OMUNITY

INSIDE

Jewish Film Festival is larger than ever and a special look back a the history Broadway

PAGE 5

FRIDAY VOL. 40, NO. 04 ■ 4 TEVET 5775 ■ DECEMBER 26, 2014



A group of past and present CenterStage performers entertained the audience at the tenth annual Light Up CenterStage on December 6. The event finished off Center Stage's portion of the Meet the Challenge campaign, meaning the theate will get new chairs and a curtain. See story page 8.

JCC to Celebrate 125 Years of Service to Louisville

by Lisa Hornung Communications Specialist

PERIODICALS
POSTAGE
LOUISVILLE
KENTUCKY

The Jewish Community Center will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year, and with so many opportunities to celebrate, you're sure to find a few in which to par-

ticipate.
"We have one of the oldest Jewish community centers in the country, with a long,

rich history, said Ralph Green, committee co-chair. "Many of those in the Jewish community who have been active here grew up at the JCC.

"The JCC has been in Louisville for 125 years, which is a big deal," said Michelle Tasman, committee co-chair.

Louisville's JCC began as the Young Men's Hebrew Association on January 14, 1890, after several years of people meeting informally in literary and social clubs in the city. The minutes of the charter meeting said the organization would be "an Association, the objects of which shall be the moral, religious, educational, social and physical advancement of its members. Dues were set at \$6 per year. By the end of that year, a gym - at a cost of \$3,500 had been constructed on the east side of see **JCC 125** page 19

Million Dollar Dinner Lives Up to its Name

By Phyllis Shaikun

The Jewish Federation of Louisville's Million Dollar Dinner on Saturday, December 13. at the Standard Club, lived up to its name and attracted a festive crowd of more than 200 to celebrate the community successfully raising over that sum during the Week of Giving effort held December 7-13. The gala was a thank you to donors and to volunteers who worked tirelessly, along with 2015 Campaign Chair Doug Gordon and Cochair Ariel Kronenberg, to ensure the million-dollar mark would be reached by the night of the dinner.

Gordon emceed the proceedings and began the evening's formal program by thanking the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence for the use of the Standard Club and to Heaven Hill Distilleries for contributing the alcohol for the evening.

Gordon then recognized past presidents and chairs from the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Community Federation and Jewish Community of Louisville who provided inspiration and leadership that set the path and brought us to this point. He shared highlights of their collective accomplishments, which see MILLION DOLLAR page 16



Cantor David Lipp and Rabbi Michael Wolk light a candle to kick off the Million Dollar Dinner at the Standard Club on December 13. The gala was a thank

INDEX

JCRC Update	2
Wishnia Europe Trip	
Summer Interns	3
Jewish Film Festival	
Calendar of Events	
Amb. Prosor Speech	6-7
Light Up CenterStage	
Nelson Concert	
Federation Update	
YAD Annual Event	
JCL Briefing	
PJ Library @ Barnes and Nobel	
Schrader Scholarship	15
A Capella Festival	18
Community Impact Grants	18
Toddler Nutrition Forum	
JFCS Calendar	
Gross_Released from Cuba	
Teen Topics	22
Newsmakers	
Chavurat Shalom	
Around Town	
Lifecycle	27
D'var Torah	27

Shavit Discusses Book, Israel's Importance; Kashua to Talk of Life as an Israeli Arab

by Lisa Hornung and Shiela Steinman Wallace

On December 7, the Louisville Jewish/Israeli Author Series brought Ari Shavit, the author of My Promised Land in to speak at Adath Jeshurun at an event sponsored by Adath Jeshurun and co-sponsored by Tem-

The series will continue on Friday, January 23, at the Jewish Community Center. The community is invited to participate in Kabbalat Shabbat services at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and discussion with Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, author of Holy Frustration and Radical Amazement: Parenting as a Spiritual Discussion. The dinner is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children, and babysitting is available. It is sponsored by the JCC and Keneseth Israel.

The following day, Rabbi Ruttenberg will be the guest and featured speaker at Keneseth Israel for the Shabbat service and kiddush luncheon starting at 9:30 a.m. This



Stuart Goldberg, Phyllis Shaikun and Michael Shaikun at the Jewish/Israeli Author Series reading by Ari Shavit on December 7.

program is sponsored by Keneseth Israel.

On Thursday and Friday, February 12 and 13, the University of Louisville Jewish Studies Department and The Temple are

see SHAVIT page 7

COMMUNITY

Community is published monthly by the Jewish Community of Louisville, Inc., 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205-3216.

USPS #020-068 at Louisville, KY.

The Jewish Community of Louisville is a nonprofit organization. \$26 of your pledge is for a subscription for Community. For more information, call (502) 459-0660, fax (502) 238-2724, e-mail jcl@jewishlouisville.org or check out the website www.jewishlouisville.org.

POSTMASTER – Send address changes to **Community**, 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205-3216.

COMMUNITY DEADLINES

Deadlines for the next two issues of **Community** for copy and ads are: January 16 for publication on January 23 and February 14 for publication on February 20.

Community publishes Newsmakers and Around Town items at no charge. Items must be submitted in writing. Please include your name and a daytime telephone number where you can be contacted in the event that questions arise. **Community** reserves the right to edit all submissions to conform to style and length requirements.

ADVERTISING INFORMATION

To advertise, please contact our sales representative at (502) 418-5845 or e-mail communityadvertising@jewishlouisville.org.

The appearance of advertising in **Community** does not represent a kashruth endorsement.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Community accepts letters to the editor for publication. All letters must be of interest to the Jewish community or in response to an item published in the paper. They must be no longer than 300 words in length and signed. Name, address and daytime phone number must be included for verification purposes only.

Community reserves the right to refuse to publish any letter, to edit for brevity while preserving the meaning, and to limit the number of letters published in any edition

Mail your comments to: **Community**, Letters to the Editor, 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205-3216.



Community's circulation has been audited by the Circulation Verification Council.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Shiela Steinman Wallace

Editor/Communications Director 238-2703, swallace@jewishlouisville.org

Kristy Benefield

Community Subscriptions
238-2739, kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org

Ben Goldenberg

Marketing Director 238-2711, bgoldenberg@jewishlouisville.org

Misty Ray Hamilton

Sr. Graphic Designer & Web Manager 238-2778, mhamilton@jewishlouisville.org

Lisa Hornung

Commulcations Specialist 238-2730, Ihornung@jewishlouisville.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Chair Karen Abrams

JCL SENIOR STAFF
President & Chief Executive Officer

Stu Silberman

Senior Vice President & Chief Operations Officer

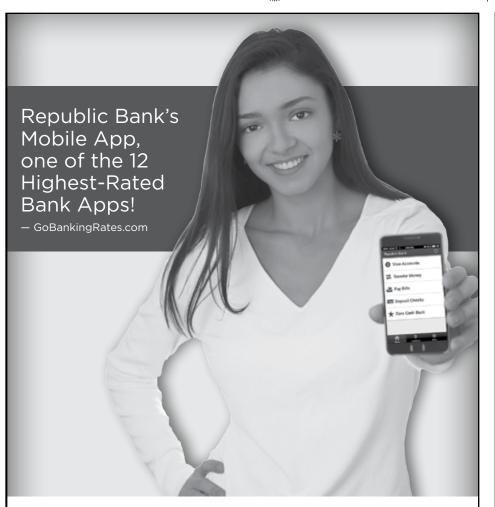
Sara Wagner

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Ed Hickerson

Tax deductible contributions may be sent to Community, 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205



© 2014 JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LOUISVILLE, INC.
Successor to the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville,
Inc. and Jewish Community Center of Louisville, Inc.



Download the app today!







REPUBLIC BANK It's just easier here:

RepublicBank.com Member FDIC

*Message and data rates may apply from your wireless carrier.

JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director Jewish Community Relations Council

This past month saw protests in the streets of Ferguson, MO, Staten Island, NY, around the country, and right here in Louisville over what many see as injustice in the form of racial discrimination at the hands of police. They are a response to the decisions by two grand juries not to indict the policemen responsible for the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner. The anger in the streets and during these protests is palpable, as the African American Community and many others are seething with frustration.

We hope these communities begin to heal, the necessity of protests begins to abate and the police and the citizens they are sworn to protect will join together in common cause and trust. True justice will not come about when grand juries announce decisions on indictments, but when the citizenry has faith in the police, the courts and the justice system, and feel their own sense of belonging within it.

Israel Elections

There are many advantages to multi-party parliamentary governments, the main one being the parties are narrower in their policies, and the choices will be more specifically in line with members' core beliefs. However, one big disadvantage is the fact that governments are formed by coalition, and when one member party of the coalition disagrees too much with the ruling party, the government will fall. This is exactly what happened in the last couple of weeks in Israel and as a result new elections will be held on March 17.

There are many different parties in the Knesset, ranging from the very left

to the far right and forming a coalition is a complicated affair. The ruling party must cobble together a 61 seat colition out of the 120 seats in the Knesset. For the last several years it has been the Likud party and Prime Minister Netanyahu that have formed a government. But in recent years, the Likud has not had more than 31 seats so it is beholden to other parties, often times with very different ideas than Likud. Their main coalition partners included Yisrael Beiteinu, a historically immigrant party that has generally supported a nationalistic foreign policy while being anti-Religious. Likud has also joined with the Jewish Home party, also nationalistic, and generally associated with supporting the expansion of set-tlements in the West Bank. But Likud's largest coalition party has been the Yesh Atid party, a centrist party, supportive of peace talks with the Palestinians, and led by Yair Lapid, a former television news anchor. Since the coalition has such different stances on everything from peace talks to the price of housing, and with such different personalities like Netanyahu, Lapid and others, it really was only a matter of time until this government fell.

The current polls are erratic, some predicting Netanyahu and the Likud will lose and the largest left wing party, the Labor party will take control. Other polls are showing that the Likud will actually gain seats, drop Yesh Atid as a partner and secure the religious parties as partners. It is early, and Israeli politics are notoriously unpredictable. As Israel is always dealing with vital issues such as the peace process, military conflict with its neighbors and the role of religion in society (all issues discussed by the main parties in recent advertisements), the next government will have a serious part to play in the future of Is-



VINCENZO'S CATERING & SPECIAL EVENTS

It's Wedding Season!

LET US HOST YOUR NEXT REHEARSAL

DINNER, OR CATER AT YOUR VENUE

THIS WEDDING SEASON.

CALL JONATHAN AT 580-1350 FOR DETAILS, AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MENU OPTIONS.



WWW.VINCENZOSITALIANRESTAURANT.COM

Europe Trip Exposes Couple to Jewish Culture, History in Budapest and Prague

by Carol Wishnia

On July 6, Jake and I flew to Budapest for a two-week vacation in Europe. We had arranged to stay three days in Budapest to tour the city and its Jewish sites before taking a Danube River cruise and to stay in Prague for three days after the cruise to tour that city and its Jewish sites.

Budapest is divided into two sections, Buda and Pest, divided by the Danube River. Buda is on a hill and Pest is on a flat plain. In medieval times, Jews lived in Buda as merchants, shopkeepers and craftsmen.

A synagogue was built in 1307, but was destroyed a number of years later. The Jews were expelled several times but allowed to return and gained prominence. Jews lived in Pest as early as 1407 and built their first synagogue there in 1787.

The period from 1873 to World War II was a time of prosperity. Theodor Herzl was born in Pest. Following World War I, the Jewish community grew to 246,000. At the beginning of the war Hungary sided with Germany, so Budapest was not occupied until 1944 and 80,000-90,000 Jews survived the Holocaust in Budapest.

Today about 80 percent of the Jews are Neolog (Reform and Conservative) and the rest are Orthodox.

and the rest are Orthodox.

Budapest boasts the largest synagogue in Europe on Dohany Street.
There are 26 active synagogues there along with three new Jewish schools and two small yeshivot. There are also kosher restaurants.

We toured the Jewish quarter. The huge Dohany Street Synagogue seats 3,000 people. It was built in Byzantine Moorish style with ceramic decorations and onion domes, between 1854 and 1859.

The congregation practices Neolog Judaism but has balconies for the women. Its ark contains 25 Torah scrolls taken from destroyed or looted temples during the Holocaust.

In the courtyard of the synagogue there are mass graves of thousands of Jews from the ghettos in Budapest. A memorial weeping willow tree made of granite and steel commemorates all the Hungarian victims of the Holocaust with each leaf inscribed with a name.

We also toured the Rumbach Synagogue built between 1869-1872 in Moorish design. It is being restored.

We walked the Jewish quarter seeing other synagogues from the outside. There is also the Holocaust Memorial Center and the memorial called the Shoes on the Danube along the Pest embankment. It marks the spot where Jews were shot and thrown into the Danube during the German occupation.

There is a Budapest Rabbinical Seminary, opened in the early 1900s, which



Carol and Jake Wishnia traveled to Budapest and Prague recently and visited several Jewish historical sites.

houses a huge library of more than 150,000 priceless volumes of Jewish literature.

After our three days in Budapest, we boarded the Avalon Panorama for our cruise on the Danube. During a stop, in Vienna, we went to a wonderful bakery and bought a delicious challah, which we shared with some passengers on the ship. The last stop was Nuremberg, Germany, where we disembarked and boarded a bus for Prague.

Prague is a 1,200-year-old city that was not bombed during World War II. The architecture is mixed – baroque, gothic and modern. It has 1.24 million inhabitants and lies on the banks of the Vltava River (Moldau in German). It is divided into four sections – Stare Mesto (Old Town), Nove Mesto (New Town), Mala Strana (Little Quarter), and Josefov (Jewish Quarter). There is also the Hradcany (Castle District).

We had a walking tour of the Mala Strana and the Charles Bridge on the afternoon that we arrived in Prague. We saw the immense castle across the river and we toured the Old Town, saw the Astronomical clock built in 1410 and went to a kosher restaurant called Dinitz in the Jewish Quarter, where we had a delicious meal.

Another day we had a tour of the Jew-

ish Quarter. The Old-New Synagogue is the oldest landmark of the Jewish Quarter. It was built in the 13th century. The main building is surrounded by low annexes that serve as a vestibule and women's sections. Women can hear the services through narrow apertures in

To this day, the Old-New Synagogue has retained the original seating arrangement around the perimeter of the main hall. It has always been the main synagogue of the Prague Jewish community.

We also saw the Jerusalem Synagogue, built in 1905-06 in Moorish Style in the Nove Mesto (New Town), and toured the Pinkas Synagogue built in 1479 in a Renaissance design. Franz Kafka, a famous Czech writer, attended services there.

The earliest religious building on the site of today's Pinkas Synagogue is the ritual bath (mikvah) dating from the 11th century. In the 1950s the synagogue became the seat of the Memorial of the 77,297, a monument erected in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Their names are inscribed on the walls. It also houses the exhibition of drawings done by the children who were imprisoned in the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp from 1942-1944.

The Jewish Town Hall in Prague dates from the 16th century and is in Baroque style. It features a clock with Hebrew numbers whose hands move counter clockwise.

Nearby is the Old Jewish Cemetery. It holds 12,000 tombstones for more that 100,000 people buried there. Because the cemetery was only designed to hold around 10 percent of the Jews buried there, some graves are 12 tombs deep.

The most famous tomb there belongs to Rabbi Loew who died in 1609 and was thought to be the creator of the story of the Golem. Hitler ordered that this cemetery be saved to serve as part of a museum after all the Jews had been exterminated.

The last synagogue that we visited was the Spanish Synagogue built in Moorish design by Iberian Jews who came to Prague to escape persecution.

The Jewish Museum has collections that allow us to understand the development of the city's Jewish community and its culture. The museum exhibitions are located in six different places: five synagogues and the cemetery, a kind of large open-air museum.

Jake and I learned a lot about Jewish history on this trip and would encourage others to follow this itinerary. It was really enjoyable!

Summer 2015 Internships are Available for Jewish College Students

It may be dreary December, but the summer will be here before we know it. While Jewish college-age students are home for the winter break, they may want to consider the wonderful opportunity to have a paid internship next summer at Jewish Federation of Louisville, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family and Career Services and newly added this year, Jewish Hospital.

These internships will be offered in a variety of different departments within the organizations, such as marketing and communications, business management, human resources and informa-

tion technology. College students who have completed their freshman year of college by the summer of 2015 are eligible to apply. The students must be Jewish and be permanent residents of Louisville, though they may attend college out of state.

The stipend for each intern position will be \$2,500 for nine weeks. Those selected to participate will begin in early June, but the schedule could be modified to accommodate a particular student's schedule. Organized activities within the Jewish community, career-directed programs and meeting with selected

community leaders are all part of the program.

Since 2001, from two to five Jewish college students per summer have had the opportunity to work in our Jewish community organizations. The leadership of all the organizations involved with this collaboration agrees that this is a valuable program in allowing Jewish students to get hands-on experience that will be helpful to them as they make career decisions. They feel this win-win program benefits both the Jewish community and the participants. Agency cooperation, economic opportunity and the develop-

ment of young talent are just a few of the positive aspects of the program.

To request an application packet or to receive more information, call Ellen Shapira at JFCS, 452-6341, ext. 225. Applications must be submitted by April 3, 2015. The applications will contain detailed job descriptions of specific positions available at JCL, JCC, JFCS and Jewish Hospital.

Applicants will be able to select the position for which they wish to apply. Selection decisions will be based on the student's academic background, experiences and quality of the application.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE WEEK OF GIVING

Together, we raised \$1.4 million for the 2015 Federation Annual Campaign. But we are not done yet. This year's goal is \$2.2 million.

If you have not made a pledge visit **www.jewishlouisville.org/donate** or contact Kristy Benefield, 238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlousville.org to donate today.



2015 Jewish Film Festival Brings New Line-up of Amazing Movies

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

This year's Louisville Jewish Film Festival will have more than just a fantastic list of films to see: This year there will be a special musical event – *CenterStage and Louisville Jewish Film Festival present A Musical Celebration of 125 year anniversary of the JCC*.

The event will feature the documentary *Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy*, and CenterStage actors will perform show tunes that celebrate the history of Jewish performers, writers and composers in Broadway theater.

ers in Broadway theater.
The Peabody Award-winning documentary looks at the unique role of some of those Jewish legends. The songs of the Broadway musical were created almost exclusively by Jewish Americans over a 50-year period. This documentary explores the unique role of some of the greatest composers, writers and performers of the Broadway stage, such as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, George and Ira Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein, Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein, John Kander, Harold Prince, Stephen Sondheim, Mel Brooks, Matthew Broderick, Zero Mostel, Nathan Lane, Idina Menzel, Kristin Chenoweth, Barbra Streisand and more. There will be a catered dessert reception and complimentary beer and wine.

The show is Saturday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$28 at the door. A Vaad-approved dessert will be made available if reserved by February 3.

The festival has many other offerings that will be sure to make viewers laugh, cry and think:

Run Boy Run

February 5, 7 p.m., and February 15, 11:30 p.m. Village 8 Theaters, \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$6 for students. English subtitles. Opening Film at the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival

The opening show of the festival is this gripping saga of courage and compassion. It's the miraculous true story of a 9-year-old Polish boy who flees from the Warsaw ghetto in 1942. He survives in the woods, eludes SS patrols and charms locals into providing shelter, while keeping alive his Jewish faith. It's based on the novel by Uri Orlev, an Israeli children's author and translator.

Kidon

February 8, 2 p.m. Village 8 Theaters. \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$6 for students. English subtitles. Mild adult

From Generation to Generation

MICHAEL WEISBERG

3rd Generation Realtor

FOR ALL YOUR
PROFESSIONAL
REAL ESTATE NEEDS.

Call Michael Weisberg

(502) 386-6406

mweisberg@bhhsparksweisberg.com
www.weisberglouisvillehomes.com

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices

Parks & Weisberg, Realtors

situations

This comedic spy-thriller begins when Hamas leader Mahmoud al Mabhouh is murdered in his Dubai hotel room in January 2010. The local police blame the Mossad and release security tapes showing what appear to be Israeli agents carrying out the killing. The shocking story makes international headlines, but no one is more surprised than the Mossad, who have never heard of these agents or their mission. An investigation is immediately initiated, and the Mossad soon realizes that it is just one player in a high-stakes con game.

The Strength to Tell and Getting Serious

February 9, 7 p.m. at the Temple. Free. *The Strength to Tell* by Matan Golomb follows a group of Jerusalem at-risk teenagers, as they participate in Martef, a therapeutic program. The teens interview surviving witnesses of the 1961 Eichmann trial and create a play based on their stories. The young actors and the aging survivors develop bonds of empathy and understanding, connected by shared pain and loss. It's in Hebrew.

Getting Serious is a romantic comedy by Noam Demsky about a young moderately orthodox man who pretends to be more religious than he is. What happens when his girlfriend discovers the truth? It's in Hebrew.

The Strength to Tell and Getting Serious are student films from the Ma'aleh School of Television, Film & Arts in Jerusalem. The viewings are free and are followed by a dessert reception.

Dancing Arabs

February 14, 7:30 p.m. Village 8 Theaters. \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$6 for students.

Sayed Kashua's film based on his semi-autobiographical novel will be shown on February 14. Kashua will give two lectures in Louisville before the film is shown as part of the Jewish-Israeli Author Series. He has won almost every Israeli award for his journalism, hit Israeli television comedy, "Arab Labor," and his novels.

The film is a bittersweet coming-ofage story about a young Arab in Israel who struggles to find his place and identity while making necessary compromises. It is based on Kashua's early life, first as a child in the Arab village of Tira and then as a troubled scholarship student in one of Israel's most elite boarding schools. This is considered one of director Eran Riklis' best films, and it was chosen to open the 2014 Jerusalem Film Festival. It's in Hebrew and Arabic.

The lectures will be February 12 at The Temple and February 13 at University of Louisville, both a part of the Jewish-Israeli Author Series. (See story, page 1).

Above and Beyond

February 15, 2 p.m. Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 2401 Woodbourne Ave., \$11.50 in advance, \$13 at the door, \$6 for students.

This gripping documentary produced by Nancy Spielberg and directed by Roberta Grossman, director of *Hava Nag*see **FESTIVAL** page 15



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 29-31 and JANUARY 2 Winter Camp

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. JCC. Includes sports, swimming, arts and crafts. Campers will explorie other countries. For more information, go to jewishlouisville.org/jcc/camp/winter-camp.

JANUARY 8

CenterStage and Physician's Center for Beauty Present *The Wizard of Oz* JCC. Adults, \$20 each in advance, \$22 at the door; Children, 10 and younger, \$16. Dorothy travels "Over the Rainbow" in search of her dreams, only to find "There's no place like home." For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to www.CenterStageJCC.org. Tea party with Dorothy and friends before Sunday matinees. \$16 tea party only; \$26 tea party and one matinee ticket.

JANUARY 11-February 24 Patio Gallery Exhibit

Birds of Longing: Exile & Memory by fiber artist Laurie Wohl. Also Photography exhibit by Terry Taylor and "PeaceCards" with Allan Weiss. Opening reception Sun., Jan. 11, 2 p.m.

January 14

Live from New York's 92nd Street Y 7:30 p.m. reception; 8 broadcast. Adath

7:30 p.m. reception; 8 broadcast. Adath Jeshurun. Thomas L. Friedman in Conversation with Dov Seidman: "HOW to Repair Our World." Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

JANUARY 18 Parenting Forum

10-11 a.m. at the JCC. Jewish Family & Career Services, PJ Library and Shalom Baby present a parenting forum on "Toddlers and Nutrition." Speakers: Nancy C. Kuppersmith, U of L nutritionist and Lauren Kehr, JFCS therapist. RSVP to Jennifer Tuvlin, jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org by January 14 to reserve a space for your child in J-Play. Refreshments will be served.

JANUARY 19

Teen Connection and BBYO

8 a.m.-8 p.m. Perfect North. Fee \$85; members, \$75. Fee includes transportation to and from the JCC, lunch, lift ticket. Please bring money for dinner. Register by January 5, 5 p.m. For more information, msteklof@jewishlousiville.org or 238-2774.

JANUARY 19

School's Out Days at the JCC

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, swimming, arts and crafts. Theme: Penguins and Polar Bears.

January 21

Live from New York's 92nd Street Y 7:30 p.m. reception; 8 broadcast. Adath Jeshurun. Ambasador Martin S. Indyk on "What's Next for Israel?" Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg at 458-

JANUARY 23

Louisville Jewish/Israeli Author Series Community Shabbat Dinner

5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

5:30 p.m. JCC Patio Gallery. \$18 for adults; \$10 for children. Dinner and discussion author Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg. Babysitting available. Sponsored by the JCC, Keneseth Israel and the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. See story, page 1.

JANUARY 24 Louisville Jewish/Israeli

Louisville Jewish/Israeli Author Series

9:30 a.m. Keneseth Israel. \$18 adults; \$10 children. Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg will speak during Shabbat services. Sponsored by Keneseth Israel and the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

JANUARY 24 YAD Annual Event

7 p.m. Standard Club. \$36 per person; \$18 for age 30 and younger. '20s Cocktail party, drinks, dinner and dancing. RSVP by Jan. 16 at jewishlouisville.org/yadevent or Kristy, 238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org. See story, page 11.

JANUARY 25

JCC@125 Tipoff Event

3:30 p.m. JCC. Cost Free for the first 100 people. Watch the UofL/Pittsburgh game with your friends and enjoy New York deli. RSVP to mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org. See story, page 1.

Israeli Ambassador Prosor gives important speech to U.N.

By Jay Klempner JCL Vice Board Chair



Jay Klempner

It is funny how sometimes the stars align to give you a better picture of what has been in front of you for very long period. I spent November 11-22 in Israel on a mission sponsored by the Friends of the Israeli Defense Force.

Friends of the IDF is a U.S.-based non-profit organization that supports Israeli soldiers. I initially wanted to take this trip to see and to hear the real story of what's happening in Israel, not just from a military perspective but to see for my own eyes and ears what is actually taking place with the average citizen. I came back with a better understanding of the needs and rights of the Jewish people and all of the citizens of Israel.

While I was in Israel I was only a couple miles from where two terrorists attacked a synagogue and killed three rabbis and a policeman. With all the things happening after these killings and the complexity of the issues in Israel, I began to develop a new perspective of the needs of Israel's Jewish people and again of all the citizens of Israel.

What is most important to me, having had the experience of this mission trip and all the things I saw and heard, is I believe that Israel must have a strong defense. I say defense because hearing individuals speak to our group such as the president of Israel, the minister of defense, the chief of staff for the military, generals, other officers and the young kids that make up the active military force, every one of these people spoke about the purpose of the military to be defensive and not offensive.

These individuals do not want or like war – they want peace. But how can you lay down your rifles when there is so much anti-Israel sentiment in the world today? This anti-Israel sentiment is leading to the demonization of Israel, the Jewish people as well as flaming the fires of anti-Semitism around the world.

What scares me most being an American and Jewish is what I see taking place here in the United States. I'm fearful that the Jews in the United States are comfortable with just a narrow view and perspective that Israel will always be able to take care of its own problems without the assistance or support of Jews in the United States.

I'm not sure if it's apathy, or just a sense of personal security thinking I'm safe here in the United States. I've got so many thoughts about the complexity of the situation in the Middle East: who's right and who's wrong, what's right and what's wrong and what are the right solutions that could be enacted to bring peace to the state of Israel?

As I said in the beginning, it's funny how sometimes the stars align to give you a better picture of what's been in front of you. When I received a copy of a speech given by the Israeli ambassador to the United Nations Ron Prosor on November 24 I had to forward it to our JCL for reprinting in Community.

I encourage every reader of Community, whether Jewish, Christian, Muslim

or anything else, to read the article below. It's a statement of truth and reality. It's a statement of desire and hope. It's a pronouncement of what's taking place in Europe and a growing misunderstanding/movement in the United States especially on our college campuses.

I pray every reader will understand and agree with the words spoken by the Ambassador and to stand up for Israel not because of fear of another war but for the defense of the Jewish people, the state of Israel and all of its citizens.

Israel is home to the Jewish people. Without it, what will we have and what will happen to the rest of us?

The following speech, part of the debate on the question of Palestine, was delivered to the United Nations General Assembly on November 24 by Israel's permanent representative to the U.N., Ambassador Ron Prosor.

Mr. President, I stand before the world as a proud representative of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. I stand tall before you knowing that truth and morality are on my side. And yet, I stand here knowing that today in this Assembly, truth will be turned on its head and morality cast aside.

The fact of the matter is that when members of the international community speak about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a fog descends to cloud all logic and moral clarity. The result isn't realpolitik, its surrealpolitik. The world's unrelenting focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is an injustice to tens of millions of victims of tyranny and terrorism in the Middle Fast.

As we speak, Yazidis, Baha'i, Kurds, Christians and Muslims are being executed and expelled by radical extremists at a rate of 1,000 people per month. How many resolutions did you pass last week to address this crisis? And how many special sessions did you call for?

The answer is zero. What does this say about international concern for human life? Not much, but it speaks volumes about the hypocrisy of the international community. I stand before you to speak the truth.

Of the 300 million Arabs in the Middle East and North Africa, less than half a percent are truly free – and they are all citizens of Israel. Israeli Arabs are some of the most educated Arabs in the world. They are our leading physicians and surgeons; they are elected to our parliament; and they serve as judges on our Supreme Court.

Millions of men and women in the Middle East would welcome these opportunities and freedoms; nonetheless, nation after nation, will stand at this podium today and criticize Israel – the small island of democracy in a region plagued by tyranny and oppression.

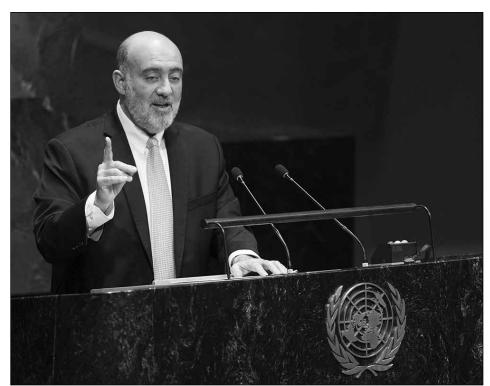
Mr. President, our conflict has never been about the establishment of a Palestinian state. It has always been about the existence of the Jewish state.

Sixty-seven years ago this week, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to partition the land into a Jewish state and an Arab state. Simple.

The Jews said yes. The Arabs said no. But they didn't just say no. Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon launched a war of annihilation against our newborn state. This is the historical truth that the Arabs are trying to distort.

The Arabs' historic mistake continues to be felt – in lives lost in war, lives lost to terrorism and lives scarred by the Arabs' narrow political interests.

According to the United Nations, about 700,000 Palestinians were displaced in the war initiated by the Arabs themselves. At the



Israeli Ambassador Ron Prosor speaks to the U.N. General Assembly on November 24.

same time, some 850,000 Jews were forced to flee from Arab countries. Why is it, that 67 years later, the displacement of the Jews has been completely forgotten by this institution while the displacement of the Palestinians is the subject of an annual debate?

The difference is that Israel did its utmost to integrate the Jewish refugees into society. The Arabs did just the opposite.

The worst oppression of the Palestinian people takes place in Arab nations. In most of the Arab world, Palestinians are denied citizenship and are aggressively discriminated against. They are barred from owning land and prevented from entering certain professions. And yet none – not one – of these crimes are mentioned in the resolutions before you.

If you were truly concerned about the plight of the Palestinian people there would be one, just one, resolution to address the thousands of Palestinians killed in Syria. And if you were so truly concerned about the Palestinians there would be at least one resolution to denounce the treatment of Palestinians in Lebanese refugee camps. But there isn't.

The reason is that today's debate is not about speaking for peace or speaking for the Palestinian people – it is about speaking against Israel. It is nothing but a hate and bashing festival against Israel.

Mr. President, the European nations claim to stand for Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité –freedom, equality, and brotherhood – but nothing could be farther from the truth.

I often hear European leaders proclaim that Israel has the right to exist in secure borders. That's very nice. But I have to say – it makes about as much sense as me standing here and proclaiming Sweden's right to exist in secure borders. When it comes to matters of security, Israel learned the hard way that we cannot rely on others – certainly not Europe.

In 1973, on Yom Kippur – the holiest day on the Jewish calendar – the surrounding Arab nations launched an attack against Israel. In the hours before the war began, Golda Meir, our Prime Minister then, made the difficult decision not to launch a preemptive strike. The Israeli Government understood that if we launched a preemptive strike, we would lose the support of the international community.

As the Arab armies advanced on every front, the situation in Israel grew dire. Our casualty count was growing and we were running dangerously low on weapons and ammunition. In this, our hour of need, President Nixon and

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, agreed to send Galaxy planes loaded with tanks and ammunition to resupply our troops.

The only problem was that the Galaxy planes needed to refuel en route to Israel. The Arab States were closing in and our very existence was threatened – and yet, Europe was not even willing to let the planes refuel. The U.S. stepped in once again and

negotiated that the planes be allowed to refuel in the Azores. The government and people of Israel will never forget that when our very existence was at stake, only one country came to our aid – the United States of America. Israel is tired of hollow promises from

Israel is tired of hollow promises from European leaders. The Jewish people have a long memory. We will never ever forget that you failed us in the 1940s. You failed us in 1973. And you are failing us again today.

Every European parliament that voted to prematurely and unilaterally recognize a Palestinian state is giving the Palestinians exactly what they want – statehood without peace. By handing them a state on a silver platter, you are rewarding unilateral actions and taking away any incentive for the Palestinians to negotiate or compromise or renounce violence. You are sending the message that the Palestinian Authority can sit in a government with terrorists and incite violence against Israel without paying any price.

The first E.U. member to officially recognize a Palestinian state was Sweden. One has to wonder why the Swedish government was so anxious to take this step. When it comes to other conflicts in our region, the Swedish Government calls for direct negotiations between the parties – but for the Palestinians, surprise, surprise, they roll out the red carpet.

State Secretary Söder may think she is here to celebrate her government's so-called historic recognition, when in reality it's nothing more than an historic mistake. The Swedish Government may host the Nobel Prize ceremony, but there is nothing noble about their cynical political campaign to appease the Arabs in order to get a seat on the Security Council.

Nations on the Security Council should have sense, sensitivity, and sensibility. Well, the Swedish Government has shown no sense, no sensitivity and no sensibility. Just nonsense.

Israel learned the hard way that listening to the international community can bring about devastating consequences. In 2005, we unilaterally dismantled every settlement and removed every citizen from the Gaza Strip. Did this bring us any closer to peace? Not at all

It paved the way for Iran to send its terrorist proxies to establish a terror stronghold on our doorstep. I can assure you that we won't make the same mistake again. When it comes to our security, we cannot and will not rely on others – Israel must be able to defend itself by itself.

Mr. President, the State of Israel is the land of our forefathers – Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is the land where Moses led the Jewish people, where David built his palace, where Solomon built the Jewish Temple, and where Isaiah saw a vision of eternal peace.

For thousands of years, Jews have lived continuously in the land of Israel. We endured through the rise and fall of the Assyrian, Babylonian, Greek and Roman Empires. And we endured through thousands of years of persecution, expulsions and crusades. The bond between the Jewish people and the Jewish land is unbreakable.

Nothing can change one simple truth – Israel is our home and Jerusalem is our eternal capital.

At the same time, we recognize that Jerusalem has special meaning for other faiths. Under Israeli sovereignty, all people – and I will repeat that, all people – regardless of religion and nationality can visit the city's holy sites. And we intend to keep it this way.

The only ones trying to change the status quo on the Temple Mount are Palestinian leaders. President Abbas is telling his people that Jews are contaminating the Temple Mount. He has called for days of rage and urged Palestinians to prevent Jews from visiting the Temple Mount using (quote) "all means" necessary." These words are as irresponsible as they are unacceptable.

You don 't have to be Catholic to visit the Vatican, you don't have to be Jewish to visit the Western Wall, but some Palestinians would like to see the day when only Muslims can visit the Temple Mount.

You, the international community, are lending a hand to extremists and fanatics. You, who preach tolerance and religious freedom, should be ashamed. Israel will never let this happen. We will make sure that the holy places remain open to all people of all faiths for all time.

Mr. President, no one wants peace more than Israel. No one needs to explain the importance of peace to parents who have sent their child to defend our homeland. No one knows the stakes of success or failure better than we Israelis do. The people of Israel have shed too many tears and buried too many sons and daughters.

We are ready for peace, but we are not naïve. Israel's security is paramount. Only a strong and secure Israel can achieve a comprehensive peace.

The past month should make it clear to anyone that Israel has immediate and pressing security needs. In recent weeks, Palestinian terrorists have shot and stabbed our citizens and twice driven their cars into crowds of pedestrians. Just a few days ago, terrorists armed with axes and a gun savagely attacked Jewish worshipers during morning prayers. We have reached the point when Israelis can't even find sanctuary from terrorism in the sanctuary of a synagogue.

These attacks didn't emerge out of a vacuum. They are the results of years of indoctrination and incitement. A Jewish proverb teaches: "The instruments of both death and life are in the power of the tongue." As a Jew and as an Israeli, I know with utter certainly that when our enemies say they want to attack us, they mean it.

Hamas's genocidal charter calls for the destruction of Israel and the murder of Jews worldwide. For years, Hamas and other terrorist groups have sent suicide bombers into our cities, launched rockets into our towns and sent terrorists to kidnap and murder our citizens.

And what about the Palestinian Authority? It is leading a systemic campaign of incitement. In schools, children are being taught that Palestine will stretch from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. In

mosques, religious leaders are spreading vicious libels accusing Jews of destroying Muslim holy sites. In sports stadiums, teams are named after terrorists. And in newspapers, cartoons urge Palestinians to commit terror attacks against Israelis.

Children in most of the world grow up watching cartoons of Mickey Mouse singing and dancing. Palestinian children also grow up watching Mickey Mouse, but on Palestinians national television, a twisted figure dressed as Mickey Mouse dances in an explosive belt and chants, "Death to America and death to the Jews."

I challenge you to stand up here today and do something constructive for a change. Publicly denounce the violence, denounce the incitement and denounce the culture of hate.

Most people believe that at its core, the conflict is a battle between Jews and Arabs or Israelis and Palestinians. They are wrong. The battle that we are witnessing is a battle between those who sanctify life and those who celebrate death.

Following the savage attack in a Jerusalem synagogue, celebrations erupted in Palestinian towns and villages. People were dancing in the street and distributing candy. Young men posed with axes, loudspeakers at mosques called out congratulations and the terrorists were hailed as "martyrs" and "heroes."

This isn't the first time that we saw the Palestinians celebrate the murder of innocent civilians. We saw them rejoice after every terrorist attack on Israeli civilians and they even took to the streets to celebrate the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center right here in New York City.

Imagine the type of state this society would produce. Does the Middle East really need another terror-ocracy? Some members of the international community are aiding and abetting its creation.

Mr. President, as we came into the United Nations, we passed the flags of all 193 member States. If you take the time to count, you will discover that there are 15 flags with a crescent and 25 flags with a cross. And then there is one flag with a Jewish Star of David.

Amidst all the nations of the world there is one state – just one small nation state for the Jewish people. And for some people, that is one too many.

As I stand before you today I am reminded of all the years when Jewish people paid for the world's ignorance and indifference in blood. Those days are no more.

We will never apologize for being a free and independent people in our sovereign state. And we will never apologize for defending ourselves.

To the nations that continue to allow prejudice to prevail over truth, I say "J'accuse." I accuse you of hypocrisy. I accuse you of duplicity. I accuse you of lending legitimacy to those who seek to destroy our state.

I accuse you of speaking about Israel's right of self-defense in theory, but denying it in practice. And I accuse you of demanding concessions from Israel, but asking nothing of the Palestinians.

In the face of these offenses, the verdict is clear. You are not for peace and you are not for the Palestinian people. You are simply against Israel

Members of the international community have a choice to make. You can recognize Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people, or permit the Palestinian leadership to deny our history without consequence.

You can publicly proclaim that the socalled "claim of return" is a non-starter, or you can allow this claim to remain the major obstacle to any peace agreement.

You can work to end Palestinian incitement, or stand by as hatred and extremism take root for generations to come.

You can prematurely recognize a Palestinian state, or you can encourage the Palestinian Authority to break its pact with Hamas and return to direct negotiations.

The choice is yours. You can continue to steer the Palestinians off course or pave the way to real and lasting peace.

Thank you, Mr. President.

SHAVIT

Continued from page 1

teaming up to bring Sayed Kashua, author of *The Foreign Mother Tongue: Living and Writing as a Palestinian in Israel*, to Louisville. On Thursday, he will speak in the Chao Auditorium in the University of Louisville's Ekstrom Library at 3 p.m. and on Friday, he will speak at The Temple during Kabbalat Shabbat services at 7 p.m.

The Louisville Jewish/Israeli Authors Series is made possible by a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

Books, provided by Carmichael's Bookstores, will be available for purchase at each event.

Ari Shavit

Ari Shavit, a writer for *Haaretz* and peace activist started by saying he knew about Kentucky's bourbon but didn't know about Louisville's Jewish heritage. Seeing that there are Jews here, seeing Jewish Hospital and hearing about the community and history and how people here maintain Jewish life – that's inspiring.

Shavit's great-grandfather was a selfmade wealthy man in London who left for Israel when he began to see that Europe was getting dangerous for Jews. He realized before the Holocaust that race-based anti-Semitism is more dangerous than religious-based.

When Israel was reborn, its land reclaimed and language revived, it ensured the survival of the Jewish people. "Israel gave us life," he said. This was the Zionist narrative

Today, Israel is the most intimidated democracy in the world, Shavit said. There are 6.2 million Jews surrounded by as many as 1.2 billion Arabs. In 1967 Israel emerged victorious and proud, surviving an existential challenge and maintaining its narrative.

By the Yom Kippur War, Israel had become cocky and almost lost the war. Israel transitioned from the besieged to the besieger and its narrative cracked.

Today, Shavit said, no Israeli can be certain Israel will be here in 100 years or even 50. Israel can't remain a Jewish State and a democracy without making peace, and to make peace, it must compromise on the settlements. At the same time, he said, the Palestinians must engage in building a state.

The summer of 2014 was an intense one, he said, and the issues are Hamas vs. Israel, the U.S. vs. ISIS and hate vs. Jews.

As Hamas battled Israel last summer, and missiles from Gaza reached Tel Aviv, Shavit's young sons, Michael and David, asked him if the missiles would hit their house and can the Iron Dome be broken? He watched his sons' ritual of survival and had to acknowledge that they will grow up under the threat. "Our enemies attack our civilians while they hide behind their own," he said.

The world must recognize that Hamas is a Fascist organization, that attacks women, gays and others, and it has had some success, like the tunnels it dug under Gaza's border with Israel. They were able to come to power, not because the population overwhelmingly supported their extremism, but because there was a power vacuum and they filled it.

At the same time, the U.S. faced its own traumas as ISIS beheaded hostages and Americans watched, helpless. When terrorists attacked on 9/11, the U.S. launched two wars in response. This country cannot live with the Middle East conflict as it is today. Shavit contends it must fix it or ignore it.

In addition, Jews in Europe are feeling threatened. The kind of "evil feelings" being expressed in Europe today, Shavit said, have not been heard since 1944.

Understanding this as today's reality, Israel must reclaim the Zionist narrative and pass it on to the younger generation. People older than 70 remember the Holocaust, those older than 50 remember pre-1967

(the Six-Day War); but for those younger than 30, it's a different world.

Iran poses an existential threat to Israel if it becomes a nuclear power, but it is not a threat to Israel alone. Iran is a threat to the region and the world. America needs assertive diplomacy on Iran.

The Arab terrorists growing out of the unrest started with the Arab Spring also are a threat to Israel and to the stability of the region. America can't afford to align with the Shiites against the Sunnis because we don't know which side will win against ISIS and there will be more extremists to come.

The Palestinian conflict also endangers the Jewish democratic state. Israel tried peace when it pulled out of Gaza and left the greenhouses intact to provide the Palestinians with a foundation on which to build. It ended in war and the Palestinians destroyed the greenhouses.

Israel must also reengage its young people in its original vision. This summer, 74 young people were killed. "We ask our youngsters to risk their lives," he said, "but do we do enough to ask them" to take that risk?

"We need a renewed Zionism," he stated, with a new vision and spirit to inspire the young to be on the right side of history." During the 20th century, in the first half we lost every third Jew, he explained. In the second half we experienced sovereignty and the ideal diaspora.

"We must learn to love each other again," he concluded. "To ensure a Jewish future, we have to see the challenges and act.

"Why Israel?" he asked. "There is a need. What is Israel? Vitality against loss. Will Israel continue? It depends on us."

Sayed Kashua

The next author in the series to speak is novelist, journalist and screenwriter Sayed Kashua. He will talk about his life as a Palestinian-Israeli writer during a University of Louisville event February 12 and at the Temple on February 13.

Kashua's free, public lecture and discussion about "The Foreign Mother Tongue: Living and Writing as a Palestinian in Israel" will begin at 3 p.m. February 12 in Chao Auditorium, Ekstrom Library. A book sale and signing will follow the talk at 4:30 p.m. UofL's Jewish studies program presents the event, which also is part of the university's Axton Reading Series

Axton Reading Series.

Kashua's lecture, "Living With Dual Identity," will be at February 13 at 7 p.m. at The Temple.

Kashua, a visiting teacher at University of Illinois, earned the Prime Minister's Prize for Literature in 2004 and the Israeli literary Bernstein Prize in 2011.

He has published three novels: *Dancing Arabs, Let It Be Morning* and *Second Person Singular*. The film adaptation of the autobiographical *Dancing Arabs* opened the Jerusalem Film Festival last year and will be shown Saturday, February 14, at Village 8 Theaters as part of the Louisville Jewish Film Festival.

Kashua is also known for the popular groundbreaking Israeli TV show, "Arab Labor," which provides a comedic look at a Palestinian journalist living in Israel and searching for identity.

His satirical weekly personal columns in Hebrew run in the newspaper Haaretz. A 2009 documentary "Sayed Kashua – Forever Scared" chronicled his family life over seven years.

Although both talks are free, reservations are requested. Register for the UofL talk at http://sayed-kashua.eventbrite.com, and The Temple talk at https://jewishlouisville.org/event/louisville-jewishisraeli-author-series-sayed-kashua-2/. For reserved parking information, email Ranen Omer-Sherman, the Jewish Heritage Foundation for Excellence endowed chair in Judaic studies, at ranen.omersherman@louisville.edu.

For more information, contact Omer-Sherman at 502-852-6842 or ranen. omersherman@louisville.edu.

CenterStage Sparkles in

by Barbara Katz

On Saturday evening December 6, CenterStage celebrated one milestone with another: A century of theater at the Jewish Community Center of Louisville was the backdrop for the tenth annual Light Up CenterStage, the theater's yearly fundraiser. With 260 in attendance, it was the biggest turnout in the event's history.

CenterStage Artistic Director John R. Leffert (with an assist from the Louisville event planning firm, Eventualities) elegantly transformed the first floor of the JCC with black and white drapes and magical lighting. Cocktail-attired guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, drinks and desserts while browsing a silent auction. The evening was capped off with a live auction and a musical revue featuring members of the CenterStage acting company.

The silent auction alone brought in a record \$19,000, and in a Light Up first, professional auctioneer Rick Wardlow emceed a fun and exciting live auction that garnered \$6,500, another fundraising record.

CenterStage has been raising money all season to purchase new, comfortable chairs for the Linker Auditorium. Thanks to the generosity of Light Up guests, CenterStage's Meet the Challenge Campaign was completed and raised more than \$23,000. Thanks to the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence's generous offer to match all contributions, CenterStage audiences will enjoy the new seating by the end of the 2014-2015 Season.



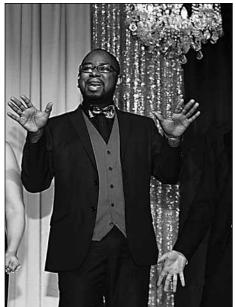
Jason Cooper and Melissa Kenney Shepherd

The delightful, energetic Light Up revue, dedicated to CenterStage past, present and future, included moving cast reunions from past CenterStage productions of *Big River*, *Next to Normal*, and *RENT*, plus musical numbers from a few of next season's shows, officially announced that evening, including *Nine to Five*, *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* and *Big Fish*. The revue also featured a special encore performance by *Hairspray*'s Edna Turnblad, a.k.a., John R. Leffert himself, in full, show-stopping style.

Leffert summarized the event: "The hard work of staff, commitment of our volunteers, the talent of our terrific performers and the generosity of our donors all came together to make the 10th Anniversary Light Up CenterStage the perfect night. I couldn't be happier. Each year seems to get better and better!"



A reunion of the cast of Next to Normal sings a medly from the show.







Jill Higginbotham of J. Michaels Salon & Spa.





MATT B. SCHWARTZ, RHU

KEEP INSURANCE SIMPLE & SAVE



SCOTT SCHWARTZ, RPLU

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SAVING MONEY ON YOUR PREMIUMS?

ARE YOU CONFIDENT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT COVERAGE IN PLACE?

SCHWARTZ INSURANCE GROUP PUTS YOU IN CONTROL.

YOU WILL SAVE MONEY, UNDERSTAND YOUR OPTIONS AND PROTECT ALL YOU HAVE.

CALL US AT (502) 451-1111

SERVING INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONALS SINCE 1956.





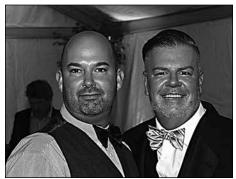
Lenae Price and Maggie Patton.



Alonzo Richmond and Tamika McDonald



Britt and Tracy Roarx



Jason Tumulty and John Leffert

Light Up Celebration





Above: "I'm a Woman"

Left: "Give Us Your Money" by the cast of Light Up CenterStage



Barbara and Dr. Gene Dorf check on their bid at the silent auction.



Bill and Amy Ryan found something good to bid on at the silent auction



Your Cheatin' Heart"



larsha and Bobby Bornstein



hristy Shrclif makes a bid at the Live Auction



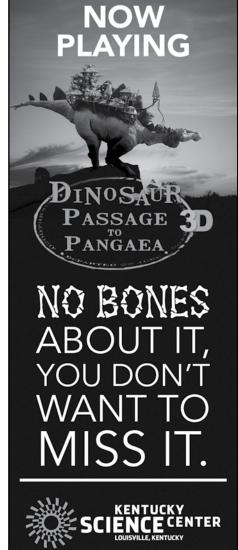
A special appearance by "Edna" (John R. Leffert) from Hairspray



Stuart and Linda Goldberg



Bernie and Sara Abner



502-561-6100 • KYScienceCenter.org

BEAUTIFUL CONDOMINIUM **FOR RENT** AT THE **GLENVIEW**



Two bedroom Two bath 1400 sqft. condominium

(includes the many property amenities The Glenview offers)

> Across from The Temple at Brownsboro Rd and Lime Kiln Lane

Contact Jeanette Scott 859-369-7350 jeanettefscott@gmail.com

Thinking Real Estate? Think Red, White and Linda Blue

Linda Blue, CRS, GRI RE/MAX Hall of Fame RE/MAX Properties East





Cell: 645-7187

1-800-444-1946

Intrigue Jewelers

50% off on all regular priced merchandise watch battery repair engravings while you shop jewelry repair buy gold and diamonds

20% off on watch batteries and engraving

Mall St. Matthews 5000 Shelbyville Rd., Suite 1255 Louiville, KY 40207 502-897-6050 (next to Footlocker and Chams)



Colby Cohen-Archer of Shir Adat sings at Temple Shalom.



Singer Josh Nelson walked into the crowd and talked about spirituality.

Nelson, Lexington Choir Rock Temple Shalom

Communications Specialist

A concert of Jewish music on November 22 at Temple Shalom featured national touring artist Josh Nelson and Lexington's Shir Adat. Nelson wowed the audience with his strong voice, multi-instrumental talent and ability to touch the soul of the concert-goer.

But his show wasn't entirely serious. At one point, he asked the audience if it was difficult to be Jewish in Louisville. The audience responded with a resounding, "No!" He said he was glad to hear it, but one audience member lamented that there is no Jewish deli in town. Nelson said, "Well, there are several in New York that ship!'

The show included spiritual music familiar to the audience as well as many songs he had written himself, including

a sweet lullaby for his son.

Nelson said he visits about 40 synagogues and JCCs each year, and he loves touring in smaller towns. "In smaller towns, there is a greater need for Jewish cultural experiences," he said. "It's more important. It's extraordinary to see communities together. Shared experiences tighten communities. It's great to be a facilitator of that.'

After the show, he spoke with people who noshed on snacks with him. "I love the interpersonal connection: meeting people and hearing their stories, building relationships," he said. "It's validating both ways (for Nelson and the people he talks to).

Cantor Sharon Hordes, Cantor David Lipp and Rabbinic Intern Jessica Wainer got to sing on stage for one song with Nelson.

"It was so much fun!" Hordes said after the show. "When I get to do stuff like that, I always say it's like baseball fantasy camp. I get to get up there and pretend I'm a rock star then come back to my regular life.'

But Hordes said the show fills an important need in the community. "There are so many talented Jewish singers and songwriters making names for themselves on the national and international level," she said. "It's very important to take advantage of that talent when it comes here.

Opening for Nelson was Shir Adat, the choir from Temple Adath Israel in Lexington. The group sang traditional songs of worship along with well-known songs, such as Leonard Cohen's "Halle-



PHOTOS BY LISA HORNUNG

Singer Josh Nelson sings at Temple Shalom. The singer-songwriter wowed the audience on Nove

lujah," and even a fun Chanukah song, Candlelight" by the Maccabeats.

Colby Cohen-Archer said singing with Shir Adat gives her a great sense of camaraderie, feeling the prayers together.

"It's wonderful to know we're contributing to people's spiritual experience," she said.

Mark Wiljanen agreed. "I like singing with Shir Adat because of the community of voices, and we've developed friendships, it's a community of fellow singers. he said. He said he's visited Temple Shalom before. "I love this temple. Everyone here is so friendly."

Hordes said supporting Jewish mu-

sic is important. "This time of year we hear Christmas music and we say we wish there were some great Chanukah songs," she said. "But there are so many new Chanukah songs out there. We just need to support the movement of great art and teach it through the genera-

Marc Salmon, a board member at Temple Shalom, was the emcee for the evening. "I loved the show. You just couldn't beat the music," he said.

Josh Nelson will star in the upcoming off-Broadway musical, "Soul Doctor: The Musical Journey of Shlomo Carle-

2015 Federation Campaign Kicks Off with Early Success

The 2015 Jewish Federation of Louisville Campaign is in full swing. The Campaign has raised more than \$1.4 million toward a goal of \$2.2 million. There's still a lot of work to do to solicit the funding our community agencies need to carry out their missions.

"This year we decided to do a few things differently" said Doug Gordon, campaign chair. "We felt that most of our generous donors would make their pledges a little earlier than normal if we just asked them." Gordon explained that moving the campaign year earlier in the calendar year allows for more effective planning for how best to use

the funds and builds in time to plan an even more effective campaign in 2016.

During the Week of Giving, December 7-11, volunteers and staff from all of the community's Jewish agencies came together those evenings at the JCC to make calls, and during those few days raised over \$400,000. Combined with pledges received prior to the Week of Giving and at the Million Dollar Dinner, the Campaign surpassed the goal of receiving \$1 million in pledges by December 13.

Another change was to open the Federation Campaign's signature event, this year's Million Dollar Dinner, to donors who

pledged, individually or as a couple, a minimum of \$1,000 to the 2015 Campaign. In prior years different giving levels have been tried, and this year's level significantly increased participation and awareness of the work done through Campaign funding by inviting donors who previously may not have qualified to be part of our communal fundraising effort to participate and become stronger advocates for the Federation's work on behalf of our Jewish community agencies.

"To ensure everyone has a chance to make a pledge to the Campaign, we also sent pledge cards to many of our community members" Gordon added. "This gave them the opportunity to participate even if they haven't attended one of our events or we were unable to reach them by phone" he said.

Another mailing has just been distributed, so if you have not yet had your chance to make a pledge to the 2015 Campaign, please do so by returning your pledge card or by pledging online at www.jewishlouisville.org/donate. Pledge now and we won't need to call.

Thank you for supporting Louisville's Jewish community. Together we do extraordinary things.

YAD Event Promises an Evening of Roaring '20s Glamour, Fun

New Orleans comes to Louisville at this year's YAD Annual Event January 24 at the Standard Club.

Billy Goat Strut Revue, a Louisville band that channels New Orleans jazz, but with a Kentuckian's mode de vie, will play the event. The band plays a fun and exciting original style of music that will keep attendees dancing all evening.

The event is a fundraiser for the Jewish Federation of Louisville 2015 Campaign, said Hilary Zappin, Federation senior development associate. "It's a chance for future leaders to make a powerful and impactful difference in the community and to network." she said.

and to network," she said.

The theme of the evening is the Roaring '20s – think "The Great Gatsby" and the like. "This is the first time we've had a theme," said Seth Gladstein, event co-chair. "It's part of an effort to paint with a broad brush and relate to all the members of YAD, whether they be parents with small children or young people straight out of college."

Gladstein said it's not only a fun event; it's an opportunity to be active in the community. "It's a stepping stone for those who want to get involved and be a leader in the Jewish community and to ensure that there's a Jewish community in the future," he said. "If someone wants to get involved they should not only give money, but also attend events."

Zappin and Gladstein both said they are looking forward to a big crowd. "We are hoping to have the largest amount of participation by this division," Zappin said. "Even the smallest gift makes a difference."

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence made the Standard Club available for the event, and

the Federation provided a substantial budget for the event to allow the committee to create the kind of event that will increase engagement with and participation of attendees.

"Ît's the first time that I can recall that we've gotten a large budget from the Federation to put toward the event, allowing us to focus on the fund-raising," Gladstein said. "We're very thankful for that."

YAD is for Jewish adults ages 21-45, but all are welcome to attend this campaign event. Cost is \$36, or \$18 for those 30 and younger. Event chairs are Gladstein and Hunter Weinberg. Dress is Gatsby-inspired cocktail attire. For more information, visit Jewishlouisville.org/federation.

Heaven Hill Distilleries Named 2014 Very Large Business of the Year

by Louisville Business First

In a ceremony recognizing the leaders in the Louisville business community, Heaven Hill Distilleries Inc. was named *Louisville Business First's* 2014 Very Large Business of the Year. Louisville's Heaven Hill Distilleries Inc. was nominated alongside Delta Dental of Kentucky and Texas Roadhouse Restaurants. It was the second straight year in which the company was nominated for the award.

"We are particularly honored to be recognized by the Louisville Business Community as one of the leading businesses in Louisville and Southern Indiana," said Max L. Shapira, president of Heaven Hill Distilleries Inc. "As we begin to celebrate the 80th anniversary of our company's founding, this award is particularly appreciated. Our

third generation of family ownership is committed to upholding the values and qualities shared by all of the community's leading businesses."

Heaven Hill Distilleries was recognized by the publication for the development of Louisville's first stop on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail®, the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience® on Main Street, sales growth of key spirits brands such as Evan Williams Bourbon and Burnett's Vodka, and a host of new product innovations and acquisitions.

The selection process began with Business First readers, who nominated companies and nonprofit organizations, which achieved excellence in the last year to 18 months. The Business First editorial team chose 18 finalists — three each in six categories. The final job of choosing the winners in each category was entrusted to a panel of outside expert judges.

The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel Announces 29th Application Season

Albany, NY – The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel (BYFI) is now accepting applications for the 29th year of this prestigious program.

Each year, the Bronfman Fellowships selects 26 outstanding North American teenagers for a rigorous academic year of seminars including a free, five-week trip to Israel between the summer of Fellows' junior and senior years of high school.

The program educates and inspires exceptional young Jews from diverse backgrounds to grow into leaders grounded in their Jewish identity and committed to social change. The program was founded and is funded by Edgar M. Bronfman, z"l, formerly CEO of the Seagram Company Ltd. and a visionary Jewish philanthropist.

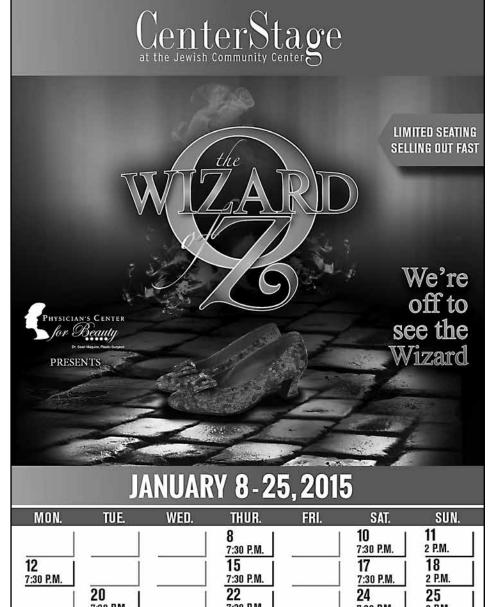
During the program's seminars, Fellows meet with leading intellectuals, religious and political leaders, and educators, such Etgar Keret, A.B Yehoshua, Sayed Kashua, and Rabbah Tamar Applebaum. The Fellows then participate in study and dialogue with our diverse faculty, which is made up of Rabbis and educators, associated with different movements and perspectives within Judaism.

Faculty members have an intimate knowledge of Judaism in North America and Israel and have extensive experience working with emerging adults. Fellows also spend two weeks with a group of Israeli peers who have been chosen through a parallel selection process as part of the Israeli Youth Fellowship: *Amitei Bronfman*.

Upon returning home from the summer in Israel, Bronfman Fellows are asked to devise and lead local Jewish or social action projects.

"Edgar Bronfman placed enormous faith in young people's ability to see the world not just as it is, but as it ought to be," said Rabbi Mishael Zion, co-director of the Fellowships. "He believed that young people energized by their Judaism were best equipped to both shape a Jewish 'Renaissance' and improve the world. The Fellows each year are already a remarkable group; we have the privilege of instilling in them a love for learning Jewish texts and a commitment to pluralism and communal responsibility that will serve us all into the future."

"We seek to increase communication between young people across the Jewish spectrum including fostering bonds between Jews in North America and Israel," said Rabbi Mishael Zion, co-director and director of education. There are now more than 1,000 Bronfman Fellowships alumni across North America and Israel, among them eight Rhodes Scholars, four former Supreme Court clerks, 15 Fulbright Scholars, 27 Wexner Fellows and 21 Dorot Fellows.



502-238-2709 • www.CenterStageJCC.org



KentuckyOne Health

Volunteer

Looking for a way to get rid of the winter blues? We have the perfect solution for you.

KentuckyOne Health has many volunteer opportunities at its Louisville facilities that we are seeking individuals to fulfill.

No matter whether you are interested in transporting patients to their area of service, helping family members track their patients during a procedure or sitting at the information desk to assist visitors, we have a need.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Please call the Volunteer Office at 502-587-4345 or email ginaparsons@ kentuckyonehealth.org to begin your volunteer experience today.

BRIEFING

by Stu Silberman President and CEO ${\it Jewish Community of Louisville}$

Can you feel it? I'm feeling it more recently than I have since arriving in Louisville four years ago. I see it in our youth, in our JCC membership, among our generous donors and throughout the staff. I'm talking about pride in our Jewish community. Pride in setting a vision and then aligning our resources, partners and stakeholders to achieve it.

Cases in point: 94 new or returning donors who didn't participate in the Jewish Federation of Louisville Campaign last year have made a 2015 pledge, and we would love to add more. Levels of

youth involvement in BBYO not seen in decades. Early Learning Center class-rooms and Summer Camp offerings filled to capacity. And, sell-out atten-dance at last Saturday evening's Million Dollar Dinner (see story, page 1) where we came together and celebrated our community and our successful efforts to build Jewish identity among our next generation of leaders.

Our agencies and congregations are collaborating more than ever before in stretching our precious community resources further. We are talking each other up, encouraging participation in the variety of events available to our community, and recognizing the need to work together to build and sustain a community that fulfills not only our needs, but

the needs of the next generation, and those who choose to move here to join us. And while our agency has led certain of these efforts, these successes are not due to just the JCL – they are due to a collective effort to reduce barriers and foster communication and cooperation.

As we enter 2015, the year marking the 125th anniversary of the founding of Louisville's Young Men's Hebrew Association, the precursor to Louisville's JCC, let's pause for a moment and take pride in all this Jewish community has accomplished since then. Also, if you haven't been in to the JCC since the upgrades have been completed (story in Center-Piece page 1), perhaps a visit is warranted. You might leave with a renewed sense of pride in our facility that has served us so well for the past 60 years.

However you choose to feel it, I hope you do share in our pride, and will join us as we build on in 2015 and beyond.

LJDS Gets New Chess Program

The Louisville Jewish Day School has introduced a chess program at the school and has hired Corbin Seavers of HFS Chess Marketing to run the program. The school's chess team met for the first time on Novem-

Seavers has been teaching chess and working with schools for four years, and now works with 10 public schools and one Catholic school in addition to LJDS. He is working to put together a schedule of chess meets for the Day School students.

Seavers, who will also teach on a more caual level students who are not interested in competing, is excited about the possibilities for cultural exchange this program presents.



Jennifer Tuvlin, director of PJ Library, reads to children at Barnes & Noble in the Paddocks on December 7.

All of your policies under one roof.

AUTO : HOME : LIFE : BUSINESS : A MEMBER SERVICE : KYFB.COM



Not just Big on Commitment, but Big on Discounts. Did you know you could save 20%* on your home, farm and mobile home insurance by insuring your auto with us? Call, email, or come by for a free auto quote.

* Discounts are subject to eligibility, calculated sequentially on the base premium and may not apply to all coverages.



John Blackford

Agency Manage 8221 Shelbyville Rd Louisville, KY 40222

P: 502-327-5480 F: 502-327-5481

John.Blackford@kyfb.com

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU



PJ Library has Fundraiser, Reading at Barnes & Noble

PJ Library teamed up with Barnes & Noble in the Paddocks on December 7 with a Chanukah party and book reading for children.

The event featured two Chanukah book readings, crafts and snacks. The PJ Library received a percentage of sales from all shoppers who mentioned the

JCC or presented a coupon.

Jennifer Tuvlin, PJ Library director, said there were about 40 families who attended the events. "We were thrilled with such a strong turnout," she said.

PJ Library strives to have events at Jewish and community sites, Tuvlin added.

We will continue planning age-appropriate events at both types of locations since we see that so many families have shown an interest in bringing their children together," she said.

Barnes & Noble specially ordered many Chanukah books for the occasion and has already asked PJ Library to

come back next year.

Marsha Roth, PJ Library chair, read in the morning, and Tuvlin read in the afternoon. Kids gathered around the reading area and enjoyed the book, *I Know an Old Lady who Swallowed a* Dreidel, by Caryn Yacowitz and David Slonim. One child shouted, "We don't eat dreidels!" Another book they enjoyed was Honeyky Hanukah, by Woody Guth-



Children enjoyed the books, including I Knew an Old Lady who Swallowed a Dreidel and Honeyky Hanukah.

rie, actually lyrics to a song, illustrated in a book.

As Tuvlin brought out the books, chil-

dren shouted, "I have that book!"

The only thing that surprised Tuvlin was the children: "I was surprised at how well-behaved the children were," she said. "Mine would be running all over the store."

Blue and Greenberg Discuss Economic Growth

By Reed Weinberg

What are Louisville's greatest assets from an economic development standpoint? How do we attract young, educated workers? What does state government need to fund its sapped coffers? These questions and more were answered at a symposium PRG Investments hosted on December 11. Co-sponsors for the event were Merrill Lynch Wealth Management and BridgeTrust Title.

The event was the fourth in a series of symposiums discussing economic and business growth in Louisville. Past events have featured Joe Pusateri, Bill Weyland, Kevin Cogan and John Lenihan. This event featured two businessmen who are sure to be two of Louisville's most important members of the business community for decades to come – Jonathan Blue and Craig Greenberg. Blue is the founder and Chairman of Blue Equity and Greenberg is the president of 21C Museum Hotels. They also happen to be two active members of our city's Jewish Community.

Blue and Greenberg are two lifelong Louisvillians who could have likely moved anywhere after college. They also do business all over the country, but they have decided to maintain Louisville as their home and stay focused



Jonathan Blue, left, and Craig Greenberg spoke about economic development at an event hosted by PRG Investments on December 11.

on helping their hometown grow.

Some of the business-related issues discussed involved how Louisville compares itself to other strong secondary markets like Nashville. Greenberg made the point that Louisville shouldn't try to imitate Nashville because we have our own assets that are unique and valuable. However, Blue did explain that there are very proactive measures we can take to appropriately help our city grow. Some points he touched on were the importance of attracting established corporations with educated workers. Educational attainment of our workforce is one of our city's biggest challenges. We also need to fund our city and state coffers with appropriate monies to build our infrastructure and improve K-12 education. Both men agreed that expanded gambling is fertile ground for funding these needs.

One item on which both agreed is that the single biggest asset we have to-day to grow our economy is bourbon. It's not just the production of bourbon, but also the use of it as a tourist attraction to draw investment to our city and state. Blue is an investor in Angel's Envy Bourbon, and Greenberg is actively working on the Whiskey Row project in Downtown Louisville which will include an Old Forrester distillery. Blue said bourbon "is our Music City," in reference to Nashville's music and entertainment market. As is well known, Heaven Hill Bourbon is privately owned by the Shapira family of Lou-

sville's Jewish Community.

The more poignant points of the forum were their personal reflections on their own success. Both referred to their parents as big influences in their careers. Greenberg talked about how both of his parents taught him to work on things that he truly enjoys. Blue said that he has learned that success in business is majorly driven by surrounding himself with great people.

In all, this event was not only an opportunity to feature two progressive people that have great ideas for growing our city, but it also showed the difference and influence that members of the Jewish Community continue to maintain in Louisville and beyond.

Reed Weinberg is the president of PRG Investments and moderated this discussion.

APPLY NOW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMP, ISRAEL TRIPS

AND JEWISH EXPERIENCES

ONE HAPPY CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS

To qualify, your child must be registered for a Jewish overnight camp program that lasts 19 days or more at an approved camp. Incentive grants are limited to available funds so don't wait!

DEADLINE: These scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis while funding lasts, with priority given to those who apply by December 31.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY: Contact Mary Jean Timmel at 502-238-2722 or mtimmel@jewishlouisville.org.

Visit www.onehappycamper.org for more information and to confirm eligibility.

ELLEN AND MILTON CANTOR ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarships are for a high school junior or senior from the greater Louisville area to help defray the cost of an Israel trip and enable that individual to participate in an approved month-long educational opportunity in Israel.

DEADLINE: Written applications must be submitted to the Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship Fund by December 31.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY: Download applications from www.jewishlouisville.org or you may contact Kristy Benefield at kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739 for more information.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are need-based grants that provide assistance for families to send their children to summer overnight camp.

DEADLINE: December 31

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY: Download applications from www.jewishlouisville.org or you may contact Kristy Benefield at kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739 for more information.

MARCH OF THE LIVING SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship provides funding for a program that takes teens to Auschwitz/Birkenau, Dachau, Majdanek and other Holocaust sites in Poland, accompanied by a Holocaust survivor, and then to Israel.

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted to the March of the Living Fund by December 31.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY: Download applications at www.jewishlouisville.org or you may contact Kristy Benefield at kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739 for more information. Information about the March of the Living can also be found at http://motl.org/.

Visit www.jewishlouisville.org/apply-now-scholarships/for details.

Additional scholarships for Israel trips and Jewish summer camp may be available from different sources through the Jewish Foundation of Louisville.

2 Men Inducted into Male High School Hall of Fame

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

Two members of the Jewish Community, Jerome "Jerry" Wurmser and Arnold Levitz, were inducted into the Male High School Hall of Fame in September.

Jerome Wurmser

Linda Noffsinger is extremely proud of her dad. She chokes back tears when she begins to list all the great things Jerome "Jerry" Wurmser has done in his lifetime

"Jerry" Wurmser has done in his lifetime. Wurmser, 91, was a P-47 fighter pilot in World War II, flying 66 missions. He moved to Lexington when his children were young and ran J.W. Wurmser Co., a wholesale novelty toy company.

Noffsinger said she nominated her dad, a member of the graduating class of 1940½, to the Male High School Hall of Fame based on his contributions to the United States as a war veteran, his contributions to the community in his volunteer work, and his love of education.

Wurmser, a voracious reader, was also a Donovan Scholar, which, as a senior, enabled him to attend classes at the University of Kentucky.

He and his late wife of 63 years, Rose Rita Wurmser, were partners in life and in volunteer work. The Wurmsers volunteered their time to the Jewish Federation of Lexington, local schools and Habitat for Humanity.

"He does all these things," Noffsinger said. "I love that it keeps him engaged."

A couple of days after his hall of fame induction, Wurmser flew to Evansville, IN, to share his story at the Freedom Heritage Museum. He was also featured in the 2014 Jewish War Veterans calendar.

Arnold Levitz

Levitz, another member of the Jewish community, was also inducted into Male's Hall of Fame at the ceremony on September 28, along with 11 other alumni. Levitz, who is retired after years of work in the insurance industry, graduated in 1952. He was in the last allboys graduating class at Male, and was responsible for the school keeping the name Male, after he lobbied the Board of





Wurmoor

Lev

Education as a student. He said the students weren't against allowing women in the school, but they were afraid that the academic standards would suffer.

Levitz has done a lot for his community, including serving on the board at Congregation Adath Jeshurun for many years. He was active in fundraising for the synagogue, and brought several theater shows to come to Louisville as fund-raisers.

Now he enjoys collecting old-time movies and radio shows.

The Male High Alumni Association could not be reached for comment about why the men were chosen for the Hall of Fame.



Catering to Your Real Estate Needs. For Stress Free Transactions... Call Bonnie Cohen. **More than**

More than \$172,000,000 in closed sales.

BONNIE COHEN, *Realtor* bcohen@bhhsparksweisberg.com 502-551-8145



BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices Parks & Weisberg, Realtors*

www.bcohen.bhhsparksweisberg.com

Together, we do extraordinary things.

Many important programs at the Jewish Community Center receive critical support from Second Century Funds. They offer children the opportunity to attend summer camp, help fund BBYO and other teen programs, support cultural arts and much more. What is your passion? When you contribute to the Second Century Fund of your choice, you are ensuring that fund will continue to grow and generate additional revenue to support the program. (Be sure to let us know to which fund you want to contribute.)

	Laurie Kupferman Altman Fund		Arthur Kling Award Fund
	Rita Baldwin National and Regional BBYO Scholarship		Allan Kling Children's Fund
	Fund		Kohn-Berman Endowment For The Arts Fund
	Rita Baldwin Swimming Pools and Programs Fund		Ethel Kozlove Levy Senior Adult Hospitality Fund
	Ida & Bernhard Behr Holocaust Memorial Education		Florence Kreitman Isaacs Summer Camp Fund
_	Fund		Arthur David Kreitman Jewish Music Fund
	Judith Bensinger Sr Adult Fund		Robert & Betty Levy Bronner Ellis Island Education Fund
	Joe Bliss Youth Services Fund		Louis Levy Film And Theater Arts Fund
_	Dr Louis & Bea Brownstein Ringol Performing Artists Fund		Rebecca G. Levy Senior Adult Dance Fund
	Gail Cassen Schwartz Youth Sports & Wellness		Murrel D. And Tobie Marks Klein Jewish Holidays Fund
	Drew Corson Youth Athletic Scholarship Fund		Benjamin & Bernice Mazin Visual Arts Fund
	Dr Roy & Ruth Diamond Teen Lecture Fund		Mickey Miller Softball and Volleyball Fund
	Leon T. & Ursel Eichengreen Fuchs Music Fund		Morris Morguelan Youth Maccabi Games Fund
	Joseph Fink BBYO Community Service Scholarship		Herbert & Blanche Ottenheimer Award Fund
	Fund		Naomi & Boris Pressma Grounds Beautification Fund
	Mary Lee & Stanley Fischer Youth Activities Fund		1
	Harry & Anna Fishman Udewitz Children's Lounge Fund		Resnick BBYO Fund
	Ann & Coleman Friedman Children's Judaic Activities		Re and Richie Richlin Athletic Fund
_	Fund		Annette Simon Sagerman Special Events Fund
	Ellen Faye Garmon BBYO Youth Award Fund	_	Mayer & Frances Shaikun Lecture Fund
	Gus Goldsmith Transportation Fund		
	Goldstein-Leibson Scholar In Residence Fund		Edith Shirley & Albert Spivak Sports Scholarship Fund
ш	Sadye & Maurice Grossman Community Service Camp Fund		,
П	Ike Gumer Memorial Racquetball Tournament Fund	_	8
	Stuart & Marilynne Harris Kosher Cafe Fund		8
	Betty Isaacs Youth Programs Fund		8
	Joseph J. And Marie S. Kaplan Staff Development Fund		Sidney Winchell Youth Lounge Fund
	Isadore Klein Special Programs & Projects		Denise & Jacques Wolff Senior Adult Fund
	Irving Klempner Jewish Cultural Arts Fund	ш	Irvin And Betty Zegart Senior Adult Fund
	May Kletter Senior Adult Special Projects Fund		
	C.D. And Lois Kline Baron Camp Scholarship Fund		

Don't see a fund supporting your passion? It's easy to set up a new fund to support the program or cause of your choice. Contact Development Associate Kristy Benefield, kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2739, for more information.

MAKE A DONATION TO THE FUND OF YOUR CHOICE.

I would like to make a donation to the					
Fur	nd.				
Name	_ [
Address	- 1				
City, State, Zip	_ \				
Phone	- 1				
E-mail —	- 1				
——Check enclosed ——Credit Card (circle one): Visa MasterCard American Express					
Card Number———— Expiration Date ————————————————————————————————————					

PLEASE MAIL COUPON TO: Jewish Foundation of Louisville, 3600 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY 40205-3216, or contact Kristy Benefield at 502-238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.



Donate online at www.jewishlouisville.org, call the Development Department, 238-2739, or send a check to Jewish Federation of Lousiville, 3600 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY 40205.



Rabbi Nadia Siritsky and the Fox family at Jewish Hospital to celebrate Chanukah

Chanukah is a Time to Reflect on Our Dedication

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky Vice President of Mission, Jewish Hospital

Traditionally, we explain the meaning of the Hebrew word Chanukah as "dedication," referring to the rededication of the Temple after the Maccabean revolt, when the little bit of oil that was only enough for one night, instead lasted eight nights.

nd

nd

We also use the word "Chanukah" whenever we put up a mezuzah in our homes, and we call the process "cha-nukat habyait." We are dedicating our dwelling places, consecrating them to serve G!d, and in the process, ourselves.

A few weeks ago, I was blessed to lead the Jewish Hospital leadership and staff in a "Chanukat Habyit" ceremony as we affixed a new mezuzah, donated by Jacob Wishnia of the Vaad Hakashruth, to our hospital chapel, where a new Eternal Light, created by Craig Kaviar, had just been installed.

Jewish Hospital leadership and staff also joined in a Chanukah lighting ceremony, celebrating the light and miracles that the dedicated hospital staff create in the sacred work that they perform every day.

The senior leadership teams of Jewish Hospital and KentuckyOne Health also dedicated themselves to helping needy Jewish families in our community to celebrate Chanukah, donating to the Sonny and Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund, and participating in the Chanukah Helpers program, coordinated by Jewish Family and Career Services

Dedicated is a word that describes Hilda Fox of blessed memory. Hilda Fox passed away on the fourth night of Chanukah in 1956. She dedicated her life to Jewish Hospital, serving as a head nurse and caring for patients throughout her life. She also dedicated herself to sharing her love and reverence for Judaism, lighting Chanukah candles for patients, families and staff, every year.

Dedicated is a word that describes Hilda's family. They have kept this tradition alive, in her memory, for sixty years. Fourteen years ago, Jewish Hospital commissioned Louisville artists Julius Friedman and Mark Fowler to design a new menorah, which was used to light candles each night at Medical Center Jewish East.

We at Jewish Hospital were blessed to join Hilda's children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren great-great-grandchildren of the family, as well as community leaders, in kindling the Chanukah menorah.

Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach explained Psalm 30's use of the word "dedication" as the internal process by which we dedicate our inner temples to G!d. Often, in our frenzied world, we run too fast to stop and think about the power of this image.

Chanukah asks us to pause and consider: to what are we dedicated? How do our schedules and pocketbooks reflect those values? What would this world look like if we considered one another to be temples wherein G!d dwelled within us "v'shachanti b'tocham"? Would that change the way we treated ourselves and each other?

FESTIVAL

Continued from page 5

ila: The Movie, combines archival footage and interviews to depict the history of the pilots who laid the foundation for the Israeli Air Force in 1948. This ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the Independence war It's in English and won the Heritage Award 2014 Jerusalem Film Festival. The film will be followed by light refreshments.

Gett: The Trial of Vivian Amsalem

February 16, 7 p.m. at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42. \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$6 for students. English

An Israeli woman seeking to finalize a divorce (gett) from her estranged husband finds herself effectively put on trial by her country's religious marriage laws. In Israel, there is neither civil mar-riage nor civil divorce: both must be conducted by Orthodox rabbis, with the husband's consent. Trapped in a loveless marriage, Viviane Amsalem has been applying for a divorce for three years but her religiously devout husband continually refuses her. This is a heart-rending portrait of a woman's struggle to overcome an unmoving patriarchy and live a life of her own design. It won the Israeli Film Academy's Ophir Award for Best Picture in 2014, it's one of five nominated foreign films for the Golden Globes award and is Israel's nomination for best foreign film for the Academy Awards.

February 19, 7 p.m. Village 8 Theaters. \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at door, \$6 for students. dents. Adult situations.

This gripping thriller tells the true story of the kidnapping of Ilan Halimi in a Paris suburb by a gang expecting to col-

arship for assistance with undergradu-

During his lifetime, Harry Isaac

Shrader had a great interest in the ed-

ucation of Jewish youth. To perpetuate

that concern, he made a bequest to The

Temple, which established the schol-

arship fund in his name to provide fi-

nancial assistance for full-time Jewish

undergraduate students enrolled at any

accredited college, university, junior col-

lege or community college for the 2015-

2016 academic year. Eligible applicants

ate college tuition.

Community Foundation of

Applications are now being accepted by the Community Foundation of Louis-ville for the Harry Isaac Shrader Scholline by March 15, 20

Louisville Öffers Harry Isaac

Shrader College Scholarship

lect a huge ransom because they assume that all Jews have money. Based on the book by Ilan's mother, the film follows the police as they investigate the crime while clinging to their belief that the victim's religion had nothing to do with his abduction It's in French, and it won the Lia Award in the Jerusalem Film Festi-

Zero Motivation

February 21, 7:30 p.m. Village 8 Theaters, \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$6 for students.

This zany, cynical comedy is a satirical look at the lives of three young women doing mandatory service in the Israeli Army. A huge hit in Israel, the film revolves around a unit of female Israeli soldiers, bored spending their days in a rural base and disgusted by the chauvinist male officers. Their biggest battles are against their commanders or the men who treat them badly, and the only guns they fire are staple guns. It's in Hebrew and contains nudity. It had 12 nominations from the Israel Academy 2014 Ophir Award, including Best

The Jewish Cardinal

February 22, 2 p.m. Village 8 Theaters. \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$6 for students. English subtitles.

A drama based on the amazing true story of Jean-Marie Lustiger, the son of Polish Jewish immigrants, who maintained his cultural identity as a Jew while converting to Catholicism at a young age and later joining the priesthood. Quickly rising within the ranks of the Catholic Church, Lustiger is appoint-ed Archbishop of Paris by Pope John Paul II and finds a new platform to celebrate his dual identity as a Catholic Jew, earning him both friends and enemies.

Applications must be completed on-

line by March 15, 2015, and are available

on The Community Foundation of Lou-

isville's website at www.cflouisville.org/

connect/scholarships. An interview may

dith Zahirovic at The Community Foundation, 502-855-6971, or email mere-

For more information, contact Mere-

The Community Foundation adminis-

ters more than 80 competitive scholar-

ship funds. For a complete list of avail-

able scholarship opportunities and to

create an account and begin an applica-

be necessary.

dithz@cflouisville.org.

When Carmelite nuns settle down to build a convent within Auschwitz, where his mother died, Lustiger finds himself a reluctant mediator between the two

communities. Filled with strong performances and a fascinating look behind the scenes at the Vatican, the film swept honors and awards in France last year.

The Jewish Community of Louisville gratefully acknowledges donations to the following

JCC SECONDCENTURY FUNDS **AND OTHER ENDOWMENTS**

IDA AND BERNHARD BEHR HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

MEMORY OF MARTHA YOFFF JOY & CLAUS BEHR

JUDITH BENSINGER SENIOR ADULT **FUND**

MEMORY OF JOE FINEMAN MEMORY OF MARTHA YOFFE MARGOT, SANDY & JEFF BARR

ROBERT & BETTY LEVY BRONNER ELLIS ISLAND EDUCATION FUND

HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF BETTY BRONNER JUDIE & ERWIN SHERMAN

ELLEN FAYE GARMON B.B.Y.O. YOUTH AWARD FUND

IN MEMORY OF FREDERIC GARMON BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY

SADYE AND MAURICE GROSSMAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CAMP FUND

MEMORY OF BENN DAVIS MEMORY OF JOE FINEMAN MEMORY OF ED GOLD MEMORY OF ARMOND GOLDSTEIN MEMORY OF ROBERT KLING MEMORY OF MILTON MORGUELAN MEMORY OF BARBARA RUSSMAN HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF ELAINE SAAG JUDIE & ERWIN SHERMAN MEMORY OF MARTHA YOFFE JUDIE, ERWIN & VICKI SHERMAN

JUDIE & ERWIN SHERMAN AND FAMILY

MURREL D. AND TOBIE MARKS KLEIN JEWISH HOLIDAYS FUND MEMORY OF JOE FINEMAN

MEMORY OF MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER,

SADYE GROSSMAN

FRANKYE & HAROLD GORDON

ALLAN KLING CHILDREN'S FUND

MEMORY OF HARRIET WALDMAN CATHY FDFI FN

LOUIS LEVY FILM & THEATER ARTS FUND

HONOR OF THE BAR MITZVAH OF LOUIS LEVY **ESTHER & ARNOLD LEVITZ**

RE AND RICHIE RICHLIN ATHLETIC FUND

MEMORY OF THE 79TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF RE & RICH RICHLIN DAVID FELDMAN

EDITH SHIRLEY & ALBERT SPIVAK SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MEMORY OF FRANCIS WOLFF SHELLEY & ROB KRIEGSHABER AND FAMILY MEMORY OF HARRIET WALDMAN MEMORY OF MARTHA YOFFE

RANDY SPIVAK

IRVIN AND BETTY ZEGART **SENIOR ADULT FUND**

MEMORY OF BESS YOUNGER **BONNIE & MURRAY TOBOROWSKY**

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LOUISVILLE ALSO GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES DONATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

SANDRA K. BERMAN MEMORIAL SHALOM **LOUISVILLE FUND**

HONOR OF THE RETURN TO LOUISVILLE OF **DEANNE & BILL COOK** HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF BILL COOK SHERRY & BUDDY KAUFMAN HONOR OF THE BIRTH OF THE SON OF DENNIS K. BERMAN AND TIFFANY KARY, ANTON KARY BERMAN YAHRZEIT OF THE FATHER OF HARRIS BERMAN, DENNIS BERMAN

YAHRZEIT OF THE MOTHER OF HARRIS BERMAN, JEANNETTE BERMAN MEMORY OF THE WIFE OF HARRIS BERMAN, SANDRA BERMAN YAHRZEIT OF THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF

YAHRZEIT OF THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF HARRIS BERMAN, ISADORE KREEGER MEMORY OF BENN DAVIS MEMORY OF JIMMY DAVIS MEMORY OF ROBERT FINE MEMORY OF JOE FINEMAN MEMORY OF MARY LEE FISCHER MEMORY OF ARMOND GOLDSTEIN MEMORY OF ROBERT KLING MEMORY OF MILTON MORGUELAN MEMORY OF FLORENCE ROSE

HARRIS BERMAN, CELIA KREEGER

MEMORY OF BARBARA RUSSMAN MEMORY OF HARRIET WALDMAN MEMORY OF FRANCIS WOLFF MEMORY OF MARTHA YOFFE

HARRIS BERMAN

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

MEMORY OF JOE FINEMAN PHYLLIS & DAVID LEIBSON

JAY LEVINE YOUTH FUND

HONOR OF THE NEW GRANDSON OF HELANE AND DAVID COOPER MEMORY OF MARTHA YOFFE **BEV & DAVID WEINBERG**

ANNE E. SHAPIRA LITERACY **INITIATIVE ENDOWMENT FUND** (REACH OUT AND READ)

MEMORY OF HARRIET WALDMAN MEMORY OF MARTHA YOFFE MEMORY OF BESS YOUNGER ANNE SHAPIRA

must live in Jefferson County; assistance is based on financial need and funds tion, visit www.cflouisville.org/connect/scholarships. You don't have to

The same charitable act that supports the Louisville Jewish community this year can ensure that our community receives a gift on your behalf every year, throughout your lifetime and beyond. It just requires

be wealthy to help.

Call 502-238-2739 to discuss creating your own personal planned gift and Let Your Values Live On.

3600 Dutchmans Lane | Louisville, KY 40205 502-238-2739 | www.jewishlouisville.org/Foundation



3600 Dutchmans Lane • Louisville, KY 40205 502-459-0660 • jewishlouisville.org

MILLION DOLLAR

Continued from page 1

included the inception of Kesher Kentucky, resurgence of communitywide trips to Israel and the merger of the JCC and the Federation.

Jewish Community of Louisville Board Chair Karen Abrams turned the tables on Gordon and presented him with aa T-shirt that read "Campaign Chairman for Life" on one side and "Million-Dollar Mensch" on the other. She went on to recount some of the many things Louisville's Jewish community can take pride in such as an outstanding 125-year-old Jewish Community Center; BBYO and teen programs that are the envy of those in other cities; a PJ Library program that regularly attracts 50 families to various activities and senior adult classes and lunch programs that ensure Jewish identity. "Together," she said, "we can do extraordinary things."

Several articulate teens followed with moving stories about how the community's support for the Federation Campaign enhances resources for teen programs that have enriched their lives. Tovah Frockt discussed all the positive things she gained from attending Camp Livingston and how much the JCC's Teen Connection has added to her life. Jacob Finke noted BBYO continues to provide him with the leadership skills he needs. His AZA chapter has become the strongest in this region and Jay Levine BBG is an internationally recognized role model for other chapters.

Ariana Goldstein was thrilled with the "priceless opportunity" she had to go to Israel through the Cantor Scholarship to Israel. She called her presence there, in the midst of last summer's war a "life-changing event."

Nicole Keenan was grateful for the generous donation she received to attend CLTC (Chapter Leadership Training Conference) where she shared her Jewish heritage with other 89 teens she considers "future world Leaders." And Hillel President Josh Goodman offered thanks to the Jewish community for the opportunities he has had to attend a number of conferences and share cultural exchanges with Russian Jews in



Harry, Annette, Tracy and Mark Geller

his chapter. "I am a different person today as a result," he said.

He introduced Louisville native and

his former neighbor, noted composer Jonathan Wolff, who spoke fondly about growing up in the city. "This is such a wonderful place," he said. "When my wife Steffi and I returned here in 2005, it was this community's mandate to welcome us and it was easy for us to become involved." Their three children are in BBYO and they have taken active roles at the JCC, Jewish Family & Career Services, Melton and the Chevrah Kadisha.

JCL President and CEO Stu Silberman then spoke about how far the JCL has matured since its creation five years ago. He described the JCL as moving from a period of uncertainty to a period period of stable growth; praised the increased collaboration among the various agencies and religious institutions and described the increased Jewish impact the JCL is having, as independently measured, all of which portend well for the future.

The evening's keynote speaker was David N. Weiss, an Emmy Award nominee, who has written or co-written some of Hollywood's most endearing and successful family films, from Shrek 2 and Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius to the Rugrats movies and The Smurfs and The Smurfs 2. With great humor and insight,

Weiss told the fascinating story of his personal religious journey from Juda-ism to Christianity and back to believing

in God and becoming an observant Jew. "I believe that God is the God of onestep," he said. "Over the years, you need to take one small step as a Jew. You can take advantage of something, a class perhaps, or something else that will oring you closer to Judaism.'

'One small step" has been Gordon's theme for the entire Campaign year as he urged donors to take that step with their generous participation in the Annual Campaign – and they listened. "This same time last year," he noted, "the Campaign had raised just \$200,000. The total this evening, including pledges from the Week of Giving, is \$1.385 million." The community has that step toward the future together," but if you have not yet made your pledge, please call 502-238-2739. Our community's Jewish future depends on it.



Robin and Bruce Miller



Larry Shapin and LaDonna Nicholas



Rabbi Robert Slosberg



Chuck and Sarah O'Koon



Judy and Anne Shapira



Randy and Felicia Goodman



Arianna Goldstein and Jonathan Wolff



Doug Gordon, Campaign Chair

"WE CAN'T PUT OFF PAYING MY MOM'S MEDICAL BILLS AND HER OXYGEN, SO WE STRUGGLE TO GET ENOUGH TO EAT."

- RHONDA



Please donate to **MAZON** today.

Every day, hungry people have to make impossible choices, often knowing that, no matter which option they choose, they will have to accept negative consequences. It shouldn't be this way.

MAZON is working to end hunger for Rhonda and the millions of Americans and Israelis who struggle with food insecurity.

MAZON | A Jewish R To Hunger

A Jewish Response

P.O. Box 96119 Washington, D.C. 20090 | (800) 813-0557 | mazon.org







Above: Keren and Yariv Benabou. Below: Nancy and Jim Strull.

Above: Alan and Debbie Friedman, and Cheryl and David Karp

Right: Seth and Heather Gladstein, and Jeff and Jennifer Tuvlin

Below: Louisville native and composer Jonathan Wolf entertained the audience with some of the many songs he has written.









Hollywood Writer and featured speaker David Weiss



Evelyn and Phil Grossman



Robin and Mark Wolff



ovah Frockt

acob Finke

Jewish Louisville History Project

Can you identify the people in this picture?

Contact Shiela Wallace at swallace@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2703 with identifications or information.



Join the Fun!

Jewish Louisville History Project Meeting

Date & Time: January 11, 2015, 2 p.m. • Senior Adult Lounge

Frank Weisberg, Chair

Next meeting will be February 8, 2015, 2 p.m. • Senior Adult Lounge

A Capella Festival Comes to Adath Jeshurun in January

Cantor David Lipp worked hard to bring event to Louisville

by Ben Goldenberg

Cantor David Lipp had a dream: Bringing together five regional Jewish A Cappella choirs Chanukah weekend. Each choir would sing at each synagogue and end with a big concert after Hayadalah.

But while not all dreams come to fruition, they often provide inspiration for great things. On Friday, January 30, and Saturday, January 31, Cantor Lipp is bringing together Staam (just 'cause) from Washington University and Hooshir (Hoosier in Hebrew) from Indiana University. Both groups have sung nationally and won awards at the 2014 Kol HaOlam National Jewish A Cappella Competition.

Cantor Sharon Hordes from Keneseth Israel (IU '96) and her predecessor Cantor Paula Pepperstone (IU '94) and Cantor Lipp will join the two groups with the Jewish Community Choir for a final concert on Saturday



Paula Pepperstone

after Havdalah.

For ticket prices and sponsorship opportunities, call 502-458-5359 or visit http://www.adathjeshurun.com/musicfestival

Friday, January 30, at the Temple: 7 p.m. service with Staam

Friday, January 30, at Temple Shalom: 6:15 p.m. service with Hooshir

Saturday, January 31, at KI: 9:30 a.m. service with Hooshir

Saturday, January 31, at Adath Jeshurun: 9:30 a.m. service with Staam

Saturday, January 31, at AJ: 7:30 p.m. service with Staam, Hooshir and Jewish Community Choir.



Hooshir, a Jewish A Capella group from Indiana University, will perform in Louisville at the festival.



Staam, who are from Washington University, say they perform "A capella with chutzpah."

Adventures in Yiddishland Explores Language's Past and Present

Editor's Note: Occasionally, a member of the University of Louisville Jewish Studies faculty will reflect on a book that has had an impact on them.

Associate Professor Tatjana Soldat-Jaffe argues that language is becoming increasingly global as languages blend together, creating a place where languages are neither absolutely alive nor totally dead:

"The book that has the most enduring impact on my scholarship and my intellectual engagement with Jewish studies is Jeffrey Shandler's *Adventures in Yiddishland*. In his work, Shandler examines the transformation of Yiddish in the six decades since the Holocaust, tracing its shift from the language of daily life for millions of Jews at home and on the streets to what the author terms a *postvernacular language* – a language that is, on the one hand, lacking

the abundant proficient speakers, but, on the other hand, has gained a new function. This new function, as Shandler illustrates prudently, carries vast symbolic value. In his book, Shandler investigates the broad spectrum of users of Yiddish, such as fluent speakers as well as those who know little Yiddish, Hasidim communities, avant-garde performers, Jews as well as non-Jews, looking at the U.S. context, in Europe, Israel, and other "Yiddishlands." This book will be of interest for readers who have wondered how it is possible to lose the critical number of fluent Yiddish speakers, and yet, still hear forms of Yiddish and observes this immense interest in Yiddish everywhere."

Shandler, Jeffrey, Adventures in Yiddishland: Postvernacular Language & Culture. University of California Press, 2006.

Forum Can Help Answer Parents' Nutrition Questions

by Ben Goldenberg

Every parent wants his or her child to grow up healthy and strong. Jewish Family and Career Services, PJ Library and Shalom Baby are joining to create a parenting forum on toddlers and nutrition on Sunday, January 18 at 10 a.m. at the JCC. The program is free, and J-Play will be open at the JCC for everyone during the program.

An expert panel of Nancy C. Kuppersmith, RD, MS, CDE, MLDE Nutritionist for the Department of Family and Geriatric Medicine an the University of Louisville, and Lauren Kehr, LCSW

Therapist for Jewish Family and Career Services, will lead a discussion on uses of food in children's behavior. There will also be tips on how to inspire your children to eat healthy and plenty of time for questions from the audience.

Kuppersmith is a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator specializing in weight and body image issues. She believes that people need to eat to fuel their bodies so they can live life to their fullest rather than be limited by what society dictates. Kehr counsels a wide variety of clients specializing in ADHD eating issues of adolescents and adults, self-esteem, anxiety and codependency.

Nearly \$10,000 Worth of Community Impact Grants are Handed Out

By Stu Silberman

The Jewish Foundation of Louisville is pleased to announce awards from the current round of Community Impact Grants. The program was reinstituted this year, making available \$25,000 in general funds and \$11,900 designated for youth education.

The Temple was awarded \$3,650 to upgrade the sound system in the Klein Center, where most Chavurat Shalom programs take place. Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad was awarded \$500 to upgrade classroom technology. The Temple Religious School was awarded \$1,500 to support learning disabled bnai mitzvah students. The JCC was awarded \$1,900 for a unique, intergenerational garden program with the Early Learning Center and the Senior Program, and Teen Connection was awarded \$2,500 to expand leadership development to community-wide Jewish 4th and 5th graders.

"These grants are helping to lift already successful programs and services to the

next level," said Peter Resnik, chair of the Jewish Foundation of Louisville committee. "In awarding the grants, the Foundation Committee members were particularly impressed with the collaboration among separate organizations to leverage their resources and reach more users."

The Foundation will consider grant requests for between \$500 to \$2,500 with a maximum award of \$5,000. The Committee expressed a preference for the expansion or enhancement of existing successful programs, but indicated that it would consider new programs, and in all cases, encourages collaboration across the Jewish community. To submit a grant, contact Stu Silberman at (502) 238-2723.

There are additional grant requests that are still open, pending feedback to the requesting organizations to clarify details. The committee evaluates every grant request on its merits and does not fund every request it receives. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis.

Are You Thinking About Moving?



SELECT
PROPERTIES

Trusted Direction in Real Estate

Lou Winkler, Kentucky Select Properties Same Cell: 314-7298

New Email: lwinkler@kyselectproperties.com 2000 Warringtone Way, Louisville KY 40222

Seniors Benefit from Subaru Share the Love Grant

Ben Goldenberg

The Jewish Community Center's Senior Adult Department received an \$800 grant from Subaru's Share the Love program. The money will specifically

be used to provide vulnerable, homebound seniors frozen Kosher meals during eight days of program closures for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years

Funding for next year's grants de-

pends on consumer's selections when Subaru makes a sale in Kentuckiana. If you are planning on buying or leasing a Subaru before January 2, please select Meals on Wheels and the JCC may receive part of the funding next year.

JCC 125

Continued from page I

First Street between Walnut and Chestnut streets.

Though there were many YMHAs in other cities at the time, the Louisville YMHA was the first to construct its own building, the first to hire professional staff (a physical education instructor) and the first to have gym classes for women.

The YMHA changed its name to the JCC in the summer of 1955, when the new building at Dutchmans Lane opened with 7,000 members. It became a critical social meeting place for Jews who had moved from close-knit neighborhoods in the city to the suburbs. Since then it has been a vital place to connect to the community as well as a place to serve the area's pressing needs, such as senior adult nutrition, educational services, health and wellness and cultural arts.

A new JCC logo that incorporates the 125th year anniversary will accompany all events and marketing for the year to celebrate the commemorative year

brate the commemorative year.

"The JCC or the 'Center' has proudly served the community for 125 years, said Sara Wagner, chief operating officer of the JCC. "In preparing to celebrate a history that is so vibrant and meaningful it was obvious we needed a cadre of talented volunteers to lead the effort. We are so fortunate that three couples stepped up to co-chair the yearlong celebration including; Joanie and Craig Lustig, Shellie Branson and Ralph Green and Michele and Aaron Tasman"

Joanie Lustig, co-chair of the committee with her husband Craig, said the overall objective for 2015 is to celebrate this major milestone and the positive effects the JCC has had on people. "Anyone who has been touched by the JCC – by camps, clubs, fitness, cultural arts, etc. – is invited to remember the past and celebrate the future of the JCC," she said.

There will be at least one event per

There will be at least one event per month to celebrate, and likely many more, so there's no reason not to participate.

Were you a member of Pi Tau Pi, Mu Sigma, Resnick, Rauch or Condores? You can reunite with old friends or make new ones at one of the first events, the 125th Anniversary Tip-Off on Sunday, January 25. The University of Louisville Cardinals basketball game versus University of Pittsburgh Panthers will be broadcast in the gym, and those who were in clubs at the JCC between the 1960s and the early 1980s and their spouses and friends are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to bring old and new friends together and enjoy an away Cards game. Co-hosts of the event include Mark Eichengreen, Guy Lerner, Mark Behr, Mark Perelmuter, Doug Gordon, Scott Trager, Hunt Schuster and Glenn Levine. Kosher deli food will be served, and reminiscing is encouraged.

The gym will be made into a lounge area, said Shellie Branson, committee cochair. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

Joanie Lustig said there will be another Tip-Off event for those 45 and younger, but the plans are still in the works. There will be a special event in May with theater journalist and author Eddie Shapiro scheduled to discuss his book, *Nothing Like a Dame: Conversations with the Great Women of Musical Theater.* There will be a Fourth of July celebration and a fall festival, too. A Sports Hall of Fame Dinner is planned for August, a Dreidel Dash is being planned for in the winter and all the events will culminate with a JCC 125 Gala in January 2016, which will celebrate the future of the JCC,

Joanie Lustig said.

Branson likened the year's events to a reunion. "Many of us grew up here and many in the community aren't members here anymore, and we would like to get everyone who has ever been involved in any way shape or form to be involved," she said. "It's a nice way to reunite people. There were staff and coaches we all remember and we'd like to get them back here. We'd like to reunite people who were in BBYO together or played basketball together ... a lot of different groups."

Wagner agreed: "I hope everyone will find a place to join in this celebration. We welcome everyone as we look to reunite people whose lives were touched by the JCC or newer members who are just falling in love with us for the first time," she said. "I am really looking forward to this year. There are tens of thousands of people in our community who grew up loving our camps, swim team, arts programs, sports and more. Generations of leaders developed their skills in our teen program, and we continue to be a 'second home' for seniors. There is so much to celebrate and so many great reasons to bring people together."

Green said he's excited about the yearlong celebration. "I'm most excited for the opportunity to have members of the Jewish Community who may have not been active in a while to come back and rediscover it and add to the vitality of the Jewish community," he said.

The JCC used to have fund-raisers that were well-attended and a lot of fun, but a lot of them haven't even walked in here in a long time," Branson added.

Craig Lustig said one objective is to reenergize the community, particularly the Jewish community.

"Particularly those who have not been in the building in a long time, since we've had the locker rooms redone, there's new cardio equipment and there will be renovation of the entrance to make it easier for people who have trouble walking up steps, people will be pleased with how nice it looks and how nice it will be in the future." Green agreed. "(The JCC) has a rich his-

Green agreed. "(The JCC) has a rich history, and this is a real milestone. We want to stay a viable and active community center in the future," he said.

Branson said the gala is what she's most excited about, to "celebrate the yearlong planning event with a gala, and to try to include just as many people as we can."

Green said his hope is to get a lot of people involved. "I hope everyone will try to participate in at least one event, and I hope

MARSHA SEGAL
Presidents Club
Top Producer with the Largest
Real Estate Company in Louisville

Service: (502) 329-5247
Cell: (502) 522-4685
Toll Free: I-800-626-2390, ext 5247
e-mail: msegal@semonin.com

to see a lot of old and new faces being active at the JCC," Green said.

Tasman is looking forward to the fall festival because it's an opportunity to get families together and have fun and see what the JCC has to offer.

"So many people's childhoods were spent there and their adult lives, too, and it's a great way to bring people back to the JCC and make new long-lasting memories there," Tasman said. "I think everyone should be there, so get off your tushies and come!"

If anyone would like to get involved, there are several committees available, Branson said. "We would love to help everyone find a place to volunteer."

Wagner stressed the JCC's importance to the community: "The JCC today remains a constant for lifelong Louisvillians as well as newcomers looking to connect with the Jewish community. We are often the first stop when newcomers move to town looking for social, Jewish programming, teen, preschool and cultural arts. I am so proud of our history and tradition and I am looking forward to our incredible future. I hope you will join us whether you attend a class, program or serve as a volunteer on one of our many committees. Not only is this Louisville's JCC, this is your JCC, so be a part of it!"

For more information on the Tip-Off, visit: https://jewishlouisville.org/event/jcc-125th-anniversary-tip-off/.

To volunteer, contact Sara Wagner at 502-238-2779.





Parties for children of all ages are 90 minutes and can be customized! Mention this ad for a \$15 discount!

Expires April 30, 2014

502-238-2717

birthdays@jewishlouisville.org www.jewishlouisville.org/birthday



JFCS CALENDAR

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



For Every Season Of Your Life

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

JFCS FOOD PANTRY

Suggestions for January

Hot and cold cereals, crackers, cookies, pancake mix and syrup, chunky soups, single size snack items and toilet paper.

All donated food must be in its original packaging. Please do not donate expired items. Monetary donations may be made to the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. Contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103

CAREER & EDUCATION SERVICES

ACT Preparation Workshop Beginning January 20 7 - 9 p.m.

Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the first two classes will meet Tuesday, January 20 and Thursday,

Classes then resume meeting Mondays and Tuesdays.

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The following positions are available at

Klein Older Adult Services Program Assistant **BSW** Case Manager Home Health Aides

Career Services

Career & Employment Counselor Supported Employment Specialist

Americorp VISTA

Technology & Coaching Associate Financial Education & Coaching Associate

Contact Kathryn Bentley Fetter, ext. 258 for further information.

ENTREPRENEURIAL DISCOVERY CLASS



Tuesday January 27

Wednesday January 28

Thursday January 29

6 to 8 p.m.

Join Derrick Jack, a Gallup Certified Strengths Coach with Jack Fundamentals, and Bob Tiell, Director of Career Services & Workforce Development with JFCS, as they help you discover which entrepreneurial talents you possess.

Evening One

- Explore Entrepreneurial Spirit
- Discover Your Talents

Evening Two

- Develop Your TalentsDirect Your Talents

- Evening Three
 Build Effective Relationships
- Take Action

Take the Gallup Entrepreneurial Strengths Finder prior to the first class session. The unique results will be the focus of the learning experience and will be the foundation of an individualized discovery process that will last far beyond the class sessions.

COLLEGE & CAREER ADVISEMENT OFFERS NEW PACKAGE SERVICES

To better serve clients and fit their specif- College student packages focus on: ic needs, JFCS has developed new packages for high school students, college students and young adults.

The new packages available to individual high school students include:

- Career & College Advising
- Career Assessment & Planning
- College Advising

JFCS will continue to offer group classes in both college essay preparation and ACT preparation for high school stu-

- Career & College Advising
- Career Assessment & Planning
- Career/Workforce Advising

New to the program are young adult services which focus on young adults who are unemployed, underemployed or employed part-time.

JFCS will continue to see anyone on a session by session basis offering affordable fees based on a sliding scale.

For more information, contact Ellen Shapira at ext. 225.



Sunday, February 8 5 to 7 p.m. **Louis & Lee Roth Family Center**

Join JFCS for some annual bingo fun and enjoy a great breakfast buffet too!

The cost for breakfast is just one can of food and bingo is one can of food per card. All canned food items donated will go to stock the shelves of the Jewish Family & Career Service Food Pantry to help those in the community struggling with food insecurity.

Don't forget to bring a little cash and try your luck at the raffle too. This year the winner will receive a Cuisinart 14-cup food processor. You won't want to miss out on the chance to win this excellent kitchen appliance. The raffle is \$2 per chance and all proceeds go to the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund.

"Our Caregivers Have A Passion for People!"



Locally Owned Kayla Cook RN Director Elisabeth Knight MSSW

Senior Care • After Hospital Care

Exceptional, Affordable Care in Your Home or Facility Professionally Trained, Compassionate Caregivers No Contract or Hourly Minimum

www.caringexcellenceathome.com • 502-208-9424

We're CPA strategists!

When you put Welenken CPAs on your team, you gain a partner that is focused on your overall financial well-being.

Specializing in personalized accounting services for businesses, associations, and individuals, we are ready to go to work for you.



502 585 3251 • www.welenken.com

SUPPORT GROUPS AT JFCS



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

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

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Second Friday of the month, 2 p.m. Contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103

Caregiver Support GroupFirst Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m. Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Rd. Contact Naomi Malka, ext. 249

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups Third Monday of the month, 12:45 p.m. Third Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. at Kenwood Elementary Family Resource Center 7420 Justan Ave. Contact Jo Ann Kalb, ext. 335

Parkinson's Caregiver

Second Thursday of the month, 1 p.m. Contact Connie Austin, ext. 305

Spouses Caregiver Support Group

Third Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. Contact Mauri Malka, ext. 250

Support groups are facilitated by JFCS and funded by KIPDA Area Agency on Aging through the Older Americans Act and the Cabinet for Health Services.

Gross' Release, Changes in Diplomatic Ties, Signal New Day for Cuban Jews

was imprisoned while trying to connect Cuba's isolated Jewish community to the wider world. The deal that got him released five years later may do just that

Gross' flight home to suburban Washington on Wednesday with his wife, Judy, was part of a historic deal that overturns more than five decades of U.S. policy isolating the Communist island nation helmed by the Castro brothers.

"We will end an outdated approach that for decades has failed to advance our interests and instead we will begin to normalize relations between our two countries," President Obama said in announcing Gross' release and radical changes in U.S. Cuba policy.

U.S. officials in a conference call outlined sweeping changes, including the resumption of full diplomatic relations, the opening of an embassy in Havana, and a loosening of trade and travel re-

Dina Siegel Vann, the director of the American Jewish Committee's Belfer Institute for Latino and Latin American Affairs, said Gross' release and the opening of ties with Cuba is a twofer for the Jews: In addition to the benefits accrued to all Cubans from open relations, she said, Cuban Jews "will have stronger ties to Jewish organizations, they will be much more in the open." An estimated 1,000 to 1,500 Jews live in Cuba.

Gross, who is now 65, was arrested in 2009 after setting up Internet access for the Cuban Jewish community while working as a contractor for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Never formally charged with espionage, Gross was convicted in 2009 for "crimes against the state.'

Back in the United States on Wednesday, Gross held a news conference, which he began with the greeting "Chag sameach," noting that his release coincided with the first day of Hanukkah. He thanked political leaders, the Washington Jewish community, the local Jewish Community Relations Council and other faith groups that pressed for his release.
"But ultimately – ultimately – the de-

cision to arrange for and secure my release was made in the Oval Office," said Gross, reserving special praise for President Obama and his National Security

Vann said improved U.S.-Cuba relations would have a rollover effect, removing obstacles to U.S. ties with other Latin American countries — and this in turn would remove tensions that have affected Jewish communities.

"Cuba and Venezuela have a very interdependent relationship," she said. "Anti-Semitism and anti-American rhetoric are being used by the regime in Venezuela, and with this that's being undermined.

Daniel Mariaschin, who directs B'nai B'rith International, a group with a strong Latin American presence, said a new era of ties "will raise the profile of Latin American communities and interest in those communities.

In a deal American officials said was technically separate from the Gross release, the United States and Cuba agreed to exchange the three remaining incar-cerated members of the "Cuban Five," a Florida-based spy ring, for an American spy held in Cuba for 20 years and whose

identity remains a secret.

Obama insisted that Gross was not part of the spy exchange and that, in fact, his imprisonment held up changes to the U.S. Cuba relationship he had intended on initiating years ago.



Alan Gross was released from a Cuban prison and brought to the United States. He conducts a press conference with his wife Judy on December 17.

While I've been prepared to take additional steps for some time, a major obstacle stood in our way," the president said, referring to Gross "wrongful im-

Republicans who have opposed eas-

ing the Cuba embargo blasted the deal. Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), the son of Cuban immigrants, told Fox News that Obama was "the worst negotiator since at least Jimmy Carter, and maybe in the history of this country."

Many Jewish groups welcomed the deal, however, and noted the political difficulties it must have created for the Obama administration.

We know the decision to release the Cuban three was not an easy one, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said in a statement. "We appreciate the efforts of President Obama and Vice President Biden in bringing this about.

Gross is in ill health. He has lost more than 100 pounds since his incarceration and suffered from painful arthritis.

A senior administration official who spoke to reporters before Obama's announcement said the Vatican played a key role in negotiating the deal, in part through Pope Francis' pleas to Cuba to release Gross as a humanitarian gesture.

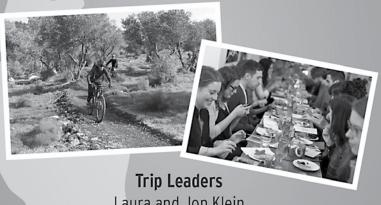
In a statement, the pope said he "wishes to express his warm congratulations for the historic decision taken by the Governments of the United States of America and Cuba to establish diplomatic relations, with the aim of over-coming, in the interest of the citizens of both countries, the difficulties which have marked their recent history.

The administration official also noted the significance of the Jewish holiday season of freedom.

We believe that Alan was wrongfully imprisoned and overjoyed that Alan will be reunited with his family in this holiday season of Hanukkah," the official



and enjoying the food and wine of Israel.



Laura and Jon Klein

Mark your calendars - Israel Unplugged APRIL 12-21, 2015

Registration available online at www.jewishlouisville.org/israel-unplugged/



Glenn Hirsch received an Honorable Mention in the Jewish Hospital employee art show.

KentuckyOne Health Employee Artwork on Display at Jewish Hospital

by Ben Goldenberg

Thirty pieces of artwork from KentuckyOne Health employees are on display at Jewish Hospital Chestnut Café. The employee art exhibit is part of the KentuckyOne Health Healing Art program. Several of the artists agreed to donate their works to the program.

Three Honorable Mentions receiving

a check for \$100 were Glenn Hirsch for Thunder Over Louisville, University of Louisville, Jewish Hospital Associate Professor of Medicine in the Medicine and Cardiology Department; Julianna Morrison-Sheridan for Within Beauty, UNOS Transplant Coordinator, Jewish Hospital; and Leigh Montgomery, Cow, Charge Nurse, University of Louisville Hospital. Two Awards of Excellence for \$200 each were given to JoAnna Jackson for Cuban Car, Mammography Department, Medical Center Jewish East; and Susan King for Sunrise, Big Four Bridge, Cardiothoracic Special Proce-



1/2 price **Entree With Purchase of Regular** Price Entree

Of equal or greater value.

Not good with any other offers or discounts.

Must present coupon at time of purchase.

Expires 12/31/14

2923 Goose Creek Road Just off Westport Road 502-339-8070

Mon.-Th. 11-9 PM Fri. 11-9:30 PM Sat. 8-9:30 PM Sun. 9-8 PM

dures Technologist, Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital. The Grand Prize winner, Nancy Voth, Bilingual Front Desk Receptionist, KentuckyOne Primary Care Associates, Outer Loop Location, won \$300 for her piece, Magical Bubbles.

There were more than 50 submissions of original artwork ranging from oil, watercolor, charcoal and acrylic to drawings, mixed media, digital graphics and photography.

"It is very rewarding to see such creative and talented artists amongst the KentuckyOne Health employees," Martha Slaughter, visual arts coordinator for KentuckyOne Health. "This exhibition not only enhances the Chestnut Cafe, it reflects the goals of the Healing Art Program which is to engage, educate and inspire the hospital community, staff, patients, and visitors while promoting wellness through art.'

Slaughter is one of a three-person panel that judged the pieces. The other two judges were Jewish Hospital Foundation Board member and art collector Henry Heuser and founding curator of 21C Museum, William Morrow.

The mission of the Healing Art Program is to create a restorative and calming environment by integrating art experiences throughout our health care facilities. Promoting healing by reducing stress and creating a relaxing and pleasing environment through art has proven to reduce anxiety for patients, families, visitors and staff.

Program organizers plan to hold an employee art solicitation and evaluation about every six months to grow the pro-

Other employee artists included in the inaugural exhibition included:

Alan Boeschel, Jeff Canary, Laura Chamberlin, Philomena Derenoncourt, Rhonda Fessel, Courtney Gordon, Jamine Hamner, Mary Hanna, Melanie Lutes, Leigh Montgomery, Nancy Mudd, Charles Smith and Shawn Stevison.



EEN TOPICS



Jay Levine BBG Board at Chapter Banquet

Jay Levine BBG

By Laina Meyerowitz

A great term has come to an end for Jay Levine BBG but we stuck to it all the way through. Before Thanksgiving Break, we had a "Shabbat Todah" (Shabbat of Thanks) where we made Thanksgiving turkeys out of dessert and discussed BBYO summer programs after a delightful dinnerthank you so much to the Lustigs for hosting us! When we returned from a much-needed break from school, we had our last chapter meeting where we discussed Regional Convention and elections.

Our final event was a banquet at Hawthorne Suites. Board members gave their State of the Union speeches; telling about what they accomplished throughout the term. We also had a talent show and handed out individual awards to all chapter members.

After completing midterms for the Fall Semester, roughly 20 Jay Levine BBG members attended the renowned KIO Regional Convention in Indianapolis. Among all sorts of incredible programming, the 61st board of KIO was elected and installed. Congratulations to all elected as well as all of those that ran - we are so so proud of you!! Also, congratulations to Louisville's own Katie Segal for co-coordinating such a successful weekend!!

Elections for Drew Corson AZA and Jay Levine BBG Spring Term 2015 chapter boards will be January 11 at 2 p.m. at the JCC. We are so excited to see what the new leaders are capable

If you have any questions regarding elections, please contact Mike Steklof. Also, if you are interested in attending any of the phenomenal summer programs that BBYO offers, please contact Mike or a past board member. These experiences provide opportunities to learn more about Judaism, leadership, community service and the countries that are visited from 5 different continents!! Not to mention, you will undoubtedly make life-long memories and friendships. Don't miss out!

Drew Corson AZA

By Jack Grossman Teen Connections Editor

On Saturday, November 22, Drew Corson AZA held its 5 Fold Sleepover at Ben Gould's house. At the sleepover, David Hemmer led a havdalah program and there was also a good and welfare program.

From December 19-23, Louisville BBYO went to Regionals, which was held in Indianapolis. At regionals, the new Kentucky Indiana Ohio (KIO) regional board was elected, and the old KIO board was de-installed.

On December 25, Drew Corson AZA held its traditional Chinese Christmas dinner at the Jade Palace. At the dinner, members ate Chinese food and enjoyed each other's company. Members of Jay Levine BBG and Drew Corson AZA are preparing for chapter elections for the spring term. The elections will take place at the JCC on January 11, at 2 p.m.



Drew Frey, Orly Feder, Gabe Shir, Abigail Brodsky, Kate Frey at the Teen Connections Chanukah Party

Teen Connections

By Glenn Sadle Youth and Teen Coordinator

On Wednesday December 10, 20 teens in middle school attended our Teen Connection Chanukah Party at the JCC. We ate latkes and pizza and had a Dreidel tournament and made menorahs. Thank you to Drew Frey and Marnina Goldberg for represent-ing Louisville BBYO at the event. A big thanks is owed to the planning committee for their role: Michael Calderon, Lucy Calderon, Sophia Goldberg, Ja-cob Horvitz, David Bornstein, Ari Feder and Orly Feder.

Our next event will be the Teen Connection/Louisville BBYO Trip to Perfect North on Monday, January 19.

CHAVURAT SHALOM

Chavurat Shalom meets at the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42, unless otherwise designated in the listing. It is a community-wide program. All synagogue members and Jewish residents are welcome.

Chavurat Shalom will not meet in January.

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

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

New Grant for JFCS to Help Young Jewish Clients with Career Development

Individuals struggling with job placement after college to get help with their search

Making a good college and career decision at an early age has become more and more important in our fast-changing world. Students can no longer choose a college, drift through and somehow by the time of graduation end up with a job in the career of their choice. The new economy, the increasing cost of higher education and extreme competition for good jobs for college graduates has made better college and career planning a necessity. Our Jewish community will flourish when we have young professionals who are well educated and working productively to provide for their future families. Jewish Family and Career Services has a long history of providing individualized college and career assessment services to the young people of the Jewish and general community, but those services will now be enhanced by a new grant from The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

The new grant is part of a continuing collaboration between the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and JFCS to help strengthen the Jewish Community by retaining our Jewish talent in Louisville and eventually looking to attract more Jewish young people to our area. Last summer JFCS was able to provide a program called Launching Your Career which provided job search assistance and other career related activities to recent college graduates who have not yet been able to attain their first real career-related job. As well as a workshop series, professionals in the Jewish Community were recruited to work with participants as mentors.

This grant will help young people in a number of different ways. Financial assistance will be awarded to families where needed to subsidize high schooland college-age students who participate in JFCS's long-standing individualized career assessment and college advisement program. In this program, students are tested in the areas of aptitude, interests, personality, values, study motivation and drive to help them determine good career options for their future. Through counseling, the students are then helped to develop career-related experiences and choose appropriate educational programs and majors.

The new grant will also help support the long-standing Jewish Community Summer Internship Program, which pays for Jewish college-age students to have meaningful summer internships within the Jewish community agencies. Additional internships will now be offered this year including one at Jewish Hospital in the Human Resources department.

In recent years, JFCS has seen a dramatic increase in the number of young people younger than 30 who are struggling with careers and jobs. The new grant will help provide financial assistance to clients in this age group as they attempt to find a career focus and develop and execute a new career plan, and the grant will further develop a core group of young professionals to serve as mentors to these struggling clients.

The final piece of the grant will allow JFCS to develop a Business Advisory Council to increase engagement of the employer community so that JFCS can make better matches of young people to careers and jobs in Louisville and to better meet needs of employers in Louisville.

For more information on any of the career and college advisement services offered by JFCS, you may contact Ellen Shapira at 502-452-6341, ext. 225 or eshapira@jfcslouisville.org.

AROUND TOWN

Toborowsky to be AJ's Shabbat Scholar

Murray Toborowsky will be Adath Jeshurun's Shabbat Scholar following Shabbat morning services on December 27. His topic is "A Famous Old West Sherriff and an African-American Musician."

The Temple Offers Basic Judaism Class

A basic Judaism class is taught each Monday, 8-9 p.m. at The Temple. The current trimester is "Jewish Holidays: A Journey through the Hebrew Year" taught by Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about Judaism. There will be no classes on January 19 or 26.

The Temple Offers Torah Study with Rabbi David

Meet in The Temple's Fishman Library Saturdays year-round 9-10 a.m. before the morning service to read and discuss the Torah portion of the week over good coffee, bagels and other treats. This class is taught by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel.

Temple Scholars Classes Offered on Wednesdays

The Temple holds Temple Scholars classes on Wednesday mornings. There are two classes from which to choose, or you may attend both. A Time for War, A Time for Peace begins at 9:30 a.m. with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel and requires registration. This class explores Jewish ideas relating to the pressing contemporary issues of war and peace and asks questions such as, how do we balance the relative values of peace and security? What is the relationship between vio-

lence and peacemaking?

The second class is The Torah of Lives Well Lived with Rabbi Joe Rooks-Rapport at 10:45 a.m. This class traces the lives of famous Jewish figures throughout history and the lessons of Torah their lives can teach. Each session stands alone and unfolds a life of meaning and many lessons to be shared from men and women who changed the world, whose lives are a chapter of Torah waiting to be told. The second class does not have a charge and does not require registration.

Jews and Brews Meets Wednesdays

Join Rabbi Wolk for "Jews and Brews," a one-hour class in which participants study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary while enjoying a cup (or cups?) of coffee. Free and open to the public. Jews and Brews meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. at the JCC Library. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

The Temple Celebrates Charter

The Temple will commemorate its 1843 charter on January 2 with a classical reform service at 7 p.m. This service will be led from the beloved Sinai Edition of the Union Prayer Book, along with music from the era.

AJ Offeres Adult Hebrew Classes

Adath Jeshurun offers two adult Hebrew classes on Sunday mornings taught by Deborah Slosberg: Conversee **AROUND TOWN** page 24

NEWSMAKERS



Benn Davis

The late **Benn Davis** was featured in the November/December issue of Sophisticated Living. The owner of Seng Jewelers died recently, just after his 99th birthday. His grandson Scott said he was fond of joking that not many men

Margaret

Handmaker and

Pat Parks were

named to Leader-

ship Louisville's 2015 Encore Class.

The program is for graduates of Lead-

ership Louisville

who want to con-

have the luxury of being in a business where every woman is happy to see you. "The reason he lived so long," **Scott Davis** said, "came down to the fact that that he was truly happy. He always told me, 'Go to bed happy, wake up happy'."

Gail Beck-

Pat Parks tinue to give back to the community as they retire, approach retirement or transition from

professional careers

Insider Louisville ran an article on **JFCS's Navigate Enterprise Center** on December 3 about its microloan program for new businesses. The article was part of a series highlighting Louisville non-profits.

Kentucky Super Lawyers recognized 57 **Stoll Keenon Ogden attorneys** in the 2015 publication: 44 are Kentucky Super Lawyers and 13 received Rising Star status. Also, one SKO attorney is recognized in the Top 25 Women Kentucky Super Lawyer category, and two are ranked in the Top 50 Kentucky Super Lawyer category.

W. Kyle Engle, professor of Education at the University of Louisville, published a paper in the University Council of Educational Administration, "The High Wall: How an Educational Filmstrip Unintentionally Endangered Mississippi's Jewish Communities in the Civil Rights Era." The article is in the magazine's Fall 2014 edition.

Members of **the Fox family** carried on a 60-year tradition when they lit Hanukkah candles on Tuesday, December 16 at Medical Center Jewish East, part of KentuckyOne Health. The traditional lighting of the Fox Family Hanukkah Menorah is done to honor the memory of **Hilda Fox**, head nurse at Jewish Hospital for many years prior to her death on the fourth night of Hanukkah in 1956.



Novelist, Journalist, and Screenwriter

Sayed Kashua

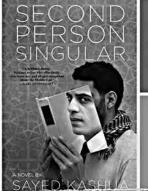
The Foreign Mother Tongue: Living and Writing as a Palestinian in Israel

Thursday, February 12, 2015 Chao Auditorium, Ekstrom Library University of Louisville

For Reservations: https://sayed-kashua.eventbrite.com

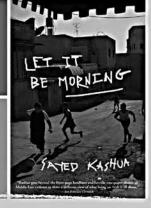


Sayed Kashua is the author of three novels: Dancing Arabs, Let it Be Morning, and Second Person Singular, winner of the Berstein Prize, Kashua also writes a satirical weekly column in Hebrew for the Israeli newspaper Ha'aratz. In a humorous, tongue-in-cheek style, Kashua addresses the problems faced by Arabs in Israel, caught between two worlds. He is the writer and creator of the hit Israeli TV show "Arab Labor" (Avoda Aravit), now in it's third season. In 2004, Kashua was awarded the Prime Minister's Prize in Literature. He is also the subject of the documentary "Forever Scared".



3:00 pm Lecture and Discussion

> 4:30 pm Book sale and Author signing



Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence

For more information, contact Kristy Benefield at 502-238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.

ROUND

Continued from page 23

sational Hebrew at 10 a.m. and Prayer Book Hebrew at 11 a.m. Classes will meet January 4 and 25. These classes are free and open to the community. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Rabbi Metzger Teaches Stepping **Up to Judaism Class**

Stepping Up to Judaism is taught by Rabbi Laura Metzger and takes place on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun. The class is for those who are considering conversion and those who want to deepen their connection to Judaism. Each session will address an aspect of becoming a Jew. The January dates are January 5, 12 and 26.

Text Study with Rabbi David

The Temple holds a text study Monday nights at 7 p.m. with Rabbi David. From Torah to Midrash - What is the Backbone of Jewish Sacred Texts? covers questions such as: Are we Biblical Jews or rabbinical Jews? Why and how did Genesis became Genesis Rabba? Through the magic of Rabbinical texts, participants will witness Judaism's unorthodox theology. No classes December 29, January 19 and 26.

Study Hebrew with Rabbi Rooks

The Temple will be offering a new beginner's Hebrew class on Monday evenings starting January 5, at 7-8 p.m. "Alef Hebrew" will be taught by Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks and is a beginning course for those who have not yet mas-

tered the Alef-Bet and want to learn some basic vocabulary, as well as how to read Hebrew. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Rooks at 502-212-2035.

Knit & Qvell Circle to Meet

The Knit & Qvell Circle at Anshei Sfard will meet Wednesday, January 7, at 1 p.m. in the Shul library. All knitters and want-to-be knitters are welcome to attend. All knitted items will be donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. For more information contact Toby Horvitz at 502-458-7108 or Fran Winchell at 502-426-4660.

Jewish Genealogy Workshop Offered at Temple Shalom

Dr. Jon Klein will hold an adult education program and workshop at Temple Shalom Thursday, January 8, at 7 p.m. on Jewish Genealogy: Exploring your Ancestry and Roots Using the Internet.

Klein will demonstrate websites that can be helpful in researching this topic, and those attending are invited to bring tablets or smartphones to follow along with him.

Klein is a professor at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Please RSVP to Temple Shalom, 502-458-4739. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Mishneh Torah Study Offered Weekly

Adath Jeshurun offers a weekly class in Mishneh Torah in downtown Louisville. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag dairy lunch and join Rabbi Slosberg and Cantor Lipp. Prior knowledge of Jewish texts and Hebrew is not required. This lively discussion is free and open to the community. Classes take place in the office of Steve Berger, 500 W. Jefferson St., on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. The January classes will meet on January 9, 16, 23 and 30.

AJ's Short & Sweet Service is January 10

Adath Jeshurun's Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation is a family service for students in grades K through 7, their parents and grandparents. Led by Deborah Slosberg, the next service will take place on Saturday, January 10,, at 10:30 a.m. The community is welcome.

Roy Martin is AJ's Shabbat Scholar

Adath Jeshurun welcomes Roy Martin as Shabbat Scholar on Saturday, January 10. Martin will speak following day at the kiddush lunch. Please join us for this thought-provoking presentation. His topic is The 2016 Presidential Elections and American Foreign Policy. Martin has a master's degree from The George Washington University with special foreign policy graduate study at The Paul A. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of the The Johns Hopkins University. In 2015 Martin will begin his 14th year of teaching foreign policy and political courses at Bellarmine University School of Continuing Education.

Rabbi Litvin to Offer Meditation Class

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin will offer a meditation class open to the entire community on January 11 at 7 p.m. The guided meditation aims to provide participants with the purpose of prayer as well as the kabbalistic teachings as to how to reach G-d through meditation and payer. No previous meditation experience is required.

Litvin has been teaching meditation for the past three years and leads a coffee and kabbala meditation class that meets every second Wednesday at 8 a.m. at Chabad House.

For more information or to reserve your place, call Rabbi Litvin at 502-459-1770.

KI to Have Reception for Rabbi Wolk and Heidi Bennett

The Board of Directors of Keneseth Israel Congregation cordially invites the community to a post-wedding reception for Rabbi Michael Wolk and Heidi Bennett. KI will welcome the newlywed couple home to an open house on Sunday, January 11, from 2:30-5:30 at KI. Please RSVP no later than January 4 to wedding@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Movies and More Offered at AJ

Adath Jeshurun presents Movies and More. All shows begin at 3 p.m. at AJ and are free and open to the community. January 13: Game Shows of the 1950s, including "Beat the Clock" and "I've Got a Secret"; January 27: "Fun with Dick and Jane."

AJ Holds 92Y Broadcast January 14 and 21

Adath Jeshurun will host "Live from New York's 92nd Street Y" on January 14 and 21.

Wednesday, January 14 at 8 p.m. will feature Thomas L. Friedman in Conversation with Dov Seidman: How to Repair Our World? This is the first in a series of conversations on how individuals, nations and businesses must urgently change how they behave, lead and operate in a world that is more interconnected and interdependent. This evening will examine the challenges in the global arena at this pivotal time and the fundamental shifts needed to solve our most pressing problems.

Wednesday, January 21 at 8 p.m. will feature Ambassador Martin S. Indyk speaking on What's next for Israel? Indyk, former U.S. special envoy for Is-

raeli-Palestinian negotiations, shares his inside diplomatic and scholarly perspective on the latest news in the Israeli-Arab conflict. He will discuss historic efforts and the future of diplomacy in achieving a sustainable peace between Israel, the Palestinians and their Arab neighbors. Both broadcasts are free and open to the community.

The Temple's MLK Shabbat Service is January 16

The Temple's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Shabbat Service January 16 at 7 p.m. will feature special guests – the Greater Bethel Temple Choir with Director of Worship Larsandra Linton. The choir will perform songs to celebrate the life and work of Dr. King. Greater Bethel Temple is located in the former home of Adath Israel on Third Street in Old Louisville. The Temple's own volunteer choir, Shir Chadash, will perform the liturgical music of the Shabbat service. A special Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

Rabbi Metzger to Lead Shabbat **Morning with Notes**

Thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Adath Jeshurun is pleased to offer "Shabbat Morning with Notes," a series of experience services for adult learners of all levels, conducted by Rabbi Laura Metzger. Attendance is free and open to the community. The January date for this service is Saturday, January 17, at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@ adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359.

Sisterhood Shabbat Services Held at Temple Shalom

Women of Temple Shalom invite the community to Sisterhood Shabbat on Saturday, January 17, at 10:30 a.m. It will commemorate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A kiddush lunch will follow the service. Please RSVP for the luncheon by calling Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 by Thursday, January 15.

Jews and the Civil Rights Movement Session Offered

An adult education session on the topic of "Justice, Justice You Shall Pursue: A Look into the Lives of Jews in the Civil Rights Movement" will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 18, at Temple Shalom.

It will be taught by Jessica Wainer, Temple Shalom's Rabbinic Intern for this year from Hebrew Union College. Her internship is sponsored by the Jew-

ish Heritage Fund for Excellence. For more information, contact Temple Shalom, 502-458-4739.

The Temple Young Adult Group to **Help Package Food for the Needy**

The Temple Young Adult Group (ages 22-33) will partner with Kids Against Hunger to package dry, shelf-stable food for children both here in Louisville and overseas on Sunday, January 18, at 5:30 p.m. The event will be in The Temple's Klein Center, and pizza and drinks will be provided for volunteers. Please RSVP to 502-423-1818 by January 16. This event is sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

AJ to Have Trivia Night

Adath Jeshurun will host Trivia Night on Sunday, January 18, at 6 The evening will include dinner followed by a festive night of fun and games. Cost is \$18 per person. Reserve your space with a credit card by calling Lizzie Tasch in the AJ office at 502-458-5359, or register online by visiting: www.adathjeshurun.com/trivia.

Help The Temple Fight Hunger

The Temple, Aids Interfaith Ministries and Kids Against Hunger will be

offering an opportunity to package dry, see **AROUND TOWN** page 25

A FREE Treasury of Jewish Books & Music We'll send you Jewish bedtime stories every **Enrich** your entire month - for free! family's Jewish journey. Everything that happens during the first five years of your child's life shapes who they become as adults. That's why the JCC is offering an age-appropriate opportunity to help strengthen your child's Jewish identity: PJ Library! When you sign up for PJ Library we'll send you a FREE, high-quality book or CD each month. Regardless of your level of observance or Jewish affiliation, this gift of stories and songs is sure to enrich your entire family's Jewish journey. **How to Apply:** It's easy to enroll. Call Jennifer Tuvlin at 502-238-2719 or sign up online at www.jewishlouisville.org/pjlibrary. PJ Library of Louisville is a program of The Jewish Federation Pj Library of Louisville. Made possible by generous donors and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

AROUND TOWN

Continued from page 24

shelf-stable meals for children both in town and overseas on Monday, January 19, at 5:30 p.m. The packaging will be done in the Klein Center. Pizza and drinks will be provided to volunteers. Please RSVP to The Temple at 502-423-1818 by January 16.

JFCS Offers ACT Prep Classes

Jewish Family and Career Services will offer ACT preparation classes beginning Jan. 20 at the 20 at the JFCS Louis & Lee Roth Family Center. The first two classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday due to the Martin Luther King holiday. Then classes resume meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays at JFCS. The workshop fee of \$170 includes two textbooks. Contact Janet Poole at 502-452-6341, ext. 222, or jpoole@jfcslouisville.org.

Rabbi's Shabbat Meal at The **Temple will be January 23**

The Temple invites the community to enjoy a high quality Shabbat meal served in an intimate setting in the Klein Center on Friday, January 23, at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome to join in this celebration in the true sense of Shabbat. A fun art project for children will be available. A delicious traditional Jewish Moroccan dinner will be served, featuring Skhina (Sephardic Cholent) and other nonspicy delicacies, along with desserts, Israeli wines and our signature cocktail - the Rabbi's Elixer of Eden. A vegetarian option may be requested when making your reservation. Due to the generosity of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, all this is being offered for only \$5 per person, with no charge for children younger than 13. Reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, January 20, by calling 423-1818. Pre-payment is requested. Checks should be made payable to The Temple - Memo line: Rabbi's Dinner.

Ruttenberg to be KI Scholar-in-Residence

Please save the date for the 2015 David and Reva Waldman Kahn Scholar-in-Residence program, featuring Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg. There will be a Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, January 23, at 5:45 p.m. at the JCC. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., and Ruttenberg will speak on the topic, Holy Frustration and Radical Amazement: Parenting as a Spiritual Practice.

On Saturday, January 24, at 9:30 a.m. at Keneseth Israel, there will be Shabbat services, then a Kiddush Luncheon and Ruttenberg will speak at 11:45 a.m., with the topic, God Beyond Metaphor: Encounters with the Unknowable.

Dinner costs \$18 for adults, \$10 for children. The Kiddush luncheon and attending the lectures are free of charge. Note that free childcare is provided at all events. Thank you to the Waldman and Kahn Families for creating and supporting the KI Scholar-in-Residence program, to the JCC for co-sponsoring this event, and to the KI Education

AJ Book Club to Meet January 25

The next AJ Book Club meeting will be January 25 at 2 p.m. in the AJ Benovitz Family Library. The Book Club will be discussing The Angel of Losses by Stephanie Feldman. Book Club meetings are free and open to the community. For more information about the Adath Jeshurun Book Club, please contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun. com or 502-458-5359.

LIFECYCLE

Weddings

Friedman/ Tratenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jay Friedman are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their son, Michael Samuel, to Allyson Amy Tratenberg. chael is the grand-



son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nadler, of Cincinnati, OH, Mrs. Arthur H. Friedman, of Boca Raton, FL, and Cincinnati and the late Arthur H. Friedman.

Michael graduated from Kentucky Country Day School and Indiana University, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. He has a CPA license and is an audit manager at Ernst and Young in New York.

Allyson is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Tratenberg, of Springfield, NJ. She is the granddaughter of Harriet Kottler of Short Hills, NJ, and the late Morris Kottler, and the late Thelma and Morris Tratenberg of New York.

Allyson graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, NJ, and the University of Delaware. She has a masters' degree in industrial organizational psychology from New York University and is a human resources manager at American Express in New York.

Allyson and Michael will be married at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in West Orange, NJ on December 27 and will reside in New York.

Wolk/ Bennett

Heidi Lou-Bennett and Rab-Michael Wolk will be married on December 28



at the Plainview Jewish Center in Plainview, New York. Surrounded by friends and family from near and far, the ceremony will be performed by Cantor Morris Wolk.

Heidi is the daughter of Marc and Sharon Bennett, of Louisville, After graduating from Bellarmine University, she began her work as a teacher and teaches third grade at The Walden School. Miis the son of Cantor Morris and Geraldine Wolk of Plainview, NY. He moved to Louisville in 2012 to begin serving as the rabbi of Keneseth Israel Congregation.

The couple is thankful for all the good wishes extended by members of the Louisville Jewish community.

Obituaries

John E. Simon

John E. Simon, 67, beloved husband, father and brother, passed away on Monday, October 20.

He was born in La Paz, Bolivia, the child of Andreas Simon and Idel Bensinger, who predeceased him, as well as his sister, Barbara. He was a retired pediatrician with post-graduate studies in pediatric surgery in Munich, Germany. He was fluent in English, Spanish and German, having moved in 2011 from La Paz to Chevy Chase, MD., and in 2014 to Fremont, CA.

He is survived by his wife, Elba; his daughter Miriam Captor (Marko) of Fremont, CA.; his son Daniel of Herndon, VA; his sister Irene Simon Friedman (Pedro) of Bogota, Colombia; his uncle Hans Bensinger of Louisville; his cousins Karin Bensinger Applebaum (Daniel) and Juan Strem of Santa Cruz, Bo-

The funeral took place in Fremont, CA. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Edith G. Bloch

Edith G. Bloch, 88, passed away Wednesday, November 19, at her home surrounded by her daughters. Born in 1926 in Memel, Lithuania, to the late Leo and Dora Goetz, Edith and her mother survived the Holocaust, a rare occurrence. They immigrated to New York in 1947.

Edith got to know her future husband, J. Leon Bloch, at the St. Ottilien Displaced Persons Camp. Edith moved to Louisville from New York to marry Bloch, and they built a life here. They loved music, the arts and travel.

Proficient in a number of languages, they participated in a Hebrew-speaking group in Louisville. Edith received her master's degree at the University of Louisville while becoming a mother.

She worked at Bingham Child Guidance as a child psychologist for 50 years. Bloch was a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Louisville and enjoyed the intellectual stimulation of her position. She developed lifelong friends along the way.

She surmounted the multiple challenges of her life and is remembered as a vibrant and caring soul. She was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, the American and the Kentucky psychological associations.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Max Goetz and her husband J. Leon Bloch.

She is survived by her daughters, Anita Bloch (Steven Berl) of Piedmont, CA, and Rina Bloch of Brookline, MA; and her grandchildren, Arieh and Joshua Berl. The family would like to share a special thank you to Becky Montague for her care and devotion to Mrs. Bloch and to the caregivers of Home Instead Senior Care.

Funeral services were November 21 at Herman Meyer & Sons, 1338 Ellison Ave., with burial in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126, or Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, P.O.B. 3477, Jerusalem 9103401, Israel.

Gerald Marvin Goldberg

Gerald Marvin Goldberg, 78, of Flushing, NY, passed away Wednesday, November 19, at Baptist Health Hospital in

Gerry was born on May 18, 1936, in Louisville, graduated from Male High School, attended the University of Kentucky and served in the U.S. Army. After college, Gerry moved to New York and worked as a credit manager for several large companies. Gerry loved sports, especially college basketball.

Survivors include his sister, Sharon Bensinger (Charlie), nieces and neph-

A memorial service was Monday, November 24, at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave.

Memorial contributions may be made to Visually Impaired Preschool Services or a charity of choice.

Knowing what is going on in the community can be as easy as snapping your fingers.

Just send your e-mail address to jcl@jewishlouisville.org or call (502) 238-2764 or fax (502) 238-2724 and we will add your name to our rapidly growing list.



Joseph E. Fineman, 84, died Thursday, November 20, at Baptist Health Louisville. He was a native of Chester, WV, born November 1929, to the late



Morris and Lena Weinbren Fineman. He was a graduate of West Virginia University Law School, a U.S. Army veteran and a retired attorney, practicing law from 1957 to 2007. He was a member of The Temple, a former board of trustees at The Temple, past president at the Jewish Community Center, a former board member of Kentucky United Way and a member of the Kentucky Bar Associ-

He is preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Sarabell Solomon; and his brother. David Fineman.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Lois Levy Fineman; his daughter, Linda Fineman (Dave Horne) of Carv. NC: his son, Daniel Fineman of Bangkok, Thailand; and three brothers, Alvin Fineman of Pittsburgh, PA, Bernard Fineman (June) of East Liverpool, OH, and Aaron Fineman (Leslie) of Rockville, MD.

A memorial service was Sunday, November 23, at The Temple, 5101 US Hwy 42. Burial was private. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or Hosparus.

see LIFECYCLE page 26



January 23, **Deadline January 16**

Wedding Guide Special Section

Contact Our Sales Representative 502-418-5845



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



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



3650 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY 40205

人 (502) 454-7795 企

HEE GYCLE

Harriet Catherine Waldman

Cath-Harriet Waldman, erine 82, affectionately known as "Baby family, her passed away on November 23, in She Louisville.



was the youngest of eight children, born to Freda and Herman Shalinsky in Kansas City, Kansas, on October 16, 1932

While visiting her sister, Zelda Tasman in Louisville, Harriet met and fell in love with Irvin Waldman. They would later marry and make Louisville their home. Harriet was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and aunt - generous and loving to all who knew her.

As young woman, she started what became a 46-year career as a Sunday school and preschool teacher at Congregation Adath Jeshurun. In addition to this teaching, Harriet worked as a highly sought-after special events planner and worked at the Jewish Community Center, where she taught cooking and sewing

In 2012, she was honored by Adath Jeshurun for her teaching excellence and creative spirit. She was beloved by her students and their parents. Many of her students would later send their children and their children's children to be taught by her at the preschool.

Those who knew Harriet remember her delight in sharing stories about her family growing up during the Depres-sion. Through these tales, Harriet passed on the values that allowed her family to sustain a joyful and supportive home in the face of adversity. She was dignified, modest and unstoppably generous.

Irvin Waldman, her beloved husband of 40 years, preceded her in death, as did her five brothers, Joseph, Lester, Milton, Marvin and Leo, and her sister, Eleanor. She is survived by her sister, Zelda Tasman of Louisville; her daughters, Alyce Waldman Jones and Sheryl Rosenberg of Chicago; her grandchildren, Jordan and Jason Rosenberg, and Autumn Jones; and many nieces and nephews. Harriet was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, the National Council of Jewish Woman and a life member of Hadassah.

The funeral service was November 26 at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 2401 Woodbourne Ave., Louisville. Burial was at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery.

Gifts to honor Harriet may be made to the Congregation Adath Jeshurun or the Harriet Waldman Preschool Fund at Adath Jeshurun.

Bessie Younger

Bessie Younger, 98, born June 28, 1916, passed away peacefully November 29. She was the owner of Younger Furs and was a sales associate with Shillitos and an active volunteer and avid bridge player.



She is preceded in death by her dear

husband, Leon Younger.
She is survived by her children, Judy and Fred Look and Betty and Houston Oppenheimer; her grandchildren, Mark (Gail) Oppenheimer, Brett (Laurie) Oppenheimer, Lee Look and Keith (Carlotta) Look; her great-grandchildren, Max, Blake, Lauren, Ben, Clayton, Leotis and Levi; her brother, Michael (Sue) Segal; her sister-in-law, Betty Younger; and dear friend, Elaine Glogower.

There was a private graveside service. Contributions in Bessie Younger's memory may go to The Temple or the donor's favorite charity.

Susan Kitchin Goellner

Susan Kitchin Goellner, 66, died Sunday, November 30, at her home in the Highlands. Susan

was a registered midwife and nurse practitioner and helped deliver many babies in the Louisville and Southern Indiana area. Susan was an intelligent warm, compassionate, sincere, and generous, loving person and brought comfort and joy to many. She was also a great planner and organizer and managed a women's health clinic in Columbus, OH. She was a member of Adath Jeshurun synagogue and the Jewish Community Center.

She is survived by her partner Marvin Fleischman of Louisville, daughter Margaret Becker,

Austin, TX; son Robert Becker (Aimee Denero), NY; son Derek Chen-Becker (Debbie Chen-

Becker, grandchildren Dylan, Dean, and Dahlia), Denver; mother Doris Kitchin, Louisville; sister Linda Lindsay (Bruce), Louisville; brother Billiam Kitchen (Mindy), Branson, MO.; aunt Helen (St. Louis), aunt Lucille (Hanover, PA), and cousins.

She was a great lady and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Her favorite saying was, "If you are lucky enough to be at the beach, you are lucky enough." Expressions of sympathy may be made to Heifer International.

Helen Lanter Dillof

Helen Lanter Dillof, 91, passed away on December 3. Šhe was born 17, 1923, March in Brooklyn, NY. She is mourned by her son, Mark, and daughter, Robin



(Steven) of Louisville, KY, and grandsons, Sammy and Lance. Survivors also include her sister, Shirley, her brother, David (Ellie). and many nieces, nephews and a wide constellation of friends.

Helen earned her BA in education at New York University, her MA in childhood education from Columbia University and worked as a teacher in the New York City public school system. After retiring, she became active in the Five Towns National Council of Jewish Women. Her strong commitment to volunteerism and charity was reflected in her lifelong expression of a key tenant of her faith, Tikon Olam, repairing the world, and she gave her time to many Jewish causes.

Moving to Louisville at age 72, she and her husband, Albert, quickly became acclimated to their new life, forging deep friendships and participating in events at The Temple and around town. After her husband's passing, she found the resiliency to lead a full life, being always available to those who needed her support. She was our family's rock, problem solver, peace maker, trusted advisor, joke teller and our great source of love.

Funeral services were December 7, at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave., with burial in The Temple Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation or Kentucky School for the Blind.

Sam Michael Rosenman

Sam Michael Rosenman of Smithfield, KY, died December 5. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navv.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Peters Rosenman; his children, Steve Rosenman (Pam), Sasha Rosenman Caufield (Jeff) and Evan A. Rosenman. He is also survived by five grandchildren and his devoted extended family.

Services are private with burial on the family farm. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or Blessings in a Backpack.

Robert E. **Steinman**

Robert E. Steinman, 88, passed away on December 14, 2014. Born September on 18, 1926, to Bernard and Bella Steinman, in New



York, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and earned his degree in engineering from Pratt Institute. He married Evelyn Pollack in 1947, and they were devoted to each other through 65 years of their marriage until her death in 2013.

For most of his career, he was president of a series of manufacturing firms in Chicago, New Jersey and Cincinnati. In 1984, the Steinmans founded a successful outplacement service, Robert E. Steinman, Associates.

Throughout his life, Steinman spent a lot of time volunteering. In Wheeling, IL, he served on the Planning Commission. The family belonged to Beth Tikvah Congregation where Steinman taught in the religious school and served in many capacities, including president.

În Cincinnati, he was a leader in S.C.O.R.E., and for the Appalachian Council of Cincinnati, he was a volunteer assistant third grade teacher working with inner city and under-motivated children. He was also active at Temple Sholom. When the congregation lost both its administrator and secretary at the same time, the Steinmans filled the positions as volunteers for three months.

The Steinmans moved to Louisville in 2009, where he volunteered with Hosparus and Jewish Family & Career Services. He was a member of Temple Shalom and the Senior Adult Program at the Jewish Community Center.

He donated his body to the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Michael and Stuart Steinman, and his grandson, Glenn Wallace.

He is survived by his daughter, Shiela (David) Wallace; daughter-in-law, Bonnie Steinman; granddaughters, Sara (Ross) Levine and Carla Wallace; and two great-grandchildren, Madeline Steinman; Scarbrough and Gavin Wallace.

Memorial gifts may go to Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Road, Louisville, KY 40220; Hosparus of Louisville, 3526 Ephraim McDowell Drive, Louisville, KY 40205; Jewish Family & Career Services, 2821 Klempner Way, Louisville, KY 40205; or the Jewish Federation of Louisville, 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205.

Nat Bailen

Nat Bailen, 91, passed away Tuesday, December 16. He was born in Louisville on February 25, 1923. He attended Male High School, where he played quarter-back on the varsity football team after overcoming a previous attack of polio. He was offered a college football scholarship, which he declined in order to enlist in the Army Air Force as an aviation cadet at the beginning of World War II. As a bombardier navigator, he flew 42 bombing missions over North Africa, Morocco and the Romanian oil fields; and he received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Nat was predeceased by a brother, Harold "Skippy" Bailen; and a sister, Ann Bailen. He is survived by his wife, Janice Marks Bailen; two sons, Martin Paul Bailen and Richard M. Bailen: and his sister, Faye Greenberg. Funeral services were December 18

at Herman Meyer and Son, 1338 Ellison Ave., with burial in The Temple ceme-

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the charity of choice. A special thank you to Meadowview Nursing Home and Dr. Jane Cornex.

Summer Intership APPLY NOW Positions will be available at our Local Jewish agencies this

Applicants must:

- be Jewish:
- be college students who are completing their freshman year by the summer of 2014;

summer.

- be permanent residents of Louisville (out-of-state college attendance is OK).
- submit applications by April 12.

Selection will be based on a student's academic background, experiences and the quality of the application.

Call JFCS, 452-6341, to request an application packet.

For more information call: Ellen Shapira at Jewish Family and Career Services, 452-6341, ext. 225 or eshapira@jfcslouisville.org



D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Dr. Joshua Golding Special to Community

hat is the significance of beauty or esthetic matters within Judaism? Does Ju-V daism teach that physical beauty is something we should ignore or downplay? Does Judaism teach that the "finer things in life" – art, music – should be regarded as insignificant or frivolous?

One might be inclined to think so, especially in light of the traditional Jewish emphasis on moral and spiritual virtues such as justice, compassion, and reverence for God. But the lesson of the Menorah teaches a more subtle approach to this question.

Chanukah celebrates the rededication of the Temple after the Maccabees' miraculous military victory over the Greeks and their Hellenist allies. When the worship in the Temple was restored, many rituals and practices were reinstituted. Among them, the kohanim (priests) relit the Menorah or Candelabrum. But there were other practices in the Temple, such as, the setting out of the Showbread, the burning of incense, the sacrifices on the altar, and so on. Why does the festival of Chanukah focus particularly on the Me-

Jewish tradition teaches that a miracle occurred involving the oil of the Menorah; the oil fit for only one day's use last-



Rabbi Joshua Golding

Menorah rather than some other vessel in the Temple? The Menorah was the most ornate and beautiful

ed eight days. But

this only pushes

our question back.

Why did God see

fit to create a mir-

acle involving the

vessel in the tabernacle. It was also the most esthetically pleasing vessel to behold, especially when lit. There is nothing more entrancing than gazing at beautiful flames in a beautiful candelabrum. In a way, the Menorah is the archetypical vessel of all the vessels in the tabernacle. For what is the tabernacle if not a physical construction, which in some way represents the "dwelling place" for God within this world? Indeed, the entire tabernacle was rather ornate and beautiful, for it was constructed with great artisanship and attention to esthetic detail. And, the Menorah was the most beautiful and most esthetically detailed piece of all.

By divine instruction, the Temple had two main chambers: the inner sanctum (kodesh kodashim) and the outer sanc-

tum (kodesh). The inner sanctum contained the Ark with the tablets of the covenant. The outer sanctum contained several vessels including the Menorah. Clearly, the inner sanctum was in some way holier than the outer sanctum. The Ark and the tablets of the covenant symbolize the Torah or divine wisdom. The Menorah is a candelabrum of light and light is a universally acknowledged metaphor for wisdom. Whereas the Tablets bear the divine inscription of the commandments, the Menorah bears no such obvious representation of divine revelation. Hence, while the Ark and the Tablets represent divine wisdom, the Menorah symbolizes, indeed, embodies, worldly wisdom and esthetic beauty.

The great legacy of the Greeks consisted in foundational contributions to worldly wisdom as well as great works of physical beauty or art. Some scholars would say that the Greeks single-handedly invented science and philosophy. The Greeks were also famous for their advances in sculpture and architecture. Unfortunately, during the Hasmonean period the Hellenists sought to force the Jewish people to assimilate into Greek culture. In effect, the Hellenists sought to rid the Jews of their commitment to God and Torah, and to replace that commitment with a single-minded devotion to Greek ideals.

With God's miraculous help, the Jewish people stood fast in their commit-

ADVERTISING

DEADLINE:

ment to Torah observance and refused to be swept up by assimilation. Still, the Jewish answer to Greek culture -- worldly wisdom and art -- is not to reject it completely.

The lighting of the beautiful Menorah signifies that worldly wisdom and art can be elevated and even sanctified to some degree. The miracle of the Menorah underscores this vital lesson. The Jewish way is to incorporate worldly wisdom and esthetics within a way of living that places a premium on Torah learning, and on a commitment to moral and spiritual virtues.

As we celebrate Chanukah in our own day, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to God and Torah observance. And, as we light the candles of the Menorah, let us also celebrate the physical beauty that we find within our world, for it is also part of God's creation. Let us appreciate the "finer things in life" - as long as we keep things in proper perspective. Beauty - within Judaism!

Shabbat candles should be lit Fridays, December 26 at 5:10 p.m., January 2, 2015 at 5:16 p.m., January 9 at 5:22 p.m., January 16 at 5:29 p.m., January 23 at 5:37 p.m. and January 30 at 5:45 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi Dr. Joshua Golding, the rabbi of Anshei Sfard Congregation (Orthodox), has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

SCOOPER DOG WASTE CLEAN UP SERVICE: Tired of picking it up yourself? Call Janet 895-7775 great pricing, no charge for extra dogs

> You can charge your classified ads on











Early **Learning** Center

APPLY TO

Lisa Moorman, HR Director, Imoorman@jewishlouisville.org.

The JCC is Hiring! **Early Childhood Director**

Call our sales representative at (502) 418-5845

For January issue 23 – Friday, January 16

The Jewish Community of Louisville (JCL) is seeking an Early Childhood Director. The director will possess vision, creativity, energy and strong management skills to lead the Early Childhood Department including infant care, preschool and summer camp program. Jewish values, traditions, culture and celebrations contribute to making the Jewish Community Center of Louisville Early Childhood learning experience unique. We believe that the values and practices that drive success throughout life can be incorporated into the care and education of even the youngest infant.

FOR A FULL LIST OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS VISIT

www.jewishlouisville.org/community/our-people/job-opportunities/

WANTED

FULL-TIME CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Jewish Community of Louisville, a non-profit organization, seeks a dynamic and creative Chief Development Officer (CDO) with proven philanthropic skills to join his cabinet and help deliver on his vision of creating a sustainable, vibrant and welcoming Jewish community for generations to come. The candidate must be able to inspire confidence and trust from Louisville's Jewish community, helping donors fulfill their philanthropic goals with the knowledge that their contributions are stewarded with the highest degree of professionalism and efficiency.

The CDO will report to the CEO, oversee a staff of direct and matrixed reports and an administrative assistant and be responsible for all philanthropic activities in the JCL Strategic Plan.

COMPENSATION

A competitive salary commensurate with experience, excellent benefits and relocation assistance are being offered.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

Please email resume, cover letter and professional reference list to the JCL's Human Resources Director, Lisa Moorman, at Imoorman@jewishlouisville.org.

FOR A FULL LIST OF JOB QUALIFICATIONS VISIT https://jewishlouisville.org/community/our-people/job-opportunities/

WANTED **FULL-TIME ADS SALES & SPONSORSHIP MANAGER**

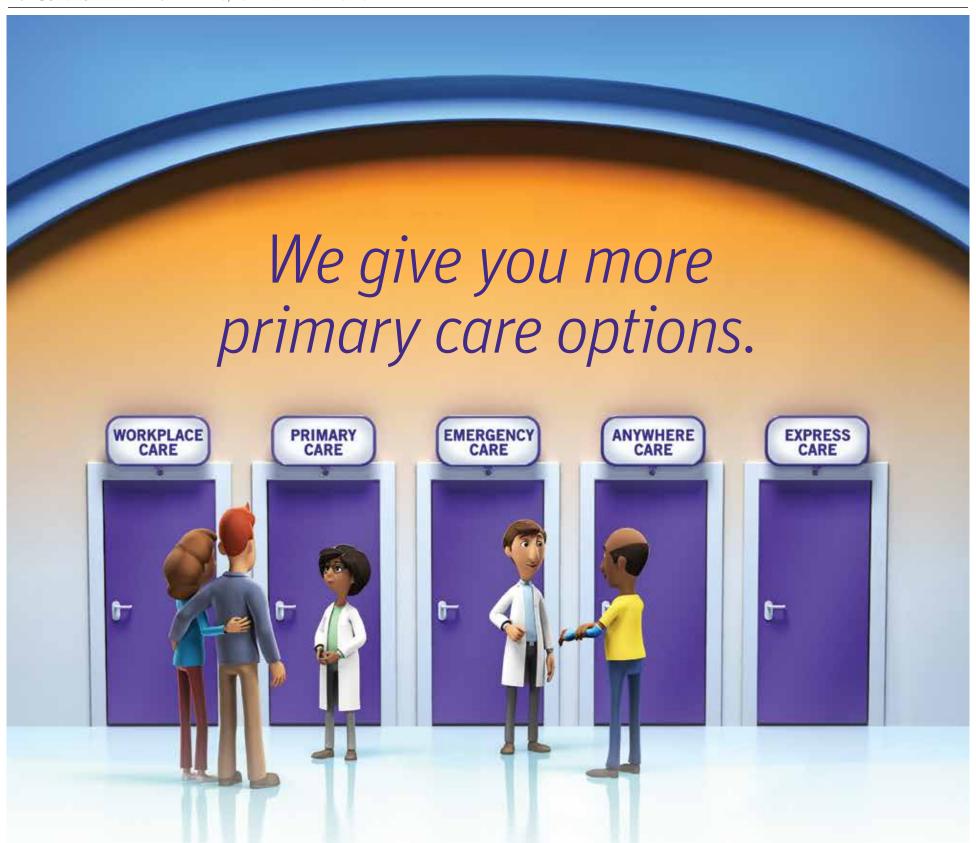
The Jewish Community of Louisville, a non-profit organization, is looking for a full-time Ad Sales and Sponsorship Manager. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter who enjoys finding creative, mutually beneficial relationships with other businesses.

A successful candidate will sell advertising for Community, Louisville's Jewish newspaper and the Guide to Jewish Louisville, e-letter sponsorships for the Community Weekly Update and JCC Weekly E-News and other advertising vehicles. The ideal candidate will also take an active role in soliciting new sponsorships to support Federation and JCC programs and facilities.

Qualifications: Entrepreneurial & motivated self-starter; knowledge of sales principles and practices; ability to design, present and successfully execute targeted sales campaigns; ability to generate revenue and meet/exceed established sales targets; professional appearance and strong interpersonal skills; reliable transportation; excellent written and verbal skills, including email and spreadsheets. Prior sales experience and bachelor's degree preferred.

> Compensation is draw against commission plus agreedupon expenses will be covered. Includes benefit package.

Apply to Shiela Steinman Wallace, Communications Director and Editor of Community, swallace@jewishlouisville.org.



Whether you're sick or need a wellness check-up, KentuckyOne Health has more primary care options. Your primary care physician is your first choice when you're sick, and for annual visits. Express Care at Walgreens is close-by for minor illnesses and injuries. Anywhere Care is a live 24/7 phone or video chat service. Workplace Care partners with employers to promote a healthier workforce. Emergency Care is where you turn for immediate emergency treatment.

To find the right door for you, visit **ChooseYourDoor.org** or call **888.570.8091** for a provider near you.

