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Louisville's Got Talent was a great success. (left to right) Jake Latts, who organized this fundraiser for Acting Out as his bar mitzvah project; Madison Dailey and Emily Sipes who took third place; Mandy Pennington, the second place finisher; and Lydia Johnson, who won first place. For details, see story, CenterPiece, page 2.

Learn effective communications skills from top executive coach Campaign Kickoff is Oct. 17 at Champps

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor

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PERIODICALS POSTAGE LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY

Ever since Stew Bromberg came to

work at the Jewish Federation of Lou-

isville, he has been talking about how

Are you an effective communicator? Can you inspire people through your communications? Would you like to hone your communication skills so you can be both effective and inspirational in your communications?

You will have the opportunity to learn these skills from one of the best executive coaches and leadership trainers in the country. Rae Ringel will speak at the 2014 Federation Campaign Kickoff dinner on Thursday, October 17, at 6 p.m. at Champps Restaurant, 302 Bullitt Ln., near Oxmoor Center.

Those who attend this event will learn skills that they can use not only when they volunteer to help with this year's Campaign, but that will serve them well in see CAMPAIGN KICKOFF page 6

Rae Ringel

Do your know any of these people? These photos are from Community's archives. The photo of the women is from a 1968 United Jewish Campaign event, and they are identified as Women's Chair Mrs. David

H. Neustadt, Mrs. Morris Pernick, Mrs. Jack Segell, Mrs. Melvin Friedenberg and Mrs. Allan Handmaker. The photo of the men looks like it was taken about the same time, but it is unidentified. The last man, seated at the right is Lewis D. Cole. Can you identify the others for us? Both photos were taken by Gus Frank.

Reminisce and have fun at Happy Days Are Here Again Campaign event Oct. 6

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor

MMUNITY

o you have memories of getting together with your friends for the United Jewish Appeal many years ago? Together you worked for the best interests of the community, raising dollars that raised hope for Jews in Louisville who needed help and uniting in support of Israel.

If you have memories to share from campaigns past that you'd like to share and you're over 65, you're invited to the 2014 Federation Campaign's "Happy Days Are Here Again" event, on Sunday, October 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Jog people's memories and increase the fun by bringing along old photos and other memorabilia.

The reminiscing will be fun, 2014 Campaign Chair Doug Gordon prom-ises, and there will be plenty of time to swap stories about old Campaigns. There will be brunch, some local enter-

tainment and a chance to see how much you remember about the good old days in a game of "Second Street Trivia."

Of course, this is a Campaign event, so you'll have the opportunity to make your 2014 Campaign pledge. "Why should it take us over 12 months to complete a campaign?" Gordon said. "The way I see it, you have made a consistent annual gift to the campaign, so let's continue that tradition and celebrate our philanthropy together, enjoying the great feeling of tzedakah together, and doing it in a day instead of over 12 months. Make see HAPPY DAYS page 6

CL UPDATE

by Stu Silberman President and CEO Jewish Community of Louisville

First a clarification. Rumors are rampant throughout the community that the JCC is moving to the Standard Country Club. Here are the

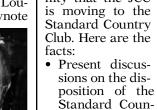
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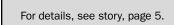


try Club are between the club and the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence; the JCL has not yet been formally ap-

- proached to join in the dialogue. The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence intends to facilitate broad community planning on potential uses for the club property. The JCL will be included in those discussions.
- It's exciting to think about JCC programming at the club; however, any decision to do so will be based on data gathered from thoughtful consideration of the options by our key stakeholders.
- There are no plans to cease operation of the current JCC.
- Our strategic planning process is continuing to address fundamental ques-tions about who the JCL's stakeholders are, and the programs and services that they would like. While physical location is an important aspect of any agency's operations, it should not see JCL UPDATE page 8







her," he said, and he's been working hard to get her to come to speak at a Federa-

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tion Campaign event. INDEX

2014 Campaign Major Gifts brunch is Nov. 3 in Starks Building much he admires Dottie Bennett. "She's Well, Dottie Bennett is coming to Loua role model for everyone who ever met isville, and she's going to be the keynote

speaker at the 2014 Federation Campaign Major Gifts event. This year's event will be a champagne brunch on Sunday, November 3, in the Atrium of the Starks Building.

Looking at Ben-Dottie Bennett nett's biographical materials, it is easy

to understand why Bromberg views her as a role model. She's been a leader with so many organizations and has such extensive accomplishments, that to list them in a single article doesn't seem rea-

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sonable.



by Matt Goldberg, Director Jewish Community Relations Council

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Out and about in the Community

his past month our Jewish community increased our visibility in Louisville through two very different, but satisfying events. First, we participated in WorldFest, a celebration of different cultures here in Louisville on the Belvedere, and second, the annual Community Hunger Walk.

WorldFest

There are two highlights of WorldFest that are always inspiring, generating civic pride. This festival kicks off with a swearing-in ceremony for new citizens. Becoming a citizen of the United States can be a lengthy and arduous process and to see the joy in the faces of these people after having endured whatever hardships brought them to this point is a meaningful thing to ponder.

The other inspirational moment is the parade of nations, where many peocome dressed in their traditional ple national outfits and wave the flags of their native countries. I was surprised at some of the countries represented, such as Croatia and Mongolia. The traditional Chinese dragon entrance is always the

highlight of this parade. The Jewish Community Relations council had a booth that represented both the State of Israel and activities at the Jewish Community Center. We had travel brochures and information booklets relating to different cities in Israel, common misconceptions about Israel and how to respond to tough questions people may ask about Israel.

We also had brochures for our Center Stage theatre company, JCC camp and JCC membership. Having tended our booth for most of the Labor Day Weekend, I can honestly say I met hundreds of people who were strong supporters of Israel and supporters of our activities. Many people in Louisville have either been to Israel or are planning to go soon. Many told me that it was their lifelong dream to go. Israel really is a country

that sells itself; its diversity, its natural beauty, its thriving culture all contribute to a hugely successful tourism industry. It was nice to see that Louisvillians are a part of that.

I would like to thank our volunteers, Jacob Efman, Pam Levine, Kylene Lloyd, Kat O'Connell, Adele Singer, Jeff Slyn, Evie Topcik, Ben Vaughan, Jake Wishnia and especially Ayala Golding for their help in staffing our WorldFest booth.

Combating hunger

Our other "out and about" event is the Hunger Walk, now in its 43rd year. The Jewish community is involved in the planning committee for the Walk, and we always make a huge effort to recruit walkers, runners and donors. This year's Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 15, was a huge success for Louisville, for the Louisville Jewish community and for the JCRC.

As usual, we had a strong team walking (and running) the 5k event that started and ended on the Great Lawn at Riverfront Plaza. All congregations were represented, including a particularly strong contingent from The Temple, which included a large group of flag-carrying Boy Scouts from Troop 30. Students from the High School of Jewish Studies participated, too.

The idea is to raise money for Dare to Care, whose mission is to lead our community to feed the hungry and conquer the cycle of need. They work in partnership with many other anti-hunger groups in the community, including Jewish Family and Career Services' Food Pantry. As a community, we raised enough money to serve hundreds of thousands of meals to children and adults among us who cannot afford to feed themselves.

Thanks go to Jessica Goldstein and Leon Wahba for their Hunger Walk organizational efforts.

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us: "What are those people gonna eat next week?" Hunger in America in the 21st century is a major problem. Dare to Care and the Hunger Walk are making a difference, and we can be justly proud of the role our Jewish community has played. Supporting the JFCS Food Pantry and its Emergency Services is another way of attacking the disgrace of hunger in our community.

By far the largest program in the domestic hunger safety net is the govern-ment's Supplemental Nutrition Assis-tance Program ("SNAP") that provides food stamps to those in need. A needless shutdown of the government, which is being talked about now in Washington, would severely curtail this program and force millions of children and adults to go hungry.

On top of that, just this past week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill would eliminate \$40 billion from the food stamp program over the next 10 years. This cut will have the effect of kicking 14 million people out of the program over this timespan.

I am aware that I have urged this before, but time has run out. Tell our elected officials we do not want to see cuts in this program. Food stamps are a modest benefit and should not be used for political maneuvering. Over 46 million people depend in some way on this program. Cutting this program should not be an option.

Floods in Colorado; Jewish Community to help

As you may be aware, floods have ravaged parts of Colorado, with the city of Boulder particularly hit hard. Jewish institutions in the city have been affected, including two synagogues and the Cha-bad House that suffered moderate to heavy flooding damage. NECHAMA, the Jewish Response to

Disaster, is already on site assessing the damage. Jewish Federations of North America have started an emergency relief campaign. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, please visit www.jewishfederations.org.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Did vou or someone vou know get married at the Brown Hotel? The iconic Louisville hotel is searching for couples who were married there to help celebrate the hotel's 90th birthday this October. Couples are encouraged to send photos with the story of their big day to brownhotelstories@gmail.com. In exchange for sharing their Brown Hotel wedding story, they'll receive a retro-inspired room rate, starting at \$15 per night for those married in 1923, to return for their wedding anniversary.

Couples can submit a photo from their wedding day and a write-up of how the Brown Hotel played a part to brownhotelstories@gmail.com or The Brown Hotel, Attn: Mackenzie Thompson, 335 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202 to be considered for the retro room rate. Couples who establish that they were originally married at the Brown Hotel in the past 90 years are eligible. Copies of wedding invitations, marriage certifi-cates, photos in the hotel and other documentation affirming a wedding date will be accepted.

Room rates are subject to availability and must be completed between Oct. 25, 2013 and Oct. 24, 2014. Rates begin at \$15 for couples married in 1923 and increase in increments of \$15 by each subsequent decade. Couples must also give the Brown Hotel permission to use the photos and stories in print, online and social media. All submissions are subject to verification of authenticity. The Brown Hotel may request further proof of marriage before granting retro room rate.

Brad Walker, General Manager of the Brown Hotel



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1938-2013: Marking 75 years since Kristallnacht

by Shiela Steinman Wallace *Editor*

t all started on November 9, 1938. Two days earlier Herschel Grynszpan, a 17-year-old Polish Jew, shot Ernst vom Rath, a German embassy official stationed in Paris. When he died, the leadership of the Nazi Party had the pretext they were waiting for. Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels announced, "the Führer has decided that

... demonstrations should not be prepared or organized by the Party, but insofar as they erupt spontaneously, they are not to be hampered."

Goebbel's declaration lit the fuse and from late that evening through the next morning, "spontaneous" rioters attacked. Windows were shattered and flames from synagogues and other Jewish buildings licked the skies.

Ready... set... shop... at Fashion Encore

Looking for real bargains on brand name clothing? How about a great deal on accessories and costume jewelry? Look no further than Fashion Encore. This annual shopping extravaganza is presented by the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) – Louisville Section at its Nearly New Shop, 1250 Bardstown Road in the lower level of Mid City Mall.

Fashion Encore will be Friday, October 11, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, October 12, and Sunday, October 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Huge crowds of shoppers are expected.

The Nearly New Shop has bargains to find on the latest fall fashions and lots of one-of-a-kind items. It offers gently used clothing and accessories; fashions for men, women, and children; shoes; vintage attire; furs; jewelry; high end knits; holiday decorations; home goods; furniture; collectibles and more.

Fashion Encore operates with the support of 100 volunteers who work the event.

The Nearly New Shop is the main funding source for the NCJW, generating significant dollars to help the agency meet its local and national commitments. Recipient agencies include: California Area Family Development Center, Chavurat Shalom, Community Coordinated Child Care, CourtWatch, Elder-Serve, Gilda's Club of Louisville, Jewish Family and Career Services, Jewish Resource Center, Maryhurst, Student Loan Fund, Suitcase Project, and Yad b'Yad.

The Shop operates with a professional staff, under the direction of Store Manager Jerene Nash, and with year-'round volunteer support.

The Nearly New Shop Board of Directors oversees store operations and marketing and includes: Shellie Benovitz, Sharon Berger, Judy Borinstein, Sandi Friedson, Stuart Goldberg, Mindy Klein, Amy Lapinski, Marty Margulis, Miles Marovitch, Ellen Rosenbloom, Beth Salamon, Judy Shapira, Robin Stratton, Leni Sweet, Sandi Weiss and Sue Paul (NCJW Louisville Section President).

More information about the Nearly New Shop may be found at www.shopnearlynew.org.

NCJW is a volunteer organization that has been at the forefront of social change for over a century. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW is dedicated to improving the quality of life for women, children and families and to ensuring individual rights and freedoms through advocacy, education and social action. The organization courageously takes a progressive stance on issues such as child welfare, women's rights, and reproductive freedom. For more information, visit www. ncjw.org. Throughout Germany, Austria and the Sudetenland, 267 synagogues were destroyed. Windows of approximately 7,500 Jewish-owned businesses were shattered and their wares were looted. At least 91 Jews were killed and there were many rapes. Up to 30,000 Jewish males were arrested, and most were transferred to Dachau, Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen and other concentration camps where they were detained.

It was Kristallnacht. The night of the broken glass. The Holocaust had begun.

Now, 75 years later, the Jewish Community Relations Council invites the Louisville community to a solemn commemoration of Kristallnacht on Sunday, November 10, at 7 p.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Through personal accounts from survivors and selected songs and readings, we will remember as a community. "Our goals," Cantor David Lipp, Kristallnacht program chair, said, "are to educate people about how and why Kristallnacht happened. Those survivors who are still with us will share their stories, and the stories of those who have passed away will be shared by their descendants."

Among the speakers that night will be Hans Bensinger; Fred Gross; Rachel Klein, granddaughter of Elias Klein; Monica Meyer, granddaughter of Ilse and Mike Meyer; Dan Streit; Carl Bensinger; Ann Dorzbach; and one of Fred Whittaker's students who will present a teaching from Ernie Marx. Rabbis and cantors from all five congregations as well as the Concert Choir from Ballard High School will also participate in the program.

Information about the history of Kristallnacht came from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's web site.



KlezmerFest 2013 is Oct. 13

Knishes and matzo ball soup on a Sunday afternoon. Sounds like a noshfest. Pair those favorite Jewish comfort foods with kids' activities and two of the top klezmer bands in the country, and you get KlezmerFest. KlezmerFest 2013, that is, at Temple Shalom on Sunday, October 13, starting at 3 p.m.

"We think of KlezmerFest as our congregation's musical mitzvah," says Helene Kramer Longton, Chair of KlezmerFest 2013.

"It's also about preserving a great Jewish musical tradition that nearly perished in the Holocaust and inviting Jews throughout our community to celebrate our heimish roots together," adds Judy Sharp, President of Temple Shalom.

KlezmerFest, which debuted in 2010, is the creation of Temple Shalom's Kathy Karr, who is principal flute of the Louisville Orchestra and Music Chair of KlezmerFest 2013.

"On a Partnership trip to Northern Israel, I fell in love with klezmer music and thought Louisvillians shouldn't have to wait for weddings and bar mitzvahs to enjoy it," says Karr. "There was

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no klezmer music festival in our city or any other we knew of so we decided to produce KlezmerFest as a signature cultural event," adds Karr.

So what's new this year? Everything! **The bands**

Both are playing in Louisville for the very first time.

From Chicago, the headliner of KlezmerFest 2013 is the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band. The band is named after the Maxwell Street marketplace where thousands of new Jewish immigrant peddlers made a living in the early 20th Century. Much like the famous Lower East Side of New York City, the heart of the Eastern European Jewish community in Chicago was filled with the sounds of klezmer music. With its distinct big band sound, Maxwell Street Klezmer Band has performed all over the world and was honored in 2004 with an Indie Just Plain Folks Award as "Best Jewish Band.

From Kalamazoo, MI, come the Red Sea Pedestrians. This classically see **KLEZMERFEST** page 6

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOW-OCTOBER 8 Patio Gallery exhibit Double show: "Hindsight" – paintings,

prints and drawings by Brian Jones and "The Shape of Nature" – marble sculptures by Beverly Glasscock.

OCTOBER 1 and 3 Melton classes begin

Adult-style Jewish study. The Tuesday class meets 6:30-9 p.m. and the Thursday class meets 9:30 a.m.-noon at Adath Jeshurun. Contact Deborah Slosberg, 458-5359.

OCTOBER 4, 7 & 8

School's Out Days at the JCC 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with optional early drop off and late pick up. All days have themes and include sports, arts and crafts and swimming. See story, CenterPiece, page 1, or contact Assistant Camp Director Mike Steklof, 238-2774 or msteklof@ jewishlouisville.org. For fee schedule or to enroll your child, contact Mary Dooley, 238-2718 or mdooley@jewishlouisville.org.

OCTOBER 6 Happy Days Are Here Again Campaign event

10:30 a.m. at the JCC. Community members age 65 and over are invited to reminisce at an old-fashioned Campaign event. RSVP to Mary Jean Timmel, 238-2739 or mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org by October 2. See story, page 1.

OCTOBER 13 Acting Out presents

And Then They Came for Me: Remembering Anne Frank

12:30 p.m. \$12 for adults, \$7 for children 10 and under, at the JCC. This unique theatrical experience combines interviews with Holocaust survivors Ed Silverberg and Eva Schloss with live actors recreating scenes from their lives during World War II. For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to www. CenterStageJCC.org.

OCTOBER 13 KlezmerFest

3 p.m. at Temple Shalom. Features Maxwell Street Klezmer Band and The Red Sea Pedestrians. \$18 for adults, children under 12 free. See story, this page.

OCTOBER 13-NOVEMBER 19 Patio Gallery exhibit

Louisville Artist Guild. Opening reception: Sunday, October 13, 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 14

Shalom Baby event

10 a.m. at Keneseth Israel. Enjoy music and singing led by Cantor Sharon Hordes. RSVP to Jennifer Tuvlin, jtuvlin@ jewishlouisville.org or 238-2719.

OCTOBER 17

Campaign Kickoff 6 p.m. at Champps Restaurant, 302 Bullitt Ln. Nationally renowned executive coach Rae Ringel will help launch the 2014 Federation Campaign. RSVP to Mary Jean Timmel, mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739. See story, page 1.

OCTOBER 20 PJ Library Louisville's

five-year birthday party concert

10 a.m. at the JCC. RSVP to Jennifer Tuvlin, jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2719.

OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 10 Hilliard Lyons & CenterStage present Les Miserables

\$18 per person in advance, \$20 at the door, at the JCC. This epic, grand and uplifting tale of passion and destruction in 19th-century France packs an emotional wallop that has thrilled audiences all over the world. For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to www.CenterStageJCC.org.

NOVEMBER 10 Kristallnacht at 75: Pogrom as Prelude

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

Gross helps young vandals understand the hurt a swastika causes

or many years, Holocaust survivor Fred Gross has been sharing his family's story with various groups around the Louisville area, and even in other states. It is always an emotional experience, and he hopes people learn tolerance and understanding from his story. Recently he was asked to tell his story to a very different, very small group for a very specific reason.

It started when Gross received a call from Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg. Goldberg had been contacted by Restorative Justice Louisville, an organization that works with youth who have had run ins with the law to find ways to work with the young offenders to find alternative punishments that help them understand the harm they caused and to set new, positive paths.

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Restorative Justice was looking for a Holocaust survivor who would be willing to talk to three middle school students who had defaced their school building with profanity and a swastika and help the youngsters understand the hurt the swastika causes others. It was made clear that the students had to pay restitution to repair the damage they caused.

Gross agreed to talk with them and each came to the meeting accompanied by a responsible adult. A representative of Restorative Justice facilitated the discussion.

Before sharing his story, Gross wanted to know why the students had done what they did and if they understood what the swastika was. One student, acting as spokesperson for the group, said they did what they did because they were dis-couraged with school and the teacher didn't understand their needs.

At the time, they didn't really know what the swastika was. It was just something they had seen on television. Since then, they had learned the history of the symbol and what it stood for.

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sense? Just say 'YES' and dare to break the cycle!"

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

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

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Then it was Gross' turn. For two hours, he spoke with them, sharing the story of his family's flight and terror his mother felt whenever she saw the swastika. At the end of their meeting, Gross gave each student an autographed copy of his book, *One Step Ahead of Hitler*, with the understanding that each would read it and, upon completion, write a reflection. All three complied.

"The intervention was helpful," Gross observed. "When you read their comments, they were apologetic. They learned the meaning of compassion and

CAMPAIGN **KICKOFF** Continued from page 1

their jobs and in all areas of their lives. Who is Rae Ringel? President of the Ringel Group, she is nationally renowned and in demand as a speaker for Fortune 500 companies like Microsoft and Management Concepts as well as for not-for-profits, U.S. government agencies and entrepreneurial start-ups.

With her guidance and facilitation, agencies and foundations around the world have weathered economic downturns and financial turmoil and retooled to meet the challenges they face. She is known for helping groups do more with less.

A star in the Federation world, Ringel

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trained ensemble will take you back to the sounds of the shtetls of our ancestors. Red Sea Pedestrians love to mix traditional klezmer music with a little bit of Greek and Gypsy. They have been described as a one-of-a-kind fusion phenomenon.

In the spirit of keeping KlezmerFest a genuine community-wide event, the voices of Louisville's congregations will be back. Cantor David Lipp of Congregation Adath Jeshurun and Cantor Sharon Hordes of Keneseth Israel Synogogue will perform with Maxwell Street Klezmer Band and Rabbi Gaylia Rooks will perform with Red Sea Pedestrians.

The food

While KlezmerFest has usually featured Jewish-style deli, KlezmerFest 2013 will turn it up more than a notch with many of the Jewish comfort foods we love, all homemade by a committee led by Temple Shalom's Paula O'Connell. On the menu, you'll find knishes, matzo ball soup and rugelach. To keep the kids happy, KlezmerFest 2013 will also serve

empathy." "It was an experience for me as well," he added. "I

felt that I was undertaking a chal-lenge, which was to educate them and not simply to make them understand what I went through and what



Fred Gross they did, but to feel it in their guts. was the director of professional and volunteer development for United Jewish

Communities, the predecessor to Jewish Federations of North America, before starting her own company. In fact, she is globally recognized as an innovator in not-for profit fundraising and board development.

She is also the lead coach for PEJE (the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education) and a consultant for Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

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The title sponsors of KlezmerFest 2013 are the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and the Sara and Adolph van der Walde Fund.

Admission is chai - \$18 - for adults. Children 12 and under are free. Food and drink are available for purchase. For more information join Louisville KlezmerFest on Facebook, go to www. templeshalomky.org or call 458-4739.

Hadassah president attends national business meeting

Hadassah's National Business Meeting for 2013 was held in Baltimore, MD, July 30 and 31. Women from chapters around the country met to engage with each other regarding Hadassah's second century vision. They listened to dynamic speakers, held stimulating discussion sessions, learned about updates on Hadassah research and Israel and voted on relevant policy proposals. Louisville's Chapter President Michelle Elisburg attended.

Speakers' topics included an update on "Hezbollah and the Global Footprint of Terrorism" and Israel's economic affairs. Both speakers were outstanding and reiterated the danger Israel faces as a tiny, Jewish democracy surrounded by hostile neighbors.

Business sessions included voting on changes to the constitution regarding the geographic makeup of the National Board, adoption of the budget and quotas, and adopting policies that supported funding for women's health research, and advocated for women's economic equity and security. Major fundraising and educational programming initiatives were also launched. Through the report of the Nominating Committee, delegates also re-elected Marcie Natan as national president.

The speaker who really touched the audience was Stewart Greenberg, an attorney from Miami, FL who was diagnosed with Stage 4 melanoma and given 3 months to live. After receiving no hope for treatment at multiple top medical centers in the U.S., he traveled to Hadassah Hospital, where a cancer specialist offered to treat him through her clinical trial involving an anti-cancer vaccine. He is now cancer free, and has been for several years.

The Louisville chapter is part of the Central States Region of Hadassah. Other Region members include Lexington, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia. Delegates from other chapters in the region were also present.

Nelson brings creativity, enthusiasm and a smile to JCC

After 21 years, she's still taking on new challenges and ready to try new programs and explore new ideas

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor

n September 15, Slava Nelson marked 21 years working at the Jewish Community Center. Her years of service are marked by energy, enthusiasm, creativity and a ready smile.

After 21 years, Nelson is beginning a new chapter in her career. She has been named the Adult and Cultural Arts Department director, and as she has done throughout her career, she must tap into her personal resources to build a program from scratch.

When she was first hired as the JCC's acculturation department, it was a



Slava Nelson

brand new department. Nelson said, "I was told by Bernie Rosenblatt, the program director at that time, that this is so new that we don't know what to do or how to do it. It's going to be completely up to you.

"If you will be able to build this program," Nelson was told, "congratulation. You have a job and a department. If you will not be able to, nobody's going to blame you."

One of the biggest challenges she faced was figuring out what all these immigrants had in common and how to deal with them. Most of the immigrants, she recalled, were from Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, but there were also immigrants from Uzbekistan and Georgia and many other republics.

Nelson's task was to introduce people to the American lifestyle and integrate them into the community while encouraging them to maintain their heritage. She also tried to bring them to Judaism, because they didn't have that connection.

"Actually," she said, "that is what united them all. They knew they were Jews. They knew they were punished their whole lives for something that they didn't even know what it was."

Nelson succeeded in building the department and implemented many programs during her first 10 years at the JCC.

Then it was time to reinvent herself as the program director for the Senior Adult Department, where she partnered with Senior Adult Director Diane Sadle for 10 years. "I am grateful to Diane," Nelson said. "We were able to build an amazing department. And with our new chair, Margot Kling, this department is flourishing and has wonderful programs."

Now, it's time for Nelson to reinvent herself again. She's still planning programming for the Senior Adult Department, including a trip to Atlanta in the spring and, "God willing," she said, a trip to Israel in the fall. However, her responsibilities have

However, her responsibilities have changed. In addition to planning for the seniors, Nelson has been named the director of the Adult and Cultural Arts Department. "Tm very grateful to our new management for giving me this chance and opportunity to again take over a department we haven't had for a while."

Always eager to praise others, she said, "Marsha Bornstein was a wonderful director and we had a wonderful program. Now I hope we can make it bigger and more successful and implement some new and innovative programs."

Although she was just appointed to her new position, she's already off and runsee **NELSON** page 8

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Saying goodbye: Julie Hollander goes to Baltimore

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor

or four years, Julie Hollander has provided exemplary leadership to the Jewish Community Center's Children's Department. Now she has moved on to Baltimore, MD, where she is the senior associate for teen programming at Jewish Volunteer Connection, a program of The Associated, Baltimore's Jewish Federation.

"Over the past several years, Julie has made a significant impact in our community," said Sara Wagner, Jewish Community of Louisville senior vice president and COO. "She lifted our camp program to new heights, carefully implementing improvements over the years, and our children's department enjoyed creative new programs and energy under Julie's watch. Julie's roles and responsibilities grew immensely from the time she began. Most recently she successfully brought together all JCL family programs to create a cohesive team. Our loss is certainly Baltimore's gain."

Hollander views the changes in the camp program as her biggest achievement in Louisville. The first summer she was here, the camp averaged 197 campers a week. This summer, that average was 282 campers a week.

This year alone, she said, "we brought an Israeli shlicha to camp and we increased the offerings of specialty camps," many of which were offered in partnership with other organizations. There was Lego camp offered in partnership with Bricks 4 Kidz, sailing with River Cities Community Sailing, and horseback riding with the Louisville Equestrian Center, as well as collaborations with the University of Louisville and the Speed Art Museum. Discover CATCH was also integrated into the program. Over the years, she has also introduced an annual camp talent show and increased opportunities for middle school campers. A ga-ga pit was built and the Israeli game became very popular and all campers now get swimming lessons in the Lenny Krayzelburg Swim Academy. Always mindful of incorporating Jewish values into camp, she introduced the concept of philanthropy by creating a week of caring and sharing, augmented by weekly food drives and a community garden.

She also started an inclusion program for children with special needs to ensure each child had the assistance he or she needed to participate fully.

Camp was so full this year, Hollander had to be creative in her use of space, and more camp activities were held outside than ever before. Hollander improved communication,

Hollander improved communication, too, from posting photos daily on Facebook for parents to introducing a new camp logo and upgrading the brochure to making the registration process better.

She implemented the same kinds of quality changes during the school year. School's Out Days offer quality programming with daily themes whenever Jefferson County Public Schools are not in session; and Hollander incorporated half-day specialty camps into the winter and spring camps programs offered during school vacations.

She also created one-time programs like a modern mock Shabbat dinner for kindergartener through fifth graders and their families and cosponsored a Justin Roberts children's concert with the PJ Library. She started painting projects that enabled children to create Jewish art and ritual objects and overnights for older children, too.

For the first time in many years, the

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drive the content of the mission and vision – those come first.

When you hear the words "strategic planning," what comes to mind? As I write this, the day after your JCL's Board of Directors spent a Sunday morning discussing the topic, I think: inspiration, momentum and communication. This board-led effort is among the most important any agency needs to accomplish.

Your board has embraced their role, and we ended that session with a sense of pride with how the agency has changed over the past three years to meet the current needs of our community. Now, together, we embark on the challenge of projecting our community's future needs and, if necessary, making changes so we are best able to meet those needs, taking into account the realities of scarce resources the JCL faces today.

We are dealing with the same issues as many non-profits: how do we increase investment in our agency, recruit new volunteers and encourage our community members to participate in more of our programs? During this process we need to ask you and ask ourselves, what's the best way we can use those resources to accomplish our mission?

If you've read my updates, you'll recall that this is not the first time we've addressed these issues. Strategic planning has been a part of our overall work at the JCL since merger. We've conducted surveys, completed program reviews, and acted strategically in carrying out our responsibilities.

Based on the work we've completed since merger, we:

 Increased Jewish content throughout our programs;

· Created a more welcoming and in-

clusive philanthropic program and significantly expanded our revenue sources, focusing on the annual Federation Campaign and seeking new funding sources;

- Strengthened our governance processes with a focus on volunteer recruitment and development;
- Revised our branding and communications strategy;
- Prudently invested in our physical plant to provide the best environment for our members and program participants; and
- Benchmarked ourselves vs. peer agencies and made adjustments based on those results.

Recently we chose to get a 2013 perspective, and we asked your opinions through an online survey, focus groups and stakeholder meetings. To those who participated, thank you. We are also engaging thought-leaders from other agencies to ensure that as Louisville's central Jewish organization we include perspectives from across the community in our process.

To be effective, a strategic plan is always a work in progress. In the next few months we intend to complete this revision and share it with you. What will it say? We'd still like your input. If you have ideas for us to consider, or concerns you feel we need to address with suggested approaches as to how to do so, please email them to info@jewishlouisville.org and include "Strategic Planning" in the subject line.

Meanwhile, we welcome you to our campus to participate in the programs and services we currently offer. Read through this issue of *Community* to see what's coming up, and check our website, www.jewishlouisville.org, and our weekly updates for the latest. Please join us.



Julie Hollander and her young camp friends harvested a cabbage from the community garden.

Louisville JCC is again participating in the nationwide Maccabi Games program, thanks to Hollander's leadership.

Through it all, she also created a program that included incentives for children to return year after year and stay involved. For example, campers know that second graders can participate in overnights and fourth graders get to do more trips. Grade school students look forward to participating in Teen Connection in middle school and those teens look forward to joining BBYO.

The Jewish community appreciated her efforts. In 2012, Hollander received the Arthur S. Kling Award for her outstanding work.

"I want the community to know that there are great staff members on the youth and camp teams who have been working hard and will continue with the great things we've been doing," Hollander said.

She also expressed appreciation to the "staff, parents and volunteers who helped grow the programs. A lot of par-

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ning. She has planned four new classes. Ballroom dancing and beginning Hebrew start September 30; silk painting and acting for adults begin on October 1, and a continuing class in drawing starts on October 7. (See story, CenterPiece, page 3 for more information about the classes and instructors.)

Nelson is excited about the new classes and sees them as only the beginning of her work. "My main goal," she said, "is to provide programs for our members that will catch their interest and, at the same time, give good value for their membership." With these new programs, she is hoping to engage current members and attract new ones.

The Patio Gallery is also part of Nelson's new department, and once again, she's already hard at work. "Our Patio Gallery is growing in quality and looking to expand," she said. "We already expanded our exhibit into the lobby for members to see and enjoy."

Next she hopes to create some exhibit space downstairs that will enable the gallery to display some photography. "We've been approached by many artists about putting their photography on display," Nelson explained, "so this is something that is also very exciting."

Nelson also had words of praise for Patio Gallery Chair Bette Levy. "It's a pleasure to work with Bette, and I think ents had a vision of what they wanted their children to experience within the Jewish community and what they wanted the Jewish community to have and provide for them. I'm glad I was a part of helping to fulfill their vision."

"It was a great experience for me to help parents and children to build connections with one another, to have shared experiences and to find things that bring them together," Hollander said.

She found Louisville to be a warm community. "Moving here from outside," she said, "I was welcomed by so many people when I moved to town and that was how I was able to develop and do so many things. I felt at home here almost immediately."

"It's been a good experience overall," she added and she enjoyed "meeting and working with so many people in the community. They were supportive of new ideas and new programs I wanted to bring here. It has been a good stepping stone for my career."

we have a very good understanding of how we can bring quality to the Patio Gallery."

Nelson is exciting about the upcoming Mazin show, which she says, "promises to be a big success."

While she is very creative, Nelson doesn't want to do the planning for the Adult and Cultural Arts Department alone. "I invite everyone who would like to partner with me or give me ideas or even simple suggestions to contact me," she said. "I am open for everything and am really looking forward to working in this position with the nice people who might volunteer their time to get it off the ground.

"I have a lot on my plate," she added, "but I'm happy to be here."

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Nelson came to Louisville from Kiev, Ukraine in 1991.

Her son, Dmitry Nedelin, who was 8 at the time, is now a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife, Alisha, have two children, Aleks, 3, and Emma, 19 months.

Her husband, John Nelson, is an IT Director for TARC.

"I consider myself a very happy woman," she concluded, "and the latest move here at the JCC completes me a lot. I love this community. This community literally provided a roof above my head, and I feel that if I have success in my 21 years here, it is my way of giving back."

Benovitz to chair Shalom Baby; first program is Oct. 14

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor

alling all new and expectant mothers. The Jewish Community Center is reviving its Shalom Baby program, and the first event will be Monday, October 14. Come to Keneseth Israel at 10 a.m. to enjoy music and singing led by Cantor Sharon Hordes.

Shannon Levine Benovitz has just agreed to chair the program and is eager

to begin planning more programs. "As a new mom," she said, "I think it's very important to connect with other new mothers, especially during the early weeks when you're at home. Shalom Baby is one way to establish those links and build a community that can transition into the PJ Library program when the children are ready.

Benovitz has lots of ideas for the program. "Perhaps we could create a Face-book group or an email group, which

Several faith groups shared peace traditions at annual IPP "Recipe for Peace" dinner

by Matthew Goldberg, Director Jewish Community Relations Council

On Wednesday, August 28, Interfaith Paths to Peace hosted its annual "My Recipe for Peace" Dinner, a fundraiser at which IPP also presents its Louisville Peacemaker of the Year award.

It is a very unique program during which different community leaders speak briefly about peacemaking in their own traditions - religious or family. They also supplied vegetarian recipes that volunteers prepared for the event. Food ranged from Mayor Greg Fischer's Lentil Soup and Spalding University President Tori Murden McClure's Chocolate Chip Cookies, to the River Road Mosque's Imam Wasif Iqbal's Vegetable Birvani.

The event honored the memory of Joan E. Thomas, M.D., a local peace activist, whose husband, Lee Thomas, marched with Dr. King in Washington in 1962 and who kicked off the event.

The co-winners of the Peacemakers of the year award were the Peace Education program and SPAVA (the Society for Prevention of Aggression and Violence Among Adolescents). Last year's award winner, community activist Christopher 2X, and 9-year-old Erica Hughes, a peace activist who is a recovering victim of gun violence, assisted IPP Executive Director Terry Taylor in presenting the award.

The Peace Education Program's mission is "to strengthen communities and schools by training youth and adults to build and sustain positive relationships by providing learning experiences to reduce violence, enhance personal integ-rity, and foster mutual respect."

SPAVA is the Society for Prevention of Aggression and Violence Among Adolescents, and they also teach young people how to resolve their conflicts peacefully.

Among the speakers, John Brown, former Kentucky secretary of state, talked about how the opposite of peace was not war, but fear. McClure talked about how she works harder every day to recognize the good in small, everyday things. Marta Miranda, president and CEO for the Center for Women and Families, spoke about moving from power to empowerment. She recounted a story about a Buddhist monk from Vietnam who, when he heard about the difficulty some Vietnam vets had when they returned from the war, moved to the United States so he could counsel them.

Imam Wasif Iqbal spoke about how peacemaking actually begins in the home, with each individual and their families, and Dr. Sheeba Jolly, administrator of the Hindu Temple of Kentucky spoke about how most Hindu prayers end with the term "Shanti" repeated three times – Peace, Peace. would allow moms to connect and ask questions," she said. For newborns she suggested programs with music, like the one already planned, or other sounds or lights. As the babies get a little older and learn to sit and crawl, perhaps some activities that encourage them to use those new skills and expend some energy.

She also sees it as a way for new mothers to find each other. "If you really hit it off with somebody," she said, "you might make a new friend and you can have mommy and baby time with that person.'

There may also be some programs with Jewish themes like a baby Shabbat or music for the holidays.

Benovitz envisions some programs for mommies only, too - maybe a manicure day or bringing in someone to give massages or even speakers on topics like healthy eating or exercising or going back to work.

While she has many ideas, Benovitz really wants to work with a committee to ensure that Shalom Baby's programs meet the needs of the community.

Shalom Baby also presents each new mother with a gift basket.

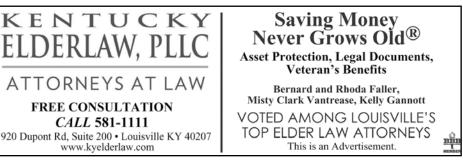
If you're interested in participating in Shalom Baby you can sign up online www.jewishlouisville.org, or to sign up for the program or volunteer for the committee, contact Jennifer Tuvlin, Sha-



lom Babv's staff liaison at 238-2719 or

jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org. Benovitz is a member of the Jewish Community of Louisville Board of Directors and co-chair of its Marketing Committee. She and her mother, Diane Levine, provide support for the Discover CATCH program used in the JCC's Early Childhood Education program to promote health lifestyle choices through the Jay Levine Youth Fund.

Benovitz and her husband, Todd, have a son, Jayson, born July 20. She will soon be starting part time work as director of marketing for Maryhurst.



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cer of the Jewish Outreach Institute, a member of the Executive Committee of AJIRI, the American Jewish International Relations Institute, which seeks to get fair treatment for Israel at the United Nations, serves as a mentor to a Hillel professional at the University of Virginia and co-chairs the building campaign for Gesher Jewish Day School in Fairfax,

Bennett has been very active with the American Jewish Committee and has held many national leadership positions with them, including chair of Project Interchange, an institute that sends influential non-Jews, including members of Congress and state governors, to Israel for educational purposes.

In 2004, she was a presidential ap-pointee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Council, and again held numerous positions, and served five years on its Executive Committee.

Bennett's credits also include service on the Board of the United Jewish Endowment Fund; working with AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee; and volunteering with the United Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. Her resume also includes a number of other Jewish and civic organizations.

She taught school for more than 20 years and is deeply involved in the issues of Jewish education and in efforts to maintain and enhance Jewish identity.

She is the daughter of German parents who fled Nazi Germany. Her father,

an industrialist, reestablished the family business in Germany after the War. In his memory, Dottie created the Dr. Hans Adler Memorial Library in Berlin. The funding for the library and its endowment come from monies the family personally sought from the German government. The library and its collections seek to foster understanding between Germany, the United States and Israel through discussion, dialogue and debate.

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nshei Sfard names Golding acting rabbi

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor

ongregation Anshei Sfard has hired Rabbi Joshua Golding to serve the congregation as act-ing rabbi. Under their current agreement, Rabbi Golding will serve in this capacity through November, at which time it will be decided whether to make this a permanent arrangement or to go a different direction.



Rabbi Joshua Golding

This arrangement, Rabbi Goldexplained, ing gives both parties time to evaluate the efficacy of the arrangement.

A Louisville resident for more than 20 years, Rabbi Golding is a longtime 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.

A professor of philosophy at Bellarmine University, specializing in philosophy of religion and Jewish philosophy, Rabbi Golding carries a full teaching load and serves Faculty Council. Since his field of expertise is philosophy in religion, his service to Anshei Sfard dovetails with his scholarly work. In addition, "Bellarmine has a long

tradition of community service in its faculty," he said. "Historically Bellarmine is a Catholic university and ... many faculty play pastoral roles in their churches ... [or] spend many hours devoted to community service." The school also has a tradition of interfaith cooperation.

"Bellarmine President Joseph J. Mc-Gowan and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Carole Pfeffer have officially recognized my appointment," Rabbi Golding said, "and have endorsed my as-sumption of this position." He feels the two positions integrate well.

Rabbi Golding received his B.A., cum laude, in philosophy from the Columbia University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Pitts-burgh. He began his rabbinical studies Yeshivat Sulam Yaakov in 2008-9, at while he was Israel for his sabbatical. He continued his studies long-distance, and received his ordination in December 2011. He began his studies "for the sake of studying," he said. "I had no pulpit aspirations.

When Anshei Sfard and its rabbi of 25 years, Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, parted ways earlier this year, the congregation conducted a national search for a new rabbi. When the congregation was unable to find someone quickly, several congregants suggested that Rabbi Golding consider the post, at least temporarily. After taking the time to consider carefully, he accepted the position on a trial basis.

"This is something of an experiment," he said. "I wanted to see how it would work out and I wanted the synagogue to see how it will work out.'

Both Rabbi Golding and Anshei Sfard President Dr. Roy Hyman stress the congregation is continuing to serve the community as a full service Orthodox shul. Services are held daily with morning minyanim weekdays at 7 a.m., on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and on Shabbat and the festivals at 9 a.m. Evening minyanim are held 20 minutes before sunset.

There is a buzz in the shul itself about rejuvenating the congregation,"

Rabbi Golding added. "We're starting off on a new path and we hope to draw members and friends with classes and social events. Social get-togethers, such as the knitting class, will continue, but we're also going to establish a once-amonth Sunday morning brunch and lecture, and I'm going to be giving some new classes.'

The congregation is also working closely with Yad Moshe, a group founded by Brian and Judy Wallace to do charitable work, to draw new people to Louisville to join the Orthodox community. Recently, Anshei Sfard and Yad Moshe collaborated for a successful Shabbaton program that incorporated learning with Rabbi YY Rubinstein and a job fair. (See story, this page.)

Their efforts are bearing fruits, as several families have already moved to Louisville or are in the process of doing so, and a number of others have expressed interest.

While there was some discussion earlier in the year about the congregation selling its current building, Rabbi Golding and Dr. Hyman both state emphatically that this is no longer under consideration.

In fact, the congregation now rents space to Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad for its after school and weekend classes. Yad Moshe is also making use of the congregation's facilities for education purposes.

Rabbi Golding looks forward to the congregation playing an active role in the community and he looks forward to joining the Louisville Board of Rabbis



Rabbi Golding is the author of two books, Rationality and Religious Theism, a scholarly work published in London by Ashgate Academic Press in 2003, and *The Conversation: A Novel*, published in Jerusalem by Urim Publications in 2011. He is currently working on a third book, The Way of the Name: The Jewish Spiritual Path in Four (not so) Easy Steps.

He also has numerous peer-reviewed articles and reviews to his credit, and has lectured on a variety of topics in venues across the United States and Israel. Rabbi Golding has served on many university committees and helped the school with programs.

In the Jewish community, Rabbi Golding has taught classes at Anshei Sfard, including one this summer based on his current manuscript. He has taught in the High School of Jewish Studies, at the Louisville Jewish Day School, the Jewish Community Center's adult education program and the Melton Adult Mini-School, and has participated in several community programs.

Rabbi Golding's wife, Ayala, is an attorney with Borowitz and Goldsmith, PLC, in Louisville. A past chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council, she continues to serve on its board and executive committee. She is a member of the Board of Jewish Family & Career Services and chairs its Personnel Committee.

The Goldings have five children, ages 21-11, Rafael, Rivka, Sam, Nathaniel and Vanessa.





At left, Rabbi YY Rubinstein sings and plays guitar at the bonfire outside Anshei Sfard.

Above, guests recite Kiddush Levana.

Anshei Sfard hosted Shabbaton for congregants and out of town guests

by Brian Wallace Special to Community

Last month, Congregation Anshei Sfard hosted a community-wide Shabbaton, at which at one point the community welcomed a crowd of over 175 people. Guests came from all over the country to visit the community, many of them considering relocating to Lou-isville. Families and singles came from Chicago, New York, Detroit, Indianapolis, Atlanta and Milwaukee to spend a relaxing Shabbat here.

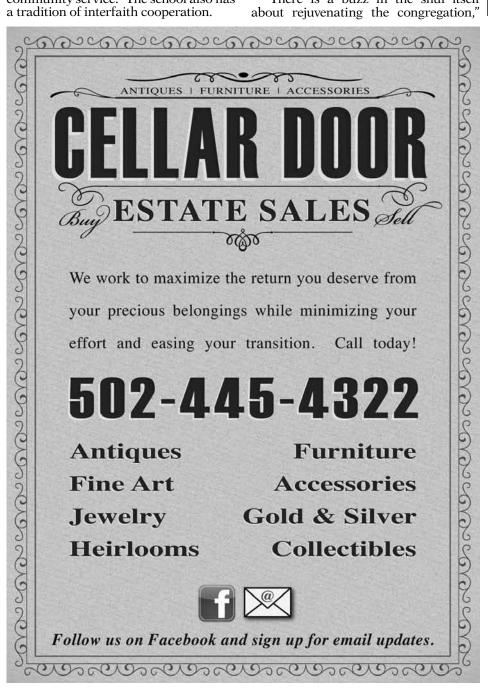
"As a born-and-bred Louisvillian returning to town after 20 years of cold Boston living, it was a rare pleasure to return home to the new Anshei Sfard, and a remarkably joyous Shabbaton," said one guest, Jeff Levy. "I am especially grateful for the warm welcome I received by members of the congregation young and old, for the opportunity to establish connections with potential new Louisvillians from all over the country, and for the chance to attend the public teachings given by the Jewish Craig Fer-guson, Reb YY Rubinstein. Mazel Tov and many thanks to the organizers and everybody who contributed their time to make the Shabbaton possible!

World-renowned speaker Rabbi YY Rubinstein and his wife spent the week-

end here, and he gave enlightening and inspirational lectures like Forgiving the Unforgivable and Learning to Believe in Yourself. Rabbi Joshua Golding gave a sermon and there was a special women's class.

The weekend culminated with a Sunday community business networking event at the Jewish Community Center. Local businesses, hospital representatives, and networking groups greeted the visitors. Representatives of the Jewish Community of Louisville, JCC, and JFCS were there to talk with guests. The outreach director of Israel Allies on Campus spoke briefly about being a campus advocate for the support of Israel at the University of Louisville. Realtors were available to talk with families and individuals who were interested in or looking to relocate to the Louisville area.

Anshei Sfard staff and volunteers worked tirelessly for months preparing for the event on everything from menu planning to hospitality to spreading the word. The event was a huge success, as feedback collected from the follow-up survey was overwhelmingly positive. Several families have indicated a strong interest in relocating and the first family will be coming to Louisville later this month.



AJ continues tradition of fun-filled Selichot programs for a cause

by Phyllis Shaikun Special to *Community*

or the ninth consecutive year, Cantor David Lipp has turned Congregation Adath Jeshurun's pre-Selichot service on the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah into a much anticipated event that has proven a win-win not only for those in need, but for members of Louisville's various communities of faith that appreciate the opportunity to take part. The Selichot service consists of prayers and poems chanted to help the worshippers prepare for the coming High Holy Days.

For Selichot each year, the cantor invites a not-for-profit group to come to the service to tell its story. The purpose is twofold: to allow the selected group to broadcast its needs to a wider audience and, hopefully, to encourage those in attendance to think about providing some needed monetary support for them in return.

This year's highlighted group was the Academy at St. Andrews, a special school for children with autism located just across the street from the synagogue. (The school will be relocating to the Bluegrass Center for Autism soon.) The Academy's mission has special significance for Adath Jeshurun's Rabbi Robert Slosberg, since he shared he has two nephews who are autistic and is familiar with the impact the condition can have on a family.

Following the brief Havdalah service, WAVE3 television personality Dawne Gee took over as master of ceremonies.

Spencer Blue named to "Forty under 40"

by Phyllis Shaikun Special to *Community*

Spencer Blue, the 34-year-old president and COO of Freedom Metals, believes in the adage "those to whom much has been given, much is expected," and tries to live his life with that philosophy in mind. *Business First* honored Blue's accomplishments with "Forty Under 40" recognition at a dinner held on September 24. "Work is impor-

"Work is important," he declares, "but family is even more important." The father of four knows it would be hard to do what he is doing in Louisville in New York and is grateful to Louisville for the opportunities he has now. He figures



Spencer Blue

he works more than 65 hours per week, but balances that with family time spent with his wife, Micah, and their children, working out and giving back to the community when his schedule permits.

Blue joined his father Bruce Blue's business, Freedom Metals, in March 2005 after having worked in credit derivatives in Greenwich, CT, and New York City for four years prior to his return to Kentucky. No stranger to the scrap metal business, the younger Blue worked every summer in the business during high school and college and notes his childhood ambition was to be a "scrapper." "My dad worked very hard to keep the

"My dad worked very hard to keep the company alive and gave his blood, sweat and tears to build Freedom Metals. He was tired and looked to me to bring in fresh ideas and energy, which helped get us where we are today," Blue said. "I hope to be able to pass that torch on to my own children should they choose to work in the business when they are older."

When he first joined the company, Blue worked in the cashier's office, filed reports and performed all types of manual labor in the yard for six months to learn the business from the bottom up. His previous work experience and degree in finance and international business from The George Washington University came in handy when it was time to "computerize" Freedom Metals. "I kind of pushed us into the techno-

"I kind of pushed us into the technological age when I first came," he recalls. "We developed spreadsheets, put in an automated cash counter, upgraded to swipe cards for employees to clock-in and created data bases." He notes there were many big changes instituted that resulted in both successes and failures, but he is grateful his father trusted him to make decisions and learn from his mistakes.

"I don't feel that I'm anyone special,"

he says modestly, "it's just the position I have found myself in. I never take my good fortune for granted and work very hard. Metal is a volatile commodity industry and it takes a lot of energy to keep up. I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given to succeed personally and to benefit Louisville's business community in a positive way.

"My dad built the business and is a great sounding board," Blue says, "so I should be listening to his advice. He encourages me to network and take opportunities to meet others, help the community and help the business as well. I think all that makes me a better person, a better businessman and a better family person. It also gives me the chance to meet special people in the community and to work to assist those in need."

Freedom Metals has grown exponentially in the eight-and-one-half years since he joined the company. "It's awesome for me," he says, "to know we have developed so many jobs and generated businesses along the way. We started a business in Elizabethtown, another in Winchester and later established Blue Alloys in La Grange."

Since 2005, sales have increased over 1,000 percent; the employee count went from 30 to over 180; the business has been recognized as a *Business First* Fast 50 company for the past seven years and has been an INC. 5000 award winner for the last five years. Blue is directly responsible for 70 percent of all sales each month. He also was instrumental in creating a leadership team for the company last year.

Blue is a graduate of Greater Louisville Inc.'s (GLI) Ignite Louisville and Focus Louisville programs, has served on the board of ISRI (Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries) and is currently a member of YPO (Young Presidents Organization), Leadership Louisville and LEAD GLI (Leadership, Engagement, Action. Development), a network of leaders committed to supporting GLI stra-tegic initiatives. He spends about eight hours per month working on volunteer projects such as coaching his four-yearson, Sebastian's, YMCA soccer and T-ball teams and really enjoys seeing how much the players improve during the season.

Much of his time is spent with his other children as well, 13-year-old Alexis, and Carmela and Ivy (ages two-and-one-half and one-year old respectively), and he lists family and children as his number one passion in life. CrossFit and playing golf round out his top three.

The Blues are members of Congregation Adath Jeshurun. Spencer and Micah have taken Melton classes and a crash Hebrew course and he has been involved with AJ's Sushi in the Sukkah program. Their younger children are enrolled in The Temple's preschool program and will be furthering their Jewish education in the coming years. She set the tone for the evening when she said, "Whoever we are, we belong to each other."

A local bluegrass group, Storefront Congregation, provided the musical accompaniment for the program, which was entitled "Going the Distance for the Academy" and featured tunes from Disney movies including *Hercules, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid* and *Pocahontas*. Children in the audience especially enjoyed the musical selections, which featured vocalists Jennifer Diamond and John Gage. The always-versatile cantor sang *Under the Sea* Harry Belafonte-style and had folks clapping in their seats.

A moving moment came when Sarah Ramsey, the parent of a young child with autism, told the story of her son, Matthew, from his autism diagnosis to how his life turned around as a result of attending the Academy. Teacher Kristin Bern spoke as well and explained how she and the school's other 34 staff members (there are 33 students) work as a team with special educators and parents with the goal of providing positive reinforcement that allows students to become functioning, independent adults.

come functioning, independent adults. Congressman John Yarmuth announced that \$600,000 has been raised



Storefront Congregation performed Disney songs during the Selichot program.

to support autism-related programs and he looks forward to that figure being six million dollars some day for the Louisville school.

Cantor Lipp ended the evening with "You've Got a Friend in Me."

He also has friends who make attendance at AJ's pre-Selichot service a must-see. The music is memorable (there's a different theme every year), the event is free and the opportunity to make a difference for someone who needs it makes the service a winner for everyone involved.

A dessert reception ended the first part of the evening and the Selichot service began at 10:30 p.m.

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Are You Thinking About Moving?

Campaign season includes innovative and high quality programs

by Stew Bromberg Vice President and CDO Jewish Federation of Louisville

One of the first things I learned when I began working in the Jewish community 20 plus years ago was that the Jewish High Holidays are either early or late. but never on time. The last time the holiday arrived this early was in 1899. This timing will not be seen again until the late 2000's.

If you have been reading my articles these past few months you may realize that my introductory paragraph usually leads to a question such as "So what does this have to do with the here and now?" Let me explain. Over the summer I spoke about the preparation for the 2014 Jewish Federation of Louisville Annual Campaign and the many exciting events and programs we were busy planning and developing. Once the holidays

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Our Campaign Chair, Doug Gordon, had a wonderful idea. As we are noticing a positive swing in the impact we are having on the community and the services we and our constituent agencies provide to the community. let's celebrate our strong past as we strive to build a stronger future. On Sunday, October 6, we will be holding a nostalgic program; Happy Days are Here Again, to pay tribute to the people, places and actions from our past that provided a foundation from which we will build the future.

Our official campaign kick-off event will be on Thursday, October 17, and will feature Rae Ringel as our keynote speaker. As President of The Ringel Group, Rae is nationally renowned for her outstanding repertoire of skills and interpersonal acumen. She will we lead us through a program designed to help us all become more effective communi-

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cators and to walk away from the program with concrete knowledge of how to spire others to take action.

On Sunday, November 3, we will hold our Major Gifts Champagne Brunch in the Atrium of the Starks building. Our special guest will be Dottie Bennett who is a major supporter and advocate for the Jewish community in local, national and worldwide arenas. She has been a presidential appointee to the National Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, served on the board of directors of the Jewish Outreach Institute and has worked closely with Project Interchange.

She considers herself a community activist and has personally enabled many organizations and individuals to become more successful, vibrant and sustainable though her support and encouragement. Dottie's contribution of time, energy and financial support on local, national and global levels set an incredible example of how we should live our lives, guided by Jewish and American values, respect others and their right to be who they are, and to set high standards and goals for ourselves and others around us. I am honored to consider Dottie a personal and professional friend and colleague and encourage our donors to attend this event. Dottie makes a major difference in this world, and so do we.

This year we will continue our Uniquely Jewish Event series and look forward to our first spectacular event; The History of Jewish Bourbon in Louisville. We are honored to be holding this wonderful event on Tuesday, January 7, in the soon-to-be opened Evan Williams Visitor Center on Main Street. This solic-

CHAVURAT SHALOM

Chavurat Shalom, a Circle of Friends, invites seniors in the community to join them at The Temple, on Thursdays for stimulating programs. Whether you want to meet new friends or reconnect with old friends, Chavurat Shalom is a unique opportunity for seniors to meet socially and to share intellectual ideas.

"It is not about being old, it is about being young at heart and getting in-volved with others in our community," said Chavurat Shalom Director Cindy Hytken.

Enhance your life with lively discussions, current events, concerts and musical presentations, learning and playing Mah Jongg and more. It's a great way to keep an active and open mind and mingle with others. Enjoy a healthy catered lunch, served at noon, for just \$5, when you make advance reservations. The programs, which begin at 1 p.m., are all free. There are even fun door prizes.

October 3

The Filson Historical Society, "Filson Treasures" with Jim Holmberg

itation event will be hosted by the Latts/ Shapira family and promises to be one of THE events of the season and should not be missed. Look for more details coming very soon.

We will continue to seek grants from foundations, individuals, corporations and others as we strive to provide the best programs and services to our community. Last year we received over \$547,000 in grants for programs, services and much needed infrastructure improvements. We thank the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Metro United Way, the C. E. & S. Foundation, the Kentucky Arts Council, the Kentucky Colonels and many others for understanding the importance of our work and providing the support and guidance we have requested.

In closing, I would like to thank you all. You are the reason we do what we do. Your continued support helps us ensure the continuation of programs and service in the community. Thank you also for responding to our summer interns when they called to update your information as we move to a new data management system to better serve your needs and assure that you receive the information you want regarding programs that will be of interest to you. If we have not yet reached you, please look forward to speaking with our wonderful staff as we gather accurate information for the future.

The campaign starts now. In these challenging times, the need for services made possible by the Campaign continues to rise, and the level of support we can provide depends on the success of the Campaign. Help us help our community continue to grow strong.

Together we do extraordinary things.



October 10

Rabbi Rapport, "The Jewish Roots of Christopher Columbus"

Bring a new friend for Free Day (lunch reservations still required)

October 17

Ken Schultz from Humana, "Medicare Updates"

October 24

A short Israeli movie with commentary from Rabbi David Ariel-Joel

October 31

The Silver Notes entertain with their fall musical program

For more information, contact Cindy at 608-8362 or chytken@gmail.com. For lunch reservations, please call The Temple, at 423-1818. Kosher meals are available upon advance request.

Chavurat Shalom is generously funded though the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the Jewish Com-munity of Louisville, The Temple, The Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood, National Council of Jewish Women and many other generous donors.



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JFCS Food Pantry

Suggestions for October

JEWISH FAMILY & CAREER SERVICES

Toilet paper, laundry soap, canned potatoes, canned peaches, pears, pineapple, mandarin oranges, applesauce, snack-sized raisins, chips, crackers

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



Sunday, October 20 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. 5700 Captain's Quarters Rd. Prospect, KY.

Dine at Captain's Quarters at any time on October 20, and 10 percent of your bill will be donated to JFCS. Brunch is served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Menu service is available from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

To make reservations, call Captain's Quarters at (502) 228-1651. For more information, contact Beverly Bromley, ext. 223.

Career & Education Services

ACT Preparation Workshop

Mondays & Tuesdays November 18 - December 10 7 - 9 p.m.

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JFCS groups offer support to caregivers and individuals

JFCS offers a variety of support groups for people with many different personal circumstances.

The Diabetes Support Group will end its hiatus and will return at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15. The group provides the opportunity for mutual support, problem solving and to learn more about disease management and principles of self-care. Periodic expert speakers address issues of diet, nutrition, medication and resources.

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group is an adults-only meeting that addresses the challenges of raising young children and other relatives. This group recently changed its meeting time to 1 p.m. It meets next on Tuesday, October 15.

All other support groups will continue on their normal schedules. A complete listing is included at the bottom of this page.



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This event is facilitated by Jewish Family & Career Services and funded by KIPDA Area Agency on Aging through the Older Americans Act and the Cabinet for Health Services.

Save the date for Chanukah Helpers event

Sunday, November 24, 1:30 p.m.

Join JFCS for a family mitzvah event to help families in need celebrate Chanukah. We will organize Chanukah gifts, enjoy music, eat snacks and have fun with family and friends.

These multi-generational events are a great way for families to teach their young children the importance of mitzvoth and the guiding principle of Tikkun Olam.

Families who participate are asked to bring one box of latke mix, one small jar of applesauce and one small bag of gelt. For more information, please contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103.

Support Groups at JFCS

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Monthly meetings for adult children

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Third Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Southwest Family YMCA

Contact Jo Ann Kalb, ext. 335

Contact Mauri Malka, ext. 250

First Tuesday, 4 p.m.

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Naomi Malka, ext. 249

2800 Fordham Road

2501 Rudy Lane

JFCS offers a variety of free caregiver



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

Volunteers wrap Chanukah gifts at JFCS

Diabetes Support Group Restarting!

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

Alzheimer's Caregiver

Support Group Second Friday of the month at 2 p.m. For individuals who are caring for a person with Alzheimer's or other cognitive impairment. Contact Kim Toebbe at ext. 103.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group **New Time!**

Third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. For anyone raising grandchildren or other relatives. Contact Jo Ann Kalb at ext. 335.

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

TEEN TOPICS

Jay Levine BBG

by Audrey Nussbam

Jay Levine BBG began the new term and the New Year with a strong start. Louisville BBYO held a kickoff pool-

party event on Sunday, September 8, with over 50 teens in attendance. The event was completely free of programming and solely for fun, swimming, and catching up with each other.

At the event Jay Levine began and will continue to be selling Qdoba coupons for \$10 a packet to raise money for their chapter. They were also able to start making a difference with their new Stand Up Cause, underprivileged children, by bringing items to donate to the Family Scholar House.

Looking ahead towards the next month, Jay Levine will hold a Sukkot Party at the JCC, the chapter board will travel to Cincinnati for Execs to improve their skills with the regional (Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio) board, and they will help with a brand new chapter in Lexington.

With a lot coming up, the girls in Jay Levine cannot wait to build their strength as BBG's as they prepare to win the spirit cup at Spirit Convention in October

Drew Corson AZA

by Daniel Segal

Drew Corson AZA is very excited and ready for the upcoming term.

On Sunday the September 22, Drew Corson and Jay Levine's board will be going to Cincinnati for Regional Execs. At Regional Execs, the board will learn all about their specific position.

The Sunday after that on September 29, Drew Corson and Jay Levine will travel to Lexington to hang out with the new and upcoming BBYO chapter of Lexington. Lexington BBYO has just recently started up, so Louisville BBYO is going down to Lexington to have fun and show the Lexington chapter what BBYO is all about!

On October 11, the whole region of Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio BBYO will meet for Spirit Convention, where each chapter competes against each other for the spirit stick! We can't wait for the upcoming term!

Hebrew High School Grows to **New Heights**

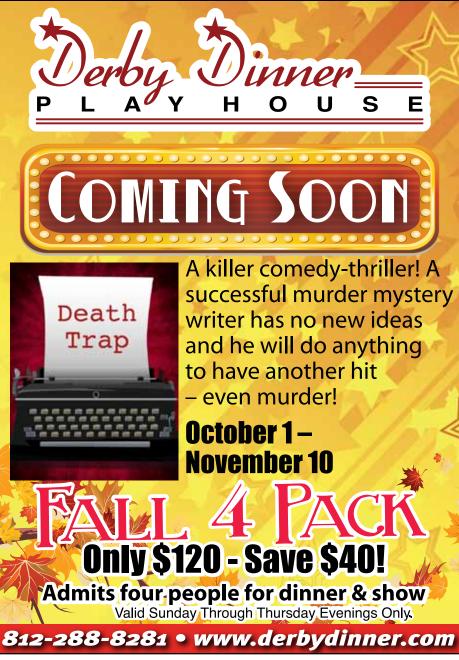
by Natania Lipp Teen Topics Editor

To find out more about what has been happening with the Hebrew High



School this year, I interviewed Sarah Harlan, who has recently been chosen director of Hebrew School.

This year has a lot more focus on curriculum exciting of popular



Louisville BBYO enjoyed the pool. Front, Daniela Reuter, Ashley Waller, Nicole Kasden, Abigail Goldberg, Izzy Geller and Bailey Doctrow; back, Marnina Goldberg and Jordan Gould

Tenth graders now meet with their rabbis for one class period throughout the entire year instead of just one trimester. Students will have more one-onone time with their rabbi, so that they are able to develop deeper relationships with their classes and become confi-dently prepared for their ceremonies at the end of the year.

The classes this year offer a variety that appeals to all different teenagers. If singing is their hobby, Cantor David Lipp is teaching a "Jewish Pitch Per-fect" class. "I'd love to start with some rounds and some part music, if kids are really excited about it maybe we can do some performing," says Cantor Lipp. Although it may not be a competitive a capella group as it is in the movie, it will definitely be as interesting and exciting as the name with a lot of new and exciting Jewish music.

Teens are very excited that Mike Steklof is teaching this year; Ms. Harlan says he is popular among the teenagers as he is the city director for BBYO and very involved in teen life already. He will be teaching a "Sex and the Text" class, which Ms. Harlan describes as focusing on "the racier parts of the Torah that



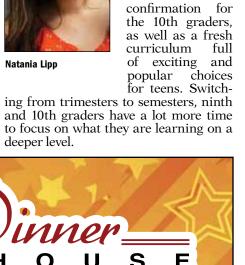
Michael Schwartz, Daniel Segal and Alex Geller enjoye dinner

most Sunday Schools might not recog-nize." This class will definitely be in high demand among students throughout the year

Hebrew High is also offering a Yiddish class and a Jewish Humor course, among many other exciting new options.

Hebrew High teens kicked off the year Sunday, September 15, by participating in the Hunger Walk and started classes the next week. With the new beginning and all of the opportunities it has to offer, the teens and the teachers are excited start the new year of Sunday School.





NEWSMAKERS

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

Summer Auerbach, Alice Bridges, Sasha Belenky, Jeff Calderon, and Karyn Moskowitz are among the 2013 Bingham Fellows working on five initiatives toward "Developing a Smart Food Culture." The five diverse projects all focus on elements of environmental in-

fluences on food culture; projects range from nutrition education and changing attitudes toward food to ready access to fresh and healthy foods in current "food deserts" in Louisville.

Ann Huttner has been selected president of the Board of the International Coach Federation, Ohio Valley.

Chelsea Klein, the granddaughter of Bert Klein and Elaine Klein, z"l, and a Centre College senior, was among those named Southern Athletic Association Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week, according to an article in The Courier-Journal on September 10. Klein is a forward on Centre's field hockey team. Klein scored five of her team-lead-

ing since she was in middle school. She

also helps with the Fashion Encore,

ing eight goals in victories over Roanoke and Sewanee

Louise Miller was recently honored by the Greater Louisville Association of Realtors with the 2013 Realtor of the Year award. This is one of the most prestigious awards given by this association. Miller is a broker associate with Prudential Parks and Weisberg and has 30 years experience in the industry. Prudential Parks and Weisberg has a great history in Louisville and is still locally owneď.

Navigate Enterprise Center, the micro-enterprise division of Jewish Family & Career Services, was featured in Business First on August 16, in an article about impact investing, a trend toward small-business investments that have both financial and social returns. Navigate makes loans of \$500-6,500 to help entrepreneurs start very small businesses.

Âctors Theatre board member Roanne Victor is curating 50 Years, 50 Great Moments, a special exhibition commemorating 50 years of Actors Theatre history. The exhibition will be on display at Actors Theatre of Louisville's Gallery through October 26. A reception will be held on October 4, in conjunction with Republic Bank's First Friďay Trol-

ley Hop. The Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation, part of KentuckyOne Health, has announced new appointments to its 2013-2014 executive committee and board of directors. Current board members named as Executive Committee officers include Robert V. Waterman, attorney, Seiler Waterman, LLC, who was appointed to vice-chair. Hunt Schuster is a new member of the Board of Directors. Schuster is president of The Payroll Group, a national

association of payroll providers.

As reported in Community on July 26, Heaven Hill Distilleries has joined the other major Kentucky heritage distill-eries to create Master Distillers' Unity, a special crystal two-bottle set of Bourbon that will be offered at the Bonham's Whisky, Cognac and Rare Spirits auction in New York City on October 13. All proceeds from the auction of this one-time bottling will go to the Parker Beam Promise of Hope Fund, a fund established through the ALS Association in honor of legendary Sixth Generation Master Distiller Parker Beam

In addition, Heaven Hill has announced that the fall release of the annual Parker's Heritage Collection bottling will benefit the Promise of Hope Fund, with \$20 from each bottle sold going to ALS research and patient care. The 2013 Parker's Heritage Collection Promise of Hope is a limited release, and as always, once these are shipped from Bardstown, no more will be available.

To learn more about the Promise of Hope Fund, visit alsa.org/ParkerBeam-PromiseofHope. To read about Master Distillers' Unity and other fundraising efforts, go to JewishLouisville.org and enter "Parker Beam" in the search field.

Correction

In last month's Community, we incorrectly stated that Harrison Reines, who was profiled in the story about the NFTY trip to Israel, is the grandson of Irv and Sheila Steinberg. Harrison's grandparents Elaine and Sonny Stein-berg, and his mother, Holly Steinberg Reines, grew up in Louisville. We apologize for the error.



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insey Morrison, 17, a long-time volunteer with the Louisville chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women's Nearly New Shop in the Mid-City Mall, is one of two recipients of this year's WLKY Bell Awards Youth Service Honor.

The program recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a true "spirit of Louisville" through selfless volunteer efforts and seeks to inspire residents to engage in community service.

Morrison began volunteering at age four when her mother was working at the American Red Cross. At six years old, she began a hard-fought battle with cancer. She's been in remission for nine years, but that fight still motivates her.

"My overall chance of being alive to-day is 0.00047 percent," Morrison said. "I miraculously lived through my illnesses, but so many kids don't. I've been to 17 funerals in 17 years. In my eyes, there's no reason that I lived and they didn't. But I owe it to them to make reason out of it.'

Kinsey has been described as a tireless ambassador and motivational speaker for Gilda's Club, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Kids Acting Against Cancer, Camp Quality Kentuckiana, Kosair Charities and Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Additionally, this Governor's Scholar and athlete has volunteered with the Salvation Army, Blessings in a Backpack, the Girl Scouts, WaterStep and her school, St. Francis, where she is currently a senior.

She's been volunteering for the Nearly New Shop during the summer and weekends, helping sort, mark and rack cloth-

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the NCJW largest fundraising event. She's gotten her two sisters, and her mother, Karen Morrison, who is CEO of Gilda's Club, mys. volunteering for Nearly New Shop as well. Morrison noted that one of Kinsey's enduring strengths is

Karen

Kinsey Morrison connecting others

to service. "She knows that ripple effect is far greater than anything she could do alone," she said. "Kinsey doesn't do anything for the recognition of it. She has a passion for service, she wants to make the world a better place and she's very intense about it.'

Kinsey Morrison was nominated for the award by Ellen Rosenbloom, NCJW

past president. The WLKY Bell Award recipients will be honored at a banquet at the Galt House Hotel Wed., Oct. 9. Reservations to the dinner can be made by contacting WLKY at 893-3671 by Oct. 1. A special one-hour telecast of the awards will air on WLKY Sat., Oct. 19, from 8-9 p.m.

AROUND TOWN

Friday. September 27

AJ's Mini-Minyan will be a Simchat Torah celebration for families with children in preschool-fifth grade. The interactive Shabbat service begins at 5:30



o.m. and is followed at 6 with a catered dinner and ice cream bar. Dinner is by reservation only; for information, call Molly Evancho at 458-5359 or email mevancho@adathjeshurun.com.

Wednesday, October 2

The Knit & Qvell Circle at Anshei Sfard meets on Wednesday, October 2, at 1 p.m. with a salad lunch in the shul library. Bring your knitting and help launch the winter season. RSVP to Toby Horvitz at 458-7108, Esther Strizak at (812) 218-8952, or Fran Winchell at 426-4660.

Thursdays beginning October 3

Rabbis Michael Wolk of Keneseth Israel, Stanley Miles of Temple Shalom, and David Feder of LBSY will teach an introductory course on Judaism for those interested in converting and those just curious to learn more. The class meets Thursday nights, October 2013 to May 2014, 6:30-8 p.m. Classes in 2013 will meet at Temple Shalom, those in 2014 will meet at Keneseth Israel. Tuition is \$36 plus book fees. Send an email to mwolk@kenesethisrael.com or rabbi@ templeshalomky.org for more information.



Saturday, October 5

On Saturday, October 5, Chabad will present "A Taste of Shabbos" to share the beauty and joy of the Shabbat service. Services will begin at 10 a.m. and the program will run from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A kiddush luncheon will follow.

The service will be offered in beloved memory of Aaron Chase who passed away on September 23 during the holiday of Sukkot. Chase was a founding member and chairman of the Advisory Board of Chabad of Kentucky since 1985.

For more information call Rabbi Avrohom Litvin at 235-5770.

Monday, October 7

Dinner + Minyan = Dinyan - KI invites the community to a 25-minute musical Mincha/Ma'ariv service followed by a schnitzel dinner on Monday, October 7 at 5:45 p.m. The event is free of charge. but donations to the sponsoring funds – The Yael Melzer Fund and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund - are recommended. Reservations required by Thursday, October 3; call the KI office at 459-2780.

Monday, October 7

The annual meeting of the Louisville Vaad Hakashruth takes place at the Jewish Community Center at 7:45 p.m. on Monday. October 7. With changes occurring in the community, the Louisville Vaad Hakashruth's by-laws are being reviewed and updated. The Vaad's mission is to promote kashrut in our community. All are welcome to come and offer their input.

Mondays beginning October 7

Adult Education classes at The Temple: At 7 p.m., participate in text study with Rabbi David. First semester: The Angry God - Early Jewish Conceptions of God. Explore the roles and personal-ities of God – "merciful and gracious" (Ex. 34:6), but also angry and jealous – through study of early biblical and Midrashic texts.

Second semester: S'rugim season 3. The most talked-about series on Israeli television, applauded for its true-to-life portrayal of the modern-Orthodox community in Israel.

Also at 7 p.m., join Rabbi Rooks for Mysteries of the Alef-Bet: Kabbalat Ha-Torah, a Jewish, mystical and Hebrew learning experience that is taught on multiple levels at the same time. The curriculum offers insights into Bible, prayer, Midrash, Jewish philosophy, and spirituality.

At 8 p.m., Rabbi Rapport leads an intermediate-level course on Hebrew reading and grammatical structures. If you can read the prayers by rote or sound out words, however carefully, this course is for you.

Also at 8 p.m., all rabbis will present topics on basic Judaism. Topics to be covered in three six-week sessions: Life Cycle Events - first session with Rabbi David; Holidays - second session with Rabbi Rooks; Jewish Concepts and Basic Beliefs - third session with Rabbi Rapport.

Wednesdays beginning October 9

Jews and Brews, a one-hour morning class led by Rabbi Wolk of KI, meets weekly on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the JCC Coffee Shop. Participants gather over coffee to study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary. All in the community are welcome. Class resumes Wednesday, October 9. Check the calendar at kenesethisrael.com for the most current information.

Sunday, October 13

Sunday Night at the Movies: *The Gatekeepers*, described as a "provocative must see" by Variety magazine, is a revelatory documentary about Israel's Shin Bet security agency told from the inside. The six former heads of the agency share

their insights and reflect about their actions and decisions in interviews that shed light on the controversy surrounding the Occupation in the aftermath of the Six Day War.

The free showing begins at 7 p.m. in The Temple's Waller chapel. Everyone is invited; for more about the movie, visit thegatekeepersfilm.com.

Mondays beginning October 14

KI's Rabbi Wolk will teach a class on reading Hebrew for beginners on Monday nights, October 14-November 18. No prior experience is necessary. The class meets immediately following the 5:45 p.m. Minyan, and all are invited to attend. Call the KI office at 502-459-2780 or email Rabbi Wolk at mwolk@kenesethisrael.com with questions

Saturdays, monthly, beginning October 19

KI invites the community's children and families to attend its redesigned monthly Shabbat services especially for youth, beginning October 19 at 10:30 a.m.

KI Katan is geared for the youngest participants - second grade and younger – with a participatory service of songs, stories, d'var Torah, and a Shabbatfriendly craft or snack related to a timely theme

Tefillah L'Yeladim is a junior congregation for third- through seventh-graders, allowing them to interact directly and comfortably with the Rabbi while learning about the Shabbat prayers.

Sunday, October 20 KI and the Keneseth Israel Preschool will host their annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 20, noon-4 p.m. Come enjoy fun for all ages, including food for purchase and inflatables for the kids. Louisville Metro Police Department will be available to make free child ID cards (including photo and fingerprint), and the LMPD helicopter will be there. For details, visit www.kenesethisrael.com.

Friday, October 25

Nurture your spirit and your body at KI with a special Shabbat B'Yachad (Together) on Friday, October 25, at 5:30 p.m. This Souper Kabbalat Shabbat starts over a warm cup of soup, followed by a Joyous Kabbalat Shabbat service. The program is sponsored by the Faye Simmy Davis Kabbalat Shabbat and Fund. There is no charge for attendance, but donations are appreciated.

Tuesday, October 22

Paws with Purpose celebrates 10 years of connecting and placing assistance dogs at their annual fundraiser on October 22, from 7-11 p.m. at the Olmsted, 2701 Frankfort Ave. PWP places highly trained therapy and facility dogs with children and adults throughout the community free of charge. Your \$60 ticket includes a cocktail reception with a cash bar, exciting silent auction items, and a program with celebrity chair Coach Jeff Walz, UofL's Women's Basketball coach, and well-known emcee Susan Sweeney Crum. Contact elaineweisberg@gmail. com or 458-7007, or info@pawswithpurpose.org or 689-0804 for information and tickets.

Saturday, October 26

Keneseth Israel invites the community to usher out Shabbat and bring in the new week with Shabbat & Sundaes. Meet at 7 p.m. at Graeter's, 2204 Bardstown Rd., and enjoy a treat for up to \$5 without paying at the counter. After taking time to nosh and schmooze, enjoy Havdalah Out & About. RSVPs required; call 459-2780 no later than Thursday, October 24, at 4 p.m. There is no charge, but you may direct supporting donations to the sponsoring funds: the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and the Yael Melzer Fund.

White-Doyle

Marriages

Pamela Doyle, daughter of Jerry and

Lois Hoffert of Cold Springs, KY, and

Robert S. White, son of Marcy Beyer,

were married June 22 in Maple Hill in

Manor Springfield, KY, in a private cer-

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B'nai Mitzvah

Hannah Sari Wittenstein

Hannah Sari Wittenstein daughter of Cheryl and Harrell; sister of Brett and mem-ber of Am Israel Congregation in Glenview. IL. was called to the Torah



Camp in Mukwonago, WI, on August 24. Hannah is a fifth-year Beber camper and her mitzvah project was working for the Beber Scholarship Program so every child can have a camping experience.

Hannah is a seventh-grader, a Junior Honor society member, advanced orchestra cellist, and gymnast.

Hannah's grandparents are Shellia and Mel Davis, Shirley Grey and the late Herbe Grey of Northbrook, IL, and Linda and Joe Wittenstein of Buffalo Grove, IL. Her great-grandparents are Faye P. Davis and the late Simmy Da-vis, and Dorothy Pearl and the late Saul Pearl of Boca Raton. FL.

Taste the Spirit: A Bourbon and Wine

Event – Young adults are invited to bring

a friend, enjoy a bourbon and wine tast-

ing and educational session from Larry

Kass of Heaven Hill Distilleries, eat chili

and spaghetti, and participate in an ice-

breaker session for future events. In the

Klein Center at The Temple, 5:30 p.m.;

RSVP to templenews@thetemplelouky.

The Keneseth Israel Men's Club will

host the quarterly Bowl-a-pa-louza, where teams from all five Louisville

synagogues compete for the prestigious

Golden Bagel, on Sunday, October 27,

at 1 p.m. The competition takes place at

Rose Bowl Lanes North, 2217 Goldsmith

Ln. Two games, shoe rental, soft drinks,

and a nosh for \$10; children ages 13 and

younger will have their own lanes.

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Bennett Frasier Schramko





Adath Jeshurun.

Bennett is the grandson of Shellie and the late Melvin Benovitz and Dianne and Frank Schramko of Frankfort, IL.

Bennett is in the eighth grade at Meyzeek Middle School. He is a member of the Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA), Beta Club, and the Meyzeek Tennis team. Bennett spends his summers at B'nai B'rith Beber Camp. He enjoys playing all sports, especially tennis, and hanging out with his friends.

For his mitzvah project, Bennett hosted a Back to School Picnic for the children staying at the VoA shelter. Bennett also participated in the Pledge 13 program.

Bennett and his family invite the community to join them as they celebrate this wonderful simcha.

ers Big Sisters' research has shown that

mentoring matches with "Bigs" 55 or

older last three times longer than rela-

tionships with mentors who are younger.

serves 1,500 mentoring match relation-

ships each year. The organization has

400 children waiting to be matched

with a volunteer mentor across the 12

Kentucky and Southern Indiana counties the agency serves. New volunteers

are needed immediately, especially men

and those in the 55 and over age group.

For more information or to volunteer,

contact Amy Barnes at 297-6608 or

abarnes@powercreative.com, or Kristin

Milosevich at 753-3754 or kristin.milo-

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Andrew **Benjamin Tuvlin**

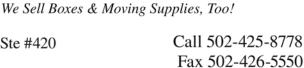
Andrew Benjamin Tuvlin, son of Jennifer and Jeffrev and brother of Ethan and Jared. will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, October 26, at

Adath Jeshurun. Andrew is the grandson of Ruth and Ron Greenberg and Rita and Bernie Tuvlin of Atlanta, GA.

Andrew is an eighth-grader at Meyzeek Middle School. Andrew is on the tennis team, a member of the Beta Club, science fair and an active participant in KUNA, Kentucky United Nations Assembly. He attends B'nai B'rith Beber Camp in Mukwonago, Wisconsin. Andrew enjoys reading, video games but most of all, loves his friends.

For his bar mitzvah project, Andrew is employing his passion for reading to tutor students at his former school, Dunn Elementary, and then sponsoring them at the Fall Book Fair. Andrew is also participating in Pledge 13.

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



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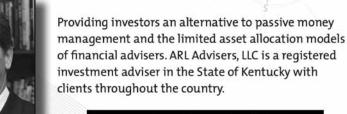
Over 125 teens from all over the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio Region will be in Louisville for this event. We are looking for families to provide housing for the participants and to volunteer at the event. To volunteer, you need to commit to house at least two teens.

morning. An adult 21 years or older is needed to driving the participants to and from the JCC in the morning and at night and must have a seatbelt for each participant you house.

teens, please contact Mike Steklof, Teen Director at 502-238-2774 or at

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Nally-Cohn Shelley and Hite Nally are delighted to announce the marriage of their son, Dustin Nally, to Melanie Cohn. The couple resides in San Diego, CA,

where Dustin is manager of security at

Westgate Hotel and Melanie is a manager at San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative. After meeting on a Birthright Israel trip in 2009, the happy couple tied the knot on July 5 in San Diego at the Thursday Club. Italy is the honeymoon destination planned for September.

Obituaries

Esther Bernice Hildebrand Esther Bernice "Beecee" Hildebrand,

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was born in Louisville, KY, May 24, 1921 and died August 15, 2013.

She was the daughter of Louis and Gertrude Brownstein. She was married for 69 years to the love of her life, Lee Hildebrand.

She is survived by her son, Gary Hildebrand (Bonnie) and her daugh-ter, Randee Zalman (Bruce), her three granddaughters, Kelly Hildebrand, Hi-lary Rose Ostrega and Amy Brun. She is also survived by four great grandchildren, Adler, Alexandra, Brandt and Elie. She is survived by one of her three sisters, Helene Ruth Judah. Her other two sisters who predeceased her were Jean Winner and Fay Michelson.

Beecee has a long history of charitable and community service. She was a life member of Hadassah-Jewish Women International. She was past president of Adath Israel Sisterhood and B'nai Brith and board member of Council of Jewish Women. The Bureau of Jewish Education, The Conference of Jewish Women's Organization, the Red Cross, the Conference of Christians and Jews and Brandeis Auxiliary. During the War, she was a Grey Lady and volunteer at the Veteran's Hospital in Louisville. She loved children and was a past leader of The Girl Scouts of America as well as camp director. Her passion was writing and considered herself an amateur playwright and poet.

Reva Rosenberg

Reva Rosenberg, 92, dearly loved by her family, passed away peacefully at Signature Healthcare at Cherokee Park on September 15. She was a former president of Keneseth Israel Sisterhood and volunteered at Jewish Hospital for several years.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Iris Waxman; and her husband of thirty years, Joseph Rosenberg.

She is survived by a daughter, Patricia Cohen (Joseph); a son, Gary Rosenberg; and five grandchildren: Emily Cohen, Ross Cohen (Shannon), Cory Rosenberg (Samantha), Sydney Rosenberg and Andrew Rosenberg, along with two nieces, Maxeen Claymon (William) and Irma Green, and a nephew, Irving Green.

She was a very charitable person and will be dearly missed. The family would like to express sincere gratitude to the staff at Signature Healthcare at Cherokee Park for their tremendous care and compassion.

Burial was at Keneseth Israel Cemetery

Expressions of sympathy may be



gregation Anshei Sfard, Congregation Adath Jeshurun, past president of the ODOM Club, St. George Masonic Lodge #239 F&AM, past president of Vaad Hakashruth, a former chairman of Bonds for Israel Men's Division, a past president of Association of Home Improvement Contactors of Kentuckiana, and a national vice president of Associated Home Improvement Contractors. He received honors from Vaad Hakashruth, Chabad of Kentucky and Israel Bonds. He also was a Kentucky Colonel and an avid University of Louisville Cardinals fan.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Chase; his daughter, Vicki Chase of Coral Spring, FL; his son, Stephen Chase (Karen) of Los Angeles, CA; and her granddaughters, Taryn Greenman (Ross) and Tyler Jenna Chase.

Burial was in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son were in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contribution to the Karmen Bush Head & Neck Fund at J. Graham Brown Cancer Center, ATTN: Linda Demé, 529 S. Jackson Street, Louisville, KY 40202, or Hosparus.



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made to The American Cancer Society or Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

Jerome V. Fleischer Jerome V. "Jerry" Fleischer, 75, died Friday, September 20, at his home. He was a retired elementary school guidance counselor in Henry County, a U.S. Marine Corp veteran, member of Congregation Anshei Sfard, Jewish War Veterans, High Time at JCC, and Senior Softball League.

He is survived by his wife, Babette Roodman Fleischer; a son, Jeffrey Mark Fleischer of NY; and a brother, Drew Fleischer of FL.

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

Expressions of sympathy may go to Rabbi Solomon Roodman Discretionary Fund at Congregation Anshei Sfard or Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

Aaron Chase

Aaron Chase, 87, died Monday, September 23, at his residence.

He was former owner of Louisville Perma Stone and AAA Investment Company. He was a member of Con-



D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Yosef Levy

woman wrote the following story and posted it on a Chabad website. The elevator reached the

fourth floor. The doors slid open, but I was tempted to hit "lobby" and push this off for a week. I was returning home from vacation.



It's a good thing suitcases have wheels, because the one right behind me leaned against me and prodded me out the door. I stepped out quickly onto the black and white tiles of my hallway, and looked for a light switch to brighten it up. Oh. The light was on; I

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guess fluorescent watts just don't compete with the sun's. I glanced out the window at the street down below, and imagined that the graffiti inscription on the corner grocery read, "Welcome back from vacation."

Bracing myself to enter my urban dwelling, I turned the key in the lock. I slowly pushed the carriage into my living room, followed by my husband and a month's load of stuff. There was barely any floor to be seen, and I knew that even when I unpacked the suitcases, my son would be able to run about six feet and then have to turn back the other direction. How different this was from vacation.

It wasn't that I wanted to radiate negative energy; I simply felt claustrophobic, and couldn't help noticing the dust balls dancing in all the corners. I knew that the closest I could get to seeing a clear blue sky with a serene landscape would be if I purchased wallpaper. I felt the walls caving in on me, leaving only a narrow tunnel for me to crawl through, face down.

That's when I noticed it. A kind mailman had slipped a big envelope under my door, saving me the usual trip to the post office for larger-sized packages. A bright red sticker read, "Do not bend, portraits inside." G-d bless Sears! I tore open the perforated line, and the pictures landed gracefully on my glass table. Within 30 seconds I had them laying side by side, a collage of memories from my recent vacation.

With crisp white pants and sky-blue argyle shirts, my kids blended right into the scenery. The essence of vacation had been captured in an 8×10, two 5×7s, and a sheet of wallets. I played with the different sizes and poses, rearranging them on a bare wall in the kids' bedroom, and designed their frames in my mind. When the prints were at the right angle and the symmetry was just so, I actually managed a smile. It was good to be home, in my comfort zone, with real wooden cribs instead of playpens for the little ones. Home was where I spent the majority of my life, for both function and purpose. And soon to be hanging on my wall, in my own home, I had a glimpse of vacation as well. Enough to uplift me

at a glance. The \$5.99 for overnight shipping was worth it.

From that story, we learn we all have another dimension. There's that spiritual part within us that has genuine thoughts and emotions. It is called the G-dly soul.

This soul is granted a vacation once a year, during the first month of the year, Tishrei. The landscape is filled with High Holidays and an assortment of mitzvot, a veritable feast for the soul. The soul feels the connection to our Creator without a smokescreen interfering. Its essence is revealed.

In contrast to such a luminous month, Tishrei is followed by the month of Cheshvan, a month where the soul feels like it is permanently seeing behind darkened sunglasses. How should the soul cope with the grind of daily life, without the spiritual heights and inspiration of the holiday season?

A small town in Russia had the answer. At the closing of the final holiday of the month, Simchat Torah, the rebbes in the city of Lubavitch would proclaim, *"VeYaakov halach ledarko,"* "And Jacob went his way."

Jacob's journey was symbolic of every Jew's return to "normal life." The name Yaakov (Jacob) has roots in the word *eikev*, or "heel." The heel connotes lifelessness, serving as a fitting metaphor for the routine and the regular.

How should one go about the transition from holiday to workday? "In *His* way," G–d's way. The 11 remaining months of the year are the majority of one's life, and they are meant to be utilized for both function and purpose. G–d's intention is that we infuse the delight of "vacation" into our everyday activities, bringing meaning and holiness to every aspect of our lives.

Our source of inspiration? The mental picture formed throughout the holiday, which serves to uplift us at a glance. Much like a camel, who can drink 30 gallons of water and then store it for a long trek ahead, with a little bit from his reservoir being enough to sustain him.

It is stated that "the month of Tishrei is the comprehensive head of all the months. It includes days that are roots and sources for the entire year: Rosh HaShanah is the root and source of the awe of G-d that Jews then receive for the whole year; Yom Kippur is the root and source of *teshuvah* and forgiveness and pardon; the seven days of Sukkos are the root and source of the love of G-d and the root and source of joy for the whole year.

Even more comprehensive than all these days is Simchas Torah, which comprises the whole month of Tishrei, for what is elicited on that day is the all-embracing Supernal *makkif*, which is known as 'the King's own delights, the 'Crown of the Torah. This revelation is drawn downward on Simchas Torah by dancing [with the Torah], and this transcends by far the limits of mortal understanding."

It's good to be home, being able to access spiritual heights using physical means. Let's make the coming months worth it.

Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, September 27 at 7:15 p.m., October 4 at 7:04 p.m., October 11 at 6:53 p.m., October 18 at 6:43 and October 25 at 6:34 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi Yosef Levy, a Chabad rabbi and the OU Kosher expert and rabbinic field representative for the states of Kentucky and Indiana, has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.



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YAD enjoyed Sangria in the Sukkah

YAD, the Young Adult Division of the Jewish Community Federation, enjoyed a successful Sangria in the Sukkah event on Monday evening, September 23, in Jewish Community Center's sukkah. About 20 people in their 20's and 30's savored sangria, vegetarian Thai food and the fellowship of good company.

Mike Steklof, Julie Lamb and Jacob Efman



Evan Rowe and Allison Leit

Join YAD 20s/early 30s, Access Cincinnati, and the Lexington YAD division for **AN AFTERNOON AT THE**

AN AFTERNOON AT THE RACES AT KEENELAND

4201 Versailles Rd Lexington, KY 40510

Sunday October 20, 2013 Lunch: 12p.m. Races begin: 1:15p.m. Cost: \$15 per person

Includes lunch and entry to Keeneland RSVP to Mary Jean at mjtimmel@ jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739 or online at www.jewishlouisville.org by October 14. Please include if you would like to carpool or require a vegetarian lunch. Vaad approved option available upon request by October 7.

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YAD Chair Ben Vaughan was on hand to welcome the group and encourage them to be involved with YAD and the wider Jewish community.

YAD's 20s/30s group also had a potluck Yom Kippur break fast.

For information on how to get involved with YAD or YAD upcoming events, contact Tzivia Levin at 238-2715 or tlevin@jewishlouisville.org.



Perry Factor, Brett Hudspeth and Seth Baklor





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