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.

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T he 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 as 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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COMMUNITY

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-Semitic 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-Semitic attitudes generally.

- 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 problems.

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 Palestinian Jews, with 93 percent of their population holding some sort of anti-Semitic 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.

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The questions asked dealt with classic anti-Semitic 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?

The 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 thing completely, convinced that the numbers don’t tell the story, and choosing to live as Jews without any thought to the anti-Semitic share of 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 the country is likely to have anti-Semitism ... 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.

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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 Jewishlouisville.org and selecting the “Donate” button, there’s still time to help us in the coming fiscal year by visiting www.jewishlouisville.org and selecting the “Donate” button.

We still need your help. If you haven’t yet made a gift to the 2014 Jewish Federation of Louisville Annual Campaign, we’re here 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.

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**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, and the reasons why our agency exists and what we can do to fulfill the needs of our Jewish community. As we strive to fulfill all these needs, we are endeavoring to bring together people, secure financial resources, develop ideas and delivery capabilities, and engage 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:** provides leadership, financial support and synergy with other Jewish organizations.
- **Vibrant:** developed 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.
- **Caring:** provides 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.
- **Engage:** take care of those in need, regardless of one’s ability or limits.
- **Inclusive:** 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.

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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 & 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 godsend 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 Jewish 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.

PALS, they pay a one-time program fee of $250.23 that 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 to help them get home. Whether it’s door to door, door through door, or door through appointment, the approach is very hands-on,” Mauri Malka said.

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.
JCL to Celebrate Volunteers at June 1 Annual Meeting

T he 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 Betty B. Otteman Award will be presented to David A. Jones (see story, page 1); the Ron and Marie Aronoff Award to Angie Aronoff (see story, page 3); the Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award to Becky Ruby (see story, page 9); the W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Swansburg Award to Keren Benabou and the Joseph Judah Award to Tracy Geller (see story, page 6).

Also, the Arthur S. Kling Award to Tara Stone (see story, page 7); the Elspie 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 Aronoff Service Scholarship to Natania Lipp (see story, page 10); the Stuart Pressma Student Leadership Awards to Rachel Bass, Eli Gould, Ben Klempner, and Maggie Rosen (see story, page 10).

Bruce Blue, Lance Gilbert, Seth Gladstein, Douglas Gordon and Jacob Wishnevsky 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.

The Abrams Volunteer of the Year is Angie Aronoff. (See story, page 11). The 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 Mitchnick, will reflect on their experiences of attending the joint JAVIJAFCFA 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 Berman.

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

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

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

Three members will be leaving the Board: Sheila Abramson-Mills, Sheila Benovitz and Janet Meyer.

The former homecare trainee and now a JFCS board member will tell her story and how JFCS has impacted her family. The annual Mary Guttman Award for best volunteer 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.

The 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 the coming year of service to this community. Desserts will be served after the meeting.
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 chair this year. She co-chaired the YAD annual event for the last two years, volunteered 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 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 five years ago, she said, “I discovered the JCC Preschool. I came and I got offered a job in Sellersburg, IN,” she stated, “which is why I volunteered to get the garden started.” Thanks to her efforts, the Senior Adult Department events, the committee has named Mazanez 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 Pittsburgh (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, “Kentucky 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, Mazanez 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 can’t help people who I don’t know.”

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

Mazanez 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,” Mazanez 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 Mazanez 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 look at an old photo with nothing to identify them.

In this issue of Community, Mazanez 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.

Mazanez 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.”

“Keren Abrams has been instrumental in giving this project a push,” Mazanez added. “Keren had her landscaper come in and made 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.

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Kling Award Winner Tara Stone Is Passionate About Her Work

by Shelia Steinman Wallace

Editor

When you come to the Jewish Community Center, employing 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 outstanding people who work for this organization, and to be chosen from among my peers is pretty amazing to me.”

She has two successful years of participating in JCCA’s (Jewish Community Center 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 and motivating others — the Louisville JCRC has raised $10,000 for the cycle every year for the past two years.

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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 Bloomington, Indiana 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.”

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

Looking at total wellness, Stone is currently working on creating massage and personal training into wellness programs and finding new ways to promote overall wellbeing.

Another part of wellbeing is volunteering to help others. Stone is in the forefront here, too, leading Louisville’s participation in JCCA’s 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 and motivating others — the Louisville JCRC has raised $10,000 for the cycle every year for the past two years.

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She was 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 Gifs, Adopt-a-Soldier, Adopt-a-Family holiday program and the Humane Society, and participated in a Breast Cancer Awareness walk.

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

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

Looking at total wellness, Stone is currently working on creating massage and personal training into wellness programs and finding new ways to promote overall wellbeing.

Another part of wellbeing is volunteering to help others. Stone is in the forefront here, too, leading Louisville’s participation in JCCA’s 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 and motivating others – the Louisville JCRC has raised $10,000 for the cycle every year for the past two years.

Originally from Alma, MI, which she describes as “a very small town.” She came to Louisville at the age of 18, because I grew up in the community center in my hometown. I was always there after school and for dances and activities, so it was a perfect fit.”

Kling Award Winner Tara Stone

The...
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 Nisenbaum Award goes to Jacob Finke.

The Garmon and Nisenbaum 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 be elected risiah (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.”

Receiving the Garmon Award is particularly meaningful to Nussbaum since “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 Nisenbaum Award – Jacob Finke

Stacy Marks Nisenbaum 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 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 Nisenbaum 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 Cornaz, he spent 18 days at the Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC) to honor his legacy, 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 mazkira (vice president of communication) of his chapter and will soon assume the chapter’s presidency.

This summer he will attend International Leadership Training Camp (ELTC) 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 I 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 for recipients also to be young men who have been active in BBYO.

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

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Lipp Gets Fink Scholarship for Her Community Service
by Shelia Steinman Wallace
Editor

Natania Lipp has been a BBYO member for over a decade. With her high support, raising money these past six years, and community service has been the focus of much of her activity, so it is fitting that she is the recipient of a Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship. She said she is honored to receive the award and happy about it.

Lipp is a senior at Bardstown High School and plans to attend the University of Louisville in the fall. She is a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

The Joseph Fink Scholarship honors the memory of a man who devoted his life to community, 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.
Pressma Awards To 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 their Jewish education and leadership experiences with the Stuart Pressma Leadership Development Award. This year, Pressma Awards will go to Rachel Bass, Eli Gould, Ben Koby, Deborah Levine 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.

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 a role of number one chapter in the state. She has attended 11 regional conventions and has taken part in almost every 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 the community.

At Ballard, she has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and of Beta Club for three years, serving as one of its Junior Board members. Bass also has served as a 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 College. Ballard’s student-produced creative writing magazine. She started working with The College 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 Birthright 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.”

“Being involved in BBYO and having community service projects, Bass also was the recipient of the Ellen Fayer Garman Award during her junior year. She is the daughter of Karen and Eric Bass and has one younger brother, Justin. The Basses are members of Kneseth 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.

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 team 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.

“People have made practical things like soap holders for their bathroom or doorstops” 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 learning experience.

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In the Jewish community, Gould also assumed responsibility early in BBYO. “I joined BBYO in the 8th grade, which led to him joining BBYO in the 9th grade,” Koby recalls. “He then attended several seven active members to one that now has over 30 committed Jewish teens. The chapter was on the board. Now, he declares Drew Corson AZA has become one of the largest chapters in the region, “for a force to be re- spected,” he states. “All the fun that I had is great, but being able to realize where my chapter is now compares to where it was five years ago. Gosh, it is awesome.” Gould says he has grown to now that I’m leaving my chapter in a state where I can say with some confi- dence, “the best is yet to come.”

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 recipi- ent of an award for godol, President of the Year for the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio (K-I-O) region. Internationally, he re- ceived 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 graduat- ing senior Deborah Levin speaks of her time at DuPont Manual High School, there is a palpable enthusiasm. Levin has endured twelve years of BBYO, an in- tensely rewarding experience for her. 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, BTC Club. In January of 2010, Levin joined BBYO, and for a year and a half, she was an active member of 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 involvement with the community and... for the rest of my life.” As Levin graduates, she will take with her the satisfaction of having helped Jewish 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 ambi- tions, 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 Isra- el 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 Levens 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 a field hockey player since she was in 6th grade, and started as varsity goalie this year. Additionally, she leads the Union of Jewish Community Students (UOJC) 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 re- sponsible 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 greatest 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 sum- mer camp in Wisconsin, where she re- ceived training in chapter leadership. These skills helped her to travel back to Lou- isville 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 al- ready involved in Human Development and Family Studies, a branch of psychol- ogy, 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 relation- ships counseling.

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

Last year, Rosen received the Ellen Faye Gammon Award.

She is the daughter of Penny and Mark Rosen and has one younger sister, Lin- say Rosen. The Rosen's are members of The Temple.
Ealier 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.

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.

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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 buildings adjacent to 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, "everything from fairly sophisticated bombs to things were clearly hand made."

The group also went up to the top of a hill from which you could see the proximity S'derot and the Gaza Strip. It was pointed out that "no one in that town would ever have asked the question "what are we doing here?" The group also pointed out that "there is no easy answer" to the issues in the Middle East today, and that the trip was designed 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.

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Stirring Yom HaShoah Commemoration Shows Strong Connection between Teens and Survivors

by Sheila Steinman Wallace

E ach 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 2007, 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 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 David 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.
Although the JCL program last Saturday evening, May 17, was billed as the “Lost Tribe Event,” many local MOTs (Members 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

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PJ Library and JFCS Team Up for Tzedakah Fair

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.

“Tzedakah 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@jewishlouisville.org.

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NCW’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, outdoor recreation, and healthy living activities, a Special to the Doc for a free, one-day Sunday, Family Day Camps are open to families with children ages 6-12, regardless of whether they have a cancer connection. The goal of the camp is to give children a chance to have fun and make memories with other children who understand what they are going through. The camp is led by volunteers who have had cancer or have lost a loved one to cancer.

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Family Section

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 Habitat for Humanity International’s “Learn and Build Experience.”

Habitat’s Learn and Build Experience is a summer program that provides young people with the opportunity to travel to a new community and work with Habitat’s mission and get back to nature. This event is open to families with children ages 6-12, regardless of whether they have a cancer connection. The camp is led by volunteers who have had cancer or have lost a loved one to cancer.

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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.

Shalom Tower Waiting List Now Has 9-12 Month Wait for Vacancy

For further information, please call Diane Reece or Sue Claypool at 454-7795.

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 Benowitz is Shalom Baby chair. Shalom Baby would also like to thank the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence for sponsoring this family program.

John Gage Provides Music for Shalom Baby

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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 easy to envision social organizations which not only persist, but has evolved and thrived for approxi- mately 65 years. Our Jewish community, though, has such an organization – the Duffer’s Clambake (not be confused with the name “Duffer’s Clam Bake”, which once mistakenly occurred on our very own regalia!).

Begun in 1948 and named after Bing Crosby’s golfing concept, which never even materialized in the Pebble Beach Pro-Am, this group, which consists of up to 44 Jewish golfers and “wanabee” golfers (when the Duffer’s nomenclature) has continued and grown since it’s inception.

Based upon themes of golfing adventure and life-like (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 event every year since the organization’s founding.

In the late 1940s, when golf venues were often closed to Jewish golfers, the group’s “founding fathers” (including Murrell Klein, Harry Linker, Sam Ro- pes, Sam Ro- pes, Abe Yofe, Leon Yunger, Jimmy Klein, Sam Ro- pes, Sam Ro- pes, Sam Ro- pes, Sam Ro- pes, Sam Ro- pes, Sam Ro- pes, Sam Ro- pes.) began 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 tradition and twice yearly outings at Park MMOm for golf, playing cards, fellowship – and complaining. And, oh yes, the buying, storing and schlepping of Jewish delica- ties (not to be forgotten is Leon Eichen- holz’ ox 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 MMOm 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 MMOm 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.

Dr. Michael Saag Publishes Memoir, Positive

Dr. Saag has written a memoir, Positive, which was published by Greenleaf Book Group and released on April 15. The 176-page book is a vivid and honest account of Dr. Saag’s childhood as a young Jewish boy whose mother knew he’d be a doctor, to the harrowing tales of his parents’ fight against HIV/AIDS, Posi- tive 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 the story was translated into the clinic in a very rapid fashion.

Vaad Hakashrut Issues New Mikvah Guidelines

Editor’s note: Louisville Vaad Hakashrut 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 is open with community funds and is maintained by the Vaad Hakashrut through donations from member organizations (currently Adath Jeshurun, Anshe Sfard and Knesseth Israel) and from individuals. In order to help defray 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 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All appoint- ments should ideally be made by 9 p.m. the night before immersion. To schedule an appointment, please call Goldie Lit- vin at (419) 290-7315. The Jewish Sabbath is defined as all individuals living in one house.

Men

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

Convictions

Men will have access to the Mikvah every day in the early morning, on Friday afternoons and on erev Yom Tov af- ternoon after 12 p.m.. Access may be ob- tained 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. Nightime use is strictly for women.

The Mikvah serves several constitu- encies:

• All Jewish congregations and organ- izations 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 the Mikvah.

• Households unaffiliated with member congregations shall pay an annual fee of $500 or a one-time fee of $500. Fees for one-time use must be paid before using the Mikvah. Households are responsible for all individuals living in one house.

• For utensil towing, individuals unaffi- liated with member congregations shall pay $5 per session. Fees will be collected by the Mikvah attendants or Rabbi Rubin prior to use the Mikvah.
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 green 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 continuation 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 Campaign.

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

In order for 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 pledge, we hope you are proud of this achievement. For those who have not yet had this opportunity, I encourage you to contact us soon and find out how you can make a real difference in our community during the next year.

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, 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 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 this 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 in Resnick, “we did community service because that’s what we saw other Jewish people at the Center doing.”

A member 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 arguably the most influential racquetball player and director of racquetball come from his tireless work and contributions to the sport and who did everything from running tournaments, starting pro tours, publishing magazines, starting junior programs and consulting for racquetball companies.

He was 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 lives in New York.

Mike Zeitman is engaged to be married. He has two grown children, Morgan and Blake. Blake and his wife, Cassie, 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 highly intelligent, knowledgeable and approachable. He wears many hats in this position, and he wears them all 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 has been his go-to person for 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, a M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh. He began his rabbinical studies at Yeshibat Solel Yagkove 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 was excited to take on 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 a 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 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 services and build new members.

“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 where people can pray and a place of learning for the entire community.”

Golding said his 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 the High Holy Days are.

You are Invited

Jewish Community of Louisville
Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 1, 2014 • 10 a.m.
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We will be electing officers and presenting annual awards.
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.

King David Society Gets Preview of Assour’s Expressions Exhibit

Campaign Chair Doug Gordon

Izzy Assour talked about Israel’s importance to the Jewish community as well as the art he brought.

IDF 2nd Lt. Shiri Haskevar

Karen Abrams and Jeff Glazer

LaDonna Nicolas and Larry Shapin

Izzy Assour and his grandson, Eyal Avitan

Ralph Green and Jeff Glazer

Izzy Assour, Marlene Weisberg and David and Dale Hyman

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 fellow-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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For more information contact Sara Wagner at SWagner@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2779.

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JFCS Calendar

Sign up for the JFCS monthly e-newsletter! Send your email address to bbromley@jfcsoulsville.org and stay in the know with upcoming JFCS events and news.

Special Event
Financial and Asset-Building Fair
Tuesday, June 17
4 – 8 p.m.

This free fair will help you explore financial options and learn how to grow your assets in a difficult economy. Topics will include career, education, small business and home ownership. Contact Caitlin Sydor or Zoe Jackson, ext. 116.

Family Services
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Enrichment Series
Thursday, May 29 & Thursday, June 12
6 p.m.

This two-part seminar is for grandpar- ents or other adults raising young family members. Sessions focus on increasing cooperation and respect with younger children, preteens and teens.

Pizza will be served, and childcare will be provided for ages 4 and up. The program is free, but reservations are required by May 27. Contact Jo Ann Kalb, ext. 335.

Mosaic Awards

Many thanks to the sponsors, attendees and organizers of the 2014 Mosaic Awards for a wonderful event this year.

JFCS invites community to Annual Meeting

You are invited to attend the 106th Annual Meeting at JFCS at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27.

At the meeting, you will learn more about the agency’s work in our community. New board members will be elected, and the award winners and volunteers will be recognized.

JFCS Board President Debbie Friedman and Vice President Stephanie Mutchnick will offer their reflections on the recent national meeting of the Association of Jewish Family and Children’s Agencies and the International Association of Jewish Vocational Services.

Dessert and coffee will be served after the program. This event is free and open to the public. Please call JFCS at 452-6341 to reserve your seat.

Tournament offers new opportunities in 2014

The Republic Bank Players Challenge will be held at The Standard Club on Monday, June 23. The day’s tournaments include tennis, golf, bridge, canasta and mahjong.

Proceeds from the Challenge are used to fund JCC scholarships and JFCS counseling services for families in need. More than 2,400 individuals and families in our community were able to receive services as a result of last year’s tournament.

Many within our community are familiar with this annual fundraiser, which is hosted by JFCS and the JCC. Now in its 11th year, the tournament has grown so large that it needed a new name to accurately portray the variety of players who participate.

“We wanted the new name to reflect the variety of tournaments and the excitement of the day,” said Beverly Bromley, director of development at JFCS. “We have had many dedicated tennis, bridge and canasta players through the years. The new name includes all of our players, and it allows us to grow by adding new events.”

Already, that has been demonstrated with the addition of a mahjong tournament as part of this year’s event. Mahjong players have shown an interest in participating in recent years, so the organizing hopes for a good turnout at this inaugural tournament.

Another new feature this year is a professional golf clinic with Nick Barth at an 11 a.m. Barth was rated as a top-20 amateur in the United States in 1994 and has been an instructor since 2002.

Players who would like to register for tennis or golf may contact Kathryn Bentley, 240. Bridge, canasta and mahjong players may register with Beverly Bromley, ext. 223.

Career & Education Services

Launching Your Career
Mondays beginning June 9
6 – 8 p.m.

This free five-week seminar is for recent college graduates or college juniors and seniors who are looking toward the future. Dinner is included.

Contact Janet Poole, ext. 222 to register.

ACT Preparation Workshop
Mondays and Tuesdays
July 7 – July 29
7 – 9 p.m.

$170 fee includes two textbooks. Contact Janet Poole, ext. 222.

Job Seekers Resource Group
Mondays
June 2 – July 7
10:30 a.m. – noon

Learn basic job search skills from an employment career advisor. Six-week cycle with a one-time materials fee of $10. Contact Andrea Brown, ext. 334.

Support Groups at JFCS

JFCS offers a variety of free support groups. Learn about community resources and bring balance to your life.

All meetings are held at JFCS Louis & Lee Roth Family Center unless specified.

Adult Children of Aging Parents
Fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.
Contact Mauri Malka, ext. 250.

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group
Second Friday of the month, 2 p.m.
Contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103.

Caregiver Support Group
First Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.
Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Rd.
Contact Connie Austin, ext. 305, or Naomi Malka, ext. 249.

Diabetes Support Group
Third Monday of the month, 1 p.m.
Contact Madri Faul, ext. 307.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups
Third Monday of the month
12:45 p.m. at JFCS
Third Wednesday of the month
10 a.m. at Kenwood Elementary Family Resource Center
Contact Jo Ann Kalb, ext. 335.

Parkinson’s Caregiver Support Group
Second Thursday of the Month, 1 p.m.
Contact Connie Austin, ext. 305.

Support groups are facilitated by JFCS and funded by KIPDA Area Agency on Aging through the Older Americans Act and the Cabinet for Health Services.
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
- Mazzkirah (vice president of communications) Jenna Lanzet

Louisville BBYO Senior Dinner
On May 9, Teen Director Mike Stoklfo 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.

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 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.
Jewish Community Center

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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 on Frazier Rehab Summer fest, sponsored by the Louisville Metro Police Department, which will provide a guide through the Carnegie Museum, allowing participants to enhance and expand Frazier Rehab's outpatient medical campus. Participants can choose to join the clergy panel on the Kosher meal at this event, so bring the whole family.

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KentuckyOne Health Cancer Care, part of KentuckyOne Health, will sponsor Relay for Life events across the Commonwealth. Relay for Life events in Norton Commons, Dixie, and rural areas throughout the summer months. The Jefferson County events will take place on May 30-31 at Norton Commons. KentucyOne Health Cancer Care will host survivor tents at the event, and the first trivia challenge is at 4:30. The trivia challenge continues throughout the 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**

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**Frazier Rehab Summer Fest**

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

**Kenseth Israel Men's Club Brunch Buffet**

Come to Keneseth Israel for a brunch buffet at 11 a.m. on June 8, followed by a community-wide program from speakers from the Louisville Metro Police Department, who will talk about the effects of crime on children and securi- ies. There will be children's activities for children and 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.

**Bourbon Tasting Benefits CASA**

Bourbon by the Bridge, a premier bourbon-tasting event, will take place on Saturday, June 14, 6-9 p.m. The event, presented by Chase Bank, benefits CASA, Inc., which gives a voice to abused and neglected children through CASA volunteers. 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 21 at 6 p.m.**

The Louisville Vaad Hakashrut invites the community to a evening of elegant kosher dining at the Hyatt Regency Louisville on June 14, 6-9 p.m. Your choice of entrees includes Herb Crusted Salmon with Heirloom Tomato Relish (S$6); Roasted Chicken Breast with Mixed Vegetables and Polenta (S$46); Filet of Rib Eye with Wild Mushroom Sauce (S$50). Blackened Tofu and Spicy Peanut Sauce with Paneled Gnocchi and a salad with black eye peas, cucumber, tomato and red onion with roasted red pepper vinaigrette, broccoli, roasted red pepper puree and a bed of fresh mozzarella. Pizza and dessert are included. Reservations are not necessary.

**Klal Habad Shabbat Honors 2014 Graduates**

On Friday, June 13, Keneseth Israel will honor all of its graduates, from preschool to high school, with a special Klal Habad Shabbat. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. and feature recognition of each student, Shabbat services, and dinner. Bar and bat mitzvah students are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early. Tickets are $50. For reservations, call 459-2780 or emailing mensclub@khesethisrael.com. All Hadassah members and friends of members are welcome to attend the free event. Participants are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early. A light buffet 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.

**Hadasah Book Club in June**

Louisville's Hadasah Book Club will meet on June 16 at 7 p.m. at the Bread of Dutchman's Lane to discuss *The Book of Jonah* by Joshua M. Frierdich. All Hadasah members and friends of members are welcome to attend the free event. Participants are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early. A light buffet will be served immediately after services. Reservations are not necessary.

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Birth

Jackson Tate Willett

Grandparents Todd & Devie (Comer) Willett are excited to announce the arrival of their newest grandson, 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-grandmother, Gita Czarlinsky (and in loving memory, Robert Czarlinsky) of Kansas City, MO, and Christina Callam (and in loving memory, Donal Callam) of atmosphere. She is a Honor Roll student and recipient of the STAR Award for the past quarter. She is an avid fan of many sports and loves cheering for the Hooisers, Yankees, Colts and Pacers. Most of her time is spent playing softball with her travel team the River City Cyclones ‘01.

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 El Paso, 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, Chanan Cohn; four children, Ayalah, 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 arrangements.

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 Andy Callam and sister of Clay.

Her grandparents are Sandy Czarlinsky (in loving memory, Robert Czarlinsky) of Kansas City, MO, and Christina Callam (in loving memory, Donal Callam) of Borden, IN.

Emily is a 7th grader at Highland Hills Middle School in Floyd's Knobs, IN. She is a Honor Roll student and recipient of the STAR Award for the past quarter. She is an avid fan of many sports and loves cheering for the Hooisers, Yankees, Colts and Pacers. Most of her time is spent playing softball with her travel team the River City Cyclones ‘01.

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 Bardstown. She was a former co-owner of Behr’s 5 & 10 in Bardstown and a member of Temple Shalom.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Michael B. Auslander, DVM (Lee Ann) and Steve Lerner; her two husbands, Fred Auslander and Delores Campbell; her son, Scott Nussbaum; and her daughter, Gail Auslander Zor.

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Juile Jacobs

Julie Jacobs, youngest daughter of Susie and Philip Jacobs, lost her heroic battle of more than two years with appendiceal cancer on Tuesday, May 3. She is survived by her loving husband Eric Conrad, devoted sister and brother-in-law Marcia and Gary Klein, adoring nephew Brady, in-laws Ari and Betty Chissin, and uncle Fred Jacobs and his daughters, Ellen, Karen, and Lauren.

She 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. She was a 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’s commitment to the Skoll Foundation and its global community of social entrepreneurs. She provided her counsel to the Global Philanthropy Forum and the Women’s 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.

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

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

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 symposium will bring together medical and health experts to discuss current guidelines and trends in the field of cardiovascular medicine related to a variety of topics for women. 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. These 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, piano; Ellen Weyhs, violin; and KI Honors Scott Nussbaum

The Temple of Nussbaum and his work with the Ida and Bernhard Behr Holocaust Memorial Education Fund at The Jewish Community Center.
The sound of music presentation of (Brigitta); Lexie Stites (Marta); and Oliver Walker (Kurt); Isabelle Langford (Freidrich); Haley Doerr (Louisa); Emivia Passafiume (Liesl); Michael Evans particularly the Von Trapp children, drop but the focus is on the people, well. The mountains are a static back-

will provide an escape route for the Von Trapp family, when the Mother Abbess, played by Rusty Henle, is appropriately up to the task and Captain Von Trapp, and this is a story about escape from evil and not just another love story.

Ultimately, though, this is about Maria Rainer, caught between her love of God and her love of Captain Von Trapp. Maria, played with panache by Lauren Le Blanc, is up to the task and Captain Von Trapp, played by Rusty Henle, is appropriately staged.

Overserving even the ultimate (if that is possible) is the music. Critics from (e.g., for sale, care givers, etc.) that fly with the moon on their wings” or “Follow every rainbow till you find the end of it” in the last song Oscar Hammerstein II wrote, “Edelweiss, Edelweiss, Every morning you greet me. Small and white, clean and bright, You look happy to meet me?”

Sure, it’s sentimental and, in the middle of the 1960’s, a decade of chaos, that’s the kind of music kids wish they had heard and that’s why the audience at Center Stage gave the cast a standing ovation the night I was there. Love nailed the night I was there. Love nailed the night I was there. Love nailed the night I was there.

This ends the 2013-14 season at Centre Stage but the new season starts in June. Get your season tickets now!

By taking charge of transmitting Jewish tradition to their kids, parents themselves become curious learners and more confident Jews. The impact of empowering parents is unparalleled by anything else.

I would like to suggest we start with reciting the “Shema” – the biblical paragraph (Deuteronomy 6:4-9), with our children every morning and night. It starts with Judaism’s defining statement: “Hear O Israel, the L-rd is our G-d, re-gives” the Torah.

In the beginning of Center Stage’s presentation of The Sound of Music when the Mother Abbess, played by Emily Field, joins the nuns to sing the Preludium, Emily Field, joins the nuns to sing the Preludium, Emily Field, joins the nuns to sing the Preludium, Emily Field, joins the nuns to sing the Preludium, Emily Field, joins the nuns to sing the Preludium. Elsa Schraeder, played by Colette Delaney becomes softer, if emanently prac-

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