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David A. Jones, Jr.

David A. Jones to Receive Ottenheimer Award on June 1

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The Jewish Community of Louisville's Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award is given annually to a leader who has made a real difference – improving the quality of life in Louisville, in Kentucky and beyond. There is no doubt that the 2014 Ottenheimer Award recipient, David A. Jones Jr. merits this honor.

"I am thrilled and humbled to receive this award," Jones said, adding that it feels premature. Only a year and a half into his term on the Jefferson County Board of Education, he views it an encouragement for what is yet to be accomplished.

Jones is passionate about his business, his community service, health – both in the community and his own – and his family, and he invests a tremendous amount of energy and commitment into each.

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Jewish Foundation Resumes Grants Program

by Niki King
Public Relations Specialist

The Jewish Community Foundation will soon resume making grants from unrestricted endowments to benefit local Jewish community organizations.

In fiscal year 2014-15, a pool of \$25,000 in Jewish Community Impact Grants will be available to Louisville-based Jewish organizations to support cultural, educational, leadership development and social services within the local Jewish community.

"We welcome your grant requests to strengthen our ability to service the needs and aspirations of Jewish Louisville," said Peter Resnik, Committee Chair of the Foundation.

Initially, grants will likely range from \$500 to \$2,500, up to a maximum award of \$5,000.


The committee will also be accepting grant requests to The Rose Hanson Eliahu Academy Endowment Fund. This fund was created to support Jewish education in Louisville at a community Jewish Day School. Since Eliahu Academy no longer exists, the Foundation committee has, according to protocols, repurposed this fund for other educational purposes, keeping as close to the original goals of the fund as possible until such time the original intent can be fulfilled.

For the 2015 fiscal year, this fund has up to \$11,000 available for Jewish youth education. The committee will consider requests to fund specific programming.

All proposals should be submitted by June 15. After that, requests will be considered throughout the year if funds are still available. For this year, the committee has stipulated that it prefers grants that help promote the expansion or enhancement of existing, well-received and

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Becky Ruby Swansburg

Swansburg Named JCRC Chair; Linker Award Recipient

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Becky Ruby Swansburg has been named chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council and is the recipient of the 2014 Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award, which will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

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JCRC UPDATE

Thank You, Laos!

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

This past week, the Anti-Defamation League issued a comprehensive report on Anti-Semitic attitudes around the world – the largest ever survey of its kind. The results were sobering and depressing. The countries polled represent over four billion of the world's population and roughly 26 percent of this population (representing over one billion people) has some sort of anti-Jewish attitudes.

Respondents were read 11 statements and were told to indicate if they were "probably true" or "probably false." If the respondent answered at least 6 out of 11 as probably true, they were found to hold anti-Jewish attitudes generally.

- Among the 11 statements were:
- The Jews are more loyal to Israel than their native country;
 - "Jews have too much power in the business world;
 - People hate Jews because of the way Jews behave;
 - Jews have too much control over the global media; and
 - Jews are responsible for most of the world's wars.

Unfortunately, the most anti-Jewish countries in the world are concentrated in the Middle East. The most anti-Jewish people in the world are the Palestinians, with 93 percent of their population holding some sort of anti-Jewish belief. These kinds of beliefs, which are often reinforced by Palestinian media outlets, hinder efforts to promote a peaceful co-existence between Israel and the Palestinians.

Rounding out the top 10 are Iraq, Yemen, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan and Morocco. Interestingly, Iran ranked high with a rate of 56 percent, but ranked lower than countries such as Greece, Turkey and Armenia.

The United States ranked very low, with 8 percent, or 95th place out of 102. The country with the lowest rate of anti-Jewish attitudes is, surprisingly, Laos, with .2 percent.

The questions asked dealt with classic anti-Jewish stereotypes of Jewish control, dual loyalties, economic power and exploiting the Holocaust ... and it might be this last topic where the survey results are most disturbing.

Only 33 percent of respondents have heard of the Holocaust and believe it has been accurately described by history, and of those who have heard of the Holocaust, roughly one third believe it is either a myth or greatly exaggerated.

The results of this survey are certainly upsetting, but is there anything we can do about it?

One response might be to circle the wagons, be convinced that the world will always be against the Jews, and become very insular and suspicious. Another response might be to ignore the whole thing, convinced that the numbers don't tell the story, and choosing to live as Jews without any thought to the anti-Semitism shared by over a billion people.

I think, perhaps, the response should be to strengthen the things that make us all proud as Jews ... our charitable efforts that help the whole world (Israel has sent medical teams to Haiti, Turkey, the Philippines and, most recently, Serbia), continue with and encouraging more Holocaust education, and generally strive to treat everyone justly.

An interesting statistic in this report

is that the more Jews a country has, the less likely it is to hold these kinds of views ... to know us is to love us! While this is not always the case (some countries at the bottom of the list have very few Jews), the survey shows countries where Jewish populations are more than .1 percent of the population tend to be less anti-Semitic. So thank you to the countries at the bottom ... Laos, the Philippines, Sweden, and the Netherlands for your open minds and open hearts regarding the Jewish people.

Ukraine Crisis

I am often asked about the crisis in the Ukraine and there is an interesting dynamic there for the Jewish community. There is no serious spike in anti-Semitic incidents (although there have been a few disturbing ones, like the "Registration" letter that turned out to be a hoax). The Jews in Eastern Ukraine generally hold opinions like their non-Jewish neighbors, a pro-Russian one.

The Jews in the western part mirror their non-Jewish neighbors in support of further connection with Europe. Recent polls indicate that the Jews of Ukraine are far more concerned about anarchy than they are about anti-Semitism.

However, with the violence and uncertainty of the current situation, the Jews of Ukraine are in a unique position as they have the option of making Aliyah. Reports of massive immigration of the Jewish community of Odessa to Israel are starting to be taken seriously. The Jewish Agency has already increased its presence in Ukraine, ready to facilitate mass migrations of Jews to Israel.

The worldwide Jewish community is watching Ukraine closely, not for any fear of massive outbreaks of anti-Jewish violence, but for the anarchy and uncertainty that can also affect the Jewish community there negatively. Our hope is that the violence will subside, law and order will take root, and the crisis for the Jews (and non-Jews) of Ukraine will soon be over peacefully.

LETTER

May 6, 2014

Dear Editor,

The Tale of Peter Rabbit players came to J.B. Atkinson Academy this morning. This play was the best I have seen at our school in nineteen years. The audience was invited to participate with the performers as they marched and one became a scarecrow. The performers mingled amongst the students and so the students were directly involved and not bored.

Several students were so excited with the older gentleman performer in the purple overalls and the cane. They loved the crows and of course, Peter Rabbit. My students wrote notes to the performers.

Pat Turner

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Did you know that the annual Federation Campaign supports Hillel chapters at the University of Louisville and Bellarmine University, offering Jewish students a place to connect with other Jewish students, celebrate Jewish holidays and support when they encounter problems because they are Jewish?

Did you know that the annual Federation Campaign provides funding for the Jewish Community Center's Teen Connection and BBYO programs that together engage 150 middle schoolers and 110 high schoolers in Jewish activities?

Did you know that the annual Federation Campaign helps subsidize affordable hot kosher lunches for seniors and

enables staff to provide program that keeps them physically active and mentally engaged?

Did you know that an allocation from the annual Federation Campaign goes to Jewish Family & Career Services to help them provide their counseling, career and senior services to those who need them on a sliding scale based on what each client can afford?

Did you know that from the annual Federation Campaign, support goes to Kivvunim, a program in Israel's Western Galilee region that enables young adults with special needs to live as independently as possible?

Did you know that every donation to the annual Federation Campaign, no

matter how large or small, helps fulfill the mitzvah of *tikkun olam* – the repair of the world?

To date, the 2014 Federation Campaign has raised \$2,029,325? That preliminary number has been given to the Planning and Allocations Committee, which will decide how much funding will go to these and many other programs. The needs are greater than our resources.

If you have made your commitment to the 2014 Federation Campaign, thank you. If you have not yet done so or if you wish to increase your contribution, please make your pledge today at www.jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739. Together, we do extraordinary things.

JCL UPDATE

by Stu Silberman
President and CEO

Jewish Community of Louisville

In recent issues of *Community*, I have covered the basic goals of our strategic plan. This update offers the why and how: our Vision and Mission Statement. Let's get into it.

A Vision Statement identifies what an organization would like to accomplish.

For example, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation has a mission to find a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications through the support of research. For our agency, we do not have such a clearly-defined end goal; rather, our vision is a description of our agency operating at peak performance.

Our Board of Directors, helped by many of you who responded to our surveys, or spoke with us in focus groups or one-on-one interviews, came up with these themes when determining what our vision statement should address:

- Promoting and celebrating Jewish culture and heritage
- Educating the young
- Caring for the elderly
- Funding Jewish needs
- Supporting Israel
- Advocating for justice and compassion
- Developing and maintaining health and wellness
- Fostering interfaith relations



Stu Silberman

We found a common vision in these: Fulfilling the needs of the Jewish community. As we strive to fulfill all these needs, we are endeavoring to bring together people, secure financial resources, and develop ideas and delivery capability to fulfill as many as we can.

Our Mission Statement, the statement that describes why our agency exists and why we seek to fulfill the above needs, is: Build and sustain a vibrant, caring inclusive community rooted in Jewish values. Each of the words in our mission statement describes a concept:

Build: provide leadership, financial support and synergy with other Jewish organizations.

Sustain: develop strategic plans, cultivate and train leaders for future generations and provide the necessary resources to help ensure the long-term success of the Jewish people.

Vibrant: provide services and programs in a Jewish environment that help develop toddlers, engage children, motivate teens, challenge young adults, inspire adults, connect families and benefit the elderly.

Caring: take care of those in need, regardless of one's ability or limits.

Inclusive: welcome and embrace everyone who seeks to be included in each generation across all walks of life.

Community: bring people together, connecting and convening those in our neighborhood, our city, our state, our country and Jews of all nations, including the people of Israel.

Jewish Values: celebrate family, education, culture and the importance of our Jewish homeland, Israel, as we also perform ongoing acts of *tzedakah* (justice) and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world).

What does this mean to you?

Whether or not you identify as Jewish, we welcome you to our Jewish Community Center of Louisville and Jewish

Federation of Louisville and will strive to help you to fulfill your needs and/or those of your family.

Each day, each of our team members puts forth tremendous effort on our community's behalf to deliver the results you expect of us. We are committed to deliver programmatic excellence, fiduciary transparency and accountability to all who support us. Together we will fulfill our mission and achieve our vision.

We still need your help. If you haven't yet made a gift to the 2014 Jewish Federation of Louisville Annual Campaign, there's still time to help us in the coming fiscal year by visiting www.jewishlouisville.org and selecting the "Donate" button.

We want you to feel welcome, cared for and engaged as together we seek to fulfill the needs of our Jewish community, and encourage all who believe in our mission as we do to join us on our journey.



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LBSY Holds Graduation, Siddur Ceremony and Presents Awards to Top Students

Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad marked the end of the school year with eighth grade graduation on Sunday, May 18, at Temple Shalom and its annual Siddur Ceremony and Awards Presentation on Wednesday, May 21, at the Jewish Community Center.

The graduates are Benjamin Berdichevsky, Julia Bessen, Lilly Bessen, Eric Cohen, Tiana Felsen, Abigail Geller, Noah Goldberg, Dana Hubscher, Emmanuelle Kronenberg, Alexander Resnik, Emily Rosenthal, Bennett Schramko, Max Strull, Andrew Tuvlin, Isaac Wolff and Levi Wolff from Congregation Adath Jeshurun; Lilli Russman from Keneseth Israel Congregation; and Kaden Hanks, Saralee Renick, Isaac Rosenbaum, Aidan Salmon and Bradley Waller from Temple Shalom.

At the Siddur Ceremony, the Herman

& O. H. Landau Memorial Award was presented to Saralee Renick, the Rose Sherman Memorial Award to Benjamin Berdichevsky, the Charles D. Levitch Memorial Award to Emily Rosenthal and the Margie Kohn/Joannie Lustig/Craig Lustig Award to Lilly Bessen.

The Marilyn Berman Memorial Award was presented to Tovah Frockt and the Anita Zeiden Memorial Award to Brady Salmon.

Agudath Achim Awards are presented to the top students in each grade. The awards for second grade went Leah Schuhman and Israel Gates; third grade, Nicki Kaplan; fourth grade, Talia Frockt; fifth grade, Miriam Bird, David Bornstein and Daniel Greenberg; sixth grade, Eden Unger, Brad Margulis, Madison Monsky and Alexandra Polur Gold; and seventh grade, Amy Niren.

Jewish Foundation Gives \$25,000 Grant to JFCS for Senior PALS

by Holly Hinson
Special to Community

The Jewish Foundation of Louisville announced that it has awarded a \$25,000 grant to Jewish Family & Career Services for its Passport Around Louisville (PALS) transportation program.

Peter Resnik, CFA, CPA and chair of Jewish Foundation of Louisville, said the Foundation is happy to provide funding for this valuable and important community service. "The PALS program is a great example of where our community foundation can make impact grants. The staff and volunteers at Jewish Family and Career Services reach out and deliver a quality service for seniors accessing the program's benefits."

Ninety-nine-year old Marie Goodwin credits the PALS program with helping her maintain a sense of independence

and stay active – the keys to her quality of life – and longevity, and she is grateful to JFCS for the Passport Around Louisville (PALS) program.

The program is Goodwin's regular ride not only to the dentist and doctor, but also to her ElderHostel classes at Bellarmine University.

"The PALS program has been a god-send for me," said Goodwin. "The service is extremely reliable, and it has been great to be able to go to my classes. The last one I took we learned about Bruges, Belgium."

Goodwin, who will turn 100 in September, said it was very difficult having to give up driving. "The city, in fact the country, is just not geared for people who don't drive, so PALS has really helped. I have given the phone number to several other people recommending the program," she said.

Goodwin is one of approximately 130

seniors who use the program to access transportation for medical appointments, physical therapy, beauty salon, pharmacy or grocery store trips or many other destinations. Seniors or their family members often call or come seeking assistance from PALS when there has been a change in family circumstances, said PALS coordinator Naomi Malka. "Where once transportation wasn't an issue, suddenly the families realize they can no longer do it, and they need help."

The PALS program has been there to help with this community need since 2003, and has experienced enormous growth as the senior population has grown, said Mauri Malka, director of Family Services at JFCS, who is also Naomi's mother. "When we started PALS, we had a handful of volunteers providing about 10-12 rides a week, but this year, we are providing in excess of 500 rides a month," she said.

The program now employs three paid drivers and vehicles, including one handicapped-

accessible van, and utilizes an additional 16-20 volunteers, who use their own vehicles to escort the seniors. Mauri Malka emphasized that more volunteers are always needed for PALS.

When a senior citizen or family member wishes to use The PALS program, the first step is an in-depth assessment with a case manager to determine the specifics of the client's needs and explain the policies and procedures of the program. "Our priority is to see how best to meet those needs in the most safe manner," said Mauri Malka. "For example, if we have a client with cognitive issues, we ensure the driver stays with them throughout the appointment and doesn't just drop them off."

In fact, clients are provided rides in a variety of ways through the PALS program. They can be dropped off and picked up again later just like a taxi. The driver can also assist the client to get in to the appointment and then come back; or in other situations the driver can stay the whole time. "Whether it's door to door, door through door, or door through appointment, the approach is very hands-on," Mauri Malka said.

Rides are offered from once a month to daily. Once a senior signs up for PALS, they pay a one-time program fee of \$50. Rides are offered for \$15 round-trip or \$8 one-way. The service radius is 25 miles, with \$5 for each additional 10 miles traveled. There may be a slight additional fee if the driver stays with the client through the appointment. The program asks for a week's notice but if not possible, that can be waived in some situations. "We try to be accommodating, particularly with doctors' appointments, since we know how those can go," said Mauri Malka.

The \$25,000 grant from the Jewish Foundation of Louisville to support the program couldn't be more welcome to a program that is continually growing, said Mauri Malka. "We are grateful to Jewish Foundation of Louisville for their generosity. Without these funds, we would not be able to meet the increasing needs and provide the number of rides we do. More seniors are able to stay in their homes now, and we can continue to help them with their desire to live independently. Our priority is to provide a system both safe and convenient for our clients, and we do a really good job with that. PALS is easy to access and accommodating, and there are no long waits. We are on-call and ready to roll when needed," she said.

According to Mauri Malka, the program goes a long way to help clients maintain a sense of independence. "I can still remember how I felt when I was given my car keys for the first time. So if you imagine those being taken away ... PALS is a way to ease that angst and that loss of not being able to drive anymore."

The program can also help some seniors to mitigate their sense of isolation, said PALS coordinator Naomi Malka. "The clients are very appreciative and really look forward to their trips because it might be the only socialization they get. They have someone to listen to them and be with them. Some even begin to develop relationships so they start asking to make sure they get their favorite driver."

For more information about the PALS program, contact Naomi Malka or to find out about being a PALS volunteer, contact Kim Toebbe at 452-6341.



Naomi Malka assists Francis Allen into a PALS vehicle.

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JCL to Celebrate Volunteers at June 1 Annual Meeting

The Jewish Community of Louisville invites the community to join them for a celebration of volunteers and the election of Board members and officers for the coming year at its Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the JCC.

The Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award will be presented to David A. Jones (see story, page 1); the Ron and Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year Award to Angie Aronoff (see story, this page); the Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award to Becky Ruby Swansburg (see story, page 1); the Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award to Keren Benabou and the Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award to Tracy Geller (see story, page 6).

Also, the Arthur S. Kling Award to

Tara Stone (see story, page 7); the Elsie P. Judah Award to Margaret Mazanec (see story, page 6); the Ellen Faye Garmon Award to Audrey Nussbaum and the Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award to Jacob Finke (see story, page 8); the Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship to Natania Lipp (see story, page 9) and the Stuart Pressma Student Leadership Awards to Rachel Bass, Eli Gould, Ben Koby, Deborah Levin and Maggie Rosen (see story, page 10).

Bruce Blue, Lance Gilbert, Seth Gladstein, Douglas Gordon and Jacob Wishnia have been nominated for three year terms on the JCL Board. Those nominated to serve as officers are Karen Abrams, chair; Jay Klempner and Leon Wahba, vice chairs; Laurence Nibur, Treasurer; and Jeff Tuvlin, secretary.

JFCS Recognizes a Tradition of Service at Its Annual Meeting

Jewish Family & Career Services will celebrate its 106th anniversary on Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. at JFCS. Board president, Debbie Friedman, and vice president, Stephanie Mutchnick, will reflect on their experiences of attending the joint IAJVS/AJFCA national conference. Mark Ament, chair of the Board Governance Committee, will announce the proposed slate of board members and officers. They include:

Nominees to be re-elected for three-year terms: Aya Golding and Bruce Belman.

Nominees for first term of three years: Doug Sharps, Carole Snyder and Robin Stratton.

Nominees to serve as officers/at-large members of the executive committee:

President: Debbie Friedman; President-Elect: Stephanie Mutchnick; Vice President: Sandi Friedson; Treasurer: Marty Margulis; Immediate Past President: Mark Ament; At-large members: Jay Klempner, Marc Charnas and Peter Resnik.

Three members will be leaving the Board: Sheilah Abramson-Miles, Shellie Benovitz and Janet Meyer.

A former homemaker trainee and now a JFCS employee will tell her story and how JFCS has impacted her family. The annual Mary Gunther Award for best new program of the year will be awarded. Also recognized will be a donor who cared much about the agency's work and her gift of artwork by Frank Weisberg.

JFCS appreciates the vital services that volunteers give to the agency and its clients. All volunteers attending will be recognized and given a gift as a token of their service.

The community is invited to join the Board and staff of JFCS in celebrating their 106th year of service to this community. Desserts will be served after the meeting.

Angie Aronoff 2014 Is Abrams Volunteer of the Year

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Angie Aronoff, the recipient of the 2014 Ronald and Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year Award says she is still shaking head in disbelief about it. She doesn't think of herself as a volunteer who does more than others around her.

The Abrams Award recognizes an individual whose life is defined by his/her volunteer activities. For Aronoff, those activities revolve around CenterStage.

Originally from Peoria, IL, Aronoff and her husband, George, moved to Louisville 27 years ago, where he took a position as chief of nephrology, teaching at the University of Louisville.

At that time, their son, Joel, was in the third grade, and their daughter, Michelle, was a senior at American University. When Michelle graduated, she joined the family in Louisville and took a job at the Jewish Community Center as assistant to the director of the cultural arts program.

In her youth, Aronoff was a dancer and had performed with a couple of community theaters in Peoria. When Michelle started working at the JCC, "that's when I decided to get involved with the theater here," Aronoff said. At the time she joined Genie Glazer on the company's board, it was known at Heritage Theatre.

At that time, she remembered, "the JCC had a solid theater program, but we were not bringing in the numbers [of patrons] - only 30-40 per performance." Since John Leffert came, the CenterStage audience has grown exponentially and the company is putting on six or seven shows each season.

Aronoff helps wherever she is needed and encourages others to follow her lead. "You can usher, hunt for props, pour refreshments, decorate a float, sew a button - if you have an inclination, we have a job for you."

CenterStage is growing in other ways, too, she pointed out. "It used to be just at the JCC, but now it's expanding. Acting Out brings its performances to the schools," and provides a study guide for teachers.

"I want to see it grow and thrive," she added, "and I hope and dream that one day CenterStage will have a permanent home."

"We are a very, very active board," she said. "I don't think there's a harder working board at the JCC."

Aronoff has been very involved in all aspects of the theater. "I've been in some productions," she said, "which I love to do, and I've worked with some very talented people both in front and behind stage. As board members, we solicit ads for the playbill, without which we would not be able to print for each show."

"We hold a gala each year and it takes

a lot of organization and man-hours," Aronoff said. Among other things, she and the other volunteers solicit items for the auctions, which have raised the money to enable the company to purchase lighting, sound equipment and other things they need to keep the theater growing.

Aronoff has also helped with everything from putting together costumes to serving as house manager. Being part of the board is "a job that is so multifaceted," she said, and there is so much to do, "that you pick and choose what you like to do. It's very easy to be involved."

"I'm very honored to receive this award," she said. "I was speechless when Sara [Wagner] called, and usually, I'm not at a loss for words."

"When you do something you love as much as I [love CenterStage], you do it not for any other reason than to share your love" in the hope that someone else will love it, too. "Theater opens the mind and the heart. Watching audience members faces as they leave the theater speaks volumes. Seeing how it touches them is such a gift."

"I very much appreciate the award," she added, "but I could share it with the other 20 plus members of CenterStage because we are a hardworking, dedicated board and I don't think anybody works harder than anyone else - except our artistic director," John Leffert.

There is something bittersweet about this award for Aronoff, because she and her husband will soon leave Louisville for Denver to be with their family and she won't be able to be part of the celebration of CenterStage's 100th anniversary. She is also going to miss Louisville's neighborhoods, her great friends and many connections. "There are not many cities that offer what Louisville offers," she said.

Dr. George Aronoff is leaving the University of Louisville, where he has been head of the Nephrology Department for 25 years, to become the Chief Medical Officer at Renal Ventures in Denver.

Michelle and her husband, Mitch Weinraub and their two children, Miriam Ruth and Hannah Meg; Joel and his wife, Rebecca, and their two children Alexander and Mila, and Angie Aronoff's 95-year-old mother, Ann Dhority, all live in Denver.



Angie Aronoff

The move doesn't mean she will be giving up theater. Both Miriam Ruth and Hannah Meg, ages 13 and 11, are already involved.

Prior to coming to Louisville, the Aronoffs lived in Bloomington and Indianapolis, where she volunteered with National Council of Jewish Women, helped with their Discover Israel program, taught cooking classes for children and was a stay at home mom.

She started work on her bachelor's degree in sociology while they were in Indianapolis and finished it later at the University of Louisville and went on to earn her master's in health counseling. She also worked for a while for several organizations, including Planned Parenthood, where she developed their first peer education class.

Here in Louisville, she also volunteered with the Jewish Federation's ROAR literacy program, Gilda's Club and NCJW's Court Watch.

Aronoff said her mother was her role model when it comes to volunteering. She was a founder of the Peoria City Ballet, "so that's where I got my love of the arts and my sense of volunteering."

The Aronoffs are members of Temple Shalom.

The Abrams Award will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the JCC.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY

JCC Summer Camp

Register today for JCC Summer Camp, June 9-Aug. 8. Choose traditional camp, fine arts, science, sports, crafts or aquatics. Children swim all summer and many receive instruction. Some camps are already filling up. Information and forms at www.jewishlouisville.org/camp.

THROUGH JUNE 5

Patio Gallery Exhibit

Inside the Gate. Tree portraits by Kent Krugh.

MAY 24

JCC Pool opens

10:30 a.m. Bring our own picnic and spend the day.

MAY 24-SEPT. 1

Summer Membership

This summer, enjoy swimming and access to the JCC's fitness center, including hundreds of group fitness classes. Contact Alicia Springer at 238-2721 or membership@jewishlouisville.org for details.

MAY 27

Gators Dive Team

Practice begins for children and teens, 5-18. Sign up info available at www.jewishlouisville.org/jcc

JUNE 1

JCL Annual Meeting

10 a.m., JCC. Ottenheimer Award winner is David A. Jones. Ron & Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year is Angie Aronoff. Many other awards will be presented. (See stories throughout *Community*.) Officers and Board members will be elected for the coming year.

JUNE 8-July 15

Patio Gallery Exhibit, Sacred Familiar

by Wendi Smith. Opening reception, Sunday, June 8, 2-4 p.m.

JUNE 9

JCC Summer Camp starts

JUNE 23-July 13

Republic Bank Players Challenge

All day. Standard Club. Golf check in, 10:30 a.m.; tennis, 9 a.m.; bridge, canasta and Mah Jong competitions begin at 1 p.m. Silent auction. Register at jclsloisville.org. Proceeds benefit Jewish Family & Career Services and the Jewish Community Center.

June 16-July 20

Book Fair

The Jewish Community Center's Early Learning Center presents a book fair at the JCC. Monday-Wednesday, 9-11 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. For more information, call 238-2716.

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Cole Award Goes to Benabou and Kaplan to Geller

by Niki King
Public Relations Specialist

The Jewish Community of Louisville announced the recipients of its 2013 Young Leadership Awards to be presented at its Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Keren Benabou will receive the Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award; Tracy Geller will receive the Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award; and Becky Ruby Swansburg, the Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award. (See separate story, page 1)

Lewis W. Cole Young Leadership Award – Keren Benabou

The old adage “ask and you shall receive” holds true for Keren Benabou, at least as far as getting her to participate in community endeavors.

“In the community, my involvement is wherever I have been asked,” she said.

She’s a member of the Ben Gurion Society, has been part of the YAD community in the last two years and is the chair this year. She co-chaired the YAD annual event for the last two years, volun-



Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award Winner
Keren Benabou

teered at Super Sunday and is active in the JCC Preschool’s Parents Committee.

“What makes me be involved ... it’s simple ... I am a proud Jew! The community is important to me! I want my



Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award Winner
Tracy Geller

kids to grow in a great community with a strong connection to Israel and the Jewish culture,” she said.

Benabou, a realtor with RE/MAX Properties East, moved to Louisville

seven years ago from Israel. She came to the U.S. to travel while on break from the Israeli Military, where she served for more than six years, reaching the rank of captain. She met her husband, Yariv Benabou, in Columbus, OH, and moved here so they could raise a family together. They now have two daughters Lia, 4, and Shylee, 2.

Benabou said leadership was something instilled in her as a youth, growing up in the Ben Shemen Youth Village, an agricultural boarding school in central Israel. “There they implement independence, hard work, leadership,” she said.

Military service also contributed to her sense of leadership.

“The responsibility, decision making and the soldiers I was commanding shaped the person I am today,” she said. “A leader has to be passionate, they have to love what they do, they have to be able to make decision and follow up.”

The news that she’d received the award reached Benabou while she was in Ashdod, Israel. Her father died when he was in the military after 28 years of service. Every year she combines her motherland visit with the Israel Memorial Day to commemorate his life.

“I am honored, I never thought of getting an award – I didn’t know there were any to be given. I do what I do because I want to, because I care and will keep doing it. I never do anything to get something out of it,” she said.

Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award – Tracy Geller

Tracy Geller is a familiar face in the Jewish community, and lately has taken on a number of leadership roles. She’s on the JCL Programming Committee, the YAD Committee, and she co-chaired this year’s Shabbat Dinner and the YAD Campaign Casino events with Keren Benabou. She’s also on the Board and Executive Board of Adath Jeshurun Synagogue and active in the preschool there.

While that would be a lot for anyone, Geller manages it all along with her job as an attorney and partner at her own GSH Law Firm, and raising a family as well. She’s married to Mark Geller and has two children, Kendall, 7, and Rose, 6, and two step children, Alex, 17, and Izzy, 15.

Her family is a major reason she volunteers, she said.

“I grew up in Louisville and my dad (the late Kenneth Hirsch) was always on boards and doing things in the Louisville community,” she said. “I remember hearing my mom once say that my dad never said no to anyone who asked him to be involved.”

She also takes inspiration from her father-in-law, Harry Geller, who “is an amazing supporter” of “our synagogue and the JCL.”

That familial sense of giving is something she wants to pass on to her children.

“I think it is important for them to understand that our community does not operate without volunteers. You have to support what is important to you. The Jewish community will not thrive without our support,” she said.

Geller said she was surprised and deeply honored by the award.

“There are a lot of really great, hard-working people in this community. I am friends with many of them,” she said. “Some say it takes a village to raise your kids, but I think it takes a village just to support me, working a full time job, with two, sometimes four kids, and supporting this community the way I want to do it. ... I have a ‘village’ of friends who encourage me, my family (especially my husband and mom who pick up the pieces when I can’t be everywhere at once), and two fathers who I have had in my life who inspire me to make this community a better place than I found it in.”

Senior Dept. Honors Mazanec with Judah Award

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

If you happen to look into the Jewish Community Center’s Senior Adult Lounge or any other place where the members of the Adult Social Club are engaged in an activity, it is likely that you will see Margaret Mazanec there with her camera.

In fact, she takes so many photos documenting the group’s activities that the Senior Adult Committee has given her

the title, “Paparazzi.” Not only does she take the photos, she organizes them in albums and labels each one to preserve the Senior Adult Department’s history.

In recognition of all of her photographic efforts and regular participation in Senior Adult Department events, the committee has named Mazanec the recipient of the 2014 Elsie P. Judah Award.

“I was very surprised” to receive the award, she said. “I don’t do anything outstanding. I’m just following in the footsteps of those who went before me.”

Born and raised in the small town of Colby, KS, she attended Pittsburg (KS) State University and earned a bachelor’s degree in science and technology.

“After college,” she said, “I needed a job and knew only one person in one city – my brother living in Cincinnati – so I came there” and went to work for U.S. Playing Card, the first of several jobs she held in that area.

She found a home in northern Kentucky. “I love Kentucky,” she said, adding, “Kansas has so few trees.”

Ten years ago, she was laid off from her job, “and I got offered a job in Sellersburg, IN,” she stated, “which is how I got to Louisville. ... I didn’t know a soul here, but I managed to meet some wonderful people and have been here ever since.”

Five years ago, Mazanec left the workforce on disability, and about two and a half years ago, she said, “I discovered the Senior Club at the Jewish Community Center. Marcy Beyer left a bunch of fliers about the JCC on a table at the

apartment building where I was living. I called and came and I haven’t left.”

What keeps her coming back? “I like the people,” she said, “the really wonderful people, from Diane [Sadle] and Slava [Nelson] to the volunteers and all the people who come for the lunches. They keep me young, and I love the food.”

Mazanec explained that she got into photography by accident. “Back in Kansas, I had friends who worked for a newspaper,” she recalled. “They were into photography and talked about it all the time, so I took a photography class. In those days, everything was in black and white.”

“Everything the instructor told me not to do, I did,” she remembered, “so I screwed up a lot of film.”

Halfway through the course, something clicked, and it began to make sense. “That was 31 years ago,” Mazanec said, “and I’ve been doing it ever since. It’s my second passion – my first is reading.”

Thanks to her efforts, the Senior Adult Club now has three photo albums, each containing 300 photos, documenting their activities, and Mazanec has begun a fourth. She’s careful to label each photo with the identities of the people, the occasion and the date, because she is committed to creating a pictorial history of the club and knows from experience how frustrating it can be to have a box of old photo with nothing to identify them.

In this issue of *Community*, Mazanec has branched out into writing, too. She documented the recent Senior Adult trip to Atlanta and Nashville in both photos and prose. Check it out on page 4 of *CenterPiece*.

Mazanec also described herself as “a wannabe avid gardener, like Mag Davis, which is why I volunteered to get the garden out back [at the JCC] started. We are trying to get people from Shalom Tower interested in the garden and in growing ethnic food. The more the merrier.”

“Karen Abrams has been instrumental in giving this project a push,” Mazanec added. “Karen had her landscaper come in and make raised beds – one for the kids and the rest for seniors.” The food grown there will be donated to the Jewish Family & Career Services Food Bank or will be used in the kitchen at the JCC. “There’s lots of room for more gardeners,” she noted.

The Elsie P. Judah Award will be presented to Mazanec at the Jewish Community of Louisville Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the JCC.



Elsie P. Judah Award Winner Margaret Mazanec

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Kling Award Winner Tara Stone Is Passionate about Her Work

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

When you come to the Jewish Community Center, employees throughout the building strive to ensure you have a positive experience, but it is Tara Stone, assistant director of membership and wellness, who is always looking for ways to make it a little better.

In recognition of her passion for her job and commitment to customer service, Stone has been selected as the 2014 Arthur S. Kling Award winner.

"I'm very honored and shocked to get the award," she said. "I do what I do every day not to be recognized. I do it because I love it and I'm passionate about all our programs and everything we do. This is a true honor because there are so many outstanding people who work for this organization, and to be chosen from among my peers is pretty amazing to me."

Stone describes her job as doing a little of everything. "I help oversee membership, fitness and aquatics as well as the customer service aspect of the operation." She also hires, trains and supervises staff for the front desk, the health and wellness desk, the pool gate and the Dive In Diner.

"I see my job as ensuring that members are happy and getting good quality programs," she said.

That also means working with new ideas and new programs as well as ensuring that existing programs change and adapt as needed. Last year, Stone spearheaded the training and implementation of the Discover CATCH program, supported by the Jay Levine Fund. This program, Stone explained, is a health and wellness program for youngsters in the Early Learning Center. With this program, the ELC incorporates healthy eating habits, gardening and fitness into the curriculum.

Now the program is expanding and Stone is incorporating it into kids fitness classes and family gym. It will be part of the program at JCC Camp this summer, too.

Looking at total wellness, Stone is currently working on creating massage and personal training into wellness packages as a new way to promote overall wellbeing.

Another part of wellbeing is volun-

teering to help others. Stone is in the forefront here, too, leading Louisville's participation in JCCA's (Jewish Community Centers Association) Cycle for Good program.

Through this program, volunteers raise money for Special Olympics by getting sponsors and riding stationary bikes. With Stone's leadership – both in organizing the event and riding for long periods of time – the Louisville JCC has had two successful years of participation, with fundraising growing the second year.

Originally from Alma, MI, which she describes as "a very small town." She chose to work at the Jewish Community Center, "because I grew up in the community center in my hometown. I was always there after school and for dances and other activities."

When she came to Louisville, Stone explained, "I was looking to become part of a community and this position seemed perfect. It was a meshing of the customer service that I have a passion for with a background in sports, wellness and fitness, which I also have a passion for and enjoy. I also value family and quality of life, so this is a perfect fit."



Arthur S. Kling Award Winner
Tara Stone

The youngest of three children, most of her family is in Myrtle Beach, SC. Stone came to Louisville with her boyfriend, Brian Douglas. He had a good job opportunity and she was ready for life in a bigger city.

Stone has a BA in Spanish from Coastal Carolina University. She was a youth fitness coach and has held several customer service and sales positions before coming to the JCC.

Volunteering is also an important part of Stone's life. She is a volunteer transport driver for No-Kill Louisville and mentored an at-risk student for a year. She has also volunteered for Gap Giving Gifts, Adopt-a-Soldier, Adopt-a-Family holiday program and the Humane Society, and participated in a Breast Cancer Awareness walk.

The Kling Award offers the winner the opportunity to participate in some professional development. Stone hopes to use it to attend the JCCA Conference.

The Kling Award honors the memory of Arthur S. Kling who was a prominent leader in the Jewish community, serving as president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA), the predecessor of the JCC, and many of its committees. He was among the leaders instrumental in establishing the JCC on Dutchmans Lane. He was also instrumental in establishing the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Conference of Jewish Organizations, which ran the United Jewish Campaign.

The Kling Award will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

SWANSBURG

Continued from page 1

For Swansburg, community relations work is her passion and she is eager to take on the responsibilities of the JCRC and very excited about receiving the Linker Award. "It is such an honor," she said, "it came as a big surprise. Louisville is very lucky that we've had so many visionary leaders who have set up opportunities for young people and the next generation of leaders. I'm very appreciative of it."

Last year, she was chosen as one of 10 next generation JCRC leaders to participate in the year-long Frank Family Leadership Institute. The program gave her the opportunity to travel to Poland and Israel last fall and to attend the Jewish Council for Public Affairs Plenum in March.

"It was a great opportunity to dig deeply into the issues and to get to know some of the CRC leaders from across the country," Swansburg said.

As a result of her experiences and her own dedication and hard work, Swansburg was asked to serve as vice chair of JCPA's Resolutions Committee for next year's Plenum and as a member of their board.

Here in Louisville, when JCRC Chair Bob Sachs chose not to continue to serve in that position, Swansburg agreed to step up and take the helm. She views both her national and local positions as great opportunities.

"My background is with legislative and policy issues," she said, so JCPA's Resolutions Committee "is a pretty exciting place for me to land."

"One of the issues I'm proud that the Louisville JCRC has continued to push is support for gay marriage," she continued, "and JCPA, for a variety of reasons, has not yet taken a stance on it." It is something she wants to continue to push on the national level.

"It will be very interesting to see what kinds of resolutions come up on Israel and social justice issues," she continued, "and with elections coming up this year, there may be some that haven't come to the fore before that will need to be addressed."

Louisville has a strong tradition of leadership with JCPA. Both Lewis D. Cole, z"l, and Marie Abrams chaired the national organization and Ron Abrams served as treasurer. "JCPA has a tremendous respect for Louisville," Swansburg said, and its leaders still talk about both

past chair from our community. "Part of what I want my service to be," she said, is to ensure that "the next generation of leaders and thinkers are coming out of Louisville."

She looks to Marie Abrams as her mentor and is appreciative of the guidance she receives.

Looking at Louisville's JCRC, Swansburg observed, "the group has a lot of expertise around Israel advocacy and social justice issues that are broader than the Jewish community. It has also done a good job with interfaith relations."

One area where she would like to focus additional attention is government relations – interacting with elected officials. "Our JCRC does a great job advocating for a lot of pressing issues that affect the Jewish community and are aligned with our Jewish values. We often find ourselves reaching out to officials on these issues."

"One of my goals," she explained, "is to reach out to them proactively, to let them know about our issues, so we already have rapport with our elected leaders and relations to draw on."

About a year and a half ago, she recalled, the JCRC "had a good meeting with Sen. Rand Paul. I want to continue this on the local and state level."

JCRC's work often consists of building on the work of previous leaders. Swansburg looks to build on her predecessors' work to "establish the JCRC as the public face of the Jewish community to other faith groups, the school system and the community-at-large."

She sees it as a place "where all parts of the Jewish community come together and speak with one voice. The JCRC is a consensus organization ... not that we all agree on every issue, but that we agree to be a consensus organization."

Another area Swansburg would like to address is the composition of the JCRC itself. "We have exceptional people on the JCRC right now," she said, but the JCRC also "is a very natural place for a lot of community members under age 50 to get engaged on issues they care about. It is a place where you can really have an impact." She is eager to begin recruiting the "next generation of JCRC leaders and members."

Serving as JCRC chair is "a huge honor," she continued. I grew up in a family where my parents were always involved with leading Jewish organizations in town – the JCC, The Temple, NCJW – and I remember being proud of them. It is important and meaningful to me to

get to follow in their footsteps and do the same thing."

Swansburg is a Louisville native who "was very active in the Jewish community, BBYO and NFTY," even serving as a NFTY regional officer as a teen. "When I went to college," she continued, "I was president of Hillel and was a founder and co-president of Interfaith Council at Middlebury College."

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

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

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

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

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

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

Julie E. Linker was a young leader in the Louisville Jewish community with a passion for community relations work. When she died, the Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award was established to perpetuate her name and to encourage young people who share her passion and give them the opportunity to attend the JCPA Plenum.



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Nussbaum Will Receive Garmon Award; Finke Will Receive Nissenbaum Award

by Phyllis Shaikun
Special to Community

Each year, the Jewish Community Center recognizes teen leaders who have shone as leaders in BBYO and have been involved in other parts of the community with special awards. This year, the Ellen Faye Garmon Award goes to Audrey Nussbaum and the Stacy Marks Nissenbaum Award goes to Jacob Finke.

The Garmon and Nissenbaum Awards will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The community is invited.

Ellen Faye Garmon Award – Audrey Nussbaum

This year's recipient of the Ellen Faye Garmon Award is 16-year-old Audrey Nussbaum, a student at Kentucky Country Day School who plays field hockey and has a passion for theater.

Since the eighth grade, Nussbaum has been an active and involved teen in the Jewish community – first as a member of the Teen Connection and later as a member of Jay Levine BBG. Freshman year, she ran for a board position and was elected *mazkira* (vice president of communication and secretary of the chapter's website).

This past summer, she attended the Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC) at Camp Beber, a time that really changed her views on BBYO. "The friendships I made and the skills I learned made me excited to run for and



Ellen Faye Garmon Award Winner
Audrey Nussbaum

be elected *n'siah* (chapter president) in January," said Nussbaum. Despite her busy schedule, she continues to do community service with her chapter and remains involved with theatrical productions at school.

"I love BBYO," she said, "and I know it was special to my mom, Halle, when she was growing up. She is still friendly with the people she was in clubs with back then and I can see myself being close with my BBYO friends 30 years from now. It has been a great experience."



Stacy Marks Nissenbaum Award Winner
Jacob Finke

Receiving the Garmon Award is particularly meaningful to Nussbaum since she and her family are friendly with Ellen Garmon's brother, Joel, and his family. "The award is a big accomplishment for me," she said. "I feel honored that the work I have done has been recognized in this special way."

The Garmon Award will enable Audrey to attend BBYO's International Convention in Atlanta next February.

Audrey's dad is Jay Nussbaum and she has two older brothers, Brett and Adam. The family belongs to The Temple.

Ellen Faye Garmon was involved in Jewish life through BBYO, the Jewish Community Center and in the general community. The daughter of Estelle and Selwyn Garmon, Ellen died in a tragic accident July 1968.

At the time, the Gamma Kappa Social Club, of which she was a member, established an annual award in her memory to help further the work of high school students who shared her spirit and the ideals that were important to her. The award is given annually and is funded through the sale of all-occasion cards.

Stacy Marks Nissenbaum Award – Jacob Finke

Stacy Marks Nissenbaum loved BBYO and was an active member of her BBG chapter growing up in Louisville. When

she passed away a number of years ago, three of her close friends, Stacy Gordon-Funk, Wendy Snow and Sally Weinberg, established a scholarship program to honor her BBYO legacy. Originally begun as a BBG award, in recent years the award's creators have given permission for recipients also to be young men who have been active in BBYO.

A case in point is this year's worthy recipient of the Nissenbaum Award, Jacob Finke.

The 16-year-old Manual High School sophomore enjoys chemistry and getting into a good argument. His parents think that perhaps a career in law might be in his future.

In addition to his classes, Finke is a member of Manual's Key Club, the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society and he earns volunteer hours with all of those groups. He also plays baseball and runs cross-country. His rare spare time is spent reading and sleeping.

When asked about his involvement in BBYO, there's a definite upturn in his voice. An active member of Drew Corson AZA, he spent 18 days at the Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC) at Camp Beber last summer, which he called "amazing."

That experience, he contends, "lit a passion inside of me that encouraged me to meet new people and be a better person." Upon his return, he was elected *mazkir* (vice president of communication) of his chapter and will soon assume the chapter's presidency.

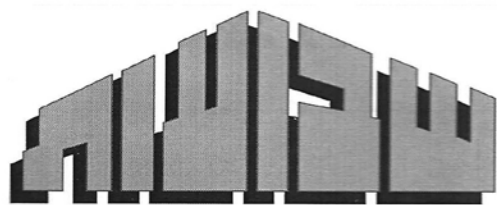
This summer he will attend International Leadership Training Camp (ILTC) at Camp Pearlman in Eastern Pennsylvania. "Obviously I'm still not the best leader I could be," he says modestly, "so I appreciate the opportunity this award has given me."

"I think the training will help me refine my skills and become a better leader among my peers," he added. It will also put me more in touch with Judaism. I feel we have a good chapter, but I would like us to become more involved with the Jewish community and the Jewish faith that unites us."

Jacob's brother, Cole, soon to be a freshman at Colgate University, and his father, David, were both involved in BBYO, and Jacob will be a role model when it is time for his 12-year-old brother, Max, to join the ranks.

The Finkes, including his mother, Helene, are members of The Temple.

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Lipp Gets Fink Scholarship for Her Community Service

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Natania Lipp has been a BBYO leader throughout her high school years and community service has been the focus of much of her activity, so it is fitting that she is the recipient of the 2014 Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship.

She said she is honored to receive the award and happy about it.

This year, Lipp has served as the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio regional sh'lichah – vice president of Jewish heritage, community service and social action. It was her job to help chapters with projects in those areas.

With her co-sh'lichah, she brought Unified for Uganda, an organization that helps Ugandan children go through school, into the region, helping chapters develop fundraisers and provide opportunities for destitute children.

In the Jay Levine BBG chapter, she has held the positions of sh'lichah, n'siah (president) and mazkirah (secretary).

For the past two years, Lipp also has helped plan Louisville's participation in J-Serve, a global day of service projects. Locally, young people worked on the community garden behind the Jewish Community Center's Pavilion.

On some Saturday mornings, she can also be found at Four Courts helping lead

Shabbat services.

An excellent writer, Lipp was *Community's* Teen Topics editor this year and was responsible for gathering news from teen groups around the city.

She is a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

She plans to attend the University of Maryland in the fall where she will major in psychology.

The Joseph Fink Scholarship honors the memory of a man who devoted his life to coaching, counseling and helping teens.

The Fink Scholarship will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

JONES

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In the community service realm, education is Jones' primary focus. His official biography says, "For more than a decade, David has worked with JCPS through civic and business groups (including Every1Reads, Greater Louisville Project, Business Leaders for Education and 55,000 Degrees) to improve student achievement in our community. In 2012, he followed his lifelong passion for education into election to the board of Jefferson County Public Schools.

"David began his career in the classroom as a teacher and he continues to teach today at U of L. He is also a parent who had two children in JCPS (one was a valedictorian at Manual High School), and he attended the old Louisville Public School system," according to the official biography.

In conversation with *Community*, however, Jones explained that his dedication to education really begins with his grandmothers, Lillias Hutchins Ashbury and Elsie Thurman Jones, both of whom were dedicated educators.

He viewed Ashbury as a "calming grandmother," a teacher of Latin and math at Eastern High School who was a strong influence in helping him gain the confidence that he could learn. He described Jones as "smart and quick" – an individual who pushed her children hard to get an education and use the library. Although, Jones said, she didn't push her grandchildren as hard, she still laid out clear expectations and provided strong support.

Their values were reinforced by the success of Jones' parents due to their education and their expectations of him.

Another major influence that fueled Jones' passion for education was the two years he spent teaching English in China following graduation from Yale University. Jones taught at a Chinese medical school in the early 1980's, just a few years after the end of the populist uprising known as the Cultural Revolution that shut down the universities.

"The classroom building where I taught was marked by bullets," he said, recalling that China had been anti-intellectual. It had shut down its universities and sent its educated individuals into the country. Jones' students were poor 16 and 17 year olds in a medical program, who had almost no access to other information or resources.

When China's "public policy quit being so horrible ... people could take advantage of education." Today, learning is blossoming in China, and its people are sometimes perceived as being genetically inclined toward education – a false perception. The focus on education was a choice.

Those students Jones taught are now physicians, working all around the world, and they serve as a reminder to him about what education can do.

These experiences played into Jones' decision to run for the Jefferson County School Board. "In the modern era, the United States created universal free public education," he noted, "and Kentucky has the right to a public education enshrined in its constitution."

This right to an education has enabled

generations of immigrants who came to this country with nothing to create a path to success for their families.

Today, however, Jones believes we have taken public education for granted and we don't pay attention to it, so "it atrophies and freezes up and doesn't modernize." He compared it to the situation we had with health insurance until Obamacare forced change on the system, and hopes that his experience with healthcare and industries facing "big, gnarly issues" can help move the schools forward.

"There is nothing more important to a community than the education of its young," he continued. "Every human institution needs to be reinvigorated," and he believes he can provide a push public education in Louisville needs.

Jones believes that many public schools work pretty well; however "they don't work very well at all for parents who lack the education or the motivation to push to get their kids into one of our better schools. And if you leave 40 percent of the kids out of a modern education, the community suffers."

Jones sees this as in the community's interest: just as it is important to keep people healthy so we don't make each other sick, it is important to educate people so we can all benefit from each other's work.

Professionally, Jones is a venture capitalist. His firm, Chrysalis, founded 20 years ago, has provided the financial resources for many creative people to realize their dreams. This passion was informed by his upbringing.

Jones was born in New Haven, CT, in 1958 and came to Louisville when his parents, David and Betty Jones, decided to return to the city in 1960. His father started what is now Humana as a nursing home company in 1961, but continued to practice law until 1968, when the company went public. It wasn't until the late 70's, Jones explained, "that the company became large enough to be visible."

"What I saw, around the breakfast table, was my Dad as an aspiring entrepreneur and my Mom as a worrying, supportive partner," he said. They and his father's partners, Wendell Cherry and David Grissom, made smart business decisions, but they also took significant risks in building the business. Jones has tremendous respect for his parents and the path they chose.

Jones earned a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Yale University Law School. In addition to his time in China, he worked for the State Department from 1988-92 before returning to Louisville.

By that time, he observed, "the world was becoming a much more competitive place ... and it was clear that little Louisville needed to run faster if it was even going to stay in place." Cities all around were growing and adapting to change much more quickly.

"I also thought that if Humana could start here and if China could change, location no longer limits what you can accomplish. You can do most things in Louisville that you can do elsewhere in the world."

He noted that in other communities, particularly in California's Silicon Valley, financial entrepreneurs had established

the infrastructure to nurture business startups. Learning from them, Jones partnered with Doug Cobb to start a venture capital firm where people would bring their good ideas to them and they would choose the ones they wanted to work with, raising money for them and investing some of their own resources.

They started small and had some great mentors, including David Grissom, and built a good business. He also believes in what he is doing because by investing in the right kinds of projects, he believes, over time, he can help transform a city or an economy.

Among Chrysalis' Louisville-based successes, Jones counts Appriss, started by Mike Davis and Yung Nguyen, which now employs around 550 people; as well as Genscape and High Speed Access Corp.

Jones has also served on the board of Humana since 1993, including as chair from 2005-10. "The fact that Humana has been able to stay here and prosper," Jones said, "has been very satisfying for me." He believes it has been good for his family and the community.

"I hope [Louisville's] economy is somewhat livelier because of my work," he said, adding that there is still a lot of work to do. Among the challenges he sees for the city are not having the state government based in Louisville and some tax structures that don't work; but "we also have a wonderful community that works pretty well."

Another issue Jones cares about is public health. With more Americans having insurance, insurance compa-

nies, including Humana, will now be responsible for health care costs for those who are unhealthy. One of the things they and the community now need to focus on is the obesity epidemic, which is causing an increase in chronic illnesses, particularly among the poor.

"Better educated people are eating better," he said. "The health challenges for poor people and uneducated people can be more easily overcome when a big, powerful institution is on their side when they confront fast food and mass advertising and the low cost of unhealthy calories."

For Jones, "turning around the obesity epidemic is a huge national and global priority." The creation of modern agriculture that provides enough clean, safe food was a huge step forward in its day, but it has a down side, too.

People eat too much and children are too sedentary. This has led to increase chronic illnesses like diabetes. It has even affected our military preparedness, he explained. Today, the biggest causes for disqualification from service are obesity and poor education, which leaves a smaller pool of people eligible to serve.

Jones enjoys the arts, particularly live theater and the Humana Festival at Actors Theatre. He also loves to read and is an avid cyclist.

He and his wife, Mary Gwen Wheeler, married in 1986. They have two children, Nate, 25, who is a graduate of Hampshire College, and Becky, 22, who is about to graduate from Oberlin College.



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Pressma Awards To Bass, Gould, Koby, Levin and Rosen

by Julie Lamb
Special to Community

Annually, the Jewish Community of Louisville recognizes teens who have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills in BBYO throughout their high school experiences with the Stuart Pressma Leadership Development Awards. This year, Pressma Awards will go to Rachel Bass, Eli Gould, Ben Koby, Deborah Levin and Maggie Rosen.

The Pressma Awards were created to honor the memory of Stuart Pressma, an influential young leader who deeply valued leadership development. In addition to recognizing the leadership and achievements of these students, Pressma Awards include college scholarships.

The Pressma Awards will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 1 at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The community is invited.

Rachel Bass

Graduating Ballard High School, senior Rachel Bass is proud that as president during her junior year, she restored Louisville's Jay Levine BBG to holding the role of number one chapter again. She has attended 11 regional conventions and has taken part in almost every



Rachel Bass



Eli Gould



Ben Koby



Deborah Levin



Maggie Rosen

The 2014 Stuart Pressma Leadership Development Award Winners

local Jewish teen opportunity. Having joined BBYO in the second half of her 8th grade year, Bass feels that this award emblematic of her journey of faith and self-actualization as a devoted, young Jewish leader in this community.

At Ballard, she has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and of Beta Club for three years, the past two of which she has served as vice president. In addition to planning community service projects, Bass also enjoys peer tutoring for Mu Alpha Theta, a national mathematics honor society.

Bass' favorite activity at Ballard has been participating in *The Collage*, Ballard's student-produced creative writing magazine. She started working with *The Collage* her sophomore year and became editor the following year.

Last summer, Bass worked for Camp Beber in Wisconsin.

Next year, Bass will be pursuing her

love of writing and editing by working toward a journalism degree at the University of Illinois' College of Media. She currently has aspirations to edit for magazines such as *Seventeen Magazine* or *Teen Vogue*.

Bass is also considering a minor in psychology to gain "insight into the human psyche."

The University of Illinois has a substantial Jewish population, which was one of Bass' major criteria when considering colleges. Sometime during her college career, she hopes to study abroad and travel to Israel, maybe on a Birth-right Israel trip.

For Bass, receiving the Pressma Award is "kind of a nostalgic feeling. I would hope that any senior who is graduating would be in my position." She is grateful that this award provides seniors with recognition that validates such a meaningful journey of faith.

Bass also was the recipient of the Ellen Faye Garmon Award during her junior year. She is the daughter of Karen and Eric Bass and has one younger brother, Justin. The Bases are members of Keneseth Israel.

Eli Gould

Eli Gould is a graduating athletic star from Kentucky Country Day School (KCD), who believes in leaving a legacy behind for his peers. Starting as a freshman, he played varsity goalie for lacrosse all four years of high school.

Gould was involved with the chess team for a brief period of time, as a way to practice critical thinking. A leader who thrives taking initiative,

Gould started the Ultimate Frisbee Group at KCD last year, which now has 17 members.

Technologically inclined, Gould feels fulfillment for his active role in setting up KCD's fabrication laboratory, or Fab Lab, that will benefit students even after he graduates. Fab Lab, which has cutting-edge features like 3D printers and laser cutters, allows students to make a variety of objects.

They are free for any student to use, "and the only thing anybody is really limited by is their own motivation to make what they want," within reason, Eli said. He has made a ukulele with the 3D printer as well as a more complicated ukulele with the laser cutter.

"People have made practical things like soap holders for their bathroom or doorstoppers" as well as a variety of artistic items. Eli hopes more schools implement programs like this in the future to make students more excited about learning.

For the final two weeks of his KCD career, he is participating in a special program which pairs him with a professional mentor at GE for a unique learn-

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ing opportunity.

In the Jewish community, Gould also assumed responsibility early in BBYO. He credits BBYO with enabling him to flourish, growing from a shy seventh grader into the budding leader he is today. He quickly became secretary of Drew Corson AZA, and later held the offices of vice president and president. "It helped prepare me for college and life after college," he reflected.

Gould has attended around 15 regional conventions, and locally, has sought out every opportunity available over the past four years.

This year, he ventured to his first BBYO International Convention in Dallas, which drew 3,000 Jewish teens. Gould appreciated the chance to make global Jewish connections.

Just as Gould is leaving a positive impact on KCD, he is excited to have helped turn a chapter that had around seven active members to one that now has over 50 committed Jewish teens. The chapter doubled almost every term Gould served on the board. Now, he declares Drew Corson AZA has become one of the largest chapters in the region, "a force to be reckoned with."

"All the fun that I had is great, but being able to realize where my chapter is now compared to where it was five years ago is awesome," Gould says. "It's nice to now that I'm leaving my chapter in a state where I can say with some confidence that it'll be around for awhile."

Next year, Gould will be attending the Miami University of Ohio, where he intends to pursue computer science and mechanical engineering.

Last December, Gould was the recipient of an award for godol, President of the Year for the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio (K-I-O) region. Internationally, he received the Bronze Shield of David Award and the Silver Shield of David Award.

He is the son of Ken and Pam Gould, has a twin sister, Hannah, and a younger brother, Ben. The Goulds are members of The Temple.

Ben Koby

Ben Koby's experience as a graduating senior from DuPont Manual High School was fundamentally molded by his involvement with the Jewish community. Through connections he made through BBYO, Koby was recruited to join the wrestling team in his freshman year, and he competed in the sport all four years of high school.

In addition to wrestling, Koby was a member of Manual's football team his freshman year and ran track freshman and sophomore year. He welcomed the athletic challenges.

Koby will always remember the first overnight he went to as an 8th grader, which led to him joining BBYO in the

spring of that year. "I thought it was absolutely incredible that all these high schoolers, who seemed huge to me at the time, wanted to hang out with me," Koby recalls. It was the second BBYO event he had ever participated in, and still remains a favorite.

That overnight was just the beginning. From the fall of 2011 to the beginning of 2013, Koby served as Drew Corson AZA chapter president three times. Koby also served on the Jewish Community of Louisville's (JCL) Teen Committee during his presidency.

In addition, he was secretary during the fall of 2010, vice president of recruitment during the spring of 2011, and vice president of Jewish heritage and community service during the spring of 2013.

Last year, Koby went on the March of the Living to Israel and Poland – a two week educational opportunity for Jewish teens to learn about the Holocaust. He has traveled extensively across the United States for Jewish activities attending 10-15 conventions.

Koby will be a freshman at the University of Pittsburgh in the fall of this next year. Currently, he is planning for a dual degree in both electrical engineering and statistics.

Last year, Koby was the recipient of the Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award.

He is the son of Risa and Chuck Koby and has one younger brother, Alex Koby. The Kobys are members of Adath Jeshurun.

Deborah Levin

When graduating senior Deborah Levin speaks of her time at DuPont Manual High School, there is a palpable enthusiasm. Levin has endeavored to make the most out of her high school experience. She has played lacrosse all four years, and for three years, has been active in Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), where she served the chapter as vice president for parliamentary law and president. She also went to an FCCLA national conference last summer in Nashville, TN.

This year, Levin has been a member of Key Club and, in her freshman year, BETA Club.

In January of 2010, Levin joined BBYO, and for four and a half years, she has been an active member of Jay Levine BBG. She also worked at Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad, where her mother Laura Levin also works.

These Jewish experiences have truly shaped Levin's sense of self. "Joining BBYO and getting that experience and going out of town and seeing other Jewish teens from around the world has made me more of a proud Jew and a more understanding Jew," she stated. "I really want to continue my Jewish involvement with the community and... for the rest of my life."

As Levin graduates, she will take with her the satisfaction of having helped Jay

Levine BBG to expand its membership and strengthen its bond. Levin was an officer for recruitment on the chapter board and encouraged a lot of girls to join who were reluctant to form any ties to BBYO.

With Levin's persistence and amiability, now "those are the people who are leading our chapter – the ones who have fallen in love with BBYO." It was crucial to her to create an "environment where there were Jewish people just like them that they could get to know and love, just like I did."

Levin will attend the University of Cincinnati, where she plans to major in marketing. She will carry with her a continued passion for learning about Judaism.

In fact, Levin ideally would like to take Hebrew as her foreign language, taking her to either study abroad in Israel or take a Birthright Israel trip. Israel is "definitely on the bucket list."

Ultimately, Levin wants to come back to Louisville and use her marketing skills for a Jewish organization.

She is the daughter of Laura and Gary Levin and has one sister, Emily. The Levins are members of Keneseth Israel.

Maggie Rosen

Maggie Rosen is about to graduate from Kentucky Country Day School, where she has been a student for the past twelve years.

She has been playing field hockey for KCD since she was in 6th grade, and started as varsity goalie this year. Additionally, she leads the Union of Jewish Athletes Club there, the activities club, and is a part of the community service club.

Not only is Rosen an active member of BBYO in Louisville (she has been one since the spring of her 8th grade year), she also is involved internationally.

Rosen served as the president of Jay

Levine BBG in Louisville during her sophomore year and has held other board positions for the chapter.

She also served on BBYO's K-I-O regional board. As recruitment chair during her junior year, Rosen was responsible for recruiting BBYO members in Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. "Seeing that my passion can be passed on to other people and inspiring them to be more in touch with their Jewish faith has been one of the coolest things," she said, which is why Rosen was the perfect fit for recruitment chair.

Ever since her freshman year, Rosen has traveled to programs such as summer camp in Wisconsin, where she received training in chapter leadership. Rosen brought those skills back to Louisville and applied them when she served as president of Jay Levine BBG.

She was also had the opportunity to tour and discover Israel last summer with BBYO, which was "a great way to gain leadership skills, but also apply them to Israel and [her] Jewish faith."

Rosen will attend Indiana University in Bloomington in the fall. She is already involved in Human Development and Family Studies, a branch of psychology, in the School of Public Health, in which she plans to major. Her ambitions currently lie with the goal of a type of private practice for family and relationships counseling.

Rosen loves the city of Louisville and hopes to return. She plans to instill a deep-seated connection to Judaism as a legacy for her future family (who she dreams will also be members of The Temple).

Last year, Rosen received the Ellen Faye Garmon Award.

She is the daughter of Penny and Mark Rosen and has one younger sister, Lindsay Rosen. The Rosens are members of The Temple.



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UofL Provost Visits Israel with Project Interchange

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Earlier this year, University of Louisville Provost Shirley Willihnganz traveled to Israel with a group of provosts from colleges and universities across the country on a trip organized by the American Jewish Committee's Project Interchange. The trip was designed to present a multitude of perspectives on the situation in the region and provide enough information for these education leaders to gain an appreciation of the complexity of the issues.

For Willihnganz, this first trip to Israel was a life-changing experience. "Simply from a tourist perspective and as a person who is grounded in a Christian Catholic faith, it was amazing to be there and see so many of the places that my religion had taught me about," she said.

She described going to the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem and some of the places that have been so integral to her life as an incredible experience.

Overall, she observed, Project Interchange "did an amazing job of filling the days with meetings with people who were trying to give us different points of view about the situation or help us better understand the kind of political, social, and human environment the country functions in."

It included "everything from going over to the West bank and meeting with the prime minister of Palestine to sitting

down with the people who were part of John Kerry's negotiation team." They talked with the U.S. ambassador to Israel, university leaders and "people living in the country, trying to figure out ways to get things done."

"It was just an amazing set of perspectives, and I still don't know what to think," she said, "but I know that I think much more broadly and also much more deeply about why there are no simple solutions to what's going on there from multiple perspectives."

Willihnganz came back to campus with an understanding that there is no simple answer to the issues in the Middle East today, and a commitment to bring multiple points of view to campus to enable the "students to do their own thinking" as they struggle with the different perspectives, much as the provost is doing herself.

"When you go over to Palestine, you do feel like you have gone into a very different country and you see where the effects of years of disagreement and years of conflict has cost the people there," she noted.

"As much as you understand more political decisions that Israel might be making," she continued, "you also understand more that there are people who are very much suffering because we can't find a way through things."

Much as her trip presented a wide range of perspectives, Willihnganz said U of L must "try to make sure we are doing the things that we should do [to ensure] this is a place where ideas flourish and our students also are respectful enough to have that ability to encounter all kinds of ideas and formulate their own positions."

In addition to the West Bank, Willihnganz' trip took her to S'derot, the southern Israeli town that is frequently the

target of missile attacks from Gaza.

In S'derot, one of the people charged with the town's defense "took us to a place where they had just stored all the different versions of bombs" that had fallen on the town. She saw "everything from fairly sophisticated bombs to things were clearly hand made."

The group also went up to the top of a hill from which the group could see the proximity S'derot and the Gaza Strip. It was pointed out that "no one in that town was ever more than 15 seconds away from a bomb shelter," Willihnganz said. From that vantage point, she felt a bit exposed because there was no nearby shelter visible.

She also recalled "looking at playgrounds where there would be a big concrete caterpillar that was actually a bomb shelter. If little children were playing on that playground they could run in" and find safety.

She also realized that "every home there had a bomb shelter. ... Imagine being a mother or a father [awakened by the bomb alert] in the middle of night and knowing that you've got 15 seconds to get into that bomb shelter. Is that even enough time to gather up your children and get in?"

The trip also included opportunities for the provosts to witness how Palestinians and Israelis can work together when necessary, even with the impediments put in place by their leaders.

Traveling between Israel and Palestine can be challenging, but the guides had worked out the details so tourists in Israel could visit Bethlehem, an essential arrangement for their livelihoods.

The group also learned that with all the roadblocks and checkpoints, it was sometimes impossible to get ambulances to people with medical emergencies in a timely fashion. Some people died before the ambulances could reach them.

"A Jewish man and an Arab man formed this joint business where they equip motorcycles with all the high tech things you might need" to deal with an emergency, Willihnganz said, equipment like defibrillators and they trained some riders in their use.

Today, they monitor the calls that come into the emergency stations. Their motorcycles can get someone into the neighborhoods within minutes, bringing the lifesaving measures and skills to keep the person safe until the ambulance arrives.

"Here's this Jewish man and this Arab man working together," she said. "They've formed a whole business. They've trained all kinds of people to do this enormously effective in saving lives. And they're doing a work-around because the need is there and they just figured out how to make it work."

"They've been friends for 26 years," she added, "and they will still say, well, I don't want my daughter marrying his

son but there's no reason that we can't work together for the good of all of our people."

In addition to learning about the situation in the Middle East, the provosts met with Israeli university officials. "I made a lot of contacts there," Willihnganz said. "There's a lot of opportunity for student and faculty exchanges. Those conversations are continuing."

There were several things Willihnganz didn't anticipate. She said she was surprised at "how hard everyone's working to try to figure out a solution that's good for everyone." Living in the U.S., we often hear about the extremes, and we "don't realize that even though a solution has still been illusive, that isn't because so many people there don't care deeply about trying to find one. It's just very, very hard."

Part of the complexity, she observed, is the fact that "everyone has a different story, and at least part of what is making the situation so difficult to deal with is that people aren't willing to accept the story of someone else."

One speaker explained to the group that some of the countries in the region "would be willing to accept Israel as a secular country, but weren't willing to accept the story that God gave Israel to the Jews. That is a conflict not only over land, but over a people's right to be, who got to be what and what you call it." The narratives that define people's beliefs are contradictory and irreconcilable.

She was also surprised by the number of people who had made aliyah to Israel from other places and "what a deeply spiritual experience that was. ... 'it gave me a different sense of what it was to move to Israel and that this wasn't just a geographic move. This was a deeply spiritual call that people felt in their souls.'"

Willihnganz also noticed "how very open and friendly people were, and how willing they were to very honestly talk about their perspective on what it means to live there." This was especially true of the tour guides who freely shared their experiences about living in the area.

Other general observations Willihnganz shared:

Israelis enjoy big salads for breakfast. The land is very green and beautiful, not desert, as she expected.

Tel Aviv is a cosmopolitan city.

The country is small - "sometimes you spent a couple of hours on the bus, but then you realize you've gone the whole distance of the country."

When you look at a map, you realize Israel is a small country, surrounded by hostile neighbors who don't want them there.

Another highlight for Willihnganz was a stop at Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial Museum. From the Avenue of the Righteous, planted with trees honoring the righteous gentiles, to the Children's Memorial, it was a moving experience.

"The children's museum might be one of the most powerful places I have been in on this earth," she said, "and I've been blessed to have been in a lot of places. When you go in and its all darkness and its five candles that represent the loss of life. That gets magnified through mirrors everywhere so you realize that its not only the loss of all the children's lives then, it's the future that those children would have had and the children they would have had and the children they would have had. You see this reflecting around the room. I don't know if I've ever experienced anything so profoundly simple and so amazingly moving as that was."

"I'm enormously grateful to all of the people who put this trip together, who sponsored me going," Willihnganz said. "I have told people it is a life-changing experience and I'm just deeply grateful that I had the chance to do it."



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Stirring Yom HaShoah Commemoration Shows Strong Connection between Teens and Survivors

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Each Holocaust survivor's story is unique and each has found a way to live with the memories. Some have been sharing their experiences for years, hoping that by doing so they can promote tolerance and understanding.

Others, who have been silent for years, not wanting to burden others with their pain, or perhaps not wanting to revisit the pain themselves, have decided that they must share their stories now, before they are no longer able to do so.

Still others remain silent, convinced that their stories should not be shared.

This year, when the people gathered at the Kentucky Center of the Arts for the Jewish Community Relations Council's annual community-wide Yom HaShoah Holocaust commemoration, they were immersed in a unique sharing experience.

The program, Pouring Out the Heart: Learning from personal Holocaust stories, revolved around a film made by Catholic middle school students in Fred Whittaker's class at St. Francis of Assisi and Jewish middle schoolers who are participating in the Jewish Community Center's Teen Connections program.

In making this film, the young teens learned how to be compassionate listeners, how to ask questions sensitively and how to create a space where Holocaust survivors felt comfortable and safe. The survivors opened up to the youngsters, sharing their stories and connecting with them.

Together, they created a permanent record that will enable generations to come to hear the first-hand testimony of survivors long after they are gone.

With bassoon and flute duets, Matt and Kathy Karr opened the program and set the tone for the evening, coming back from time to time to weave the parts together.

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport talked about the importance of remembering and invited the teens who made the movie to read what has become a traditional recitation recalling the different groups persecuted by the Nazis as the survivors, their descendants and Holocaust educators lit 11 candles for the 11 million murdered.

This year's program took place just days after a racist gunman opened fire on two Jewish campuses in Kansas City, KS, claiming three lives. Rabbi Stanley Miles, saying that in every generation, there are those who may wish to destroy us, spoke of that recent tragedy and of the uncertainty facing the Jewish community in Ukraine, before introducing two Israeli soldiers, Capt. Ari Rosenstein and 2nd Lt. Shir Hoskover, who were in Louisville to participate in Yom HaShoah.

Rosenstern, the grandson of Holocaust survivors, was born in New York and made aliyah in 1997. Named for an uncle who was killed in Poland during

the Holocaust, the soldier said that he was living in Israel, fulfilling his uncle's dream as a proud Jewish Israeli.

He spoke of three circles of remembrance. The inner circle is those who experienced the Holocaust first-hand. The second circle is those who heard the testimony firsthand from the survivors and the third circle who have only heard accounts of what happened. "I represent the State of Israel," he said, "and we all represent the third circle of remembrance."

Israel was rebuilt out of the ashes of the Holocaust, he said, and it is here to stay. The IDF will make sure of it.

Hoshkover, a member of the IDF's Education Corps, explained that her job is to teach values to the soldiers and train them to think and act as a humane army – with the goal of making each soldier a better person and a better citizen.

The Nazi soldiers were people with families, she said, but outside their homes, they lost all values and moral standards. Israel is committed to ensuring that each soldier recognizes the value of every person.

Picking up on the theme of education, Cantor Sharon Hordes sang the Yiddish lullaby Oifn Pripetshik as a bridge between the Israeli soldiers and the film.

With tremendous poise and understanding, some of the teens introduced their film, punctuating their brief statements with, "Nizkor. We will not forget." – the same refrain used earlier in the program as the candles were lit.

The survivors who shared their stories for the film were Fred Gross, Abe Jakubowicz, John and Renée Rothschild, Dan Streit and sisters Anna Belenkiy and Sima Furman, the latter two sharing their stories for the first time in 26 years.

With the crowd standing, Cantor Da-

vid Lipp sang a haunting "El Malei Rachamim," written for Holocaust commemorations and Rabbi Joshua Golding introduced the updated version of Elie Wiesel's stirring Holocaust Kaddish, which was led by John Rothschild.

Fred Whittaker, the Holocaust educator who brought the film project from dream to reality, brought the program to a close with words of praise for the young people, the survivors and their project, which will enable the survivors to continue to teach, pulling us into compassion and social justice.

Nizkor. We will not forget.

Fred Whittaker chaired the Yom HaShoah Committee. Committee members were Helene Banks, Fred Gross, Carol Klein, Rachel Lipkin, Cantor David Lipp, Dan Penner, Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport, Cindy Schwartz, Jeff Slyn and Dan Streit.



Renée and John Rothschild stand in front of some of the middle schoolers who made the film.



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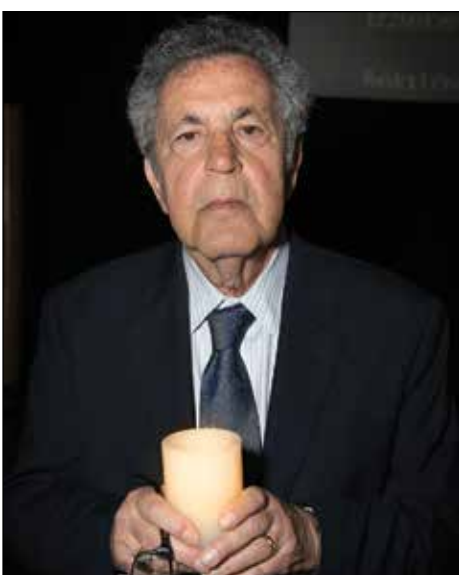
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Rabbi Joshua Golding stands beside John Rothschild as he leads Kaddish.



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Phyllis Shaikun

Lost Tribe Event Was an Evening of Fun

by Phyllis Shaikun
Special to Community

Although the JCL program last Saturday evening, May 17, was billed as the “Lost Tribe Event,” many local MOTs (Members



Campaign Chair and Event Chair Doug Gordon



Alison and Doug Roemer

of the Tribe) found themselves having a great time eating pizza and playing catch-up at Joe Hertzman’s house. This year’s Federation Annual Campaign Chair and the evening’s co-chair and emcee, Doug Gordon, probably had the best time of all as he presided over a laugh-filled hour-long presentation that left folks giggling in the aisles.

Modeled on the classic YouTube series “Old Jews Telling Jokes,” (or Jews Telling Old Jokes), Gordon cajoled Bill Ryan, Sandy Hammond, Alan Friedman and Bruce Miller into reading a joke from his script and then let the 60 or so attendees decide who was the best joke teller.

Miller’s story was indicative of the caliber of comic offerings during the night. “There was this very important University of Kentucky basketball game,” he began, “and Coach Calipari was upset to see one empty seat. He went over to the fellow sitting next to the empty seat and asked who normally sat there. My wife, the man replied. Well where is she? Calipari asked. She’s at her funeral, came his response.”

The second group of script readers included Jon Wolff, Jim Potash, Susan Rudy and Amy Gilbert. Peter Resnik, Julie Ellis, the evening’s co-chair, Shelly Branson and Lance Gilbert rounded out the third group.

Gilbert’s joke was about the bartender who was known to squeeze a lemon so hard that he offered a cash prize to anyone who could squeeze even one more drop of juice out of it. A Jewish fellow accepted the challenge and was able to squeeze out six more drops. When asked how he accomplished the feat, he explained that he worked for the Jewish Community of Louisville!

In one of the few serious moments of the evening, Gordon announced that this year’s Federation Annual Campaign is close to reaching the \$2 million mark. He encouraged those in attendance who had not yet made a pledge to this year’s Campaign to do so and help reach that lofty goal. If you would like to help things along by making your pledge to the Campaign, call 238-2739 or pledge online at www.jewishlouisville.org.



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Headliner, comic Gary Gulman

Uniquely Jewish Comedy Event Was an Evening Filled with Ethnic Humor

Members of the Jewish community gathered at the Laughing Derby at Comedy Caravan for a late evening of fun on May 15 at the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Uniquely Jewish event Jews and Comedy.

After short opening sets by Jeff Arcuri and Louisville comic Raanan Hershberg, headliner Gary Gulman took the stage. In a set laced with Jewish jokes and even a bit of Yiddish, he quickly had everyone laughing.



Father and son, Harold and Doug Gordon



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Family Section



PJ Library and JFCS Team Up for Tzedakah Fair



Stella Shuman, Carole Goldberg, Emmy Shuman and Marsha Roth



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Children from just one year old through their early teens helped PJ Library of Louisville and Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS) support our community at the Second Annual Tzedakah Fair on May 18. This year's event exceeded the success of last year's inaugural Tzedakah Fair by including lunch, more activities and partnering with the Carole and Larry Goldberg JFCS Family Mitzvah Program.

"There was an obvious connection behind the purpose of this event and JFCS's Family Mitzvah Program," said PJ Library of Louisville Director Jennifer Tuvlin. "We can't thank JFCS enough, especially Kim Toebbe, for inviting PJ Library to use their facility and introducing us to families who might not have already been engaged in PJ Library events."

The purpose of the event is to teach the youngest community members the meaning of *tikkun olam*, the repair of the world, and how their own acts of kindness can impact others.

Marsha Roth, co-chair of the PJ Library program, engaged the children through reading PJ Library's book, *Noah's Swim-a-thon*, by Ann. D. Koffsky. In this book, a young boy learns to swim to raise money for *tzedakah*.

The premise of the book, raising money for others, was the theme of the afternoon. The children all brought food for the JFCS Food Pantry and then were off to work. They were "paid" for making picture frames, bookmarks, reusable grocery bags, *tzedakah* boxes and pictures and writing letters for Jewish soldiers in Afghanistan.

The picture frames and bookmarks are going to be distributed with the JFCS Shabbos Friends program that visits Jewish residents in nursing homes

around Louisville. The reusable bags are going to be stocked in the JFCS food pantry and the *tzedakah* boxes were for the children to keep and hopefully remind them of the importance of helping those less fortunate.

At the end of the event, the children donated their earnings to help support PJ Library, a program that sends free books and CDs monthly to Jewish children in Louisville through a partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the JFCS Food Pantry.

"Penina Rubin was so happy when she told me, I put 20 pennies into the JFCS can and 20 pennies in the PJ Library can," said Kim Toebbe. "Many families met each other for the first time at the event and have said they look forward to continuing to see each other at subsequent events."

Marsha Roth and Becky Swansburg co-chair PJ Library.

If you are interested in volunteering with JFCS, please contact Kim Toebbe at ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org. If you are interested in registering for PJ Library, please visit pjlibrary.org or contact Jennifer Tuvlin at jtuvlin@jewish-louisville.org.



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Family Section

NCJW's Camp Gilda Helps Children with a Cancer Connection

by Phyllis Shaikun
Special to Community

For the past seven years, the National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, has sponsored Camp Gilda, a free week-long summer day camp for youth ages 6-12 who have a cancer connection. Through a series of workshops promoting self-care and healthy living habits, a Special Ask the Doc cancer education compo-

nent and field trips that provide some wet and wild fun, kids are better able to cope with the changes a cancer diagnosis brings.

The theme of this year's camp is School of Rock and the session will run from Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and will be based at Gilda's Club.

"The camp is a win-win not only for the children touched by cancer, but for the NCJW volunteers who help with the

camp," said NCJW member Judy Shapira, who also is on the board of Gilda's Club Louisville. "These campers' lives are filled with fear and worry about losing a loved one or even dying themselves. They have been forced to think and feel like an adult and to comprehend emotions no child should have to face. And for this one week, the women of NCJW help them to act and feel like children. We help them understand they don't have to face the cancer journey alone."

Gilda's Club Marketing and Communications Director Suzanne Goldring, believes the children's lives are enhanced and enriched by NCJW's support. "Not only does the group sponsor Camp Gilda financially," she said, "but they also give of their time as volunteers by providing, preparing, serving and cleaning up after breakfast and lunch all week for 30 hungry campers. They also act as morning and afternoon greeters, assist with programs, help with field trips and do behind-the-scenes prep for the Friday carnival. Campers love the volunteers and give them their fair share of hugs every day."

"We honestly could not provide this program without the help of NCJW – they are integral to its success and are synonymous with 'Camp Gilda,'" Goldring said.

To register a child who might benefit from the camp experience or need more information, call Missy at 583-0075 or email missy@gildasclublouisville.org. To join the ranks as a Camp Gilda volunteer, contact Jessica Carner, director of volunteer services, at 583-0075 or email jessica@gildasclublouisville.org.

Melendez Volunteers with Habitat in Wisconsin

Gabriella Melendez, a student at St. Francis School in Louisville, will join other youth from across the U.S. to help build a home in Wisconsin, as part of Habitat for Humanity International's "Learn and Build Experience."

Habitat's Learn and Build Experience is a summer program that provides young people, ages 16-18, the opportunity to travel to a new community, get involved with Habitat's mission and learn more about the issues surrounding poverty housing. Melendez is one of 16 individuals selected for the June 22-July 1 trip to Milwaukee.

"I am so excited to spend part of my summer break volunteering with Habitat," said Melendez. "Not only do I get the wonderful experience of helping a family in need, but I also get to meet new people from all over the country"

Overall, 80 students have been selected to participate in Habitat's Learn and Build Experience and will volunteer at one of the Habitat affiliate host sites in Wisconsin, North Carolina, Louisiana, Hawaii and Macedonia. Another 25 alumni participants will volunteer with

Habitat in Georgia. Both groups will spend time in the community learning about the need for affordable housing.

"We would like to thank the Learn and Build Experience participants for taking time out of their summer to give back," said Jose Quinonez, director of Volunteer Programs at Habitat. "Together we will help a family realize the dream of home ownership and provide a memorable experience for everyone involved."

Habitat for Humanity International's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Anchored by the conviction that housing provides a critical foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty, Habitat has helped more than 4 million people construct, rehabilitate or preserve homes since 1976.



Gabriella Melendez

Camp Livingston Offers Sunday Family Fun Day

Want the kids to take a vacation from those video games ... give the remote a rest? Now's the perfect time to ditch the distractions of everyday life and get back to basics with the whole family! Shalom Family and Mayerson JCC in Cincinnati, OH, invite families in the Louisville Jewish community with children 12 and under to join others from around the region for a free, one-day Sunday, Family Fun Day at Camp Livingston – an afternoon adventure in the great outdoors on June 8 from 11a.m.-5 p.m.

This free event features 600 acres of fresh air and family fun, giving guests the opportunity to step off the beaten path with activities for all ages. Amenities include a lakefront aqua park, giant waterslide, climbing wall, zip line, canoes and kayaks. Plus, attendees can enjoy arts and crafts, sports, a s'mores cookout and much more! Lunch and snacks are included with advanced RSVP. Camp Livingston is located in Bennington, IN, less than two hours from Louisville.

"Whether you went to camp as a kid, or have never stepped foot in a cabin, much less a canoe, this event is for families looking for a fun, new way to enjoy an 'old school' day in the great outdoors!" explains Julie Robenson, Shalom Family event coordinator.

"Thanks to the generosity of Camp Livingston, the entire 600 acre facility will be ours for the day. We are excited to be able to offer amazing amenities such as these to families for free that would easily cost hundreds of dollars a day anywhere else," she adds. "Plus, what could be a better way to introduce kids to overnight camp without having to stay overnight?"

Camp Livingston has been serving Jewish families of all affiliations for

nearly 100 years. It offers a safe and nurturing environment that incorporates Jewish identity and Israeli culture into daily life, all while fostering valuable communal life skills, self-confidence and an appreciation of the outdoors. There, campers can gain self-esteem and confidence, form lasting friendships and memories and gain a sense of social responsibility.

"We are excited to be partnering with Shalom Family to show why camp is such a wonderful place and why so many people call camp 'their home!'" says Brett Schwartz, director of Camp Livingston. "We are thrilled to be able to open our doors to give young children, and their parents, a taste of all the fun overnight camp has to offer."

This event is open to families with children 12 and under in which at least one parent is Jewish. Older siblings and grandparents are always welcome. RSVP by visiting www.myshalomfamily.org. Shalom Family is an initiative of The Mayerson Foundation and Mayerson JCC.

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UK President Meets with Jewish Teens and Parents in Louisville

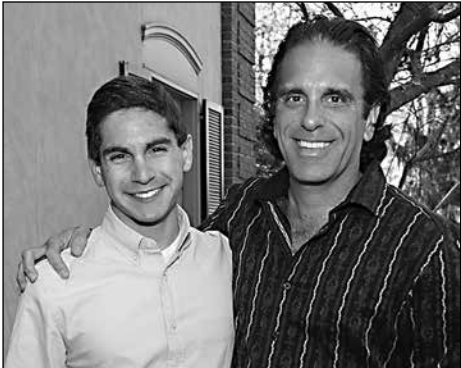
University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto spoke to a group of JCC BBYO students and their parents and encouraged them to consider attending the University of Kentucky. The event was held at the home of Tammy and Mark Switow on April 23.



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John Gage

John Gage Provides Music for Shalom Baby

Local musician John Gage has created a special morning of music for families with babies 12 months and younger. Shalom Baby, a Jewish Community Center program created to introduce the Louisville Jewish community to our newest members, is hosting a music class, led by John Gage, the third Sunday of every month. No RSVP needed, simply bring your baby for a morning of music and the opportunity to meet other families with like-aged babies.

Participation has nearly tripled and the Jewish Community Center is thrilled so many young families are enjoying the Shalom Baby program. Classes are held at 10 a.m. at the JCC in the Children's Place. The next class will be on June 22 (a week later than usual to avoid Father's Day).

If you have a new baby or know of a new baby, please contact Jennifer Tuvlin at jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org so that they too can be a part of this unique program. Shannon Benovitz is Shalom Baby chair. Shalom Baby would also like to thank the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence for sponsoring this family program.



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Family Section

After 65 Years, Jewish Golf Group, Duffer's Clambake, Still Thrives

by Steve Simon and John Silletto
Special to Community

In these very fast paced, social media driven, and rapidly changing times it is difficult to envision a social organization which not only persists, but has evolved and thrived for approximately 65 years. Our Jewish community, though, has such an organization – the Duffer's Clambake (not be confused with the name "Duffer's Clambait", which once mistakenly occurred on our very own regalia!).

Begun in 1948 and named after Bing Crosby's golfing group concept, which later evolved into the Pebble Beach Pro-Am, this group, which consists of up to 44 Jewish golfers and "wanabee" golfers (hence the "Duffer's" nomenclature), has continued and grown since its inception.

Based upon themes of golfing adventure and like-minded (but not always!) fraternization, members of this organization have sought these objectives during three-day out-of-town outings in the spring and fall plus a one-day Summer Outing every year since the organization's founding.

In the late 1940's, when golf venues were often closed to Jewish golfers, the

group's "founding fathers" (including Murrell Klein, Harry Linker, Sam Rosenstein, Marty Kaplan, Juny Joseph, Abe Yofe, Leon Yunger, Jimmy Klein, Norman Banks, Herby Marks, Jerry Kozlove, Joe Kaplan, Alex Hertzman, Keith Banks, Bernard Berman, Irv Rodde and Irv Belker) began a "fraternity"-like organization so they could enjoy fellowship as well as golf.

A famous picture of these men inscribed with "Duffer's Clambake, Fall 1954" exists in the group's archives along with a script for the mystical induction ceremony, which has long since been dispensed with.

In the early 1980's, the realization that the group's founders were aging led to an infusion of younger members who would carry on the traditions of twice per year outings at Park Mammoth for golf, playing cards, fellowship – and complaining. And, oh yes, the buying, storing and schlepping of Jewish delicacies (not to be forgotten is Leon Eichenholz' lox spread!).

Several new members joined during this period and they continue as members today along with many newer and younger members. As has become tradition each member must at some point

accept the responsibility to serve as "shamos" and then as "chief Duffer," the organization's leadership positions.

After years and years of "wandering in the desert" of the challenging Park Mammoth Golf Course (e.g. no fairway grass and the need for hammers to place golf tees into the ground - not to mention the snakes!), it was in the late 1980's that the group began to venture away from Park Mammoth to play many of the unique and challenging courses throughout this region – Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee.

Along the way several more skilled "A" players joined the "Duffers" to upgrade the ranks of the existing "B, C and D" players.

Duffers' Clambake 2014

In 2014 the Duffers' Clambake will again provide some interesting and rewarding golfing opportunities for Louisville's Jewish golfers. Presently there are plans for three outings:

This year's spring event, May 18-20, began with a round on a fair for all ages and skill levels, but challenging, course on Sunday. Members made up their own groups and each golfer played his own ball.

For Monday's play, the "Golf Chairman" formed competitive groups who play a "scramble" format. On Tuesday, they once again played individually.

On Sunday and Monday evenings the Duffers ate dinner at specially chosen local restaurants. As always a highlight of the outing was fellowship periods in a private hospitality suite, featuring beverages and snacks that each Duffer selected.

On one of those evenings there will also be a membership meeting where topics of interest to the members are dis-

cussed and voted on.

The summer gathering will be a one-day event on a Friday afternoon in July or August. Lunch will be provided. The golf competition will be comprised of a shotgun-start scramble.

Historically, the fall outing is played beginning on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In 2014, this event will be scheduled to assure that there is no overlap with the PGA Tournament and associated activities because several Duffers will serve as volunteers at those events. The format for the fall outing will be similar of that for the Spring Outing, except a different set of golf courses will be featured.

This year, John Silletto is the chief Duffer and Norton Frank is the shamos.

Dr. Michael Saag Publishes Memoir, *Positive*

Louisville native Michael Saag, M.D., went into medicine intending to become a cardiologist, but in 1981, as the first cases of AIDS were being described in Los Angeles and New York City, his interest in solving medical mysteries led him to study infectious diseases instead.

Now, more than three decades later, he is a professor of medicine and director of the Center for AIDS Research at the University of Birmingham. He is an internationally known expert on HIV and treating patients with AIDS.

Dr. Saag has written a memoir, *Positive*, which was published by Greenleaf Book Group and released on April 15. From stories of his childhood as a young Jewish boy whose mother knew he'd be a doctor, to the harrowing tales of his patients fighting their HIV/AIDS, *Positive* tells all from Saag's life on the front lines of this disease.

The result is a behind-the-scenes look at how the research happened and then was translated into the clinic in a very rapid fashion.

Vaad Hakashruth Issues New Mikvah Guidelines

Editor's note: Louisville Vaad Hakashruth requested Community to print these newly revised guidelines for use of the Mikvah.

The Louisville community Mikvah welcomes and encourages use by Jews of all backgrounds and affiliations. The Mikvah was built with community funds and is maintained by the Vaad HaKashruth through donations from member congregations (currently Adath Jeshurun, Anshei Sfard and Keneseth Israel) and from individuals. In order to help cover the ongoing costs of maintaining a clean, safe, and comfortable Mikvah, the Vaad asks all patrons of the Mikvah to contribute to the Mikvah, but no one is ever turned away for inability to pay.

The Mikvah serves four important purposes.

Women

The hours reserved for women to immerse are after nightfall. All appointments should ideally be made by 9 p.m. the night before immersion. To schedule an appointment, please call Goldie Litvin 494-3774 or other Mikvah attendants to be designated. Towels will be furnished for Women.

Conversions

In general, use of the Mikvah for conversions will take place on Sunday through Thursday are scheduled by the officiating rabbi by calling Rabbi Evan Rubin at (419) 290-7315 and must occur between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., during the day.

Men

Men will have access to the Mikvah every day in the early morning, on Friday afternoons and on erev Yom Tov afternoon after 12 p.m.. Access may be obtained by contacting Rabbi Rubin or by contacting the rabbi of one's congrega-

tion. Towels are not furnished for Men.

Dishes

Immersion of dishes can be done by appointment during the following times:
Sunday through Thursday: 2 p.m. to one hour before Sunset
Friday 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

All items immersed must be new and devoid of stickers. People immersing dishes must bring their own towels. The Mikvah, surrounding area, all floors, and the waiting room must be left clean and dry. Do not leave boxes, papers, etc. Access may be obtained by contacting Rabbi Rubin or by contacting the rabbi of one's congregation.

In case of urgent need for use of the Mikvah during the daytime that does not conform to the above guidelines, a person should contact Rabbi Rubin at (419) 290-7315. Nighttime use is strictly for women.

The Mikvah serves several constituencies.

- All Jewish congregations and organizations in Louisville are invited to contribute to the Louisville Mikvah. Each congregation shall pay an annual fee of \$1500. This entitles the congregation's rabbis and its members to use of the Mikvah.
- Households unaffiliated with member congregations shall pay an annual fee of \$180 or a one-time use fee of \$18. Fees for one-time use must be paid before using the Mikvah. Households are defined as all individuals living in one house.
- For utensil toveling, individuals unaffiliated with member congregations shall pay \$9 per session.

Fees will be collected by the Mikvah attendants or Rabbi Rubin prior to use of the Mikvah.

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Campaign and Foundation Funding Create Opportunities

by Stew Bromberg
Vice President and CDO
Jewish Federation of Louisville

Thank you to everyone who has generously contributed to the 2014 Federation Campaign.

Summer is just around the corner. Everything is in bloom; the trees, flowers and shrubs; the grass is turning greener and the birds are singing songs; the evening sun drops below the horizon after 9 now and soon sunset will be closer to 10.

This summer will also bring many wonderful programs, events and services to the Louisville Jewish community. JCC day camp and a myriad of Jewish overnight camp options are plentiful. There are many teen summer Israel programs available. Through the generosity of some of our donors we are able to offer financial assistance to the families with children interested in these programs.

In this issue of *Community*, we are also pleased to announce that the Jewish Foundation of Louisville will resume making grants from unrestricted endowments to benefit local Jewish community organizations. We have set aside \$25,000 for Jewish Community Impact Grants that will be available to Louisville-based Jewish organizations to support cultural, educational, leadership development and social services within the local Jewish community. (See article, page 1.)

This is what being a Jewish community is about. Our vision is to fulfill the needs of the Jewish Community. Community Impact Grants are a beginning. We are also working on securing grants to enable us to help all the agencies and organizations in the community build and enhance their own Jewish Legacy programs. Our goal is to assure the con-

tinuation of the programs and services we as a community provide to our constituents.

As Jews we have an obligation to take care of our community. We need to reach out and discover what challenges those at risk in our community are dealing with every day and do our best to help provide the services they need. That is what being a community is about, and that is what we try to accomplish through our annual Federation Cam-

paign.

This week the Planning and Allocations Committee met to discuss how the funds available from the Campaign should be distributed throughout the community.

To enable them to make informed decisions, we provided the committee with what we believe to be the final number for the Campaign after all pledges are received. There is still time to make a difference. If we underestimated the

total amount of our pledges, we can go back to the committee and let them know there are additional funds available for allocation. We will still accept new pledges.

For those of you who have made your pledges to this year's Federation Campaign, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not yet had this opportunity, I encourage you to contact us soon so your contribution can have an impact in our community during the next year.

Zeitman to Be Inducted to National Racquetball Hall of Fame

by Shiela Steinan Wallace
Editor

Mike Zeitman is one of three members of the 2014 class to be inducted into the USA Racquetball Hall of Fame on May 23 in Fullerton, CA. The other inductees are Brian Hawkes of Lake Forest, CA, and Jimmy Lowe of Aiea, Hawaii.

Zeitman, originally from Louisville, started in the sport in his teenage years at the Jewish Community Center, where his mother, Sheba, worked. He described himself as a youngster as a latchkey kid who rode his bike to the Center every day after school.

It didn't take long for him to become a top amateur and professional, taking after his father, Irving Zeitman, who, along with Ike Gumer, was a national doubles champion.

Ken Porco, long-time HPER (Health,



Michael Zeitman

Physical Education and Recreation) director at the JCC was his mentor. "Ken Porco was a fabulous human being," Zeitman said. "He showed me what it was like to be a good sportsman, to do things right and to be honest and forthright. He also taught me about service, which is part of the reason I'm going into the Hall of Fame as a contributor and player."

He and his brother, Larry, were also members of Resnick AZA as teens, and Zeitman also credits his advisor, Charles "Pinky" Weisberg, with having a major positive influence on his life. As Jewish high school students active in Resnick, "we did community service because that's what we saw other Jewish people at the Center doing."

A number of Resnick members still maintain contact and get together from time to time.

According to USA Racquetball, Zeitman's most meaningful contributions to racquetball come from his tireless work and volunteerism. He was instrumental

in saving and building the International Racquetball Association, the precursor to USA Racquetball, in its early years.

The organization describes him as among the first full-time promoters of the sport and who did everything from running tournaments, starting pro tours, publishing magazines, starting junior programs and consulting for racquetball companies. He is even credited with introducing the ceiling ball to the sport.

Zeitman is a true ambassador of racquetball and his many contributions have set the bar high for those involved with our sport today, USA Racquetball says.

Today, Zeitman lives in Houston; his brother, Larry, lives in San Jose, CA; and his brother, Steve is in Louisville.

Mike Zeitman is engaged to be married. He has two grown children, Morgan and Blake. Blake and his wife, Carianne, have a daughter, his granddaughter, Mercedes.

Anshei Sfard Officially Names Golding as Rabbi

by Karen Siegelman
Special to Community

Last fall, Rabbi Joshua Golding took on the role of acting rabbi for Congregation Anshei Sfard, and recently he accepted the offer to continue in this position on a long-term basis.

Anshei Sfard President Dr. Roy Hyman said he is "absolutely thrilled" that Golding is going to remain as rabbi for the congregation.

"I couldn't be happier," said Dr. Hyman. "Rabbi Golding does everything well. He is very intelligent, knowledgeable and approachable. He wears many hats in this position. and he wears them all very well."

Dr. Hyman explained that a national search was conducted after Anshei Sfard and Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, who had served as the congregation's rabbi for 25 years, parted ways last year. He added that he is pleased that the search led the congregation to finding the best person for the job "right in our own backyard."

Rabbi Golding is a long-time member and past president of the congregation, and over the years has been a regular part of the minyan, often leading parts of the service, serving as cantor, Torah reader and teacher. He is a professor of philosophy at Bellarmine University, specializing in philosophy of religion and Jewish philosophy. He carries a full teaching load and has served on Faculty Council.

Rabbi Golding holds a B.A., cum laude, in philosophy from Columbia University and a M.A. and Ph.D in philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh. He began his rabbinical studies at Yeshivat Sulam Yaakov in 2008-9, while he was in Israel for his sabbatical. He continued his studies long-distance and received his ordination in December 2011. Rabbi Golding and his wife, Ayala, have five children, ranging in age from

12 to 22 years old.

When Rabbi Golding was hired to serve as acting rabbi of Anshei Sfard in September 2013, he said he stepped into a position that he had never before considered.

"I never pictured myself in a community leadership role," said Rabbi Golding. "When I earned my rabbinical degree I did not intend to be a pulpit rabbi. My goal was to increase my mastery of Jewish Law and Practices."

Golding said over the course of the past eight months, he has grown more and more comfortable with his new position.

"It has been a challenge, but I feel like it is a great fit," said Rabbi Golding. "I have found I can handle my duties as rabbi, in addition to working at my full-time career as a professor."

"I have a great working relationship with the board and staff," Golding added, "and people seem to relate to my messages when I give sermons."

Dr. Hyman said that Rabbi Golding's abilities to teach and communicate so well with people are assets that will serve the congregation in its goal to expand its service to the entire community.

"We want Anshei Sfard to be a welcoming place where anyone who wishes to attend our services and programs feels comfortable," Hyman commented.

Rabbi Golding said his core mission is "to strengthen the Modern Orthodox nature of the synagogue by encouraging new members."

"My job is to keep the torch lit," added Golding. "We want Anshei Sfard to be a vibrant, active place for Orthodox Jews to pray and a place of learning for the entire community."

During Rabbi Golding's first few months in his new leadership position, the level of activity at Anshei Sfard has been high. Services have continued on a daily basis and there have been musi-

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Izzy Assour and his grandson, Eyal Avitan



Ralph Green and Jeff Glazer



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Members of the King David Society gathered in the Patio Gallery on April 29 for a preview of Izzy Assour's Expressions art show. They enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and beverages while checking out the paintings, sculptures and jewelry created by Israeli artists. The show opened to the public the next day for a six-day run.



Izzy Assour, Marlene Weisberg and David and Dale Hyman

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GOLDING

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cal performances, lectures and classes offered to its members, as well as the public.

Plans for summer programming are already in motion. In June, Rabbi Golding will begin a Hebrew language and prayer course for beginners, as well as those who wish to improve their skills in these two areas. Also, on June 3, Anshei Sfard will celebrate the festival of Shavuot with dinner and several lectures. The event will begin at 8:45 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 451-3122.

In August, a Torah Summer Institute will be offered with the assistance of five rabbinical students from out of town, who will be fellows-in-residence at Anshei Sfard for the entire month. Rabbi Golding said this institute will serve as a learning resource for anyone in the Jewish community.

"We will be offering classes and setting up study partnerships with these rabbinical students," said Rabbi Golding. "We want people to take advantage of this wonderful resource. It is also a way for us to strengthen our services and do some outreach."

Expanding educational opportunities for the Orthodox Jewish community, as well as the entire Louisville area, is an important goal for Rabbi Golding. He plans to work with Rabbi Evan Rubin to expand and strengthen The Aryeh Kaplan Academy and also explore the potential for starting a Jewish community day school.

"A community day school would be a private elementary school providing both a secular and Jewish education for the entire Jewish community," Rabbi Golding said. "Ultimately, whatever form it takes, a successful and attractive Jewish day school is the only way we can secure a vibrant Orthodox Jewish community in Louisville."

GRANTS

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successful programs; however, it will also consider new purposes and programs.

All questions should be directed to Stew Bromberg, Jewish Federation of Louisville vice president and chief development officer, and all proposals should

be submitted by email to sbromberg@jewishlouisville.org.

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TEEN TOPICS



Drew Corson Sleepover

From April 19-20, Drew Corson AZA had a sleepover at Jonah Goodman's house. During the sleepover, the group enjoyed a Chocolate Passover Seder and Chapter Inductions. In addition, the boys had a program that included a discussion about the shooting at the JCC in Kansas City as well as the recent events in Ukraine.



AIT/MIT

From April 25-27, 30 members of Louisville BBYO attended AIT/MIT (Aleph in Training/Member in Training) Convention at Camp Campbell Guard in Hamilton, OH.

At AIT/MIT, eighth graders learned about the traditions of BBYO while being part of mock chapters, were inducted into the region and participated in a dance. The theme of the convention was "Expect the Unexpected," and the following members of Louisville BBYO served on the steering committee: David Hemmer, Bradley Schwartz, Laina Meyerowitz, Audrey Nussbaum and Jesse Hymes.



Jay Levine Chapter Meeting

On April 29, the girls of Jay Levine BBG gathered at the JCC for a Neon Themed chapter meeting.

MIT Elections

On May 4, Jay Levine BBG gathered to elect its 2014 MIT (Members in Training Board). The MIT consists of new members of Jay Levine BBG and gives them the opportunity to learn about being a board member. The following girls were elected:

N'siah (president) – Lilli Russman
S'ganit (vice president of programming) – Julia Bessen
Morah (vice president of recruitment) – Abigail Geller
Gizborit (treasurer) – Talia Blue
Mazkirah (vice president of communications) Jenna Lanzet



MIT Board – Julia Bessen, Abigail Geller, Talia Blue, Jenna Lanzet



Deborah Levin, Rachel Bass, Mike Steklof, Natania Lipp, Matt Schulman, Eli Gould, Alex Geller, Ben Koby at the Senior Dinner

Louisville BBYO Senior Dinner

On May 9, Teen Director Mike Steklof invited the seniors to his apartment for Shabbat dinner. The seniors enjoyed reminiscing about their time in BBYO and sharing their future plans.

Katchor Injects Humor into Lecture on Halftone Printing in the Yiddish Press

by Niki King
Public Relations Specialist

Last month, artist and professor Ben Katchor opened his lecture, "Halftone Printing in the Yiddish Press and Other Objects of Idol Worship," at The Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft with a memory.

He recalled, growing up in New York City, his father would read a Yiddish newspaper daily. Katchor's eyes would meander the page, falling upon graphic elements he could understand. One of them was a black and white picture in the top corner of the page of the founder of the paper. Curiously, he noted, through the years, the quality of the picture worsened. It became grainy until the man's likeness seemed to almost fade away over time.

The observation led him to research the process and history of printing, including such methods as engraving. His findings comprised much of his presentation, along with images of archeological artifacts and reflections on the notion of idolatry and the Biblical declaration: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

It was a broody, introspective, loosely-constructed presentation – made more palatable by Katchor's dry humor and deep intellectualism.

Following the presentation, Katchor,

a MacArthur "Genius" Award-winning cartoonist, graphic novelist, and multimedia theater artist, led a narrative workshop with introductory exercises in storytelling through text and image.

The event was a collaboration between the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft and the University of Louisville Jewish Heritage Series. It corresponded with KMAC's current exhibit "Press: Artist & Machine," which explores the trades and traditions of typesetting, lithography, graphic design and illustration, which is on display through June 1.

Katchor's picture-stories include *Julius Knipl, Real Estate Photographer, Hotel & Farm, The Jew of New York, The Cardboard Valise, and Shoehorn Technique*. He produces a monthly strip for *Metropolis* magazine. His latest book, *Hand-Drying in America and Other Stories* was published in 2013. He's collaborated with composer Mark Mulcahy on six music-theater shows, most recently *Up From the Stacks* (2011) set in the New York Public Library and 42nd Street, circa 1970.

Katchor was a 2009 TED Talk speaker and a recipient of a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, a Guggenheim Fellowship and a fellowship at the American Academy in Berlin. Currently, he is an Associate Professor at Parsons, The New School for Design in New York City and resides in Brooklyn.

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NEWSMAKERS

The Louisville Vaad Hakashruth announced at its May meeting that **Kerry Rubin** was approved as a mikvah attendant alternate. She is the wife of Kashruth Administrator Rabbi Evan B. Rubin. She comes to this position having spent a number of years as part of the mikvah staff in her previous community of Toledo, OH. She can be reached at (419) 290-4101.

Ruth Brinkley, president and CEO of KentuckyOne Health, has been named by Modern Healthcare magazine as one of the "Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare." She also recently was recognized among "130 Women Hospital and Health System Leaders to Know" by Becker's Hospital Review.

Jewish Hospital, part of KentuckyOne Health, has received the Mission: Lifeline® Silver Plus Receiving Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific measures outlined by the American Heart Association (AHA) for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

The AHA's Mission: Lifeline program helps hospitals, emergency medical services, and communities improve response times so people who suffer from a complete blockage of blood flow to the heart can receive prompt, appropriate treatment, helping to prevent almost certain death. The program's goal is to streamline systems of care to move heart attack patients quickly from the first 9-1-1 call to hospital treatment.

Our Lady of Peace, part of KentuckyOne Health, has been named a recipient of the 2014 Kentucky Hospital Association Quality Award. The facility was recognized at the organization's annual meeting, which was held on May 9.

Our Lady of Peace is the largest psychiatric hospital in the U.S. that provides care to children and adolescents. The facility's Safety First initiative places patients' and employees' safety first in providing quality care. The program encourages the participation of families in the treatment process of the patient and in helping initiate and improve quality measures to promote safety.

KentuckyOne Health has named **Bob Steltenpohl**, CPA, to be vice president of finance for the downtown Louisville



Bob Steltenpohl

medical campus that includes Jewish Hospital, Frazier Rehab, and the University of Louisville Hospital. Steltenpohl has 26 years of service to KentuckyOne Health and Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare.

Louisville-based **CandyRific LLC**, which designs, makes, and distributes novelty candy items to retailers, has acquired Hilco Corp. for \$1 million. CandyRific president **Rob Auerbach** told *Business First* that Hilco, based in King of Prussia, PA, will be run as a separate entity from CandyRific, with its own national sales manager and sales brokers.

Hilco specializes in value confections sold at such stores as Dollar General and Dollar Tree, while CandyRific, which licenses national brands including M&M's, Disney, and Scooby-Doo, specializes in more high-end candy products.

Kim Hales has been hired as director of development by the Speed Art Museum.

Siera Rayne Hanks has been awarded a prestigious Brown Fellowship from the J. Graham Brown Foundation. It is a four-year all-inclusive scholarship for her studies at Centre College and abroad, beginning in the fall of 2014. She will major in International Diplomacy.

Hanks, representing Atherton High School, was also awarded an "Unsung Hero" award for her volunteerism by the Rotary Club of Louisville.

She is the daughter of Eric and Leslie Hanks and the granddaughter of Brenda and the late Karmen Bush and Lynn and Rick Hanks.

The May 9 cover article of *Business First* discussed the rapid growth of the bourbon industry in the last few years. **Heaven Hill Distilleries Inc.** was among the distilleries featured in the story. Heaven Hill opened its Evan Williams Bourbon Experience in Louisville last year, and is currently expanding both its Bernheim Distillery in Louisville and its barrel aging warehouses in Nelson County.

Waterfront Development Corp. officials announced on May 19 that **Evan Williams Bourbon Experience** will provide funding that will enable free Waterfront Heritage Walks to resume this summer.

Susan Hershberg, owner of Wiltshire Pantry, was featured in *Business First* in an April 18 article about Derby catering entrée recommendations. Hershberg said many customers come to Wiltshire Pantry for farm-to-table menus that feature natural and organic meats and produce from local farms.

Mekayle Houghton of Nashville, TN, and the daughter of Barbara and Arthur Grossman, has recently been named executive director of Cumberland River Compact, which works to improve water resources in the 18,000-square-mile Cumberland River Basin.

Martin Glazer, retired assistant attor-



David Kaplan, representing the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Grants Committee, and JCL President and CEO Stu Silberman, asked by a generous, anonymous donor to represent him, stand next to the new JCC marquee funded in part by donations from each. The new signage strengthens JCC and Federation marketing efforts by displaying information about multiple upcoming programs of interest to members, donors and the community.

ney general for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, was recently honored by the Kentucky Board of Nursing at its centennial celebration dinner. Glazer, a former hearing officer for the board, was recognized for his many years of service and given a standing ovation.

Pamela Niren, a junior at Jefferson-town High School, won an Outstanding Underclassman Award at the ACE Mentor Program banquet at the University of Louisville. ACE, an acronym for Architecture, Construction, and Engineering, serves as an advisory program for students interested in careers in design and engineering. Niren contributed significantly to her team's architectural design of a coffee shop.

On May 10, **Scott L. Nussbaum** was named the 2013 recipient of the Kitty Ransdel LMPD Volunteer of the Year, and also received the Gold level of the President's Volunteer Service Award for the second consecutive year. In 2013, Nussbaum contributed 766 hours of service to Louisville Metro Police Department's Volunteers In Police Services Program. He became a volunteer in November 2009 after completing the Citizens Police Academy.

He is the president of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assoc., a member of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni newsletter committee, the secretary and treasurer for the Fifth Division Advisory Board, the co-chair of the division's National Night Out program, and a volunteer for the LMPD Explorer Program.

Nussbaum was lauded as "a great representative and pacesetter for the volunteer program. He is purposeful, detail oriented, thorough, willing and able to assist wherever help is needed."

The April 25 edition of *Business First* had a supplement called "Partners in Health Care." Several community members were featured, including **William Altman**, executive vice president for strategy, policy and integrated care at Kindred Healthcare Inc.; **Ruth W. Brinkley**, president and CEO, KentuckyOne Health Inc.; **Dr. E. Britt Brockman**, managing partner, John-Kenyon Eye Center; **Dr. Divya Cantor**, lead medical director at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Kentucky; **Sherri Craig**, vice president, Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation; **Mark M. Prussian**, CEO, The Eye Care Institute; **Joe Steier**, CEO and president of Signature Health LLC; **Dr. Alan Tasman**, chairman, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Louisville; and **William Yarmuth**, Chairman and CEO, Almost Family Inc.

Steve Trager, president and CEO of Republic Bank & Trust Co., was quoted in an article about corporate sponsorships of the Kentucky Derby Festival in the May 2 edition of *Business First*. Re-

public Bank sponsors the Pegasus Parade, and Trager said the bank likes the event because it is family-oriented, free, and draws a large audience. He compared the Derby Festival to the Super Bowl and said that successful companies share their success with the community by supporting community events.

Aaron Yarmuth has purchased the *Louisville Eccentric Observer - LEO* - from SouthComm Communications Inc.

Yarmuth is the son of U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, D-Louisville, who started the Louisville alternative newsweekly with a small group of investors in 1990. The paper changed hands twice, in 2003 and 2008. "LEO Weekly has been part of my life since I was a child, and I am tremendously happy and proud to have the opportunity to help craft the next page of the paper's life," Aaron Yarmuth said in a story posted on *LEO Weekly's* blog. "I am not sure I would recognize a Louisville without LEO, and I am committed to maintaining our position as a progressive voice in our community."

The region's oldest synagogue building was included in the National Register of Historic Places in a ceremony that took place on May 16 in South Bend, IN. The 113-year-old building, which stands on the grounds of a professional minor league baseball stadium, is located approximately 120 feet over the left-field wall at Four Winds Field where the South Bend Silver Hawks play in downtown South Bend. It is currently being used as the Silver Hawks' team store.

The building was saved from demolition several times in recent decades as Indiana Landmarks and former congregation members fought to protect it. Built in 1901 for the Sons of Israel congregation, it was the first permanent synagogue in the city of South Bend. It later became home to the **B'nai Yisrael Reconstructionist Congregation** before closing its doors in 1990.

A special event marking the opening of the first public Holocaust education center in Romania took place on Sunday, May 18, in the town of Sighet. The "Holocaust Cellar" will become a new feature of the Holocaust museum in the pre-war home of Nobel Prize-winning author Elie Wiesel, in the courtyard of the old Jewish Ghetto of Sighet in Maramures County. The cellar will serve as a learning center dedicated to the 13,000 local Holocaust victims.

Correction

A cutline with a photo of **Evie Topcik** and **Shellie Benovitz** that accompanied the story about the Jewish Federation's Uniquely Jewish Paula Shoyer baking events misidentified Benovitz as Shellie Branson. *Community* apologizes for the error.



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AROUND TOWN

Temple Shalom Dedicates Ann Klein Memorial Garden

Temple Shalom invites the community to help dedicate the Ann Klein Memorial Garden at Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Rd., on Friday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m., after services. The event is free. For more information, please call 458-4739.

JCFS Annual Meeting Is May 27

Jewish Family & Career Services invites the community to attend its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Louis & Lee Roth Family Center. Desserts and coffee will be served after the meeting. Please contact JCFS at 452-6341 to reserve your seat.

Torah Study at The Temple to Address "Faces of the Holocaust"

Torah Study at The Temple with Rabbi Joe Rooks continues until the High Holy Days on Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.-12 noon. The theme will be "The Many Faces of the Holocaust," but each session stands on its own merit. This study is open to the community and no registration is required. No meeting on June 4 due to the holiday of Shavuot.

Rock Shabbat at Temple Shalom

Temple Shalom invites the community to an extraordinary Rock Shabbat, featuring the choir from Lexington's Temple Adath Israel, led by Lorne Dechtenberg. Dechtenberg has been Artistic Director of the Bluegrass Opera since 2008 and his music spans all genres. Please call Temple Shalom at 458-4739 for more information. The event is free.

Relay for Life to Be Held at Norton Commons

KentuckyOne Health Cancer Care, part of KentuckyOne Health, will sponsor 2014 American Cancer Society Relay for Life events across the Commonwealth. Relay for Life events in Kentucky will kick off in May and run throughout the summer months. The Jefferson County events will take place on May 30-31 at Norton Commons. KentuckyOne Health employees will participate in the events with walking teams, raising money for cancer awareness and research. KentuckyOne Health Cancer Care will host survivor tents at the events, and offer massages, t-shirts, and more to cancer survivors and Relay for Life participants.

Adath Jeshurun Introduction to Judaism Class Continues

Cantor Lipp's "Introduction to Judaism" class will continue each Monday evening, June 2-23, meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Benovitz Family Library at AJ. The class is for those who would like an introductory course, those considering conversion to Judaism, and those who want a basic introduction to Jewish thought and practice. Free of charge and open to the community. For more information, contact Cantor Lipp at 458-5359 or dlipp@adathjeshurun.com.

Erev Shavuot and Confirmation Service at The Temple

The Temple's 2014 Confirmation Class of 18 students will lead the Erev Shavuot Service on Tuesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. A special oneg sponsored by the Confirmation families will follow the service.

Joint-Congregational Shavuot Tikkun Leil Study Planned

Celebrate Shavuot at a joint-synagogue observance with Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel and Temple Shalom on Tuesday, June 3, at 7:45 p.m. at AJ. Just as the Israelites stayed up late the night before receiving the Ten Commandments, so do we – but with refreshments, learning, and songs. The program includes

"Cinematic Sinai," film clips and commentary on Midrashic Movie Moments by Cantor David Lipp; candle-lighting and Maariv led by Cantor Sharon Hordes; dairy dishes catered by Chef Maureen of Café Fraiche; and a discussion, *Revelation 2.0: Dairy Domain*, with participation by Rabbis Laura Metzger, Stanley Miles, Robert Slosberg and Michael Wolk. Open to the community.

Anshei Sfard Celebrates Shavuot

Congregation Anshei Sfard invites the community to join the Shavuot celebration on Tuesday evening, June 3, with a night of Torah study, dinner, and discussion. Mincha and candle lighting at 8:45 p.m.; lecture by Rabbi Joshua Golding begins at 9 p.m. The lecture topic is, "What's More Important – Learning Torah or Doing Mitzvos?"

The evening continues with Maariv at 9:30; kiddush and dinner with Torah study led by Rabbi Evan Rubin and Rafael Golding at 9:50; and bentsching at 11:30. Everyone is invited to stay as long as you like. The synagogue will be open all night. Dinner is free, but reservations are required. Please RSVP by Monday, June 2, by calling 451-3122 x 0.

Tikkun Leil Shavout at The Temple

On Tuesday, June 3, The Temple will hold a Tikkun Leil Shavout study session beginning at 9 p.m. The topic for this session is "Hidden Holiday of Shavuot - From the Covenant of the Rainbow to the Covenant in Sinai," with Rabbi David. The discussion will look at Shavuot as one of the seven holidays of the Lord in the Torah and how it developed in later rabbinic writings and in The Dead Sea Scrolls.

Temple Shalom Adult Education

Temple Shalom invites the community to its Adult Education presentation on Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m. The topic is "New Approaches to Treatment of Addiction," presented by Dr. Mark Jorrich, followed by Q & A and refreshments. Please call Temple Shalom at 458-4739 for more information. The event is free.

Frazier Rehab Summer Fest Features Pediatric Fundraiser

Frazier Rehab Institute, part of KentuckyOne Health, invites families to enjoy some summer fun at Frazier Rehab Summer Fest on Saturday, June 7, including a Vendor's Village with 34 companies showcasing information and items, a cakewalk, carnival games, basket raffles, and corn hole.

The day begins with the Larosa Loop, an annual non-competitive run/walk/wheel fundraising event that supports pediatric care for children coping with disabling illnesses and injuries.

The event begins at Frazier Rehab, 220 Abraham Flexner Way, at 10 a.m. and follows the Mayor's Mile walking route around the KentuckyOne Health downtown medical campus. Participants can choose a one-, three- or five-mile route.

Registration for the Larosa Loop is \$15 per person and includes lunch and t-shirt. To register, go to larosaloop.kintera.org, or register at the event site at 9 a.m. Funds raised will be used to enhance and expand Frazier Rehab's pediatric rehab program.

The Temple Will Host a New and Prospective Member Brunch

The Temple will host a brunch for new and prospective members on Sunday, June 8, at 10:30 a.m. Schmooze, meet other members, get to know the rabbis and the leadership, and nosh on bagels, lox, fruit and a lot more. Bring your kids for arts and crafts and lots of fun. Please RSVP to 423-1818 by Monday, June 2.

Participate in The Temple On-Air Donation at the 61st Annual Crusade for Children

Each year, The Temple welcomes the community's contributions to the WHAS Crusade for Children, America's most successful local telethon.

The Temple's accumulated donation is given in memory of Rabbi Herbert Waller, who served many years on the Crusade allocations committee, as well as being part of the clergy panel on the WHAS Moral Side of the News. Those two roles have now been filled by Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks for two decades.

You may send or bring your checks made out to "Crusade for Children" to The Temple, and a delegation of The Temple's Religious School children, led by Rabbi Rooks, will present them at the telethon in the WHAS studios at 2 p.m. on June 8.

Keneseth Israel Men's Club Brunch Buffet

Come to Keneseth Israel for a brunch buffet at 11 a.m. on June 8, followed by speakers from the Louisville Metro Police Department, who will talk about the effects of crime on children and seniors, as well as courage and faith. Reservations are required by Friday, June 6, and can be made by calling the KI office at 459-2780 or emailing MensClub@KenesethIsrael.com. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 4-12, and free for kids 3 and under. Child ID cards will be made at this event, so bring the whole family.

Temple Shalom Trivia Challenge

Temple Shalom invites the community to an afternoon of trivia and fun, Sunday, June 8. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the first trivia challenge is at 4:30. Food will be available for purchase all afternoon. The cost is \$100 for a table of 8 or \$12.50 per person; cost for middle school and high school students is \$8.50. For reservations, call Temple Shalom at 458-4739.

Adath Jeshurun's Free Movies and More Offers Two June Shows

The AJ movie feature for Tuesday, June 10, is *Racket Squad*. Captain John Braddock introduces four stories taken from real-life racket and bunko squad files, featuring actors you will recognize from other TV series. On June 24, watch *Life with Elizabeth*, featuring four episodes with America's funny lady, Betty White. All shows begin at 3 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun and are open to the community.

KI Kabbalat Shabbat Honors 2014 Graduates

On Friday, June 13, Keneseth Israel will honor all of its graduates, from pre-school to graduate students, with a special Kabbalat Shabbat. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. and feature recognition of each student, Shabbat services, and dinner. There is no cost for the event, but reservations are a must – call 459-2780 or email gkahn@kenesethisrael.com.

Learner's Shabbat and Lunch Scheduled at The Temple

The Temple Outreach Committee invites the community to join them and Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks at 10:30 a.m. on June 14 for a special Sabbath Service that will provide a guide through the worship experience, allowing partic-

ipants to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Jewish prayers. This "Learner's Shabbat" is meant to increase knowledge and heighten the spiritual experience for people at all levels – from those who have never attended Shabbat morning services or need a little guidance, to those who are already mavens. A free light lunch will be served immediately after services. Reservations for the lunch are required. Please call The Temple office at 423-1818 by June 12 to reserve your meal.

Hadassah Book Club in June

Louisville's Hadassah Book Club will meet on June 16 at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread on Dutchmans Lane to discuss *The Book of Jonah: A Novel* by Joshua May Feldman. All Hadassah members and friends of members are welcome to attend the free event. Participants are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early if they are eating; food and beverage not included. Reservations are not necessary.

Bourbon Tasting Benefits CASA

Bourbon by the Bridge, a premier bourbon-tasting event, will take place on the Waterfront at Big Four Bridge June 14, 6-9 p.m. The event, presented by Chase Bank, benefits CASA, Inc., which gives a voice to abused and neglected children in the Greater Louisville area. Enjoy tastings from multiple distilleries, hors d'oeuvres, and jazz – all in support of a good cause. Admission is \$75. For tickets, go to bourbonbythebridge.com.

Vaad Annual Kosher Dinner is June 15 at the Hyatt Regency

The Louisville Vaad Hakashruth invites the community to an evening of elegant kosher dining at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Louisville on Sunday, June 15, at 6 p.m. Your choice of entrees includes Herb Crusted Salmon with Heirloom Tomato Relish (\$46); Roasted Chicken Breast with Apricot Reduction (\$46); Filet of Rib Eye with Wild Mushroom Sauce (\$50); Blackened Tofu and Mushroom Napoleon (\$35). Chopped salad with black eyed peas, cucumber, tomato and red onion with roasted red pepper vinaigrette, broccolini, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, rolls, and apple turnover dessert are included with each entree. All prices include sales tax and gratuity. Make reservations and payment by Monday, June 2, by calling 451-3122 x 0 or 550-7813.

Shabbat and Sundaes with KI

Keneseth Israel invites the community to meet at Graeter's on Bardstown Road for a sweet way to end Shabbat on June 21 at 6 p.m. Come for the camaraderie and a treat (up to \$5).

KI Annual Meeting Is June 22

The Keneseth Israel Annual Meeting with election of officers takes place on Sunday, June 22, at 10:30 a.m. Members are encouraged to come to hear about the progress KI has made this past year and what is planned for the future. A light nosh will be served.

"Salad, Tea and Good Company" with The Temple WRJ/Sisterhood

The Temple Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood are hosting an afternoon tea with salad as their annual closing event on Sunday, June 22, at 12:30 p.m. see **AROUND TOWN** page 26

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Jackson Tate Willett

Grandparents Todd & Devie (Comer) Willett are excited to announce the arrival of their newest grandchild, Jackson Tate, on April 17. His proud parents, Cara and

David, and his siblings, Miranda, Drew, Hailey, Quinton, and Collin are thrilled! He is welcomed into the family also by his grandparents, Yun and Mark, his great grandparents, Betty and Stan Willett, and his great-grandmother, Gita Comer, as well as his uncles and aunts, Izzy, Lucas, Hannah (Michael), and Sarah, and all his cousins!

Bat Mitzvah

Emily Callam

Emily Callam will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 7, at Temple Shalom at 10:30 a.m.

Emily is the daughter of Jeff and Andi Callam and sister of Clay. Her grandparents are Sandy Czarlinsky (and in loving memory, Robert Czarlinsky) of Kansas City, MO, and Christina Callam (and in loving memory, Donal Callam) of Bordentown, IN.

Emily is a 7th grader at Highland Hills Middle School in Floyds Knobs, IN. She is a Honor Roll student and re-



cent recipient of the STAR Award for the past quarter. She is an avid fan of many sports and loves cheering for the Hoosiers, Yankees, Colts and Pacers. Most of her time is spent playing softball with her travel team the River City Cyclones '01.

For her Pledge 13 hours she shared her time with children in the Itsy Bitsy class at Keneseth Israel Preschool.

The community is welcome for the worship service and reception.

Obituaries



Rabbi Joel Wasser

Joel Wasser, age 50, of Littleton, CO, formerly of Tampa, died Friday, May 2. Rabbi Wasser was born in Toronto, Canada, to Leo and Rae Wolf Wasser. He earned degrees from Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he received his rabbinical ordination. He served congregations in Great Neck and Elmira, NY, before dedicating 13 years as rabbi to Congregation Kol Ami in Tampa. He briefly served a Louisville, KY synagogue prior to his move to Colorado. Giving to others and teaching Torah is what fueled Rabbi Wasser's passion, along with his love for his children. Survivors include his mother, Rae; wife, Chanah Cohn; four children, Ayala, Shira, Yoni (mother, Amy Wasser), and Nehara; siblings, Ellen, Eric, and Lloyd, along with many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Congregation Kol Ami in Tampa, with interment at Gan Shalom Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son took care of local arrange-

ments.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish National Fund or the charity of one's choice. Condolences may be expressed online at segalfuneralhome.com.

Anna Rosenbaum

Anna Rosenbaum, 94, died Wednesday, May 7, at Episcopal Church Home. She was a native of Leitchfield, KY, born April 7, 1920, to the late John and Mae Develle McCoy. She was a former owner and operator of Anna's Studio from 1960 to 1981. Anna was also an Interior Designer and was the first to use silk flowers in this area. She was a past president of American Society of Interior Designers-Louisville Chapter and a former member of The Temple.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Bonnie Rosenbaum.

She is survived by her special friends, Delores Campbell and Scott Nussbaum.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or the Humane Society.



Julie Jacobs

Julie Jacobs, younger daughter of Susie and Philip Jacobs, lost her heroic battle of more than two years with appendiceal cancer on Tuesday, May 13. Jacobs, 53, is survived by her loving husband Eric Conrad, devoted sister and brother-in-law Marcie and Gary Klein, adoring nephew Brady, in-laws Ari and Betty Chissin, and uncle Fred Jacobs and his daughters, Ellen, Karen, and Lauren.

Originally from Louisville, KY, Julie lived in Chicago and for the last 16 years in New York City, where she created a full and rich life and career as a communications professional. Specializing in non-profits and the burgeoning field of social entrepreneurship, with a focus on developing countries, Julie had a passion for committing her considerable intellect and compassion to improving the lives of others. Julie enjoyed her adopted city, exploring it like a tourist and partaking in all its wonders, especially Central and Riverside Parks. Julie found love in New York with her devoted husband Eric, whom she married in the summer of 2011. Julie maintained her career and her friendships until the end, and she devoted her last years to strengthening her already fierce family bonds, as she

turned her thoughts to what would come after she was no longer a physical presence in their life. She came to understand and believe that her example and unconditional love for her family, and theirs for her, would be her legacy.

Julie was a whip-smart public relations professional, strategic and thoughtful thinker, and true partner to everyone with whom she worked. She was a genuine and authentic individual. Julie was accepting and non-judgmental. She was generous and strong and loyal. Her bravery and grace in dealing with the daily challenges of her disease and her heroic acceptance of the inevitable inspire and astound all who knew and loved her.

Julie's contributions were enormous. She was proof that one person can make a difference. Julie was a trusted advisor to the Skoll Foundation and its global community of social entrepreneurs. She provided her counsel to the Global Philanthropy Forum and the Wealth & Giving Forum. She was on the board of the Lerner Family Foundation (LFF), begun by her Uncle, Donald Lerner, formed to support nonprofits in the foster care arena. Julie's legacy will live on in with the newly formed LFF program, Julie's Fund for Girls' Empowerment.

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

For those wishing to do so, a donation may be made to The Temple, or to Julie's Fund via the Lerner Family Foundation, to the attention of Sharon Lerner, 1545 Hillview Drive, Sarasota, FL 34239.

Lilo Behr Auslander

Lilo Behr Auslander, 89, died Saturday, May 17, at her residence in Bardonia. She was a former co-owner of Behr's 5 & 10 in Bardonia and a member of Temple Shalom.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Fred & Ilse Behr; her husband, David D. Auslander; and her daughter, Gail Auslander Zemon.

She is survived by her sons, Michael B. Auslander, DVM (Lee Ann) and Steve W. Auslander, DMD (Janine); five grandchildren, Sheila Auslander (Imre Noth, MD), Alana Auslander-Price (Jon), Rachel Mather, MD, Marissa Auslander and Adam Mather, BSN, RN (Martha); five great-grandchildren, Alex, Ava, Ike, Jada and Lewis; her sister, Ellen Bizer; and her niece, Lynn Bizer DeMarco (Gino).

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Ida and Bernhard Behr Holocaust Memorial Education Fund at The Jewish Community Center.

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The event is free for Temple WRJ members. New members to the WRJ may join at the event, or guests can pay \$5. The tea will take place in The Temple's Klein Center.

All those attending are asked to bring canned goods and/or disposable diapers for the JFCS Food Pantry. Please make your reservation by calling The Temple office at 423-1818 by June 18.

KI Honors Scott Nussbaum

On Friday, June 27, at 6 p.m., Keneseth Israel will honor one of its own. Scott Nussbaum, with a special Kabbalat Shabbat. The congregation is proud of Nussbaum and his work with the LMPD. He is the recipient of the Kitty Ransdell Volunteer of the Year Award, and KI invites the community to join us in honoring him.

Women's Heart Health Symposium

The University of Louisville hosts a symposium focusing on Women's Heart Health on Wednesday, June 28. The one-day conference will address current guidelines and trends in the field of cardiovascular medicine related to a variety of topics crucial to women's health. For more information or to register for the event, visit LouisvilleHeartDiseaseWomen.com.

Chamber Music Concert

The public is invited to a free Chamber Music Concert of original compositions by Louis Moseson. Moseson's works are reminiscent of the 19th century romantic composers.

The concert will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 29, at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Rd. Musicians performing are Hiroko Driver, violin; Ellen Weis, cello; and Frank Richmond, piano. Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

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