recent Pew Research Center survey? If not it is available online at www.pewresearch.org/topics/jews-and-judaism, and an analysis of the findings can also be found in this paper on page 6.

I won’t go into the details because you can read it for yourself and if you are reading Community online just click the link and it will work. Fundamentally it says that America’s Jewish community is continuing on the same path it has been on for some time. While remaining proud of being Jewish, many American Jews don’t feel the need to be affiliated with a congregation.

It’s very fortunate that Louisville has the JCL that, through its Jewish Community Center and Federation, provides

see **JCL UPDATE** page 7



Marlene Gordon checked out some of the old photos on display at the Happy Days Are Here Again Campaign Event. See story and photos, page 8.

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University of Louisville announces establishment of endowed chair of Jewish Studies

JHFE grant completes effort begun in 2005 by Jewish Community Federation (a JCL predecessor) through Foundation for Planned Giving and UofL through Bucks for Brains.

see **JHFE GRANT** page 4

Benabou, Vaughan to co-chair YAD

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community



Keren Benabou

In keeping with his commitment to ensure that this year’s Federation Campaign is different from what has been done in the past, 2014 Federation Campaign Chair Doug Gordon has announced that this year’s YAD chairs will be Keren Benabou and Ben Vaughan.

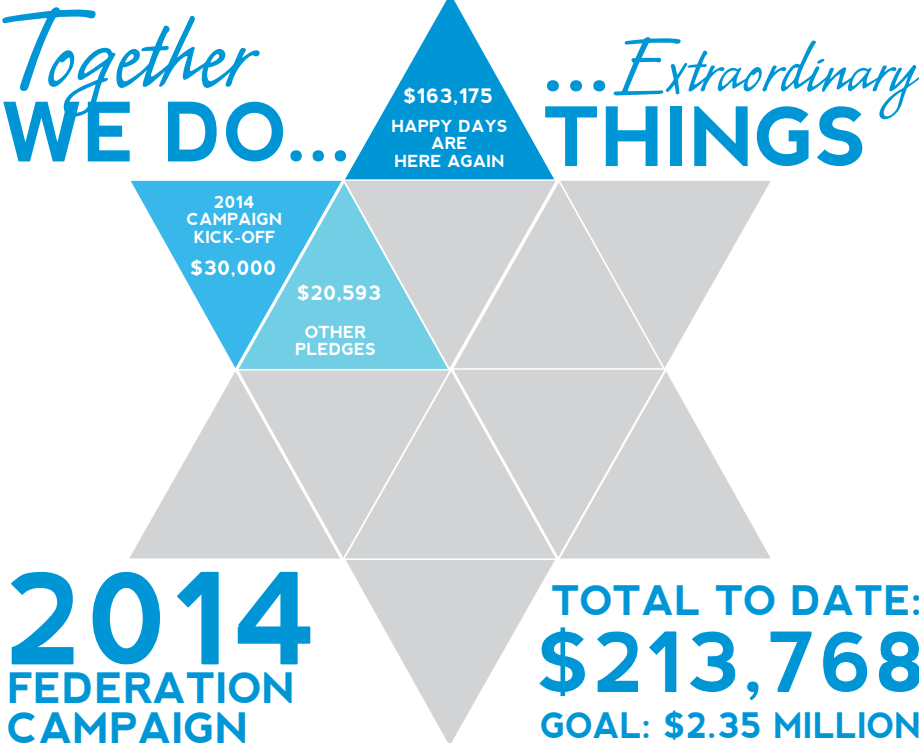
“I’m excited that Keren and Ben have agreed to lead the Young Adult Division,” Gordon said. “They are energetic, see **YAD CHAIRS** page 12



Ben Vaughan

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Civility

These past few weeks saw some truly baffling things coming out of our nation's capital, and our faith in our elected leaders has never been lower. Every poll taken over the course of the government shutdown and run up to the debt ceiling default date indicated that the majority of Americans wanted to "throw the bums out," replacing every single member of congress. One poll that I saw showed roughly 60 percent of Americans shared this feeling.

Two years ago, one of our parent agencies The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) launched a campaign for civility, as they could see the writing on the wall that civil discourse was becoming overheated. In response to this development, they asked agencies and members of the Jewish community to sign on to a civility pledge, as *respectful* disagreements are most certainly a Jewish tradition. Here is a part of that pledge:

This pursuit (of civility) has deep roots in Torah and in our community's traditions. Our Sages saw the fruit of arguments that were conducted l'shem shamayim, "for the sake of Heaven." They fervently believed that great minds, engaged in earnest search and questioning, could find better and richer solutions to the problems they faced. They refrained from insisting on uniformity. They sought to preserve and thereby honor the views of the minority as well as the majority. They did so through their understanding of the great teaching of Eilu v'eilu divrei Elokim chayim, "both these words and those are the words of the living God."

This statement would seem that it

should be a guide for our elected leaders (even though we might not agree that they are of "great minds"). Watching the man-on-the-street interviews with average Americans during the government shutdown, there seemed to be a universal desire among them for their leaders to come together and govern, and there seemed to be a desire for both sides to compromise.

Our collective opinion of Congress has never been lower, primarily due to their obstructionist activities, which can't be in the best interest of the country. Imagine a system where elected leaders come together, respect differences, and compromise on a deal both sides could live with. Seems it would better for the country and their opinion poll numbers.

Interfaith Chanukah Party

I am not quite sure that "Thanksgiving-igakuh" will make it to Webster's Dictionary, especially considering the fact

that Thanksgiving and Chanukah overlap only once every hundreds of years. But this happens to be one of those times, and this means that our annual Interfaith Chanukah Party is early and the perfect follow up to your turkey dinners.

Join us on Tuesday, December 3, at 7 p.m. in the JCC auditorium for our JCRC Chanukah celebration. We will have wonderful music, delicious food, candle lighting and storytelling. It is a great occasion to bring all of your family and friends of all faiths and backgrounds, as Chanukah is a celebration of religious and national freedom, as exemplified by the story of the Maccabees and their defeat of the Greek armies that tried to subjugate the Jewish people. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Space is limited. RSVP by November 27 to Paula DeWeese, pdeweese@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2764.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bat Mitzvah Project

Hello. My name is Miriam Shir. I will be having my bat mitzvah on November 9, at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Shalom. Please come and celebrate with me! We will serve a dairy lunch after the service.

My service project is donating money and items to the Kentucky Humane Society. I have always loved animals. My goal in life is to one day become a veterinarian, helping animals of all kinds (mostly dogs). I am a vegetarian because I don't want to eat any animals; I always think about how they were killed.

I decorated a collection box that is sitting in the lobby of Temple Shalom. Please bring dog and cat food, treats, or toys to Temple Shalom through November 9. I am so amazed at how many do-

nations have already piled up in the box. My mom has already filled up our van with donations so there can be room for more!

My D'var Torah will be talking about a selfish act towards G-d. My Torah reading centers on Jacob's ladder and how Jacob says he will do great things for G-d, but G-d has to make him wealthy and have lots of children in return. I think service should be done without asking anything in return. You should do acts of kindness just because.

Miriam Shir

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Light Up CenterStage is December 7; Harlan to chair

Online Auction begins November 3; main event is expanded

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

The Jewish Community Center is the place, but when you come to Light Up CenterStage on Saturday, December 7, no one would blame you if you thought you were enjoying a gala evening at a swanky nightclub.

The festivities begin at 7 p.m. when the silent auction opens, along with an open bar and hors d'oeuvres. Add in cocktails and a dessert buffet at 7:30. Kick the excitement up another notch at 8:15 when John Leffert and the CenterStage Company present an original Broadway revue and a live auction.

This year's event will be bigger and better than years past, said Light Up CenterStage Chair Sarah Harlan. "We're

moving the silent auction to the upper gym," although by the time Eventualities does its magic, you'll forget where you are. The room will accommodate a stylish bar and high-top tables for casual, sophisticated conversation. The perimeter will be lined with silent auction tables that will give partiers plenty of room to view the offerings and check on the



Sarah Harlan

status of their bids.

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

this year 50 more people can join the fun.

To add to the excitement, CenterStage will also be raffling a "spectacular trip to New York," Harlan said. "Tickets are only \$50 and only 150 will be sold, so people have a pretty good chance of winning."

Can't wait until December 7 to get in on the action? You don't have to. The pre-event online auction starts November 3. Watch www.CenterStageJCC.org for details about how to participate.

Harlan is a member of the Jewish Community of Louisville's Board of Directors, and she served as 2013 Super Sunday chair. She has been an active member of the CenterStage Board since

2007 and has chaired the successful Light Up CenterStage fundraiser for four years. She also chaired the JCC's Jewish Festival of the Book for several years.

With National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, she's a director, a member of the Nominating Committee and is president of the St. Francis School Downtown Campus Parent Association and is a trustee of the school. She is principal of the High School of Jewish Studies and is a teacher at The Temple Hebrew School.

Harlan and her husband, Michael, have three children, Jennifer, Sadie, and Joseph.

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JHFE grant completes funding for endowed chair of Jewish studies at UofL

On Thursday, October 10, the University of Louisville announced that it received a \$1.15 million gift from the Louisville-based Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, completing the funding needed to establish an endowed chair in Judaic Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences' Division of Humanities.

The University began teaching Jewish Studies courses nearly a decade ago, and began planning for the endowed chair a few years later. The school applied for a grant from Kentucky's Research Challenge Trust Fund, better known as the Bucks for Brains initiative, and received \$500,000 on the condition that UofL raise matching funds. In 2005, the Jewish Community Federation, a predecessor organization of the Jewish Community of Louisville, provided that \$500,000 match.

UofL added another \$350,000 from a \$25 million gift from the late Owsley Brown Frazier and local donors gave an additional \$56,000 to the fund. With the JHFE grant, the total endowment is now more than \$2.5 million – enough to hire a world-class scholar to fill this chair. UofL officials hope to launch a national search for the position in 2014.

"This endowed chair will fill an important need in our religious studies program at UofL and give students an opportunity to learn about Jewish cul-

ture, history and accomplishments – including those in Louisville – as they work toward a degree," President James Ramsey said.

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence chair in Judaic studies will work to raise awareness of Jewish religious and cultural heritage through a new annual lecture series and other programs.

"It's very appropriate that our first major grant announcement supports both the Jewish community and the university," said Louis Waterman, Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence board chair. "This new chair will ensure that there is a focused study of Jewish tradition and thought with scholarly expertise in Jewish religious traditions for UofL students."

The College of Arts and Sciences approved a Jewish studies minor in its religious studies program in 2005 and a faculty committee has been offering programs in Jewish history and culture for several years.

For more information about the gift, contact Jeff Polson, executive director, Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, at 365-3209 or jpolson@jewishheritagefund.com. For information on the chair position, contact Elaine Wise, who chairs the Division of Humanities, at 852-7149 or elaine.wise@louisville.edu.

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"She's a role model for everyone who ever met her," Stew Bromberg, Jewish Federation of Louisville vice

president and chief development officer said, "and her keynote address is sure to inspire us all with her passion and commitment to tikkun olam."

Looking at Bennett's biographical materials, it is easy to understand why Bromberg views her as a role model. She's been a leader with so many organizations – local, national and international – and has such extensive accomplishments, that to list them in a single article doesn't seem reasonable. Some of them were listed in an article in the last issue of Community, which can be found at www.jewishlouisville.org.

With your minimum commitment of \$5,000 to the 2014 Campaign, you and your adult children are welcome to attend this event. Ben Gurion Society members, young adults, age 45 and un-

der, who make a minimum commitment of \$1,000, are also welcome.

A suggested contribution of \$36 would be appreciated to help defray the cost of the event. A Vaad approved option is available upon advance request by October 25. \$54 represents the cost of this event to the Jewish Community of Louisville. Accordingly, only the portion of contributions above this amount may be considered a charitable contribution.

Attire is coat and tie. Free valet parking will be available at the Starks Building entrance on Muhammad Ali Blvd.. Reservations are required by October 30. If you would like to attend and have not received an invitation, please contact Bromberg at 238-2755 or sbromberg@jewishlouisville.org



Dottie Bennett

Lion of Judah, Pomegranate event is November 18

Gerrol to tell how Birthright Israel trip changed her life

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

Together, we do extraordinary things. This is the tag line for the 2014 Federation Campaign, but it is much more than a tag line. It is a statement of fact.



Rachel Cohen Gerrol

On Monday, November 18, women in the Lion of Judah and Pomegranate divisions are invited to a special program, "Discovering a Jewish Identity: One woman's journey from church choirs to Knesset," to hear about one of those extraordinary things. The event, which includes dinner, will be at the home of Shelley Trager Kusman at 6 p.m.

Guest speaker Rachel Cohen Gerrol, the child of an interfaith marriage who grew up singing in a church choir, will share how a Birthright Israel trip connected her to the Jewish part of her heritage and set her on a journey toward Judaism.

Since returning to the U.S., Rachel has founded several programs, including a Birthright Israel alumni house at the University of Pennsylvania, and in "Shabbat Hoppin'" a monthly "learners service" at different congregations, in Washington, DC. "Shabbat Hoppin'" now has over 300 participants and recently expanded to Los Angeles, and other cities.

Rachel is an Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs-trained advocate for Israel, chair of Birthright Israel Next for the

Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, a member of the Women's Advisory Board of the Jewish Outreach Institute and works with InterfaithFamily.com to reach out to other children of interfaith families. She's even testified before the Knesset.

Rachel's younger brother and sister have also taken Birthright trips and are following her lead.

Shelley Trager Kusman and Robin Miller are co-chairs of this event. The event is hosted by Shelley Trager Kusman and Jean Trager.

The cost of this event is \$36 and is not tax deductible. A Vaad-approved option is available if requested by November 11. Complimentary valet parking is available.

This event is open to all members of the Lion of Judah and Pomegranate divisions of the Annual Federation Campaign, their mothers, mothers-in-law, adult daughters and daughters-in-law.

The Lion of Judah Division is comprised of women who make a minimum commitment of \$5,000 to the Annual Federation Campaign; and the Pomegranate Division is comprised of women who make a minimum commitment of \$1,800.

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OCTOBER 27

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NOVEMBER 3

Federation Campaign Major Gifts brunch

10:30 a.m. Starks building. Speaker: Dottie Bennett. For donors of \$5,000 or more to the 2014 Federation Campaign. See story, this page.

NOVEMBER 3

Teen Connection trip to Deere Farm

Bus leaves JCC 1 p.m. sharp; returns at 4. Explore a corn maze, take a hayride, get a pumpkin. \$30. Register by November 1. Call 459-0660.

NOVEMBER 10

Kristallnacht at 75: Pogrom as Prelude

7 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun. Community-wide commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the night of the broken glass, the attack on the Jewish community that signaled the start of the Holocaust.

NOVEMBER 11 and 27

School's Out Days at the JCC

9 a.m.-3 p.m. with optional early drop off and late pick up. All days include sports, arts and crafts and swimming. Themes: November 1, Bowl the Day Away, includes field trip to Ten Pin Lanes; November 27, Thanksgiving Celebration. For more information, see ad, CenterPiece, page 3, or contact Assistant Camp Director Mike Steklof, 238-2774 or msteklof@jewishlouisville.org. For fee schedule or to enroll your child, contact Mary Dooley, 238-2718 or mdooley@jewishlouisville.org.

NOVEMBER 15-17

BBYO Brotherhood/Sisterhood Convention

Louisville's BBYO chapters will be hosting teens from across the region at the JCC. 125 visitors are expected and additional host families are needed. See ad, page 21 for details or call Mike Steklof, 237-2774 to volunteer.

NOVEMBER 18

Lion of Judah/Pomegranate Event

6 p.m. at the home of Shelley Trager Kusman. Speaker: Rachel Cohen Gerrol. For Lions of Judah and Pomegranates who give at least \$5,000 and \$1,800 to the 2014 Federation Campaign. See story, this page.

NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 31

Patio Gallery exhibit

Mazin Art Exhibition – juried art show. Opening reception: Sunday, October 13, 2 p.m. At that time the show's winners will be announced.

DECEMBER 2

Hillel Chanukah party

Bowling party. Details TBA.

DECEMBER 3

JCRC interfaith Chanukah party

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

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Pew survey of U.S. Jews: soaring intermarriage, assimilation rates

by Uriel Heilman

NEW YORK, October 1, 2013 (JTA) – There are a lot more Jews in America than you may have thought – an estimated 6.8 million, according to a new study. But a growing proportion of them are unlikely to raise their children Jewish or connect with Jewish institutions.

The proportion of Jews who say they have no religion and are Jewish only on the basis of ancestry, ethnicity or culture is growing rapidly, and two-thirds of them are not raising their children Jewish at all.

Overall, the intermarriage rate is at 58 percent, up from 43 percent in 1990 and 17 percent in 1970. Among non-Orthodox Jews, the intermarriage rate is 71 percent.

The data on Jewish engagement comes from the Pew Research Center Survey of U.S. Jews, a telephone survey of 3,475 Jews nationwide conducted between February and June and released on October 1.

The population estimate, released September 30, comes from a synthesis of existing survey data conducted by the Steinhardt Social Research Institute and the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University.

While the Steinhardt/Cohen study, called “American Jewish Population Estimates: 2012,” is likely to be a matter of some debate by demographers and social scientists, it is the Pew study that offers an in-depth portrait that may influence Jewish policymaking for years to come.

Among the more notable findings of the Pew survey:

- Overall, 22 percent of U.S. Jews describe themselves as having no religion, and the survey finds they are much less connected to Jewish organizations and much less likely to be

raising their children Jewish. Broken down by age, 32 percent of Jews born after 1980 – the so-called millennial generation – identify as Jews of no religion, compared to 19 percent of baby boomers and just 7 percent of Jews born before 1927.

- Emotional attachment to Israel has held steady over the last decade, with 69 percent of respondents saying they feel attached or very attached to Israel. Forty-three percent of respondents said they had been to Israel.
- Far more respondents said having a good sense of humor was essential to their Jewish identity than observing Jewish law – 42 percent compared to 19 percent.
- Approximately one-quarter of Jews said religion is very important in their lives, compared to 56 percent among Americans generally.
- Less than one-third of American Jews say they belong to a synagogue. Twenty-three percent of U.S. Jews say they attend synagogue at least once or twice a month, compared with 62 percent of U.S. Christians.

The Pew study is the first comprehensive national survey of American Jews in more than a decade. The last one, the 2000-01 National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS), was conducted by the umbrella organization of North American Jewish federations and counted 5.2 million Jews, including children. But critics said that study’s methodology was flawed and undercounted American Jews.

Both the Pew survey and the Steinhardt/Brandeis study put the number of U.S. Jewish adults at about 5.3 million, including Jews who do not identify as Jewish by religion. The Steinhardt/Brandeis study counted an additional 1.6 million Jewish children for a total of 6.8 million Jews in America. The Pew study counted 1.3 million Jewish children.

Overall, Jews make up about 2.2 percent of Americans, according to Pew. By comparison, 6.06 million Jews live in Israel, according to Israel’s Central Bureau of Statistics.

Because of the differences in methodologies between the new surveys and the NJPS, the increased number of U.S. Jews likely overstates any actual growth.

Leonard Saxe, one of the authors of the Steinhardt/Brandeis study, told JTA there has been some growth during the last decade, but he could not put a number on it. Saxe attributed the growth to the immigration of Russian-speaking Jews, programs to bolster Jewish identity and shifts in attitude that have enabled many children of interfaith marriages to be raised with a Jewish identity.

The Pew study found that about 10 percent of American Jews are former Soviet Jews or their children.

About 65 percent of American Jews live in just six states, according to the Steinhardt/Cohen estimates: New York (20 percent), California (14 percent), Florida (12 percent), New Jersey (8 per-

cent), Massachusetts (5 percent) and Pennsylvania (5 percent). The other four states in the top 10 – Illinois, Maryland, Texas and Ohio – add another 15 percent. The three most Jewish metropolitan areas are New York, South Florida and Los Angeles.

Among Jewish denominations, the Reform movement remains the largest: 35 percent of respondents identified as Reform, according to the Pew study. The second-largest group is Jews of no denomination (30 percent), followed by Conservative (18 percent) and Orthodox (10 percent).

As with other studies, the Pew study found that the Orthodox share of the American Jewish population is likely to grow because Orthodox Jews tend to be younger and have larger families than Jews generally. In addition, while past surveys showed about half of respondents raised as Orthodox were no longer Orthodox, the Orthodox retention rate appears to be improving, with just a 17 percent falloff among 18- to 29-year-olds.

Most denominational switching among American Jews, however, remains in the direction of less traditional Judaism.

In the Pew survey, 90 percent of those who identified as Jews by religion and are raising children said they are raising them Jewish. By comparison, less than one-third of those who identified themselves as Jews of no religion are raising their kids as Jewish.

Among unmarried Jews, 96 percent are raising their children as Jews by religion (as opposed to ethnicity), compared to 45 percent among intermarried Jews.

On Jewish observance, some 70 percent of respondents to the Pew survey said they participated in a Passover Seder in 2012 and 53 percent said they fasted for all or part of Yom Kippur that year. The numbers represent declines from the 2000-01 NJPS, which found Seder participation rates at 78 percent and Yom Kippur fasting at 60 percent.

The new Pew survey found that about 23 percent of U.S. Jews say they always or usually light Sabbath candles, and about 22 percent reported keeping kosher at home.

While most of those surveyed by Pew said they felt a strong connection to Israel and 23 percent reported having visited the Jewish state more than once, the respondents expressed significant reservations about the current Israeli government’s policies vis-a-vis the Palestinians.

Forty-four percent said West Bank settlement construction hurts Israel’s security interests, and only 17 percent said continued settlement construction is helpful to Israeli security. Thirty-eight percent of respondents said the Israeli government is making a sincere peace effort with the Palestinians.

The Pew survey also asked respondents about what it means to be Jewish, offering several options. The most popular element was remembering the Holocaust at 73 percent, followed by leading an ethical life at 69 percent.

Fifty-six percent cited working for justice and equality; 43 percent said caring about Israel; 42 percent said having a good sense of humor; and 19 percent said observing Jewish law.

Sixty-two percent of respondents said being Jewish is primarily a matter of ancestry and culture; 15 percent said it was mainly a matter of religion. Most Jews said it is not necessary to believe in God to be Jewish. In the survey, 60 percent said a person cannot be Jewish and believe that Jesus is the messiah.

The Pew survey raises many questions, and Jerry Silverman, president and CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America expects its findings to be the starting point for discussions that will set the Jewish community’s agenda for the coming decade. He indicated that these discussions will be a significant part of the agenda at JFNA’s General Assembly in Jerusalem next month.

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JCL UPDATE

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alternative ways to attract and engage those Jews in our community who haven't affiliated or maybe who have drifted off and now realize that they want to explore their Judaism again.

Perhaps it's through the JCL – through the open doors of our social, philanthropic, educational, recreational and other programming – that they find their way back to our community, and eventually to a congregation.

At the JCL, we firmly believe our community needs strong congregations. The relationships Jews form with fellow congregants, and with their rabbis, cantors and educators, in houses of worship, help strengthen pride in being Jewish.

At another recent lunch with members of one of our congregations, one person told me how the congregation she belongs to here is unlike any other that she has belonged to, and she has lived in many places. She said that if there is a problem everyone comes together to help resolve it.

That's what we need in Louisville's

Jewish community. We need it congregation by congregation. We need it at the JCL. We need it at all of our Jewish agencies and organizations. And we need it working together in partnership for the community as a whole.

The Pew study says that most American Jews don't belong to congregations. By having strong congregations, strong agencies and a strong JCL, Louisville is best positioned to meet the needs of our community on terms our constituents want and feel comfortable with.

What exactly does that mean?

You, collectively, have a lot of the answers we're looking for.

Please help us by participating in our strategic planning survey, through the benchmarking survey that's hitting inboxes as you read this and through dialog with the staff of the JCL and with the leadership of our organizations.

This important community dialogue will help us set the course for the JCL in the coming years. Please ensure your voice is heard. With your help, we can collectively ensure a sustainable, vibrant and welcoming Jewish community in Louisville for generations to come.

Archival mystery

In the last issue of Community, we ran this photo and asked you to help us identify the people shown here. We're almost there, but there are still two people we're unsure of. We have: standing, Leon Levitch? and Ed Winkler; and seated, Arthur Kling, Bernard Berman, Lewis D. Cole and Murrell Kasden?. If you can confirm the identity of the two people we're unsure of, please call Frankye Gordon, 238-2735, or email communitynewspaper@jewishlouisville.org. Editor's note: As we hurried to get the paper out last month, I recognized Lewis Cole, but put him in the wrong position in the cutline. Several of you called me on it. I apologize. Shiela Steinman Wallace



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Fun-filled Happy Days event raises \$163,175 for 2014 Campaign



Campaign Chair Doug Gordon emceed the event.

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

When 2014 Federation Campaign Chair Doug Gordon announced the Happy Days Are Here Again event for community members age 65 and older, he made several promises: This would be a Campaign event unlike any other in recent memory, it would be fun and that people would be able to make their Campaign pledges that night like they would have at an old-fashioned Campaign event of years gone by. He kept his promises.

People arrived to find the Jewish Community Center auditorium filled with old photos from years gone by. Culled

from JCC and *Community* newspaper archives, those in attendance went from display to display looking for pictures of themselves and their friends and sharing memories of the times when the photos were taken.

They also had the opportunity to greet and share with old friends, some of whom they hadn't seen in a long time. And of course, no event is complete without good Jewish food, including bagels, cream cheese and herring.

The formal program, which Gordon emceed, added to the fun. A trivia game included questions like list some Jewish delis and bakeries that have long since closed and some of the Jewish teen clubs that existed long ago. He also recruited a group of old timers to share some Jewish

jokes.

When it came time for the Campaign message, Gordon was straightforward. He reminded that people really came to this event to raise money. "When we publish the pictures and tell the stories and share with the community what we had," Gordon said, "I just want to be able to say that everybody here participated and made some kind of gift."

Those in attendance responded to his appeal. That night, the group pledged \$163,175 to the 2014 Federation Campaign.

As people left, some were overheard saying that they hope there would be more fun-filled Campaign events like this one in the future.



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Campaign Chair Doug Gordon



Guest speaker Rae Ringel

Rae Ringel coaches Federation Campaign volunteers on effective communication

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

In many congregations, when an individual reads or chants from Torah, the *gabbai* at his/her side reading from the vocalized text. If a mistake is made, the *gabbai* tells the reader, who then goes back and reads the text correctly before proceeding.

The *gabbai* is a position of honor and respect in the community and is responsible for ensuring that the Torah reader doesn't make a mistake in sharing the sacred words with the congregation.

Did you know that most Jewish communities had another leader who filled a position of honor and respect to which many aspired? That position was the *gabbai tzedakah*, and the office holder was in charge of the community's fundraising campaign.

On Thursday, October 17, at Austin's, Rae Ringel, one of the best executive coaches and leadership trainers in the country, told a group of volunteers for Louisville's 2014 Campaign that the legacy of the *gabbai tzedakah* is theirs and they should be proud of the work they do. Ringel also worked with the group, offering strategies to help everyone become more effective communicators and offered pointers that will help them succeed in their work for the Campaign as they inspire others to take action and support the efforts of the community.

One of the keys to this success is that no one should ask someone else for a gift until they have made their own commitment, so Campaign Chair Doug Gordon asked those in attendance to make their own commitments. The group responded, and \$30,000 was raised that night.



Myrle Davis with Leon and Helen Wahba

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Rabbi Laura Metzger and Stuart Goldberg



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Kristallnacht at 75: Pogrom as Prelude

Community-wide program will be Sunday, November 10, 7 p.m. at AJ

by Cantor David Lipp
Congregation Adath Jeshurun

When Ilse and Mike Meyer, z"l, were alive, I promised them I would make sure there was a Kristallnacht commem-

oration every five years. Sunday night, November 10, at 7 p.m. will be the third time I've kept that promise.

As most who could have given first-person testimony are no longer with us, we need to hear from those locally who remain, Hans Bensinger and

Ann Dorzback. Others, who were very young at the time – Carl Bensinger, Dan Streit and Fred Gross – primarily will share experiences of their parents.

Fred Gross' parents left Germany in 1923 soon after the famous Beer Hall Putsch that made the 9th of November a

day of celebration for the Nazis – a perfect pretext for a pogrom 15 years later.

We will also hear from grandchildren of those who survived. Rachel Klein will share her great grandfather's letter to her grandfather Elias, witness to the expulsion of Polish Jews from Germany and the tragic limbo in which most found themselves, trapped in a no-man's-land between two virulently anti-Semitic nations.

Ilse and Mike Meyer's granddaughter Monica Meyer, studying to be a rabbi and serving as an intern at Temple Shalom, will share her own thoughts of her grandparents' families' experiences.

Finally, one of Fred Whittaker's students will share a teaching from the one man who taught the Holocaust more extensively than any in recent history, Ernie Marx.

The participation of clergy from every synagogue and the Concert Choir of Ballard High School will set the tone for the evening.

The community is invited.

JCSA honors Matt Goldberg with Rodkin Fellowship

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

Matt Goldberg, the director of Louisville's Jewish Community Relations Council, is one of just eight Jewish professionals in North America to be honored this year by the Jewish Communal Service Association of North America.

Goldberg; KB Goodkin, director of young leadership and programming for the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York; Joanne E. Lippert, co-director of adult senior services for the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia; and Rebecca Michelle Voorwinde, co-director of strategy and community engagement for The Bronfman Fellowships in New York City, will receive the Bernard Rodkin Professional Development Israel Fellowships, which provide an opportunity for increasing knowledge and understanding of Israeli society and its social welfare system.

The recipients, who currently work in a JCSA Member Federation or National Jewish Community Organization agency in the United States or Canada, participate in a 10-day Professional Development Experience in Israel, which will enhance their community organization skills and career development.

Larry Moses, a founding director of the Wexner Foundation, and Barry Shrage, president of CJP, Greater Boston's Jewish Federation, will be honored with the Mandelkorn Distinguished Service Award that annually recognizes significant and sustained contributions to Jewish community organization practice.

Aliza Cramer Elias, director of San Francisco's JCRC's Institute for Curriculum Services, and Mindy Jakir Manela, executive director of the Pearlstone Center in Reisterstown, MD, will receive JCSA Young Professional Awards, which recognize the exemplary service to their agencies and communities by talented individuals, nominated by their colleagues, who are dedicated to professional careers in the Jewish community.

The awards will be presented in a ceremony at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem on Sunday, November 10.

"The eight dedicated professionals we cite this year are all, in one way or another, educators, communicators, ambassadors, advocates and philanthropists," said Charish, who is the National Director of Development, American Friends of Bar-Ilan University. "And they represent the thousands of their peers who tirelessly serve the Jewish communities of North America and around the world."

"It's a good cross section of the Jewish professional community," Goldberg said, "and I think the organizers did a good job of getting something for each of us. We had input into our itinerary. As a JCRC professional, the things that are important to me are seeing Arab-Israeli cooperation, and as a campaign professional, the things I want to see are what the JDC [Joint Distribution Committee] and JAFI [Jewish Agency] are doing."

The last time Goldberg was in Israel was 18 years ago. At that time, he studied and visited places like Yad Vashem and Masada, but he did not make it to Haifa and Tel Aviv, places he's looking

forward to seeing this time.

"To be chosen for this fellowship, Jewish Community of Louisville President and CEO Stu Silberman had to recommend me and wrote a letter in support of my application," Goldberg said. "I also had to write an essay about why I want to be a Jewish professional and why it's important to me."

"I really just spoke from the heart," he continued. "Being a Jewish communal professional is important to me, and I love what I do, and being in Israel and experiencing Israel is an important part of my professional aspirations and for

me, personally. As a JCRC professional," he added, "I spend a lot of my time defending Israel, promoting Israel and advocating for Israeli interests."

"When I received the news from a JCSA Board member," Goldberg said, "I was absolutely thrilled for myself and also for the community. This will really be another bridge between the Louisville Jewish community and Israel. I will make plenty of contacts; I'll be meeting with Israelis; and I hope to bring some of their knowledge and programs back to the Jewish Community of Louisville."



MERRY MITZVAH PREVIEW 2013: Opportunities for hands-on involvement making the holiday season brighter for those in need. Some projects need help NOW! Check the dates!

1) "HANUKAH HELPERS": contact Temple

Shalom 458-4739 or JFCS 452-6341 TODAY for your list! Gifts must be returned to Temple Shalom by November 18! Start baking or preparing frozen soups and casseroles for Ronald McDonald House, Wellsprings or Volunteers of America (these groups love small serving soups with flip lids to microwave and eat).

2) November 17: Join us to prepare and serve dinner Sunday night for 70 family members from 4-6 at Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter @ 1321 S. Preston during America Feeds the Homeless Week.

3) Month of November: Send warm gloves, jackets, hats, UNDERWEAR for Homeless CHILDREN or gloves, hats, underwear, coats for Homeless Adults to Temple. Baby products and Diapers of all sizes needed too.

4) ALWAYS NEEDED: unused toiletries, linens, parka type coats for outside-homeless men, new socks, uniforms, school supplies, diapers, baby equipment, diapers - drop off at Temple office.

5) Catholic Charities Project: Catholic Charities has been providing assistance for 38 years to immigrants of 20-40 countries and could use your help. A great family or group project is to Adopt a Family OR A Senior through Catholic Charities (gifts and food) this month. Call Chris Clements @ 636-9263 extension 125.

6) Home of the Innocents: Collecting Diapers and books for all ages for Home of the Innocents. When I contacted them these were their biggest needs. Drop off at Temple.

7) Home of the Innocents: Read to and bake cookies with medically fragile residents. Dec. 25 at 10 a.m. at 1100 E. Market St. This is FUN!!!

8) December 3: Musicians needed for Hosparus Children's Holiday Party from 5:30-6:30 at St Matthews Baptist Church –holiday music preferred** (also December 24 and 25th).

9) December 8: Join us for a Holiday brunch at Wellspring's Concord House 3337 Breckinridge Lane 1-3; contact Amy for the WISH LIST (8 ladies need gifts).

10) December 8: Mitzvah Food-A-Thon. Drop off cookies, casseroles, "pop top" soups in Temple auditorium from 10-12 to take to various agencies.

11) December 13: BE AN ELF!!! Wrap presents for Brooklawn/Bellewood children at 2125 Goldsmith Lane. Need 8-10 people each shift 10-12 and 12-2.

12) December 16, 17, 18: Assemble food baskets with Schuhmann Center from 9:30-12 at 2nd and Liberty Christ Episcopal Church. Bring your group!

13) December 17: help with holiday dinner for HIV individuals and families at an Interfaith Dinner. Also collecting tins of cookies, children's gifts, hats, and gloves. Contact Aaron Guldenschuh at AIMofKY@gmail.com for info.

14) December 24: 2 shifts of volunteers 11-1 and 2-4 for playroom hosts in the Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter Playroom! 1321 S. Preston.

15) December 24: 8 volunteers to serve lunch at St Vincent DePaul 1:30-1, 1026 S. Jackson Street. A great family and friend option.

16) December 25: Ronald McDonald House 9 am breakfast, only a few spots left.

16) December 25: Join Temple Shalom to provide lunch and cheer at Maryhurst Girls Home contact Nancy.Renick@gmail.com or 637-3547 to participate.

16) December 25: 8-10 volunteers needed to serve lunch at St Vincent DePaul Open Hand Kitchen, 1026 S. Jackson (younger teens welcome with families).

16) December 25: Meet at Temple at 1pm to make sandwiches for St Vincent DePaul, RSVP at Rabbidaj@gmail or 423-1818 to get your food assignments.

16) December 25: 5 volunteers to serve lunch at Cathedral of the Assumption Soup Kitchen 10:45-1:15.

16) December 25: Musicians needed to play at Hosparus Inpatient Unit.

16) December 25: Various dates in December to Serve lunch at Cathedral of the Assumption Soup Kitchen (5 volunteers) from 10:45-1:15, Must be 16. Call Amy 425-0373.

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YAD CHAIRS

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creative and committed to the future of our community. Ben's already taking the lead with the Uniquely Jewish series of events we introduced last year, and we, as a community recognized his accomplishments and potential by awarding him the 2013 Lewis W. Cole Young Leadership Award.

"Keren, too, accepted leadership responsibilities for our Jewish community," he continued, "by co-chairing last year's YAD Campaign event. She was also our featured speaker at our trap-shooting event.

"We're very lucky to have both of them on board," he concluded. "I'm delighted to have them as members of our team."

While they haven't had much time to plan yet, both have accepted the leadership roles because of their commitment to the community. Vaughan and

Benabou also said they are looking forward to working together.

"The year that we are planning is shaping out to be a really amazing experience," Vaughan said.

He hopes to inspire people to "feel more invested in the Campaign than just writing a check. They need to feel that they get something out of it." By supporting the Campaign, he added, "you get a community that's strong, viable and here to support you and to support itself."

Our Jewish community is very diverse, Vaughan observed. "We do so many different things across the community for so many organizations for so many purposes, you can always find something that meets your needs.

"I want people to understand that you have to be involved if you expect things to change," he added, and challenged YAD members to get involved and work for the changes they would like to see.

Benabou echoed the sentiment, adding that there are many ways to get involved. She called on YAD members to step forward "to chair or co-chair an event, serve on a committee for an event" or attend an event or two. Learn more about the community and the extraordinary things we do together.

Keren Benabou

Although she is relatively new to Louisville, Benabou agreed to serve as YAD co-chair because she knows the Campaign is important. "I really do care for the community," she said. "I really want my kids to grow up in a culturally rich community."

Since Benabou grew up in Israel, being Jewish was easy. Almost everyone around her was Jewish and Jewish practices like kashrut were the norm. In Louisville, the situation is very different.

While she and her family practice Judaism in their home, "It's not enough," she said. "I want my daughters to socialize with Jewish kids ... and to do things in the community, at the JCC and in the synagogues so they can grow up as Jewish as they can."

Here, she explained, it takes all of us working together to ensure the survival of the Jewish community. She is planning to use her leadership skills, and work with Ben

"First and foremost," she continued, "we need a successful Campaign. I want our community to understand how important it is to participate and support it." To achieve that goal, Benabou wants "to have more people at the YAD event, to raise more money than last year, and to make sure the people who attend have fun."

To ensure YAD's success, Benabou also wants to increase the diversity of the YAD Committee. "I want to try to get people from all segments of our community," she said, "those in their 20's and early 30's, families with children in preschool programs, families with older

children in BBO and people from every synagogue and denomination.

"By having a more diverse committee," she concluded, "I hope to plan a year full of events that engage every young adult. ... We need to bring the community together."

Benabou moved to Louisville from Israel about six years ago.

She served in the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) for six years, and earned the rank of captain in the intelligence force.

Benabou is a real estate agent. She has also taken some courses at the University of Louisville, studying economics and enjoys working out regularly with a trainer at the JCC.

She and her husband, Yariv, have two daughters, Lia and Shylee.

Ben Vaughan

Vaughan explained that he decided to accept the position of YAD co-chair now because, "It is the time in my life to take on more responsibility and to take the initiative. In previous years, a lot has been done, but there is a lot more that can be done."

Vaughan is assertive, analytical, engaging and affable. He explained that much of who he is today is due to his parents' influence. "They raised me to question, to challenge authority, so I guess my propensity for 'rocking the boat' stems from that."

Growing up, he was the only Jewish student in his school and had his first experience with anti-Semitism while attending high school in Bowling Green, KY. As a teen, he traveled to Nashville every week where he participated in a group of similarly situated students (the only Jew in their respective schools).

Clearly, his solidarity with others of the Jewish faith began early. And it continued throughout college when he attended the University of Louisville pursuing bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering.

While at U of L, he was active in Hillel and served as its representative on the JCL's Jewish Community Relations Council. Moreover, he was a campus volunteer for the JCL's Annual Campaign. Hillel also afforded him the opportunity to attend the Spitzer Institute, a convention for college students that is run in conjunction with the Jewish Council for Public Affairs Plenum. He also conducted Israel advocacy both on campus and in the community.

Once college was behind him, and after some extensive world travels, he returned to Louisville and began to participate in the Jewish Federation's Young Adult Division, supporting the Annual Campaign every year and coordinating the call center for Super Sunday in 2007.

Last year, Vaughan proposed a number of ideas for different kinds of Campaign events and they became the seeds for the Uniquely Jewish Event Series, some of which Vaughan chaired.

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KlezmerFest rocked the shul

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

The sounds of Jewish music filled Temple Shalom and spilled out into the parking lot on Sunday, October 13, as the congregation presented its annual KlezmerFest.

The Red Sea Pedestrians took the stage first, presenting a program of mostly original music and setting an energetic pace.

The internationally renowned Maxwell Street Klezmer Band followed with a mix of more traditional Klezmer pieces and some less familiar offerings. At different times during the performance, they encouraged the audience to get up and dance the Hora or to sing along with the chorus on classics like Bei Mir Bist

Du Shein and Tum Balalaika.

The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band invited Cantors David Lipp and Sharon Hordes to join them on selected pieces.

KlezmerFest 2013 also feature home cooked Jewish foods like potato kugel, matzah ball soup, rugelach, Mandelbrot and babka. For the kids, there were outside bouncies, games, crafts and pizza.

Kudos to the KlezmerFest Committees. Helene Kramer Longton was KlezmerFest chair and emcee; Judy Sharp, KlezmerFest co-chair and Temple Shalom president; Kathy Karr, music chair; Andi Callum, KlezmerKids activities chair and Paula O'Connell, Food Committee chair.

There were many other volunteers who helped with this program.

Pell returns home to Louisville to represent AJC in the region

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

There are a number of national Jewish organizations that advocate for Israel, contesting misrepresentations about Israel, advocating for the continuation of close American/Israeli strategic, diplomatic, defense and economic ties and on many levels.

One of those organizations is the American Jewish Committee. Founded in 1906, the AJC is a global Jewish advocacy organization, with its main office in New York, 22 regional offices spread across North America and nine overseas posts. Recently, the agency began exploring a new strategy: engaging communities without offices to establish connections across regions where they have not traditionally had active representation.

Overseeing this effort is Melanie Maron Pell who has chosen to return home to Louisville to begin this new phase of her work.

Pell has been away from Louisville for 15 years and is excited about returning and reconnecting with friends and the Jewish community.

For the last six and a half years, Pell has been the director of AJC's Washington Region. She described her new position, director of regional engagement, as an experiment – an opportunity for her to work from her home in an area where AJC doesn't have an established office.

"Part of the job," she said, "is creating a vision for what a presence looks like where we don't have a physical office. AJC has closed a few offices in the past few years, and we're working with some of the communities where offices have been closed to envision a new model of engagement."

For Pell, that means looking at everything from programming and connecting to people to online advocacy and getting more people to Global Forum, AJC's annual conference in Washington, D.C. She's eager to engage people who are interested in advocacy, interfaith and intergroup work and diplomatic outreach.

"We're trying to figure out how to create experiences like that in places where there is no office," she said. "It's entrepreneurial in many ways, which is fun for me and it's a challenge, because it's a great big country and there are many places we can explore."

Pell likes to describe the AJC as, "the voice to the non-Jewish world for Jewish issues and concerns, focusing heavily on the international. Throughout the continent, where there are embassies and consular corps, we're always trying to convey our issues."

"Israel is front and center," she continued. The AJC advocates for its "peace and security, ideally alongside a secure and peaceful Palestinian state, actively working to combat Iran's nuclear program and to build the international coalition against nuclear Iran."

A recent example of the work she has helped with at AJC is the European Union's declaration that Hezbollah military wing is a terrorist organization. "A full win," she elaborated, "would have been a declaration of both the political and military wing as terrorist organizations, but we see this as critical step."

"Another thing that distinguishes AJC is manner in which we work," Pell explained. "A lot of our history has been quiet and diplomatic," and that means that some of AJC's best stories remain untold rather than risking compromising their efforts.

There is some overlap in the work AJC does with the work done by groups like the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

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tions Council has long been active with JCPA, and has often taken leadership roles within the organization.

"We work with JCPA," Pell said. "They do incredible work, but they have a broad agenda and put greater emphasis on some domestic issues like poverty."

"We work with them on issues like immigration reform and other domestic issues," she continued. "We also collaborate with them a lot on interfaith issues. We're more international, and they're more domestic. We complement each other quite well."

On Israel advocacy and keeping a focus on the threat posed by Iran, AIPAC's and AJC's work are complementary. AIPAC is an outspoken public advocate for Israel. AJC works more behind the scenes, building long-term relationships with groups and governments internationally, identifying common issues and working together on them.

One of AJC's more visible programs is Project Interchange. This program brings leaders from all walks of life from many different countries on educational trips to Israel. They've taken American national, state and local elected officials; student leaders, faculty and administrators from universities; Chinese educators; imams from India; German parliamentarians; Latino leaders and others. Altogether, AJC puts together around 30 trips a year.

"I've staffed four trips," Pell said, "and I tell people if you don't come home confused, we've failed. Our goal is to present an unvarnished look at Israel. We meet with Israeli and Palestinian leaders and spend a day in Ramallah. We want them to meet Palestinians, Arab Israelis, settlers, activists, business leaders, academics and immigrants in absorption centers. We want them to see the whole picture and form their own opinions."

Once participants return to their homes, the AJC maintains an alumni network that offers regular phone briefings, newsletters and things to keep the participants connected. "Really remarkable things come out of it," Pell observed, including city-to-city and university partnerships. "The impact is very real." Pell is eager to identify possible participants for Project Interchange seminars from the Kentucky area. In fact, the University of Louisville Provost Shirley Willihnganz is confirmed to participate in a Project Interchange seminar for University Provosts in January.

Pell, the daughter of Anne and Mel Maron, grew up in Louisville. She is married to Ken Pell. She earned her BA, magna cum laude, in fine arts from the University of Louisville and her J.D. with honors from Chicago-Kent College of Law. She has been admitted to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, the State of Illinois and the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois.

She has served as a Board member for several organizations including the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition, the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington and the Alliance of Latinos and Jews, among others.

Prior to joining the AJC staff in 2001, she worked as a Public Interest Law Initiative intern for the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law; a certified mediator for landlord tenant disputes in Cook County, IL; a judicial intern and a legal clinic intern.

For more information about AJC, visit www.ajc.org or email Pell at pellm@ajc.org.



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Merry Mitzvah projects start early this year

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor, Community

The calendar may say it is only the end of October, but this year, that means Chanukah is right around the corner. The first candle is November 27, the night before Thanksgiving. And if Chanukah is so close, that must mean it is time for Merry Mitzvah 2013.

Co-chaired by Amy Benovitz and Rabbi David, this year's program offers a wide variety of mitzvah projects and lots of volunteers are need to meet the needs.

There are four Merry Mitzvah projects scheduled for November. "Hanukah Helpers," the Jewish Family & Career Services/Temple Shalom program to provide Chanukah gifts and winter clothing for children in need in the Jewish community, is already underway. Pick up your dreidel at Temple Shalom today. Each dreidel has a fictional name of a child, the child's real age and his/her real list of needs. You do the shopping and return the gifts to Temple Shalom by November 18.

Other Merry Mitzvah projects including cooking and baking for Ronald McDonald House, Wellspring and Vol-

unteers of America and preparing and serving meals at the VOA shelter on November 17.

During November, The Temple is collecting supplies for the homeless including warm gloves, hats and underwear for adults and children; baby products and diapers; as well as toiletries, linens, parka-style coats for homeless men, new socks, uniforms and school supplies.

There are also many opportunities throughout the month of December to provide gifts and supplies, perform music, cook and bake, serve food and make parties. For a complete list of opportunities and information about who to contact for each, see ad, page 11. If no contact is listed, please contact Amy Benovitz, 425-0373.

Hadassah made floral arrangements at pre-Sukkot party in the JCC's sukkah

by Heidi Bennett

On the cool evening of September 16, 19 women joined together for Louisville Hadassah's pre-Sukkot party inside the Jewish Community Center's Sukkah. Attendees were a mix of women from throughout the Jewish community, including several mother-daughter pairs.

The women started the evening with a delicious homemade meal prepared by Michall Goldman. After the dinner, Nanz and Kraft held a flower-arranging workshop where participants were able to make personal fall floral arrangements in glass vases to take home for their own sukkot. The evening was filled with creativity, laughter, and chit-chat under the stars that shone through the

branches of the sukkah roof.

Hadassah is the Women's Zionist Organization of America and is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to its partnership with the land and people of Israel. Louisville's chapter of Hadassah hosts social events throughout the year while informing women with updates about Israel and also includes programs tailored towards local women.

If you are a national Hadassah member, or would like to become a member, and want to be part of Louisville's chapter of Hadassah, please email Heidi Bennett at Heidi.Louisville.Hadassah@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

Superintendent Hargens spoke at NCJW's opening meeting

by Joyce Bridge

The National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, held its opening meeting on Wednesday, September 25, at the Olmsted. The guest speaker was Dr. Donna Hargens, superintendent of the Jefferson County Public School (JCPS) for the past two years.

NCJW President Sue Paul opened the meeting and thanked Membership Co-Vice Presidents Joyce Bridge and Jan Glaubinger for planning the luncheon and program. Janie Hyman gave the blessing and Marcia Frank introduced the guest speaker.

Hargens' focus is on raising achievement for all students, and she began her presentation by stating that two years ago, she and JCPS set a goal to become the best urban school district in the nation. Using a three-step process – strategy, structure, and action – she outlined the steps she and school system took with the development of their *Strategic Plan: Vision 2015*. To succeed, the plan calls for a commitment from the community and families to work with JCPS to ensure that all students receive the extended learning time and support they need to master the learning expected of them.

She gave an insightful and informative recap of the progress being made as JCPS moves forward with the plan's implementation, and she shared some ideas being proposed for future innovations. Following her speech, Hargens answered questions and shared her hope that JCPS' progress would be reflected in state test results to be announced shortly. In fact, the Department of Education's Unbridled Learning Assessment and Accountability Test scores released on September 27 did show improvement across the JCPS district.



Superintendent Donna Hargens

The meeting continued with Paul's president's report on the section's 26th annual sale of Shopping Spree cards, the upcoming Fashion Encore sale and recent grants and bequests. She thanked Karen Kohn and Betsy Prussian, Shopping Spree co-chairs, Ellen Rosenbloom, grants chairperson, and Ellen Shaikun and Shelley Meyers for their work on the 2014-2015 membership directory.

Rosenbloom reported on NCJW's assistance with Gilda's Club summer camp for children whose lives are affected by cancer, and Paul made a request for volunteers for the new Court Watch project to monitor the handling of child abuse cases in the Jefferson County Family Courts that will begin in the spring.

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Shalom Baby is back in Louisville

Babies love music, and the Jewish Community Center's Shalom Baby crew certainly loved hearing Cantor Sharon Hordes serenade them during a music session held at Keneseth Israel on Monday, October 14.

Parents and caregivers shared stories, helpful tips and socialized while the babies were hearing live Jewish music. The sentiment was that it is very important to start making Jewish connections this early in their child's life. The music sessions will begin on a more regular basis in December, on Sunday mornings, after Chanukah.

Do you know of a baby recently born into or adopted by a Jewish family in Louisville? If so, please send contact information to Jennifer Tuvlin at jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org so she can welcome the new arrival to the community.

Shalom Baby provides welcome baskets for the newest members of our community and the JCC would love to include them in this special group. Shalom Baby is intended for babies, 12 months and younger, and their caregivers. Once they age out, PJ Library programming is a wonderful stepping stone for them as toddlers.

Several YAD members attended Access event at Keeneland

On October 20, young adults from Louisville, Lexington and Cincinnati met for a regional Young Adult Division event at Keeneland Racetrack. Before the call to post, everyone enjoyed a tailgate lunch on The Hill while meeting people from throughout the region.

It was the first time at a horse racing track for many from Cincinnati, so those from Louisville and Lexington took on

the role of track spokespeople, explaining how racing works and the different types of bets.

The event was a joint program between the Jewish Federation of Louisville, Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass and Access Cincinnati. The groups look forward to planning more regional events in the future.



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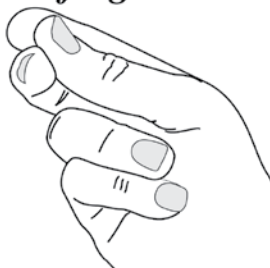
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Israeli group quietly feeding Syrian refugees in Jordan

by Ben Sales

MAFRAQ, Jordan, October 21, 2013 (JTA) – The purple plastic sacks fill two rooms in the otherwise sparsely furnished headquarters of a Jordanian NGO, awaiting distribution to Syrian refugees already lined up on the sidewalk.

They contain an array of staple dry goods – lentils, pasta, powdered milk, tea – as well as a range of hygiene products like soap and detergent, enough for 250 refugee families. But before the goods were handed out, one thing will be removed – the word “Jewish.”

Going sack by sack with a pair of scissors, an aid worker begins to cut.

“We don’t announce with trumpets that we’re Israeli,” the worker says. “There’s no need for that. Once you let that cat out of the bag, everything starts to blow up.”

The sacks are paid for by IsraAid, an Israeli nonprofit that provides disaster relief and humanitarian aid across the world. The group has provided medical care and psychological services following earthquakes in Japan and Haiti, and supplies food and other materials to refugees at two camps in Kenya.

IsraAid began working in Jordan early this year. Since then, the organiza-

tion says it has provided approximately \$100,000 worth of supplies to refugees who have escaped Syria’s brutal civil war.

But because Syria and Israel technically have been at war for four decades, discretion and security are paramount in IsraAid’s Jordanian operation. Most aid workers interviewed requested anonymity, as did the Jordanian nongovernmental organization that is IsraAid’s partner on the ground. Working with Israelis, they say, could endanger their work and the lives of the refugees they help.

Israelis may travel freely to Jordan, but when the IsraAid delegation crossed the border on Friday, it brought a letter from the Jordanian NGO that would facilitate the distribution as well as a list of individuals in its party.

A police escort joined the group’s bumpy ride through northern Jordan, past small villages of flat-roofed houses, lemon groves and vegetable fields. In the distance were the mountains of southern Syria.

“We try to work by the book and not go under the radar,” says Shachar Zahavi, IsraAid’s founding director, who explains that other countries also require extended security checks. “The



Syrian refugees in the Jordanian city of Mafraq collect supplies funded by IsraAid, an Israeli humanitarian aid organization, and distributed through a local Jordanian NGO.

PHOTO BY MICKEY ALON

Jordanians are open to it.”

After 90 minutes, the delegation arrives at the Jordanian NGO’s headquarters, next to an empty lot filled with trash on a side street in this city. The capital city of a region of the same name, half of Mafraq’s 100,000 residents are refugees from the conflict next door.

In total, half a million Syrians have taken refuge in Jordan. Most of them are here, in the border region, and most arrived this year.

Directed by a soft-spoken, gray-haired retiree working without pay, the Jordanian NGO focuses on aiding the 200,000 local refugees not living in Zaatri, the massive United Nations refugee camp nearby. The director keeps meticulous records of the constantly growing number of aid recipients, registering every new arrival, noting the size of their family and when they last received aid. Seventy volunteers help purchase and package supplies with funds from groups like IsraAid.

With the word “Jewish” removed, the purple bags begin to travel in a human chain down a tight stairwell to the refugees below, almost all of them women wearing long black dresses and matching hijabs. Bags are loaded onto trucks or carried in hand back to wherever they are staying.

One woman approaches a volunteer to explain, through basic Arabic and hand motions, that a relative has cancer. Where, she asks, can she find medicine?

“We’re still at this beginning stage,” the aid worker later tells JTA. “You’re still being inundated with refugees. They’re always going to need food until the situation is stable.”

The next stop for the IsraAid workers is Hamra, an impromptu refugee camp

set up a month ago 20 minutes outside Mafraq. Situated under power lines, surrounded by desert and about to be clouded by a suffocating sandstorm, the camp is home to 25 families from a Damascus suburb who had walked 60 miles to the Jordanian border to escape the fighting.

Now they share space in 10 tents with dirty, beige flaps featuring the block letters U.N.H.C.R. – for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees – in faded blue. Inside one, seven thin mattresses sit in a square on a tattered rug. A second room, with a small burner and piles of pots and pans, serves as the tent kitchen.

Although they eagerly crowd the distribution truck, most refugees appear healthy, if needy. While the distribution goes on, one resident insists that the workers sit for some coffee.

But an elderly woman shakes as she pulls a deformed hand out of her robe, her two fingers wrapped backwards and melded into what was left of her palm. After the bombing that caused her injury, she joined her children and grandchildren on the 60-mile trek. Now she says nothing, her wrinkled face and sunken eyes conveying a resigned helplessness.

Zahavi hopes that within a month, IsraAid can bring social workers to Mafraq to help refugees cope with the psychological trauma. Israelis, Zahavi says, are experts in trauma care after decades of dealing with terror attacks.

“My main agenda is to put Israelis on the ground around the world and show the world that Israel cares about them,” he says.

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Is a common fear of Iran driving Israel and Saudi Arabia together?

by Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON, October 21 (JTA) -- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is hoping the enemy of one's enemy truly does become a friend.

In recent years, Netanyahu has said the enmity for Iran shared by Israel and the Arab states could become a spur to regional reconciliation. Last week, in a speech to the Knesset, he noted the "many issues" on which Israel and the Arabs have shared interests could open up "new possibilities," including a peace accord with the Palestinians.

But while experts say that intelligence sharing between Israel and the Persian Gulf states has grown in recent years, thanks in large part to the facilitation of the United States, the possibility of a breakthrough appears to be overstated.

"There may be some common interest on Iran and how to reply to Muslim Brotherhood groups," said Brian Katulis, a senior fellow at the liberal Center for American Progress. "That doesn't mean these countries are going to play ball with Israel. It's quite a stretch to imply that this means these countries will coordinate" on defense issues with Israel.

Israel has long maintained low-level representations in a few of the smaller Arab Gulf states. But any serious breakthrough would likely hinge on Saudi Arabia, which enjoys outsized influence in the Arab world because of its unparalleled oil wealth and curatorship of the holiest Islamic sites.

Simon Henderson, the director of the Gulf and Energy Policy Program at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said there had been increased rapprochement in recent years among Israel, the Saudis and the Gulf states because of shared concerns over Iran and the Arab Spring.

"For many years, the Israeli Mossad and the Saudi General Intelligence Directorate have maintained a backchannel communications link," Henderson said.

Prince Turki bin Faisal al Saud, the Saudi ambassador to Washington from 2005 to 2007, acknowledged his country's interest in preventing a nuclear Iran and tamping down extreme forms of Islamism, but blamed Israeli recalcitrance for the failure to achieve a breakthrough in relations.

"Israel is kept out particularly as far as

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foundations, but the organization says some of its donors initially were reluctant to fund its work in Jordan for fear of becoming involved in the Syria-Israel conflict. But the aid worker says that when refugees discover the Israeli con-

nection, they are still grateful for the help – no matter its political implications.

"You're talking about hungry people," she says. "These people are in a dire situation. If I hand someone a can of tuna, do they really care where it's coming from?"



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Ukraine Jews see alleged beating of Jewish man as sign of mounting nationalism

by Cnaan Liphshiz

KIEV, Ukraine, October 22, 2013 (JTA) – The police station on Stefan Bandera Street in Lviv used to be just another government building to Dmitry Flekman.

But that changed earlier this month following a nine-hour interrogation by two detectives, who were accused of tor-

turing and humiliating the 29-year-old Jewish businessman.

It's an incident that some see as indicative of rising nationalism and anti-Semitism in Ukraine.

"Many people here want to move away from Soviet days to the Western model, but that can only happen if the fundamental rights of law-abiding people like me are respected," Flekman told JTA last week. "To me, it's a symbol of injustice."

Flekman's ordeal began October 1, when the officers arrested him on his way back from the bank. At the police station, Flekman says, the officers tried to extort \$10,000 from him.

"They picked on me because they thought they could get money out of it, but it turned anti-Semitic when they discovered my mother's maiden name is Rosenberg," he said, adding, "One of them told me he'd do to me what Hitler did and beat me."

After the first beating, one of the officers urinated on Flekman and fractured his tailbone with blows to the back, Flekman told prosecutors. Flekman also said the officers forced him to sit on the floor, explaining the chair "was not for stinking Jews."

Ukrainian authorities have not named either detective.

Flekman eventually was released and collapsed on the street, where passers-by helped him get to a hospital. Police said

he was not harmed during his arrest, but the Lviv Prosecutor's Office has opened a criminal investigation based on medical reports that show his injuries "could only have been caused by blows with a blunt object."

Anti-Semitic assaults are rare in Ukraine. But the severity of Flekman's beating and its timing – just days before a violent nationalist march and a major conference on fighting anti-Semitism, both in Kiev – underline the growing vulnerability of the Jewish community in a country riven by a cultural and linguistic divide and beset by growing nationalism.

"This is a case of anti-Semitism by state officials, which makes it extremely serious," Meylakh Sheykhet, a Jewish human rights activist, told JTA. "Maybe western Ukraine has a special anti-Semitism problem; I don't know. It's complicated."

Lviv is considered the cultural capital of western Ukraine, a Ukrainian-speaking region that was part of Poland before World War II and is the locus of much of the country's nationalist and xenophobic sentiment. Jews primarily reside in the Russian-speaking East.

The precursor to the ultranationalist Svoboda party was founded in Lviv in the 1990s, and the city remains a hotbed of support. Svoboda, whose leaders routinely use anti-Semitic slogans and refer to Jews as "kikes," entered parliament for the first time last year, winning 10 percent of the vote to become the country's fourth largest party. The party won 38 percent of the vote in Lviv, compared to only 17 percent in Kiev.

Oleksandr Feldman, a member of parliament and president of the Ukrainian Jewish Committee, declined to comment on the Flekman case, but he acknowledged that Jews feel increasingly targeted by nationalists emboldened by Svoboda's success.

"Even if Svoboda is not perpetrating the attacks, their activities strengthen the anti-Semitic sentiments we are trying to counter," Feldman said.

Last week, Feldman organized a conference in Kiev to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the acquittal of

Mendel Beilis, a Jew that czarist authorities tried to frame for the "ritual murder" of a Christian child. Hundreds of local and foreign dignitaries listened as speakers related the history of anti-Semitic blood libels.

"There is anti-Semitism in Ukraine and we need to fight relentlessly," Feldman told JTA. "But there isn't the state anti-Semitism that existed a century or even a few decades ago."

Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister Oleksandr Vilkul said at the conference that the country has made "huge progress in safeguarding minority rights." But some critics charge that Ukraine hasn't done nearly enough to combat anti-Semitism.

Efraim Zuroff, who heads the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Jerusalem office, said the street where Flekman was assaulted, named for the nationalist Ukrainian politician Bandera, is a reminder that Ukraine refuses to fully confront the lessons of history. The center has protested the honoring of Bandera, whose troops are believed to have killed thousands of Jews when they were allies of the Nazis in 1941.

But little progress has been made, as many Ukrainians consider Bandera a hero because he fought Russian communists in a failed effort to prevent the country's annexation by the Soviet Union. "Glorification of Nazis and extremist nationalism is part of an atmosphere that affects Jews on the ground," Zuroff said.

Even as guests were convening for the conference, Svoboda was organizing its annual October 14 march honoring Bandera. The march had become an important date for neo-Nazis since Svoboda started organizing it in 2005. This year, the march featured masked men who clashed with communist protesters in several violent scuffles in Kiev.

Such activity has been part of a wider rise of far-right nationalist parties throughout Central and Eastern Europe in recent years. Hungary's Jobbik party and Golden Dawn in Greece have adopted anti-Semitic imagery and slogans as part of their wider resistance to ethnic minorities and the encroaching authority of the European Union.

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as Saudi Arabia is concerned because it's keeping itself out," Turki said this week at the annual conference of the National Iranian American Council.

Turki noted that the 2002 Arab League peace offer, which proposed comprehensive peace in exchange for an Israeli return to the 1967 lines, was unrequited.

"No one has come forward and said let's sit down and talk about it," Turki said. "If Israel is isolated in the area, it is because it chooses to be isolated."

The sticking point is not only Is-

raeli-Palestinian issues, Katulis said, but Israel's insistence on keeping alive the possibility of a military strike on Iran. He said the Arabs are deeply divided on the issue.

In his Knesset speech, which marked the 40th anniversary of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Netanyahu said a main takeaway of the war was that preemption was a valuable tool and should not be ruled out. Such talk spooked Turki.

"A preemptive strike would be catastrophic for the area and completely within the purview of a personality like Mr. Netanyahu," Turki said.



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Federation keeps Campaign fundraising expenses low

by Stew Bromberg
Vice President and CDO
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Fall is my favorite season of the year. Being from New England this always signaled the beginning of painted mountainsides best viewed during long weekend drives throughout New England, stopping along the way to pick fresh apples and sip on mulled apple cider at the many roadside farms, orchards and country stores along the way. Louisville may not be in



Stew Bromberg

New England, but my heart is here as I view the beauty around me and feel the crisp fall air as I watch the seasons change. This is also the beginning our annual Federation campaign season. The 2014 Campaign has begun and promises to be strong. Our first event, *Happy Days are Here Again*, was held at the JCC on October 6. The event was a time to reminisce, renew old friendships, tell stories and jokes and find pictures of each other from years ago. The event was a success, not only because everyone had a wonderful time, but we also raised **\$163,175** for the 2014 Federation Campaign. Wow! What an incredible way to start the campaign this year!

On October 17 we had the official Campaign kick-off with keynote speaker Rae Ringel, who talked to us about how to be effective communicators and provided some time-tested tips on how to



Katie Moss, Rabbi Daniel Goldman, Leah Culp

Hillel students observe Sukkot, learn about Jewish chaplains

Sukkot

On September 25, the Hillel students had dinner in Josh Goodman's Sukkah located near the University of Louisville campus. Last year, Goodman received a grant from Birthright Next for the materials needed to build the sukkah, and he was able to use them again this year.

The group lit candles and recited the Kiddush and Motzi to welcome the holiday of Shemini Atzeret. They also had the opportunity to shake the lulav.

Students enjoyed a Mediterranean dinner from Shiraz, then played the Jewish version of Apples to Apples.

A sukkah was also erected on the Bellarmine University campus and was open to all.

Lunch and Learn

On Monday October 14, Rabbi Danny Goldman spoke to Hillel students about his work as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army. The students asked many questions, ranging from the requirements to become a chaplain to maintaining his Orthodox level of observance on army bases.

Rabbi Goldman's wife, Michall, prepared a kosher lunch. The event was held in the Hillel office at U of L.

The U of L Hillel president is Bailey Haskell and the vice president is Josh Goodman. The Bellarmine Hillel president is Brian Roberts.

inspire others to action with our newly acquired communication skills.

We raised another **\$30,000** that evening and with other pledges that have come in we are currently at **\$210,748!** This is a great place to be only 2-1/2 weeks into the campaign, but we still have a long road ahead of us. We have many events coming up over the next few weeks and months, each one an important piece of the puzzle that makes our campaign a success for the community.

As we enter the Campaign season, I wish to clarify something very important. As stewards of the community funds raised to provide services and programs for this Jewish community, it is important to explain how we have the funds for the myriad of great events we present each year.

Our first event, mentioned above, had almost no cost as we held the event at the Jewish Community Center and prepared the refreshments downstairs in our Kosher kitchen. The decorations consisted of pictures and storyboards from *Community* newspaper, JCC and Jewish community archives located in the basement of the JCC building.

When we do bring in speakers who charge 'speaker fees,' those expenses are paid out of a restricted fund established by a community donor who instructed us to use the income generated from earned interest to provide interesting speakers for our community and encourage event participation.

There are limited funds and we always stay within the amount available each year. Some of our major event speakers have not only agreed to waive any fees, but some have also chosen to provide their own transportation to our community as a gift from them to the Louisville Jewish community. This often results in funds remaining available for other speakers at other events or for next year's programs.

Over the past two years, the spaces where we have held our events have either been provided by our sponsors and hosts of the events, or the amount required to rent the spaces have been very small. For example, the space for this year's Major Gifts event is being provided for a fee of \$350.

Whenever we have an event where there is a cost involved, we always ask our attendees to help us defray our expenses and include a suggested donation and the fair market value of their event

participation on the invitation and in all communications promoting the event. In this way, we cover all or most of our costs for each event.

We are charged with the responsibility of raising the funds necessary to provide our constituent agencies and the Jewish community the dollars necessary to continue to offer the services and programs the community needs, wants and deserves. We take this responsibility very seriously and, as stewards of the community funds, we strive to raise the

dollars needed while incurring the least amount of expense in the process.

We encourage you to join us for the many events coming up over the next few months. Our goal is to exceed your expectations with regards to reporting and providing a financially sound and transparent campaign. Our expectation is to raise more funds this year and next year as we continue to build our future together.

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MOSAIC NOMINATIONS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 15

In addition to its work within the Jewish Community, JFCS also serves the immigrant and refugee populations of Louisville. This harkens back to the founding of JFCS (then known as the Federation of Jewish Charities), when many of Louisville's Jewish residents were immigrants and refugees themselves and needed financial assistance and health care.

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

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Since all the funds are pooled, a significant amount of interest will be generated. The same allocation guidelines applied by the Jewish Foundation of Louisville to all its funds will be applied to this fund to determine how much participants will allocate at the end of the program.

For more information about the program or to enroll an eligible teen, contact Middle School Director Rachel Lipkin, rlipkin@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2701. To add the funds from an existing B'nai Tzedek account to the pooled fund for the revamped program, contact Jewish Federation of Louisville Vice President and CDO Stew Bromberg, sbromberg@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739.

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Jay Levine's Sweet Escape

by Jessica Hymes

Jay Levine BBG held a "Sweet Escape" themed chapter Six-Folds Sleepover on October 4, where the members came together to incorporate the six most important components of programming: sisterhood, Jewish heritage, recreation, community service, social action, and creativity.

For sisterhood, the girls all stood in a circle and one started with a ball of string. Each girl would throw it to someone else, and give her a compliment. Then that girl would throw it, and so on until the entire chapter held a piece of string and a web had been created.

Next, for Jewish heritage they viewed a video called "The Tribe." This brief but entertaining film discussed the stereotypes of Jewish religion, as well as the roots of a Barbie Doll and how it has been given a very different connotation from where it originated. The video was

followed by a short discussion, so that everyone could come to the same understanding about stereotypes and their negative effects.

The recreation fold was planned by a steering committee instead of board members, and the chapter loved seeing some of their friends who don't usually lead step out of their comfort zones. The chapter was divided into teams for competitions related to the Sweet Escape theme of the evening.

Community service also was planned by the steering committee, and it, too, went really well. The chapter decorated tote bags filled with food and other items to be donated to underprivileged children.

For the social action fold girls were mysteriously given plates of junk food and told by chapter board not to eat it. They sat in silence for five minutes, and as one girl started to eat her forbidden food a few others started to follow. The activity continued with a short discussion about giving into temptations and

following the status quo.

To take a little part of the sleepover home with them, Jay Levine members used their creativity fold to make stress balls, so they could take a bit of the "sweet escape" home to comfort them in their daily lives.

The hard work of the six board members and steering members surely paid off; everyone had an amazing time and enjoyed their sweet escape with their BBG sisters!

NFTY's All-Inclusive Evening

NFTY is opening up its doors to all youth groups! On November 22-24, The Temple and Temple Shalom will host a regional event for all NFTY teens from the Ohio Valley Region.

Not only will this event be an amazing experience for all NFTY teens, but also for other Jewish teens in Louisville! They are inviting BBYO, USY and other youth groups to join in a memorable Shabbat celebration. All local Jewish teens are welcome to attend this night of fun, music, and prayer. This celebration is from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, November 22. Services will start at 7 and will be followed by Oneg Shabbat.

Afterward, there will be a community-wide concert, sponsored by The Meyer Youth Cultural Programming fund. Both the service and concert will feature Danny Nichols, a well-known Jewish singer and song leader.

Hundreds of teens from different denominations, youth organizations and even cities will come together to enjoy the music and to spend time with each other. Louisville teens will be contacted by their youth group presidents or advisors.

Don't miss this momentous event!

Cotillion 2013-2014

by Rachel Lipkin

This year's Cotillion program nearly doubled from previous years. Thirty 6th graders from around the community signed up for the program this year.

Cotillion is a great way for 6th graders from all congregations to meet each other. It allows for social interaction while they learn to dance and about proper manners. The classes will meet once a month, October-April, on Sundays, and the location will rotate among local synagogues and agencies.

Cotillion provides etiquette training for bar/bat mitzvah-age students. It provides instruction in skills that may be needed for introductions, proper manners and certain ballroom dances that often come in to play for 6th graders during the bar/bat mitzvah events. Cotillion also provides an opportunity for all 6th graders, regardless of synagogue membership, to interact with one another and build friendships for years to come.

This year's Cotillion program has been improved, offering additional content, including protocol for thanking the parents of the bar/bat mitzvah before leaving the event and congratulating the bar/bat mitzvah, learning cell phone etiquette, remembering RSVP rules, learning temple/synagogue etiquette, dressing appropriately, learning how Jewish values fit within universal values, being inclusive and looking out for each other.

Through Cotillion, each individual will learn the basic etiquette lessons needed for his/her big day, as well as learn appropriate behavior while attending someone else's bar/bat mitzvah.

Limo Scavenger Hunt

by Rachel Lipkin

The annual Teen Connection "Limos Around Louisville" event was a major success. With over 40 participants, one excursion limo, one Hummer limo and one party bus, the program was a ton of fun.

Each limo group had a list of items to

locate around the city of Louisville, and every item found had to be documented with a photo. Participants were given a set of clues, and once they figured out the clues, they directed the driver to that location. Upon arrival they took a picture to prove they had found the correct location, and if so directed, completed the given task.

The locations included 21c Museum Hotel, the Louisville Slugger Museum, the Belle of Louisville, Fourth Street Live, Hard Rock Café, Papa John's Stadium, the Louisville Zoo, Bellarmine University, Comfy Cow, Starbucks and Bowman Field.

The scavenger hunt ended at the JCC, where an ice cream truck met the participants for a delicious treat! The participants all had a great time; they enjoyed riding around Louisville and meeting new friends.

Teaching teens: Mike Steklof

by Natania Lipp

Teen Topics Editor



Mike Steklof

Mike Steklof has been popular among teenagers since he moved to Louisville from Albany, NY, last year. He is the Louisville city director and advisor of the BBYO chapters, and plays an integral part in the goings on of the JCC that involve teen life.

Upon hearing that Mike was also hired as a teacher for the High School of Jewish Studies this year, I was curious to see what he had in store for these 9th and 10th graders. I interviewed Mike about his two classes, "Jewish Relationships" and "Sex in the Text," to get an idea of how these Sunday morning sessions are going.

Natania: How has Hebrew High School been going?

Mike: It's been going really well. I enjoy being back teaching religious school after a year off. I taught religious school for five years when I lived in Albany, NY, and I enjoy teaching again.

Natania: Can you say a few words about what you're teaching, and what you hope for students to get out of the class?

Mike: I am teaching a class about Jewish relationships for 9th graders. I hope they learn how to have positive, healthy relationships and how to live their lives within a Jewish framework. I am also teaching a class called "Sex in the Text," which is an elective for 9th and 10th graders. It is really exciting for me to see teens dig into Jewish texts and learn about what Judaism says about issues that are really relevant to their lives.

Natania: What seems to be their favorite part so far?

Mike: I think it is fun for students to read stories or learn more about stories that are either not covered or sanitized in Religious School.

Natania: Is it uncomfortable talking about such touchy subjects?

Mike: No, not really. When I was in graduate school, I taught a class for undergraduate students called "Introduction to Feminism," which really helped me get over feeling uncomfortable about talking about subjects having to do with gender or sexuality.

Natania: What are you most excited for in this year of teaching?

Mike: I really enjoy building community and forming relationships with teens. Teaching at the High School of Jewish Studies helps me form communities in my classroom, the school and the greater Louisville Jewish Community. In addition, it allows me to meet more Jewish teens and form relationships with them.

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NEWSMAKERS

At IdeaFest, *Business First* (October 4) talked to **Bruce Cohen**, master plumber and owner of BC Plumbing Co, about the potential for Google Glass, a wearable visual communication device, in trade professions. Cohen believes the technology could help his business by allowing him to assist employees in the field, collaborating at a distance to solve complex problems.

Also in the October 4 edition of *Business First*, **Jason Cohen** was profiled in a small business snapshot. Cohen is the owner of JC Wood Artisan LLC, which handcrafts custom wood furniture from bourbon barrels. The company's website is bourbonbarrelartisan.com.

Ann Huttner, executive and leadership coach for Oak Tree Leadership Coaching Inc., was elected to the board of directors of ICF Ohio Valley, the regional chapter of the International Coach Federation for Kentucky, southern Ohio and southern Indiana.

Jewish Hospital, part of KentuckyOne Health, has received Chest Pain Center Accreditation with PCI (Percutaneous Coronary Intervention) from the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care (SCPC). Hospitals that have received SCPC accreditation have achieved a higher level of expertise in dealing with patients who arrive with symptoms of a heart attack, emphasizing the importance of standardized diagnosis protocols for more efficient, effective evaluation as well as faster, more appropriate treatment of patients with chest pain and other heart attack symptoms. They also serve as a starting point to evaluate and treat other medical problems, and they help to promote a healthier lifestyle in an attempt to reduce the risk factors for heart attack.

Suzi Post, the last surviving plain-

tiff in the lawsuit that forced desegregation of Louisville's public schools in the 1970s, was honored on October 17 with a fundraiser for the Louisville Central Community Center, located at 1300 Muhammad Ali Blvd. Because of her decades of advocating for civil rights and social justice, her friends said the fundraiser was a fitting 80th birthday gift. The sold-out event raised almost \$170,000 for the Center.

The Kentucky Arts Council has kicked off a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowship program with a new exhibit, "Uncommon Wealth," which opened October 7 at the Lyric Theatre in Lexington. The exhibit features work by 62 visual and craft artists whose careers have been recognized with a fellowship from the arts council; **C. J. Pressma** is one of the artists whose work is included in the exhibit. The exhibit will be at the Lyric Theatre until January and then will travel across the state.

Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks of The Temple is featured in the new book *100 Fascinating Louisville Women* by Nancy Miller. The book, which launched on October 17, includes a diverse group of women who tell their personal stories and share experiences. To find out more about the book, visit 100flw.com.

The September 20 edition of *Business First* reported on First Link Supermarket, owned by **Bernard** and **Bruce Silverman**. First Link is a third-generation family-owned downtown supermarket that began in 1943, when the Silvermans' father and grandfather opened a one-room shop in the front of a downtown home. In spite of the frequently repeated misconception that Louisville lacks a downtown grocery, the Silvermans say they have a loyal customer base and a profitable business, which includes a 30,000 square foot discount grocery store, a 13,000 square foot li-

quor store, and a U.S. Department of Agriculture-inspected meat processing plant that provides meats for First Link and other retail and food-service businesses in the area.

Michael Steinberg has been accepted as the Jewish lay leader at Ft. Knox, and plans to begin holding Shabbos services on post about once a month.

Louisville's **21C Museum Hotel** was named the No. 1 Hotel in the South for the sixth year in a row by the 2013 *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards. It also was listed as No. 8 in the U.S. and No. 46 in the world. The awards appear in the November issue of *Condé Nast Traveler*. Rankings are based on quality of rooms, service, food and dining, location and overall design.

Jeffrey Yussman has been named chairman of the Board of Wellspring.

Jonathan Blue is heading a group called Kentucky Wins, in support of expanded gaming in the Commonwealth. Kentucky Wins' premise is Kentucky

needs the income that would come from expanded gaming to pay for improved education and infrastructure. As things now stand, Blue says, that income is being spent in states that border ours, where expanded gaming is already in place, and neighboring states are profiting from what should be Kentucky funds, according to the *Voice-Tribune* (October 10).

The Shield of David, a non-profit group out of Bowling Green, Kentucky sent bulletproof backpacks to two schools near Gaza. The backpacks were donated by Earl Cox, the founder of Israel Always, a group that aims to build bridges of understanding between Christians and Jews across America and around the world in support of Israel. The backpacks contain a flexible armor insert which can stop objects traveling at 2,150 feet per second including bullets and shrapnel. The backpacks are given free of cost to Israeli children and citizens.

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From July 1 through December 31, 2013, AJ is offering a one-time membership promotion to enable new members to share in the excitement of AJ's spectacular renovation. Those who join AJ during this period are eligible for a 50% dues reduction for their first year of membership. This promotion is available to anyone who is not currently an AJ member and who is not applying for reduced dues.

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At 11, Zev Dickstein shines at IdeaFest

by Phyllis Shaikun
Special to Community

When physician, Holocaust historian and my former neighbor here in Louisville, Leah Dickstein, called on September 24 to say her 11-year-old grandson, Zev, would be a featured speaker at Louisville's IdeaFest 2013 conference the following day, she sounded understandably surprised, excited and terribly proud. Normally one to keep her emotions in check, Dickstein's excitement was palpable as she kept repeating, "I just can't believe all the things he has done - it really is amazing!"



Zev Dickstein

Dickstein and her husband, Herb, have three high-achieving sons, Stuart, Steven and Daniel, who, with their equally intelligent wives have gone on to produce a number of brilliant children including Zev, Stuart and his wife Nancy's son. Zev and his parents live in a Cambridge, MA, apartment directly above the elder Dicksteins, so Leah has been able to watch her grandson develop a celebrity status of sorts with a number of Google listings documenting his accomplishments.

At an age when most kids look forward to playing sports or listening to the latest music, Zev's interests always centered on history, politics, reading books on the subject and listening to NPR. He also plays the violin. A seasoned political campaigner, he recently planned strategy, designed campaign materials and helped with the website for Elizabeth Warren's successful senate race and assisted with Ed Markey's senatorial bid as well.

This year Zev became the youngest

political campaign manager in the country when he stepped up to head attorney Joyce Gerber's run for the Cambridge School Committee. In an interview with NPR, which earned him a spot on the fest speakers' docket, Zev explained that through helping various candidates, he learned how to canvas and do the other things necessary to secure a win. NPR called him "a political wonk well beyond his years."

In an article she wrote for St. Francis High School's "Thoughts!" newsletter, Headmaster Alexandra Thurstone, coincidentally a former classmate of Stuart's, called Zev one of the more amazing speakers she has ever heard. She found him funny, inspiring and completely at ease speaking to the large crowd. He explained that beginning at age six, he asked his parents to take him to volunteer on political campaigns. Over the years, he gained experience in phone banking, canvassing and analyzing campaign information and became known and respected in the community.

All that came in handy when Zev spearheaded a petition drive and appeared before the local school board to request salad bars be placed in public schools. He and his friends felt the lunches at his elementary school were sub par, so he did some research and took his salad bar proposition (along with a petition signed by his classmates and the principal) all the way to the superintendent.

Zev says the most difficult part of his job is that he needs a chaperone to help him canvas for his candidates. He quickly dismissed common excuses for inaction and stated: "The most important thing is to show up. Just go do it. That's it." When asked how he could be so comfortable speaking in public at such a young age, his thoughtful answer: "Practice. It gets easier."

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Wednesday, October 30

Edward K. Kaplan presents "Vulnerable Prophets: Thomas Merton, Abraham Joshua Heschel and Vatican II" at 7 p.m. in the Hilary Room in Horrigan Hall, Bellarmine University. Kaplan is the Kevy and Hortense Kaiserman Professor in the Humanities at Brandeis University, where he teaches French, comparative literature, and religion. The talk is free and open to the public.

Friday, November 1

Families with children in grades 5 and below will enjoy active participation through prayers, songs, storytelling and more at Adath Jeshurun's interactive Mini-Minyan Shabbat service and dinner. The service, at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, November 1, is followed by a catered dinner and cupcake and sprinkles bar. Dinner is by reservation only and must be prepaid by Wednesday, October 23 at 5 p.m. Open to all families in the community. Make reservations online at adathjeshurun.com/miniminyan or contact Molly Evancho at 458-5359 or mevancho@adathjeshurun.com.

Saturdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Shabbat Torah Study group meets in the Fishman Library at The Temple, 9-10 a.m. Read and discuss the Torah portion of the week over good coffee, bagels, and other treats. This class is taught by Rabbi David. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday, November 2

Parents and students in kindergarten through grade 7 are invited to attend Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation at Adath Jeshurun. Next service: November 2, 10:30 a.m. Please contact Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com for more information.

Saturday, November 2

Keneseth Israel invites children and families of the community to attend its redesigned monthly youth Shabbat services. KI Katan is geared for the youngest participants – second grade and younger – with a participatory service filled with songs, stories, a d'var Torah, and a Shabbat-friendly craft or snack. Tefillah L'Yeladim is a junior congregation for third- through seventh-graders, and allows students to interact directly and comfortably with the rabbi while learning about the Shabbat service prayers. The next services will be November 2 at 10:30 a.m. at Keneseth Israel.

Saturday, November 2

Adath Jeshurun's Shabbat Scholars offers an enlightening discussion following the AJ kiddush lunch on November 2 at approximately 12 noon. Cantor David Lipp will lead a sing-along introducing the music to be featured in the musical Kabbalat Shabbat service on November 22. Shabbat Scholars is open to the community.

Sunday, November 3

Anshei Sfard hosts guest speaker Sonny Meyer for a talk on the history of Louisville's Jewish community since 1760. President of Herman Meyer & Son Inc., Meyer is the third generation Meyer to be in the funeral service in Louisville. The event will follow Sunday morning services at 10 a.m. RSVP to the Anshei Sfard office, 451-3122, and check out the event at facebook.com/ansheisfard.

Sunday, November 3

The Temple Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood) will host a Game Day featuring Mah Jongg, Bridge and board games on Sunday, November 3, 2-4 p.m. in The Temple's Klein Center. This is a free event, but each attendee is asked to bring a canned or boxed food item(s) for the JFCS Food Pantry. Each group is responsible for bringing their own

Mah Jongg set, deck(s) of cards or board games that they wish to play. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to The Temple at 423-1818 by October 30.

Sundays, November 3, 10, 17, 24

The Temple offers Israeli and line dancing on Sundays in November at 4 p.m. No dance experience is needed; classes are free and open to everyone. RSVP to The Temple at 423-1818.

Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, 25

Mysteries of the Alef-Bet: Kabbalat HaTorah meets at The Temple, room 172, with Rabbi Gaylia Rooks at 7 p.m. on Mondays, October through May. The curriculum offers insights into Bible, prayer, Midrash, Jewish philosophy and spirituality. Students progress at their own pace. An optional dinner at 6 p.m. requires a reservation; call 423-1818.

Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, 25

Join Rabbi David Monday nights at 7 p.m. for Monday night text study in The Temple's Fishman Library, "The Angry G-d – Early Jewish Conceptions of God." Unlike the conception of G-d as perfect, all knowing, and all-powerful, the G-d of the Bible has a real personality and is depicted in human terms. Discover all this learning together through early biblical and Midrashic texts.

Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, 25

Bring your Hebrew to life with Rabbi Joe Rapport's Intermediate Hebrew Class on Mondays at 8 p.m. at The Temple. This is a comprehension-based course on Hebrew reading and grammatical structures that will guide learners to know what they say when they pray and understand the words of Torah. For those who can read the prayers by rote or sound out words.

Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, 25

The Temple offers the community a Basic Judaism class on Mondays, October through May, from 8-9 p.m. The first of a three-part course – Life Cycle Events with Rabbi David – is currently taking place. This class is for those considering conversion or those who just want to expand their knowledge of Judaism. RSVP to The Temple, 423-1818, before attending.

Tuesdays, November 5 and 19

Bring your friends for "Free Movies and More" at Adath Jeshurun. All shows begin at 3 p.m. and are open to the community. The movie on November 5 is *Cheaper by the Dozen*, starring Clifton Webb and Jeanne Crain, about a pioneering efficiency expert who tests his theories on his large family. On November 19, view *Game Show Moments Gone Bananas*, a special hosted by Ben Stein, featuring hilarious moments from classic game shows around the world.

Wednesday, November 6

The Knit & Qvell Circle at Anshei Sfard meets on Wed., Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. in the shul library. All knitters and want-to-be knitters are invited to attend. All knitted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet.

Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

During this one-hour morning class Rabbi Wolk leads participants in studying the weekly Torah portion using ancient and modern commentary. All in the community are welcome for study and coffee. Jews and Brews meets weekly at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the JCC Coffee Shop. You need not attend each week. Check the calendar at kenesethisrael.com for the most current information.

Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

On Wednesday mornings, October through May, meet in The Temple's Fishman Library for Temple Scholars with Rabbi David from 9:30-10:35 a.m.

Examine and grapple with big questions that emerge from ancient texts and teachings, confronting and rethinking these teachings and exploring the ways in which our tradition have enabled, empowered, and shaped modern Jewish thought and life. Registration required; RSVP to The Temple, 423-1818.

Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

The Torah of Tikkun Olam meets in The Temple's Fishman Library on Wednesdays, October through May, 10:50-11:55 a.m., with Rabbi Joe Rapport. Topics encompass the Jewish Roots of Social Justice from the Bible, the Talmud, the mystical tradition of Lurianic Kabbalah and Modern Age commentary. No registration required.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 and 9

The Temple will host special guest speaker Dr. Rachel Korazim during Shabbat services at 7 p.m. on November 8. Dr. Korazim is a well-known Hartman Institute teacher and scholar and an expert on Israeli poetry and literature. Participants will read and discuss selections of modern Israeli literature, poems and songs to discover Shabbat's meaning, past and future.

On Saturday, November 9, Dr. Korazim will lead The Temple Torah Study discussing "Biblical Motifs – Challenging Views" at 9 a.m. Read and discuss contemporary Israeli poetry (in English), comparing and contrasting ancient imagery and wisdom with modern interpretation.

Sunday, November 10

Experience the 70's through all your senses at a Blast from KI's Past on Sunday, November 10 at 10 a.m. Glance through photos, listen to some rare recordings of Cantor Meyer Elias and Rabbi Irving Glickman, and learn about the Keneseth Israel's history. If you have memories and memorabilia from KI's past, please bring them to share. Traditional deli breakfast fare will be available for purchase at prices reminiscent of the 1970's. Make your reservations by calling the KI office, 459-2780, no later than Thursday, November 7.

Sunday, November 10

Adath Jeshurun hosts a somber community-wide observance of Kristallnacht – the "Night of Broken Glass" – on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. The program, "Kristallnacht at 75: Pogrom as Prelude," will allow attendees to hear first-person testimony from people who lived through that terrifying event. For more information, call Matt Goldberg, Jewish Community Relations Council Director, at 238-2707.

Sunday, November 10

The Temple's Sunday Night at the Movies presents *Playoff* on November 10 at 7 p.m. in the Waller Chapel. Hoosiers meets the Holocaust in this film, an uneven amalgam of historical drama and inspirational sports flick from Israeli director Eran Riklis (*Lemon Tree*, *The Syrian Bride*). *Playoff* is inspired by the life of Israeli basketball coach Ralph Klein.

Thursday, November 14

Hanukkah Happenings at The Temple begins with lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by activities including dreidl and menorah making, cookie and latke baking, gift-wrap making, and other activities to celebrate the miracle of Hanukkah. RSVP to The Temple, 423-1818, by Thurs., Nov. 14. Free and open to everyone.

Thursdays beginning November 14

Participate in a 10-week session, November 14-January 30 (excluding November 28) at 7 p.m. in the Anshei Sfard library. Rabbi Dr. Joshua Golding teaches "The Way of the Name," focusing on the spiritual journey as it is reflected in the four-part structure of the Jewish Morning Prayer or Shacharit. Knowledge of Hebrew is helpful, but not required. RSVP by calling 451-3122 ext.

0, or email rabbi@ansheisfard.com.

Sunday, November 17

Hadassah invites you to an afternoon of chocolate and inspiration on November 17 at 3:30 p.m., at Ghyslain in Westport Village shopping center. Enjoy a professional chocolate demonstration and inspiring words from Hadassah National Vice President Mindy Bloom. Guests are responsible for the cost of their food and drink. RSVP by November 8 to Heidi.louisville.hadassah@gmail.com or 326-3068.

Monday, November 18

The JCC Book Club will meet on Monday, November 18, at 11 a.m. in the Naamani Library to discuss Mitch Albom's *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* and *Tuesdays with Morrie*. All are invited. For more information, contact Evie Topcik or Slava Nelson, 238-2760 or snelson@jewishlouisville.org.

Friday, November 22

Shabbat Remixed: Adath Jeshurun holds its first family Kabbalat Shabbat service with musical instruments at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, November 22, with the Brigid Kaelin Band, featuring Brigid Kaelin, Steve Cooley, and Peter Searcy, as well as the choir, "Jewish Pitch Perfect." Following the service, everyone is invited to attend a reservation-only Shabbat dinner catered by Café Fraiche, with desserts provided by Bonnie's Baking Bunch. Reservations received by Thursday, November 14 are free; reservations received November 15-18 are \$12 per adult, \$6 per child younger than 12. Reserve online at adathjeshurun.com/event_registration, or call the AJ office at 458-5359.

This event is open to the community and is made possible by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund, with support from the Stuart A. Handmaker L'Dor Vador Fund, and from Margie and Bob Kohn and Ruth and Ron Greenberg.

Wednesday, November 27

Chabad is sponsoring a Community Chanukah Kickoff Celebration at Fourth St. Live downtown, complete with the lighting of a new grand Chanukah menorah, ice skating, dreidls, Chanukah gelt (chocolates), holiday songs and much more. The program is sponsored by Chabad. All are invited to this inaugural celebration, 4-6 p.m. November 27.

Sunday, December 1

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

Monday, December 2

Thanksgiving + Chanukah & Dinner + Minyan = Thanksgivukh Dinyan. Join Keneseth Israel for everything you love about Shabbat – faith, friends, and food – in a fraction of the time. There will be a 25-minute musical Mincha/Ma'ariv service and a holiday celebration on Monday, December 2, at 5:45 p.m. There is no charge for the evening, but donations to the sponsoring funds – The Yael Melzer and the Rabbi's Discretionary Funds are welcome. Reservations required by Tuesday, November 26, through the KI office, 459-2780.

December 4, 2014

A parade of cars will assemble at 6 p.m. in The Temple parking lot for the Chanukah Car Parade to the Summit, where Mayor Greg Fisher will light the giant Chanukah Menorah.

Sing along with the children and the Mayor as we light the Menorah and remember this first symbol of religious freedom. Call Rabbi Chaim Litvin at 442-2208 for more details.

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B'nai Mitzvot

Carly Suzanne Schwartz

Carly Suzanne Schwartz will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah during a Havdalah service on Saturday, November 2, at 5:30 p.m. at The Temple. Carly is the daughter of Cindy and Matt Schwartz and sister of Bradley. She is the granddaughter of Wendy Goldhill and the late Bernard Goldhill, Gail Schwartz and Neil "Buddy" Schwartz.

Carly is a seventh-grade student at Kentucky Country Day, where she plays field hockey and has enjoyed participating in the drama program. In her free time, she loves hanging out with friends, and each summer, she looks forward to attending Camp Livingston.

Carly has been making "no sew" blankets for the Blankets and Blessings program at The Temple and, through her mitzvah project, is encouraging others to support families in need within our Congregation as well as at the Tingley House Emergency Shelter.

Carly and her family welcome the community to join them in celebrating this occasion by attending her Havdalah bat mitzvah service.

Andrew Baker

Andrew Baker, son of Steve and Sheila Baker, and brother of Ellie, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, November 9, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple. He is the grandson of Margie and the late Allan Baker, and the late Betty Baker, and Rachele Guernsey and the late Richard Guernsey.

Andrew is a seventh grader at Barret Traditional Middle School, where he plays golf and baseball, is a member of the Beta Club and Quick Recall Team, and is on the Principal's list. He also plays baseball at Lyndon Recreation.

Andrew and his family invite the community to attend his bar mitzvah and kiddush luncheon following.

Miriam Lior Shir

Miriam Lior Shir, daughter of Amy and Ron Shir and sister of Gabriel, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, November 9, at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Shalom.

Miriam is the granddaughter of Lynn Goldstein and Dr. Harold Hamburg and the step-granddaughter of Jay Goldstein.

Miriam is in the seventh grade at The Brown School. She sings with the All State and All County Middle School Choruses, plays soccer for The Brown School and with Highland Youth Recreation. Miriam has attended Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) in past summers and has her red belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Miriam's Pledge 13 service project is collecting dog and cat toys, food and treats for the Kentucky Humane Society. A vegetarian, Miriam loves dogs and wants to be a veterinarian. Miriam and her family invite the community to bring a donation to the Kentucky Humane Society and to join them as they celebrate her bat mitzvah.



Emily Grace Rosenthal

Emily Grace Rosenthal, daughter of Mark Rosenthal and Susan Hagan, step-daughter of Stephanie Rosenthal, and sister of Sam, Jacob, Jordan and Chloe Rosenthal and Matthew Greenamy, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, November 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Emily is the granddaughter of Lynn Rosenthal, Stanley and Donna Rosenthal, and Claudia and Jim Shaughnessy. She is the great-granddaughter of David Rosenthal of Miami, FL.

Emily is an eighth-grader at Kammiller Middle School. She is a member of the school's field hockey team and sings in the choir. She is also an avid reader and loves the color purple.

Emily and her family invite the community to join them in celebrating this joyous event.

Jacob Benjamin Ioffe

Jacob Benjamin Ioffe, son of Yelena and Alexander Ioffe and brother of Michael, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. at The Temple. Jacob is the grandson of Nelya and Boris Khaskin of Louisville, KY, and Klara Ioffe of Israel.

Jacob is in the seventh grade at Meyzeek Middle School, where he is a member of the Beta Club, Science Olympiad, Science Fair and Chess Club. Jacob loves spending time with his friends, listening to music, enjoys performing magic, playing tennis, football, and all other sports. For his mitzvah project, Jacob participated this year in JFCS Pledge 13+ program and volunteered over the summer helping seniors by making a difference in their lives. Jacob took orders, purchased and then delivered groceries to the seniors who could no longer shop for themselves. Jacob said, "It made me feel like I was exemplifying the concept of Tikkun Olam when I gave selflessly to those who could do nothing for me. My character has been positively influenced by making a difference this summer helping seniors."

Jacob and his family invite the community to join in celebrating as he becomes a bar mitzvah.



min, Isaac, Owen, Clara, Ada and Noa, and granddaughter of the late Morton and Alyse Weiss.

Lilah is a seventh-grader at Meyzeek Middle. She enjoys math, field hockey, and playing the cello. Lilah is excited to be in the All County Orchestra this year and has won several awards at the state level for her work with the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP). Camp Livingston is where she enjoys hanging out with her other Jewish friends in the summer. As a part of



her Pledge 13 project, Lilah is working with the US Holocaust Museum and the Kentucky Humane Society.

Engagement

Goodman/Steinberg

Elaine and Sonny Steinberg are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy, to Daniel Goodman of Nashville, TN. Tracy is a graduate of Miami University, Oxford, OH, where she obtained an undergraduate degree, and the University of Arizona where she earned a Master of Science degree in Gerontology. She is currently serving as the Chief Program Officer for GuardiaCare Services, Inc. in Louisville. Daniel is the son of Sherry Goodman of Nashville and the late Seymour Goodman. He attended Vanderbilt University and is self-employed. A spring wedding is planned.

Weddings

Schiller/Donaldson

Kimberly Donaldson and Ron Schiller are happy to announce their marriage on September 21 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Orlando, FL. Kim is the daughter of Bonnie and Murray Toborowsky and Sandra and Barry Stoler. Ron is the son of Nina and Avi Schiller of Coral Springs, FL. Kim and Ron reside in Lake Mary, FL.

Sims/Beilinson

Lauren Beilinson and Adam Sims were married on October 13 in California. The bride is the daughter of Fran Beilinson of Miami, FL and the granddaughter of Ann Sternberg of Louisville. The couple resides in Marina Del Ray, CA.

Obituaries

Elizabeth Fine Potter

Elizabeth Fine Potter, 31, died Tuesday, September 24, at her residence. She was a native of Bismarck, ND, born June 2, 1982 to Patricia Fine and Robert M. Fine, MD. She was a graduate of Hathaway Brown High School in Shaker Heights, OH, a graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, MO, and a lab technician.

She is survived by her husband, Geoffrey G. Potter; her mother, Patricia Fine (Gerald Walton) of Cleveland, OH; her father, Robert M. Fine, MD of Delray Beach, FL; her sister, Jennifer Fine of Chicago, IL; and her brothers, Jeffery Fine, MD (Olga) of Pittsburgh, PA and James Callahan (Tonya) of Louisville; her husband's parents, George & Sheila Potter of Warwick, RI; and her brother-in-law, Steve Potter of Warwick, RI.

Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Cleveland, OH. Herman Meyer & Son handled local arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Northeast Ohio SPCA, 9555 Brookpark Rd., Parma, OH 44129.

Faye Perelmutter Davis

Faye Davis, affectionately known as Bubby Faye, passed away Wednesday, September 25. Born in Louisville in 1917 to Miriam and Max Perelmutter, Faye worked by her husband's side at SE Davis Company from its inception in 1936. She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-five years, Simmy, in 1991, as well as her brothers, Morris King (Las Vegas,



NV), Sam Perelmutter and Sol Perelmutter (Louisville) and sister, Belle Shackett (Columbus, OH). A life member of Keneseth Israel Congregation and past president of its Sisterhood, Faye was a true people person who enjoyed helping others and always had a smile on her face. During World War II, Faye was a volunteer with the American Red Cross as well as a USO hostess. Faye was an active volunteer at the Wayside Christian Mission, especially at Christmas time. Her weekly visits to Four Courts Senior Center always brightened the day of its residents. Faye's desire to help others was evidenced also by her weekly tutoring at Dunn Elementary School and at an elementary school in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She helped build confidence in those students who simply needed someone to believe in them. She was a member of Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Women International, the Louisville Jewish Community Center (where she participated in the Senior Adult Program), and Eastern Star and Mizrahi. She was also a long-time Kentucky Colonel. Faye also volunteered at the Jewish Family and Career Services, where she interviewed others in the Jewish community to gain a history of Jewish Louisville, and gave of her time at the Jewish Community Federation. Faye's mantra was that you make a living by what you get, and you make a life by what you give. A resident of the Episcopal Church Home of Kentucky for the last four years, Faye continued to bring happiness to everyone she encountered. Faye's family wishes to thank Dr. Osa Omoruyi, Dr. Jane Cornett, and the entire staff of the Episcopal Church Home, especially those in both the A and B wings, for their loving care.

Faye is survived by her children: Melvin and Shellia Davis of Louisville, Diane and Jim Mayer of Baton Rouge, LA, and Mimi and the late Dr. Ronald Grossman of Memphis, TN. She was blessed to have nine grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, and many loving and caring nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and friends.

Burial was in Keneseth Israel Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Faye and Simmy Davis Kabbalat Shabbat Program at Keneseth Israel Congregation, 2531 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, KY 40205.

George Emont

George Emont passed away September 28 in Louisville from a subarachnoid aneurism. He was 55 years old. George was born in Granville, OH, in 1958. He was a graduate of Oberlin College and received an MBA from the University of Chicago. George was a managing partner of Triathlon Medical Ventures as well as Kentucky Seed Capital Fund and a member of The Temple. He was a thoughtful and exceptionally kind man whose quiet nature belied a brilliant mind. George was a wonderful husband and an extraordinary father. His family will remember him always for his good humor, his amazing cooking, his "bad" jokes, his love, and support. George loved to travel, to try new recipes and to spend time with his family.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Marietta Gruenbaum Emont.

He is survived by his wife, Jill Preminger of Louisville; daughter, Margo Emont of Ann Arbor, Michigan; son, Jacob Emont of Washington, DC; his father, Milton Emont of Haverford, PA; and brother, Carl Emont of Jersey City, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in George's name can be directed to The see **LIFECYCLE** page 26



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Temple, the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation or The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Mark Julian Saul

Mark Julian Saul, 63, of Vevay, IN, passed away on September 29. He was the son of Henry and Lilyan Snyder Saul, both deceased, of Louisville.

Mr. Saul worked at Cincinnati Plating Company with Charles Mosher, his partner of 23 years.

In addition to Charles, Mark is survived by his sister, Cherie Leibson, of Cincinnati, OH, his brother, Jeffrey A. Saul and sister-in-law Lily Eng, of Seattle, WA, his nephew, David Nielsen, of Portland, WA, his nieces, Laura Seaver (Thomas) of Aurora, IN, and Julia Mil-lar of Asheville, NC; and great-nephew Noah Seaver.

Mark will be remembered for his kindness, his generosity, his humor, and the loving connection he had with his family and friends. He is greatly missed.

Donations may be made to the JCC Micky Miller Softball fund or the charity of the donor's choice.

A memorial service will be held in Louisville on October 29, at 11:30 a.m. at Flavorman, 809 S. 8th Street.

Blema Baer

Blema Baer, 99, died Friday, October 4, at Deer Park Retirement Center in Cincinnati, OH. She was a native of Louisville, born July 10, 1914. Blema was a retired sales agent for Klein & Appel Insurance Agency (1954-1992). She wore many hats as a volunteer for 54 years at Jewish Hospital, but her favorite one was visiting the patients on Friday. She was often called "Mama Baer" and "Girl Friday." She served on the Jewish Hospital Guild, and was a member of The Speed Museum, a life member of Had-assah, serving on the board, a member of NCJW - Louisville Section, and a member of Congregation Anshei Sfard and Congregation Anshei Sfard Sisterhood. She was a volunteer for United Jewish Campaign, Bonds for Israel, Arts & Crafts gallery and Jewish Home for Convalescent Children. She received The Julia Victor Volunteer of the Year Award in 1986 and won The Bell Award in 2010.

Blema's special way with people has also been helpful to Jewish Hospital's Transplant Program. The hospital's social service staff needed someone to be a committed friend to Kentucky's first heart transplant recipient. Blema was selected because of her supportive and nurturing nature as well as her level-headedness in dealing with complicated and unpredictable situations. She was so effective in her first case that social services requested her assistance

with other patients.

Blema enjoyed antique shopping, square dancing, reading, needlepoint and her Canasta games. Her home was always open to family, friends and to Ray's football players, better known as "His" boys.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Baer; her son Perry Baer; her parents, Samuel and Ida Kap-sah Sandler; her sisters, Cecil Speevack, Rebecca Judah, Flora Levine and Marian Stern; her brothers, Jack Sandler, Morris Sandler and Carl Sandler.

She is survived by her devoted son and daughter-in-law, Gordon and Shirley Baer; sisters-in-law, Emma Sandler and Arlette Baer; and many devoted, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and friends.

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

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may go to donor's favorite charity.

Louis Getzel

Louis Getzel, age 89, with his loving family beside him, peacefully passed away on October 4, at Signature Health-Care at Cherokee Park (Four Courts). He was a pharmacist and retired after a 60-year career. He was a graduate of Male High School and the University of Kentucky. During his career, he operated two independent drug stores and was also a pharmacist at Baptist East Hospital and the Park Duval Health Clinic. He was a member of Congregation Anshei Sfard, Keneseth Israel, St. George Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Kosair Shrine, Jewish War Veterans and the Jewish Community Center. He was a World War II Veteran and served overseas. He will be long remembered for his dedication and care for his twin brother Charles, who predeceased him.

Survivors include his nephew, Joseph H. Cohen (Patricia) of Louisville; niece, Eileen Kent of Davie, FL; nephew, Jerry Getzel (Elizabeth) of Richmond, VA; niece, Beverly Baker (Alan) of Louisville; several grand-nieces and grand-nephews; and a cousin, Jean-Charles Getzel (Lilliane) of Paris, France.

Burial was at Anshei Sfard Cemetery. The family is sincerely grateful for the compassionate care and concern provided by the staff at Signature Health-care at Cherokee Park.

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

Estelle Solomon

Estelle Solomon, 95, of Louisville, died Sunday, October 6, at Nazareth Home. She was a native of Brooklyn, NY, born February 9, 1918 to the late Rose Pelsinger and Abraham Avrutov. She was a retired and well-respected school secretary, a volunteer for March of Dimes, a former member of B'nai Brith in NY and attended The Temple.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Saul David Solomon; and her daughter, Anita Solomon.

She is survived by her daughter, Sherry Diane (Don LeQuire) of Fiskdale, MA; her granddaughter, Stacy Solodkin of Los Angeles, CA; and two special friends who gave her great care, Pamela Hepp and Laverne Jones, both of Louisville.

Burial was at Beth Moses Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY. Herman Meyer & Son were in charge of all local arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to The American Diabetes Association, The Alzheimer's Association

or Gilda's Club.

Arthur "Arty" Masler

Arthur "Arty" Masler, 93, died Tuesday, October 8, at his home. He was born April 9, 1920 and was a native of Bronx, NY. Arty was a retired postal worker, an Army veteran of WWII, a member of JCC and Adath Jeshurun. He was a devoted husband, father and uncle.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Estelle Masler.

He is survived by his two daughters, Helen Masler Winokur of Madison, CT, and Anne Masler Resnick (Robert) of Fountain Valley, CA; six grandchildren, Marcy, Sandra (Brett) Small, Elizabeth, Daniel and Andrea; nieces and nephews, Harvey and Debbie Singer of Baltimore, MD, Jeff and Susan Singer of San Juan Capistrano, CA, Eugene Singer of Coral Gables, FL, Hartley Masler of Oakland, CA, and Hallette Masler of Los Angeles, CA; and Louisville-born nieces and nephews, Joel Levy, Marla Levy, Barry Levy and Barbara Levy.

Burial was at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., 1811 R. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009 or donor's favorite charity.

Steven Kupferman

Steven Kupferman, 56, of Milwaukee, WI, died October 13. Steve, a graduate of the University of Georgia, was an avid New York Giants and Yankees fan. He relished the opportunity to work with young people in sports, and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to connect with people. He was hard working, loving, and incredibly passionate. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends and the entire community.

He was the beloved father of Jacob Kupferman; dear brother of Jack and Arthur (April) Kupferman and their daughters, Cara and Julia; loving son of Irwin Kupferman; and is further survived by other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jeannie Kupferman, and his former wife, Laurie Altman Kupferman.

Memorial services were held in Milwaukee. Burial will be in New York. Arrangements: Blane Goodman Funeral Service, Mequon, WI.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial gifts to the Steve Kupferman Fund, in care of the Jewish Community Center, 6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Whitefish Bay, WI, 53217.

Harry J. Shapira

Harry J. Shapira, the Executive Vice President of Heaven Hill Distilleries Inc., who helped oversee the country's largest, family-owned and operated producer and marketer of distilled spirits - a business founded after Prohibition by his grandfather and four uncles - died Sunday, Oct. 13, after a ten-year battle with cancer. He was 66.

As one of Heaven Hill's senior executives, Shapira helped create and design the company's two new modern attraction centers: the Bourbon Heritage Center in Bardstown and the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, set to open next month in the heart of Louisville on the city's historic "Whiskey Row." During Shapira's years of leadership, the company expanded its offerings from bourbon and other American whiskeys to an array of distilled spirits products in virtually all segments of the industry. The company is reportedly now the country's sixth-largest spirits supplier and second largest holder of aging bourbon.

Shapira was a significant philanthropist in Louisville. He was president of the Shapira Foundation, which has donated

funds to organizations such as the city's the Jewish Community of Louisville, the Frazier Rehab Institute, Jewish Family and Career Services, and the Keneseth Israel Congregation.

He and his wife also donated to Gilda's Club of Louisville, along with many other charities, such as the Speed Art Museum and the Fund for the Arts. He served as a board member of the regional cancer center corporation at the James Graham Brown Cancer Center at the University of Louisville, where he was also a major donor.

He served for several years as President of Keneseth Israel Congregation and he was a former president of the Eliahu Academy, the city's Jewish Day School. He was also a Bellarmine University trustee. In 2012, after Heaven Hill began making kosher products, he received the Aaron Chase Award from the Louisville Vaad Hakashruth organization, which provides Kosher certification in the city.

Shapira was born on April 8, 1947 in Louisville.

His father, David M. Shapira, who died in 1987, co-founded Heaven Hill Distilleries shortly after Prohibition ended with his four brothers, Gary, Ed, George, and Mose. The five Shapira brothers took a gamble that, in the midst of a battered economy, they and other investors could build a distillery, age enough bourbon, and make a profit. Several years later, the Shapira brothers bought out their other investors and began growing the business.

Shapira and his cousin, Max Shapira, the company's President, represent Heaven Hill's second generation of leadership. A third generation of Shapiras continues to operate the company.

After Shapira graduated from the University of Louisville's College of Business, he served two years in the U.S. Army at the Pentagon during the Vietnam War. Before he went to work for his family's business, he worked in the executive training program at the Lazarus department store chain in Columbus, OH. He then returned to Louisville to manage his family's chain of retail clothing stores that had been founded in the early 1900s by his grandfather, Max Shapira.

By the mid-1990s, the family closed its retail stores, and Shapira focused his attention on the company's distilled spirits business. He was most proud of the Bourbon Heritage Center, where he could often be seen signing bottles of bourbon and talking to visitors about the distillery's history.

Most of all, Shapira loved being with his family and three grandchildren. He was proud of his two sons, a doctor and journalist. He loved traveling, especially on cruises around the world, and doing the New York Times Sunday crossword puzzles with his wife, Judy. He collected small model cars. He loved watching James Bond movies, football games, and the Louisville Cardinals basketball team.

Shapira is survived by his wife of 42 years, Judy F. Shapira; his son, Adam Shapira, a cardiac electrophysiologist in Dallas and his wife Debra Kissner Shapira, and their two daughters Lydia and Audrey; and his younger son, Ian Shapira, a Washington Post staff writer, and his wife Caroline Turner Shapira, and their daughter Margot. Other survivors include his 99-year-old mother, Anne E. Shapira; a sister, Miriam Ostroff; his mother-in-law, Libby Frank; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Armand and Paula Frank; his niece and nephew, Holly Frank and Jonathan Frank; and other nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Donald Miller, director of the James Graham Brown Cancer Center, along with the center's staff; Dr. Forrest Kuhn; Henry Penn; Eva Jackson; Carmelita Clay and her nursing staff of Marie Dera-mus, Nicole Denning, Rebecca Frazier,



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