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Young and old from all parts of the of the Jewish community and from other faith communities, 200 people came to the JCC on Sunday, July 20, to stand with Israel.

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200 People Rally to Say

We Stand with Israel; We Pray for Peace

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

On Sunday, July 20, 2014, people from across community came together to stand with Israel in a rally at the Jewish Community Center, organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors.

Rabbi Stanley Miles, noting that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East, opened the rally by asking people to join in singing the "Star Spangled Banner" and closed it with "Hatikvah."

The program included psalms, prayers for peace as well as a song asking for peace, "Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu," and "Am Yisrael Chai." Cantors Sharon Hordes and David Lipp led all the singing.

Jewish Community of Louisville President and CEO Stu Silberman called for a moment of silence to honor the memories of the 13 Israelis and 65 Palestinians killed that day by the time the rally

began. Louisvillians of all faiths came together, he continued, "to show Israel that the Louisville community stands with her efforts to provide the same freedoms to her citizens as we enjoy in the U.S., including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and not stand by as Israelis pursue the shortest path to a bomb shelter."

Senior Vice President and COO Sara Wagner introduced Dafi Chen, the shlicha (Israel emissary) working with the

JCC summer camp this year. Chen had planned to recite Psalm 121 in Hebrew, but just before the rally, she learned that a friend with whom she had served in the IDF had died in the fighting. Wrapped in an Israeli flag and choked with emotion, she thanked everyone for coming. To see so many people showing support for Israel "means the world to me," she said.

She spoke of her shock at losing her friend and her concern for her many other friends who are "in the IDF or in

the bomb shelters. I wish that we didn't have to do this – didn't have to be in this situation – going pro or against anything. I wish we could just say peace and live in peace. And I wish that one day we won't have any more young people standing in my position right now, crying for their peers who died protecting their country."

Keren Benabou, a veteran of the IDF who served for six years, also spoke. see **RALLY** page 6

News Analysis: Why Hamas' Tunnels Are the New Front in the War with Israel

by Uriel Heilman

July 22, 2014, (JTA) – Until this latest war, if you asked most Israelis about the threat from Gaza, they would probably start talking about Hamas rockets.

But that has changed over the last few days of fighting, for two reasons. One, the much-heralded success of the Iron



Israeli paratroopers inspecting the entrance of a tunnel they discovered in the northern Gaza Strip, July 18, 2014.

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Dome missile defense system has all but neutralized Hamas' rocket threat. Two, and far more troubling for Israelis, they have woken up to the true extent of the subterranean threat from Gaza: the tunnels that snake underneath the densely populated coastal territory into Israel proper.

What do the tunnels look like?

The tunnels are hardly crude. With years of experience digging passageways under the Egypt-Gaza border to smuggle weapons, people and goods into the blockaded territory – including items as large as cars – Hamas knows how to burrow.

The tunnels discovered by the Israel Defense Forces are reinforced by concrete walls and ceilings. Some are 90 feet deep and extend more than a mile in length, terminating inside Israel not far from residential neighborhoods. Is-

see **TUNNELS** page 15

JHFE Invests in JCC; Issues Matching Fund Challenge

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence has made it clear: Investing in the Jewish community is one of its two primary missions, (the other is medical research) and one of JHFE's primary vehicles for investing in the Jewish community and ensuring its continued success is by providing grants to the Jewish Community of Louisville for the Jewish Community Center.

Based on information gathered from the community, extensive discussion and diligent work by JCL Board members, community volunteers and staff, the agency has just completed its Strategic Plan (presented in detail on pages 8-9). It clearly states that the agency will invest prudently in the current Jewish Community Center facility to ensure it is clean, safe, functional and welcoming in the next three to five years during which time current and future needs will be assessed and all options explored in order to provide the best programs and services for the community.

In its most recent round of grants, JHFE showed its confidence in the JCL and its Strategic Plan by providing \$200,000 immediately for previously

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JCRC UPDATE

Fight or Flight Decision Time

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

The most recent news from Israel is, unfortunately, not very good. In the beginning, Israel fared relatively well during the air war, and the effectiveness of the anti-missile Iron Dome system must have frustrated Hamas, as it was stopping terrorist missiles before they could harm Israeli citizens.



Matt Goldberg

During this time, damage in

Israel was relatively light, despite the massive amounts of rockets launched by Hamas. Israel's attacks in Gaza appeared (according to Israeli analysts) to be reducing the stockpile of missiles. Israelis seemed to be united in support of doing everything possible to eliminate the missile threat from Gaza.

However, things are getting more difficult as the days go by. Israel discovered that its greatest threat might not come from missiles in the air, but terrorists underground. Hamas has built miles of tunnels for the purpose of storing weapons and tunneling into Israel to commit terrorist acts. (See JTA story, page 1.)

In one incident, 13 terrorists emerged from a tunnel just a kilometer from a Kibbutz. And this threat served as the catalyst for the recent ground invasion.

So far, Israel has lost 27 soldiers, with see **JCRC UPDATE** page 3

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JCL BRIEFING

by Stu Silberman
President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville

Typically, I use this valuable space in *Community* to update you on happenings at your Jewish Community Center and Jewish Federation of Louisville, the two largest components of the JCL. For this month's JCL update, I'll direct your attention to the explanation of our strategic plan on pages 8 and 9 and now turn our attention to world events.



Stu Silberman

Last month, I talked about the several communities we belong to – our congregations, friends, colleagues and the Jewish Community of Louisville. Today, it is imperative that we talk about the larger Jewish community to which we belong and recognize that millions of our brothers and sisters are living lives today very different from the ones we are enjoying. I'm referring to the extremely serious escalation of hostilities against Israel from terrorist organizations in Gaza.

While the situation is fluid, one constant has never changed since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948 – Israel wants to live in peace with its neighbors. When attacked militarily, Israel has a right to self-defense. When attacked in the media, a good offense makes for good defense. Specifically, we, as American Jews, have a role in affecting local opinions on Israel's actions. And our ability to be effective in that role is dependent upon staying informed. So please, keep an eye on the news from Israel. Read our briefing in this newspaper and through

our email updates. (If you're not receiving these emails, please let us know by sending us a note at jcl@jewishlouisville.org or through the "Contact Us" button on jewishlouisville.org.)

If you know of a way your Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) can help, for example by speaking at your congregation or at a local church if you're not from the Jewish faith, let us know that as well. If you know students on the U of L campus that are being fed information from propaganda organizations, our Hillel chapter can provide an alternate viewpoint – otherwise called "the truth." Again though, we count on you to let us know. We can't be everywhere, but we can help.

Read the positive comments from Senator Rand Paul, Congressman Andy Barr and others on page 10, then thank the JCRC for advocating for our larger Jewish community.

JHFE

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deferred facility enhancements and upgrades with a promise of an additional \$120,000 if the Jewish Federation can raise \$120,000 to match it by the end of 2014.

Work has already begun on some of the projects. New basketball goals are already in place and a significant locker room renovation is scheduled to begin by the end of this summer.

Other planned improvements include security upgrades, a divider in the upper gym, new HVAC systems, a new overhead paging system for emergencies and the refurbishing of a room that has not been usable for a number of months.

"With JHFE as our partner," said Jewish Federation of Louisville Vice President and CDO Stew Bromberg, "we are able to make the most urgent improvements in our facility. But

If you'd like to make a contribution to help provided needed financial support to Israelis who spend much of their time in bomb shelters, make a donation to our Stop the Sirens campaign on our website. Funding will go directly toward relief for Israelis in the heaviest areas of bombardment for food, medicine, trauma counseling, repair of physical damage and providing a respite for parents and children by allowing them a day or two in an areas of the country outside the hottest zones. More information is available on our website.

Together in times of crisis it is most imperative that we recall the Ahavat Yisrael teachings of Leviticus 19:18 "Love your fellow like yourself." Make a contribution. Speak up to defend Israel. Send a note to a friend in our Partnership 2Gether region. Do your part. Am Yisrael Chai!

this truly is a partnership, and that means we, as a Jewish community, must step up and do our part.

"JHFE is asking us to contribute just over a quarter of the cost of these upgrades, which will ensure that we can all continue to enjoy the top-notch programs the JCC offers," he added.

The additional funding will allow for improvements in the pool area, the elevator, the outside locker rooms and the Early Childhood rooms as well as technology upgrades the staff needs to provide the kind of customer service members, donors and visitors deserve.

Please consider a generous gift to help the JCC meet JHFE's challenge. Donate online at www.jewishlouisville.org/challengegrant or call 238-2739.

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many more wounded. And despite Israel's cautious measures to spare civilian life (such as dropping warning leaflets and placing phone calls to intended target areas) the casualties on the Palestinian side are far, far higher, over 600 now killed, the majority of whom are civilians.

As expected, protests around the world against Israel's military actions continue to gain traction. And pockets of world opinion – whether fueled by misinformation, a hatred of Israel or other political forces – may soon begin to turn.

The question for Israel is: will they continue to fight or to seek the first opportunity for a ceasefire. Israel has already agreed to three ceasefires in this conflict, each of which Hamas has ignored. But now, Israel seems more reluctant to push for a ceasefire, as it does not want any tunnel infrastructure intact when the fighting stops.

Israel's military leadership is now saying that they will need another two weeks on the ground to destroy the terrorist infrastructure Hamas has created. But two more weeks on the ground means more Israeli soldiers killed, more Palestinian civilians killed, and more rockets launched at Israeli cities. It's a decision that no doubt weighs heavily on the hearts and minds of Israel's leaders.

Furthermore, in another development, in response to a Hamas missile strike within three miles of Ben Gurion Airport, most major airlines have suspended flights into and out of Israel. This heightens the economic impact of the war on Israel and her people.

Many difficult decisions will play

out in the coming days, as Israel seeks to balance respect for life of its soldiers and the Palestinian people with its own need for security for the lives of Israel's citizens.

Israel and the World

Many major leaders of our global community have been vocal in support of Israel's right to defend itself and the pains Israel is taking to reduce casualties in this conflict. The international community also recognizes how Hamas cynically uses its citizens to protect its arsenal of weapons. The fact that Hamas has used its resources to build heavily-fortified tunnels for its terrorists, but no bomb shelters for its citizens, further adds to their reputation of being careless with the lives of their own citizens. In fact, many believe Hamas is counting on a high death toll of its citizens to help drive publicity for its cause. But in some circles, Israel is demonized worse than ever.

In Paris, demonstrations against Israel grew so violent that they had to be outlawed by the authorities. Jewish shops were attacked, and synagogues as well. Jews were attacked in the street – assaulted in broad daylight.

Anti-Israel demonstrations in Berlin, took a decidedly anti-Jewish tone, with chants against Jews calling them out to fight.

Disturbing images from anti-Israel demonstrations from around the world and even here at home make this issue not just about Israel's actions, but as its home for the Jewish people.

I hope, as most of us do, that this will be the last war for Israel and her neighbors. That there will be no more rockets, no more tunnels, and nor more grieving families on both sides of the conflict.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY-AUGUST 8

JCC Summer Camp

JCC Summer Camp is transformative for children. A few spaces remain. Children swim all summer; many receive instruction. Information and forms at www.jewishlouisville.org/camp, or contact Mary Dooley, mdooley@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2718.

NOW-AUGUST 26

Patio Gallery Exhibit, Louisville Watercolor Society juried show.

JULY 27

Herb Inspired Brunch

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at a private home. 2014 Federation Campaign thank-you event for women who made gifts of \$500 or more.

JULY 29

Israeli Scouts in Concert

2 p.m., JCC auditorium. The Tzofim Friendship Caravan troop will present a community performance celebrating Israel.

JULY 30

CenterStage 100th Anniversary

Celebration, 7 p.m. Free, live performances of previews from the upcoming season plus birthday cake and drinks. Limited space. Reservations required, <https://jewishlouisville.org/centerstage-100-celebration/>

AUGUST 7-17

CenterStage presents

Spring Awakening

\$20 each in advance, \$22 at the door. In this rousing rock musical, a group of pubescent students navigate the anxieties of coming-of-age as their budding sexuality unfolds. For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to www.CenterStageJCC.org.

AUGUST 8

YAD Picnic and Poolside Family

Shabbat, 6 p.m. \$15 adults/\$8 children/\$40 family (2 adults, 2 children) Water games, swimming, Shabbat blessings, kosher BBQ dinner. Vegetarian option by advance request. Bring a new gender-neutral backpack for Blessings in a Backpack to participate in the mitzvah project. RSVP: jewishlouisville.org/yadpicnic or Kristy, 238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.

AUGUST 11 AND 12

School's Out Day at the JCC

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. Sports, arts and crafts and swimming. Themes: In the Mighty Jungle and The Wild, Wild West. For more information, see ad, CenterPiece, page 4. Registration form available: jewishlouisville.org/SOD or call 238-2718.

AUGUST 14

Robbo Concert

6:30-7:30 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun. The AJ and Keneseth Israel Preschools and The Temple Early Childhood Education Center are hosting a free family concert with Rob Zelonky. Light refreshments. This concert is made possible by a Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence grant.

AUGUST 17

Pizza for the Pantry

12-2 p.m., Wick's Pizza on Goose Creek. Adults, \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door; children 4-12, \$5; 3 and under, free. Veggie and cheese pizzas. All proceeds support the JFCS Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. Canned goods donations accepted at the door.

AUGUST 17

#TeenAwakening

4 p.m. After CenterStage's 2 p.m. performance of *Spring Awakening*, which deals with teen pregnancy, suicide, adult dominance, academic and social pressure and biological changes. Teens and parents are invited to join a facilitated conversation about what it's like to be a teen in 2014. For more information, call 238-2763.

AUGUST 24

Adath Jeshurun Building Dedication

3 p.m. at AJ. Tours, wine, hors d'oeuvres, desserts. Sitter service available with reservation by August 11, 458-5359.

AUGUST 30

Taste of Melton (Sample lesson)

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., during services, Adath Jeshurun. Contact Deborah Slosberg, 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com for more information.

AJ to Dedicate Renovated Building Aug. 24

by Phyllis Shaikun
Special to Community

The renovation of the building that has been Adath Jeshurun Synagogue's home since 1957 personifies the adage, "The past we inherit; the future we create." On Sunday, August 24, from 3-5 p.m., the community is invited to join with the congregation's clergy, board and members for an afternoon of celebration marking the successful conclusion of this multi-year project. A dedication ceremony, tours of the building and refreshments are planned.

A vision for revitalizing the structure began in 2004, when congregational leaders considered various options for the future. The question of possible relocation became a topic for serious discussion and debate. After weighing all the possibilities, however, the decision was made to remain in the existing building and accept the monumental challenge of bringing it up to 21st-century standards.

To those who were intimately involved in the renovation process and those who are witnessing the results of their labors, the changes to the building have been

phenomenal. The once dark interior, with its cinderblock walls and nondescript vinyl flooring, has been replaced by a soft taupe color scheme that reflects the warmly inviting and spiritually uplifting ambience sought in the entire renovation process.

Functionality was a key element in the redesign and thoughtful signage around the building (blessings in English, Hebrew and transliteration for putting on *tallit*, for instance, appear above the areas where they are stored) makes it accessible to all.

Gone is the old office area just beyond doors of the Woodbourne Avenue entrance, replaced by the new Louis and Lee Roth Family Board Room and reconfigured George and Miriam Blue Memorial Alcove with plaques bearing the names of family members who have passed on. To the left are doors leading to the David and Jonathan Blue Family Sanctuary, which is in itself a vision.

The bleached limestone front wall is reminiscent of Israel's Western Wall, and the entire bima (altar) area evokes the feeling of God's eternal presence. The impact is most significant in the colorful diachronic glass ark doors that

artistically represent Jacob's Ladder. The torah scrolls are dressed in colorful handmade covers symbolizing the five books of Moses. Artist Claude Riedel's blown glass *Ner Tamid* offers light and meaning to the space while sculptor David Kocka's large black menorah evokes feelings of solemnity and prayer.

Across the hall is the beautifully renovated Yarmuth Family Chapel. The bold ark doors bear the image of a golden burning bush and four stained-glass windows reaffirm the congregation's core values of learning, performing deeds of loving kindness, remembering the past and carrying its lessons into the future - *L'dor Vador* - from generation to generation.

The new Melvin and Shellie Benovitz Library offers a cool, relaxing place to meet, watch TV, read a book or have something to eat in the serving area. The room shares a common wall with the chapel and is often used to hold services and other activities.

Continuing down the hallway through the new Weisberg Family Entrance is the show-stopping "Wow! Wall," so named because that's the unmistakable reaction when you see it. The wall's large, colorful panels were actually created California artist Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik from comic book images and the entire work is woven together with a series of white latticework strips. The effect is both surprising and stunning.

Four glass doors across from the Wow! Wall lead to the parking area. A large concrete portico with three embedded glass Stars of David stands above the curved driveway/walkway area providing protection from the weather and a spiritual element as well. The view from the doorway looking onto the Blue Family Garden is exquisite. Trees have been moved to give an unencumbered view of the award-winning garden's lush plantings, benches and statuary.

Continuing down the hall on the right is the gift shop followed by the new Britt and Paula Brockman Main Office suites that have been created on both sides of the hall. According to Adath Jeshurun's rabbi, Robert Slosberg, space planner Beth Brown has been instrumental in the renovation process. She visualized work spaces where none had existed before, which enabled the synagogue to use every inch of space in the building to its best advantage.

The synagogue's small auditorium has been renamed the Rabbi Robert B. Slosberg Event Center. In addition to offering seating for intergenerational High Holy Day services, the smartly detailed event center is a favorite venue for meetings, programs and celebrations.

The colorful tapestry that had adorned the ark since 1957 was framed and hung in the event center to serve as a reminder of the past in a lovingly recreated structure poised and ready to uplift and inspire future generations.

YAD Plans Poolside Family Shabbat

Shabbat is a time to spend with family and friends. It's even nicer, if it includes a bit of swimming and a kosher dinner along with candle lighting, Kiddush and Motzi.

That's just what you'll find at the YAD (Young Adult Division) Annual Picnic and Poolside Family Shabbat on Friday, August 6, at 6 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

For those who choose, Rabbi Michael Wolk will lead a 15-minute, family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service in the family park at 6, and the Shabbat blessings will be said at 6:15.

There will be a kosher barbecue dinner with popsicles for dessert. A vegetarian option is available upon advance

request.

Throughout the evening, the pool will remain open, and after 7 p.m., it will be open to picnic participants and their families only.

The cost of the evening, including dinner, is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children and \$40 for a family that includes two adults and two children.

RSVP online at www.jewishlouisville.org/yadpicnic or to Kristy at kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739.

Members of the event committee are Bekie Admony, Faina Kaplan, Charisse Levine and Carol Levitch. The YAD co-chairs are Keren Benabou and Ben Vaughan.

JCRC and APPKI Present *Enemy of the Reich*

The Jewish Community Relations Council is joining with American Physicians of Pakistani Descent in Kentucky and Indiana (APPKI) to show a free Louisville premiere of the movie, *Enemy of the Reich: The Noor Inayat Khan Story*, on Thursday, September 4. The Temple is hosting this event. Light refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. and the film will begin at 7.

The film is a documentary about an American Muslim woman, whose father was a Sufi from India, who went to France and risked her life to spy on the Nazis and was executed in a concentration camp toward the end of the war.

Dr. Muhammad Babar, the immediate past president of the Association of Pakistani Physicians of Kentucky and Indiana and a board member of Interfaith Paths to Peace and the Center for Interfaith Relations, has been instrumental in bringing this film to Louisville.

"This film emphasizes that the Nazis were not only against the Jewish people," Dr. Babar said. "It was a common, universal cause against humanity, and we all have to fight it."

"We hear about the Holocaust and Holocaust deniers," he continued, "but I want to make sure we also acknowledge the Muslim role and show solidarity with the victims of that tragedy of the last century."

He also sees this event as an opportunity to expand the already strong relationship APPKI has with the Jewish community. "We need to build bridges and have a better understanding between us," he said, "especially in light of current events. ... As a Muslim, it is easy for me to associate and cooperate with



Jews, because we" have many common beliefs, including the Torah.

"We need to go beyond Israel and the Palestinians," he continued, "and look at each other with compassion. Then the issues will be solved through respect for human life and by treating each other like Moses or Muhammad would. Life is too short to live in bigotry and blood-

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RALLY

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She asked everyone to do something for her: "When you go home tonight, hug your kids. Call your mom; tell her how much you love her." Her own summer, she said, is awesome. Her children are at JCC Summer Camp, but her nieces in Israel are in bomb shelters, their camp programs canceled.

Benabou said her nights are peaceful, but her mother "wakes up to the sirens" and has to run to a staircase with two little ones because her building doesn't have a shelter.

"I don't know if anyone can imagine what it's like to have Hamas digging tunnels to go underneath to the settlements and cities, just like ours, with bombs, for just one purpose - to kill Jews," she continued.

Benabou, too, lost a friend in the fighting. For many people, those are just casualties of war, she explained, "but for us, those are kids and faces and stories and sons and daughters."

Ralph Green, in urging the community to support the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Stop the Sirens Campaign, reminded the crowd that over 2,000 rockets had already fallen on Israel by the time of the rally, and most of Israel's population has had to spend time in bomb shelters or safe rooms since the onslaught began and missiles have hit from Be'ersheva in the south to Haifa in the north.

The Jewish Federation of Louisville is participating in the Jewish Federations of North America Stop the Sirens Campaign, he explained, and the government of Israel has asked Jewish Federations around the world to provide humanitarian support to the people of Israel, and he called upon everyone present to sup-

port the effort.

The funds raised by this campaign, Green continued, would provide some respite for children who have been spending time going in and out of bomb shelters by providing "camps, classes, activities and diversion" to help relieve stress.

The dollars would also help the elderly and infirm, for whom the siren warning doesn't provide enough time to reach safety, so they must live in the shelters. In addition, food, medicine and other necessities must now be delivered to many of these people as the centers where they usually go are closed or inaccessible. New immigrants also need extra help.

In addition, a successful campaign would ensure there is help available to those who sustained physical damage to their homes and businesses and emotional trauma, as well as to hard hit communities.

The children at camp have responded by making games and collecting candy to fill care packages for children who have to spend time in bomb shelters. (See story, CenterPiece, page 2) Green called on everyone to participate in this campaign.

Rabbi Josh Golding recited Psalm 20 that calls out to God for help in times of trouble; Rabbi Gaylia Rooks shared a prayer for peace, with parts in Hebrew, English and Arabic; and Rabbi Michael Wolk led the recitation of prayers for Israel and the Israeli Army.

To make your contribution to the Stop the Sirens Campaign, go to <https://jewishlouisville.org/stopsirens>; call the Federation office, 238-2739; or send a check to Jewish Federation of Louisville, 3600 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY 40205, with Stop the Sirens marked in the memo line.



Left to right, Rabbis Josh Golding and Stanley Miles, Cantor Sharon Hordes, Dafi Chen, Cantor David Lipp, Rabbis Gaylia Rooks and Michael Wolk sing Hatikvah.



Sara Wagner and Dafi Chen



Keren Benabou



Ralph Green



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Jewish Community of Louisville Strategic Plan 2014-2016/5774-5777

FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, Jews have built strong and supportive communities that teach our values and traditions from one generation to the next. Your Jewish Community of Louisville agency was created from the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Community Federation, the successors of the YMHA founded in 1890 and the Conference of Jewish Organizations founded in 1934. We continue to ensure the welfare of Jews in Louisville, in Israel and around the world – wherever fellow Jews need our help. We do so by offering a variety of programs, and services and philanthropic opportunities that provide funding today and save for the future.

Your JCL welcomes newcomers to Louisville and helps them build a new Jewish life here, educates the young, cares for the elderly, provides for those in need, creates social and recreational opportunities, offers access to culture, stands up to anti-Semitism, trains future Jewish leaders, advocates for compassion and equality, builds relationships with other faith communities and stands with Israel.

We have a long history and are proud of all we have accomplished. We also realize that our Jewish community must adapt to meet changing needs. This Strategic Plan includes our mission and vision statements, describes our goals for 2014-2016 and is based on extensive projections of how our agency should be positioned in three years. We will continue adapting to address new challenges and opportunities. We encourage you to contact us with questions.



Karen Abrams,
Board Chair



Stu Silberman
President and CEO

MISSION

BUILD AND SUSTAIN A VIBRANT, CARING, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY ROOTED IN JEWISH VALUES.

EACH WORD IN OUR MISSION STATEMENT TELLS THE STORY OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, CONGREGATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

BUILD

The JCL's mission begins with the word "build" as an immediate acknowledgement of the Jewish Community of Louisville's (JCL) primary purpose to enhance the long-term viability of our community by providing leadership, financial support and synergy with other Jewish organizations in the Louisville area, in Israel and throughout the world.

SUSTAIN

The JCL's mission is also to ensure that the Jewish community is here for us, for our children and for generations to come through strategic planning that will enable our agency and the greater community we are building to continue in the years to come.

VIBRANT

Creating a vibrant community means engaging and connecting with every generation. JCL's success is measured by the well-being of every individual we touch. We provide services and programs in a Jewish environment that help develop toddlers, engage children, motivate teens, challenge young adults, inspire adults, connect families, and benefit the elderly.

CARING

The Torah teaches us to take care of those in need, regardless of one's ability or limits. We are bound as a community to be compassionate, understanding and to facilitate the needs of all members of our community.

INCLUSIVE

We welcome and embrace each generation across the broad diversity of the Jewish Community.

COMMUNITY

We bring people together, connecting and convening those in our neighborhood, our city, our state, our country, and Jews of all nations, including the people of Israel--receiving and accepting everyone who seeks to be included throughout the diverse Jewish Community.

ROOTED IN JEWISH VALUES

Each individual has his or her own definition of what it means to be Jewish, but undeniably, we celebrate family, education, culture and the importance of our Jewish homeland, Israel, as we also perform ongoing acts of tzedakah (justice) and tikkun olam (repairing the world).

VISION



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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THE SUCCESS OF OUR COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER – THE JCL AND OUR COMMUNITY AGENCIES.

LOUISVILLE'S JEWISH COMMUNITY			
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STRATEGIC PLAN & GOALS EXPLAINED

For each strategic goal identified in this plan, the JCL Board and staff have developed strategies and tactics for the next three years designed to help the agency achieve the goal and measurement tools to monitor progress along the way providing accountability.

ENSURE THE JCL'S COMMUNICATIONS ARE CLEAR AND EFFECTIVE.

1
ENSURE

- Collaborate with Louisville's agencies and provide strong leadership to address local Jewish needs.
- Clearly communicate the JCL's mission and vision and the progress we make on our strategic plan.
- Report on the benefits the JCC and Federation provide to the community.
- Steward the community's financial resources.

CREATE A CULTURE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAT PROVIDES FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR THE COMMUNITY.

2
CREATE

- Increase the Federation Annual Campaign by promoting help provided locally, nationally, in Israel and internationally.
- Enhance volunteerism through training, expectations and succession planning.
- Enrich Women's Philanthropy.
- Segment Young Adult Division into singles, young families and 36-45.
- Enhance Jewish Foundation of Louisville's Endowment and Planned Giving program by encouraging family conversations.
- Reintroduce Community Impact Grant Program.

IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE.

3
IMPLEMENT

- Create a diverse, passionate Board of Directors with defined expectations.
- Enhance committee work by creating fulfilling volunteer experiences.
- Relaunch leadership development programs.
- Recruit and retain exceptional staff by implementing professional development opportunities, recognition and reward.

TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES REGARDING THE JCC FACILITY.

4
ADDRESS

- Invest prudently in the JCC building to ensure it is clean, safe, functional and welcoming for the next three-five years.
- Actively participate in the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (JHFE) Standard Country Club Task Force to determine the best use for that property.
- Assess program space needs and facility requirements for a new or remodeled JCC.
- Engage professionals to help match those requirements to geographic options, including a possible satellite location.

PROMOTE JCC PROGRAM EXCELLENCE, **ENHANCE** JEWISH PROGRAMMING AND **GROW** PARTICIPATION THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

5
PROMOTE
ENHANCE
GROW

- Develop and implement strategic plans to enhance the JCC's main revenue-producing programs: Summer Camp, Early Learning Center, Health & Wellness and CenterStage.
- Polish the image of the JCC through enhanced Jewish programming, experiences and celebrations, including the JCC's 125th Anniversary in 2015.
- Collaborate with congregations and other Jewish organizations to foster a sense of One Jewish Louisville.

RESOLVE THE LEGACY ISSUES THAT IMPEDE THE AGENCY'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN TODAY'S COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT.

6
RESOLVE

- Determine the disposition of legacy liabilities (mortgage, line of credit, defined benefit pension plan, deferred building maintenance).
- Install IT systems necessary to maintain competitiveness.
- Ensure the organization is prepared, properly organized and has the right tools to meet increasing program and development needs.

METHODS

STRATEGIC PLANNING MUST ALWAYS BEGIN WITH GATHERING INFORMATION.

Input was sought from many groups through surveys, focus groups, interviews and retreats. Word was spread through articles in *Community*, e-letters, e-mails and phone calls.

INFORMATION GATHERING ACTIVITIES:

- Jewish Community and JCC Membership Surveys
- Facilitated Focus Groups
- One-on-One Interviews with key stakeholders
- Staff Retreat
- Meeting with Rabbis and Cantors
- Board Retreat
- Post-Board Retreat Sessions

POST-BOARD RETREAT SESSIONS:

- Mission and Vision
- Programming
- Financial Resource Development
- Facility
- Governance and Leadership
- Communications

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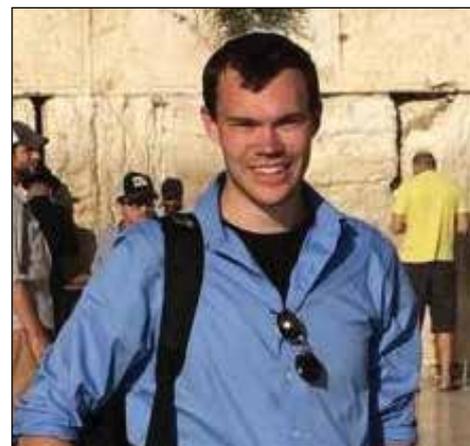
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Kevin Altman Shares Experiences in Jerusalem

by Kevin Altman
Special to Community

I write this from the shelter room at Tel Aviv University, huddled with 18 members of my program as we listen to the sirens blaring in the night



Kevin Altman at The Wall in Jerusalem

and the occasional THUMP of the Iron Dome hitting its target – Hamas Rockets that would otherwise cause tragic damage to this incredible city.

Many of us have not had a sound sleep in almost five nights. We are exhausted, but with every rocket launched against us, we feel more and more emboldened and loyal to this country. As I type this to you, we have turned up the volume to the music on laptop speakers and the song "Thunderstruck" by AC/DC cancels the blasts of alarms and rockets.

I'm in Israel interning with the Jerusalem Center for Genocide Prevention, a summer program sponsored by the Jewish Agency. I arrived in Israel on June 9 and on June 12 the three teenagers were kidnapped, sparking outcry and "bring-backourboys" hash tags.

I attended the special service at the Western Wall in Jerusalem on June 14 with my friend Ariel, a Captain in the IDF Special Forces. Through the chants and the prayers, I looked to her and asked,

"What's going to happen?" She looked at me, and then up to the blackness of the Jerusalem evening overhead, sighed, and simply replied, "Another war."

She explained it to me in terms I could grasp; it's like the Godfather. Every five years or so Israel goes to the mattresses. The conflicts with Gaza have thus far ignited three operations since 2008: Cast Led, Pillar of Defense, and now Protective Edge.

From the United States, we feel the surge of the Jewish-Zionist power within us. We need to support Israel. We have our opinions formed as we subscribe to news updates from Stand With Us, Friends of the Israel Defense Force and other pro-Israel sources, but from my experiences here, the need to support Israel comes from the actions of her people in contrast to those of the enemy.

This past Friday afternoon, a few hours from the beginning of Shabbat, some friends of mine and I decided to go to Dizengoff Center, a very popular

shopping mall in the heart of Tel Aviv. As we exited the bus, the sirens sounded. The Israelis began to duck for cover and my American friends and myself stood practically paralyzed, not knowing where to go or what to do. A group of Israeli soldiers grabbed us and threw us under the bus.

From the corner of my eyes I saw soldiers pushing civilians against the sides of buildings, shielding them with their own bodies, mothers holding their cry-

see **ALTMAN** page 11

LETTERS

"The United States must stand firmly with the people of Israel in their fight against Hamas' terrorism. No nation would be expected to tolerate constant rocket attacks against its civilians, and I unequivocally support Israel's right to defend itself and to protect its men, women, and children from further attacks. I have voted multiple times to fully fund Israel's highly-effective and life-saving Iron Dome and will continue to vote for the program."

U.S. Congressman Andy Barr
Kentucky's 6th District
Lexington, KY

July 9, 2014

Dear Matt,

When I saw you the other day I had not yet learned of the horrible murder of the three Israeli boys or the horrible reprisal murder of the Palestinian youth.

Many of us in the Islamic community are devastated by the loss of all of these innocent children, and we condemn violence aimed at innocent children no matter where it comes from.

I understand that at last week's memorial service for the Israeli boys, everyone who spoke went out of their way to not only condemn the violence aimed at the Israelis, but also that aimed at the Palestinian. I find that deeply moving, and I share in your outrage and grief. Unfortunately, through an email problem, I was unaware of the memorial service until after it occurred. Please know that if I had known about it, I would have attended and brought a number of friends.

I want you to know, as well, that many of us hope for and call for a swift end to the escalating violence in Gaza and Israel. Please feel free to share these comments with my friends and colleagues in the Jewish community.

Regards,
Babar

Editor's Note: Dr. Muhammad Babar, a leader in American Physicians of Pakistani Descent in Kentucky and Indiana (APPKI) sent this letter to Matt Goldberg, the director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

July 9, 2014

I am a board member of Interfaith Paths to Peace and Terry Taylor has given me your email, so that I can express my opinion and regrets of the latest incidents in the Middle East.

On behalf of Independence Muslims of Louisville, we strongly condemn the violent behavior directed to the Israeli and Palestinian teenagers. They are all innocent children of the Abrahamic Faith, caught in the middle of radical extremists, who unfortunately are using our faiths to portray their cruel behavior. I hope we can take these unfortunate incidents and work together towards a stronger peace and justice climate for all of us, specially our future generation. God knows that they need it!

Peace and Prayers,
Haleh Karimi
Independent Muslims of Louisville

RAND PAUL
KENTUCKY

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 3, 2014

Mr. Stu Silberman
3600 Dutchmans Ln
Louisville, KY 40205

To Louisville's Jewish Community:

This week, three young boys were buried in Israel. The victims of kidnapping, they had been murdered by terrorists from Hamas.

Eyal Yifrach, 19; Gilad Shaar, 16; and Naftali Frenkel were like any other children -- their lives ready to be lived, their dreams ahead of them. They grew up in a nation that was at war but desperately wanted peace. It is a peace they did not live to see, nor will other boys and girls, if action is not taken.

Our nation has offered its condolences to the state of Israel -- as well it should have -- but once again, we have asked for restraint on the part of Israel. How many times must Israel hear this call? Children are murdered - please show restraint. Cafés and buses are bombed - please show restraint. Towns are victimized by hundreds of rockets - please show restraint while you bury your dead once again. In my opinion, Israel has shown remarkable restraint. It possesses a military with clear superiority over that of its Palestinian neighbors, yet it does not respond to threat after threat, provocation after provocation, with the type of force that would decisively end their conflict.

Six weeks ago I proposed legislation that I call the "Stand With Israel Act." Its purpose is to cut off the flow of U.S. dollars to the Palestinian Authority if it allies with Hamas - the same Hamas that just murdered these three teenagers. Some say that our current law will allow the administration to cut off aid. I don't believe that, and no supporter of Israel should believe that. Remember, this administration did not respond to these murders by calling for Palestinian/Hamas aid to be cut off. Instead, it called for "restraint." This administration chose to lecture Israel instead of punish the perpetrators!

In contrast, I call for all aid to the Palestinian Authority - every penny - to be cut off. Not one more U.S. taxpayer dollar should flow to Hamas or to the Palestinian Authority as long as it is allied with Hamas. Some say my position is too hard-line, too strong. To them I say, how many more children must die before it is acceptable to cut off the flow of money to terrorists?

When I return to Washington next week, I will once again ask for unanimous consent to pass this bill. Surely the images that we have all seen of Eyal, Gilad and Naftali will remind my colleagues of the urgency of this situation. Truly there is a time to mourn, and this evening is one of those times. There is also a time to take action. And I assure you that I will urge my colleagues to act decisively by cutting the flow of US dollars into the coffers of these terrorists.

Sincerely,

Rand Paul, M.D.
United States Senator

Louisvillian Josh Roberts Is Now Serving in the IDF

Dear Louisville, I grew up in your city. I attended middle school at Highland, and continued on to Atherton. I received my Bachelor's at UofL. I have always "bled red" for our city.

As a young man fresh out of university, I traveled to Israel for half a year. Seeing the views, meeting the people, feeling the sand between my toes while looking across the ocean, or drinking tea with the locals, even the amusing reality check my group and I received from the sand storms in the Negev deep in the south of Israel, one could not help but fall in love.

There were a number of Israelis, however, that I met, some who finished the army, some who were entering. There were two who had the largest impact on me and my beliefs.

Lior – an amazing woman whose love for Israel shines like the Israeli desert sun itself. She was my guide. My friend. Sharing tea with her countless times, going on trips where the history of the land was explained to us, and letting us view all of Israel (including underwater) ... she is who helped mold my love for Israel and the Israeli people.

Then there was Ran. Ran became like a brother to me. He was doing a special year before starting his army service. He was to go into combat. I made a promise to Ran, that while my current trip was soon to be over, I would come back and fight alongside him.

Something inside me couldn't leave him. Leave Lior. Leave any of them. I couldn't leave Israel without knowing that I too did my part.

It took time for my aliyah papers to go through. When I returned and was in Ulpan (Hebrew learning school), Operation Pillar of Smoke occurred. At the time I was living on a kibbutz near enough to Gaza to see the constant barrage of Gazan "fireworks" (rockets) towards Israel. I remember being on Skype with some friends back home and

even they could hear the booms and my building shake. I remember those eight days vividly. It did not deter me; instead it motivated me even more.

Now I'm a warrior in the Israel Defense Force. While there have indeed been struggles, emotional more than physical, never once have I wished I never joined. I am 27, much older than my Israeli brothers in arms, but I feel like many of them look up to me as a man.

I was not forced to be here, but I chose to be. Standing up for your beliefs is what makes you an adult. Being someone others can count on. Being true to yourself. Fighting for your goals.

I've fought, emotionally and physically. I stand here now, as a Lone Soldier in the IDF, as a warrior for the Holy Land, as a fellow Louisvillian. We, here in Israel – all of us – need your support.

All over the country, these rockets rain down. Thankfully, the Iron Dome and the hundreds of bunkers, alongside the sirens, help protect our citizens. But this reality shouldn't be a reality.

We shouldn't have to run for cover in our own country. Children shouldn't be scared to go to school because rockets may rain down. Or scared to sleep in

their house at night and wonder if they should sleep in the bunker instead.

Operation Protective Edge is our fight for safety. Our fight to attempt to give a normal life to these children by the end of this. To where elementary school children will not need to sing a song about and during the Red Alert sirens to try to silence their anxiety while under fire.

We do not want to be inside Gaza. We hate when any civilian is hurt, whether by Hamas, or us returning fire at Hamas. We try our best to avoid the human shields.

We also hate the rockets falling near our homes, into our homes, our schools, hotels, cars. We are doing what we feel needs to be done. The rockets are constant. The threat is very real and it hits all of us – soldier and civilian alike – adult and child alike.

Lone soldiers are close here. We attend events together. Celebrate holidays together if we can. We understand each other's struggle. We are all like brothers and sisters. I am sad to say, out of the 13 who died last night, giving the ultimate sacrifice, two were also American Lone Soldiers.

Our hearts break. I find myself hon-

estly struggling to write these words. It's a realization to the truth of the situation, including my own as a Lone Soldier. But I promise you, none of us regret being here. We would do it again. We stand for Israel. We need you to stand with us through these difficult times.

Sincerely,
Josh Roberts
Combat Lone Soldier, IDF



Josh Roberts

Editor's note: A Lone Soldier is an individual serving in the IDF who has made aliyah alone and has no immediate family in the country.

The Jewish Federation of Louisville is raising money through its "Stop the Sirens" campaign to help those affected by this war. See story, page 12, or go online to <https://jewishlouisville.org/stopsirens>.

Edelson's Meetings in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv Went on as Planned

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Louisvillian Dr. Rich Edelson was in Israel for an International Neuropsychological Society meeting when the attacks from Gaza started. "Some people left early," he reported, taking advantage of the offer some airlines made to exchange tickets without penalty, but he chose to stay.

"We were in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem," Edelson said. "We heard sirens, were evacuated to shelters and heard explosions." Despite the attacks, he continued, "Things really, oddly enough, were not disrupted."

One day, he recalled, they were eating dinner outside when the sirens went off. "The staff at hotel said, 'go to the shelter.' We were in it for 15-20 minutes, then they said, 'OK, all clear,' and we went back to eating dinner."

"It was a surreal experience," he continued. "You know the war is going on and you can hear it going on, but its not personally threatening, even though, in a greater sense, it is very threatening."

While he was there, there were still

tourists, people praying at The Wall and people going to museums. In Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, people shopped and ate in restaurants. "In that sense, life continues," Edelson said, "but you do feel mounting tension as the situation goes on and on and on."

Toward the end of his visit, it became difficult to get out of the country. There seemed to be more people leaving than coming in, so the airlines were canceling flights because planes weren't available in Israel.

Based on stories from the English language Israeli and international newspapers, Edelson believes the real purpose of this conflict "is that Hamas needs support from other Arab countries and this missile launching is designed to bring them the financial and political support they need since they are so much better at being terrorist than at governing."

At this point, he observed, Hamas has alienated Syria, Iran and Hezbollah by siding with Syrian rebels and those entities have cut their support for Hamas. "I have to wonder if Hamas keeps shelling Israel for the purpose of sacrificing enough Palestinian lives to get the Arab

scramble women and children to the targets. While Students for Justice in Palestine chapters across the United States cry for the people of Gaza, they refuse to place any of the blame on Hamas, which continues to fire their rockets from their own civilian areas as mosques, schools, and hospitals.

Such is the nature of the conflict, and right now, I cannot ask for blame to be placed where it belongs. All I can hope to ask for is the sirens to stop blaring, the rockets to cease firing and for the people of Israel and Gaza to sleep through the night.

There is no easy way to write back home to my Jewish community in Louisville to essentially say, "Rockets are being fired over my head, but I'm safe. I promise," but it's true. I don't know how Israelis find the strength within them, but instead of waving white flags of surrender in the face of danger, they fly the flags of the Magen David with such pride as I've never seen before in a people.

I sit here in the bomb shelter room surrounded by American interns like myself who have now had their indoctrination into the reality of the Middle East. The astonishing power and will of

Israel begins to absorb into our hearts and tomorrow we will go about our lives, enjoy our time here, and refuse to allow the Hamas terrorists to defeat our Jewish spirits.

Am Israel Chai.

support they want," he said. So far, they have not gotten that support and the violence "feels very futile and very brutal."

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ALTMAN

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ing children trying to console them, and our fear only subsided when we heard the Iron Dome missiles meeting their marks to a sound that resembled the cracking of thunder.

They call it the Israel Defense Forces for a reason. The men and women in uniform are heroes protecting their country.

IDF forces have even gone to lengths in protecting civilians in Gaza, adopting methods of "roof knocking", where planes fire warning shots to their targets, or even calling residents in areas about to be hit. No army in the world would ever attempt to protect the lives of civilians in this manner. Israel does whatever she can to limit civilian casualties, unlike Hamas who seems to find it prudent to their political goals to fire rockets indiscriminately at civilian targets.

While the media will sensationalize the Palestinian death tolls, they neglect to inform the public that whenever the IDF fire their warning shots or make their warning phone calls, Hamas will

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As Community went to press, more than 2,000 rockets have been launched in Israel since Monday, July 7, and Israel's aerial bombardment of Hamas military targets has expanded to include a ground offensive to destroy Hamas' extensive network of tunnels that they use not only to store military hardware and munitions, but to enter Israel surreptitiously, launching terrorist attacks from within Israel itself.

The toll of both human life and property damage is staggering.

In Israel, the death toll is nearing 30, one soldier is thought to be missing, and for the number of rockets, property damage is minimal. The economic and emotional tolls are also high.

For the Palestinians, the death toll is over 600 and property damage across Gaza is staggering. The emotional toll is also high.

Why the huge difference?

Israel invests in protection for its citizens. The Iron Dome is having tremendous success intercepting Hamas' rockets and missiles targeted at population centers. In addition, most Israeli homes and businesses.

Hamas has invested in weapons and munitions instead of bomb shelters and deliberately uses residential areas, schools, mosques, hospitals and even UNRWA facilities and vehicles to stockpile weapons, launch rockets and mortars, and gather military personnel.

Israel goes out of its way and uses multiple methods to warn residents to leave when their neighborhoods will be at-

tacked. Hamas encourages them to stay in place, thus ensuring a high civilian casualty rate.

As the war drags on, Israel has asked for our help with humanitarian issues.

Your Jewish Federation of Louisville, working with the Jewish Federations of North America through our Israeli partners the Jewish Agency and JDC (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), is providing critical support to the vulnerable in Israel through the Stop the Sirens Campaign. Already, Louisville has raised \$7,000, but much more is needed.

What can we do with those dollars?

We can get more than 40,000 children out of the shelters ... at least for a day.

For the more than 37,000 children who live within 25 miles of Gaza, the current situation is not a flare-up. They have spent the last 13 years under fire. And today, many more children are impacted.

It is estimated that \$5,000,000 would provide a day of respite for children in the areas of heaviest bombardment – camps, classes and diversion activities.

We can help the most vulnerable

For the elderly and the infirm, the siren warning is not long enough to make it to a shelter, so for now, some must live in them. For others, the senior centers and community centers that provide food and comfort during ordinary times are now inaccessible. Food and medicine must be delivered to them. And for new immigrants, lack of familiarity with the environment and language barriers makes living through the barrage of attacks even more traumatic.

It is estimated that \$2,200,000 would assure the delivery of food and medicine, provide caseworker visits for the elderly and disabled, assistance for new immigrants and additional training for professionals working with this population.

We can offer trauma support

What happens when you come out of your shelter and find that your home is destroyed? Where do you stay that night or find clean clothes in the morning?

For most people the damage is not just physical. It is impossible today to know the extent of the psychological impact on residents of the south who have lived through 8,000 rocket attacks over the last 13 years or those in the center of the country who today are also facing this extreme stress.

It is estimated that \$4,200,000 will help the Israel Trauma Coalition work with more than 20 cities and numerous agencies and institutions provide trauma counseling and physical damage assis-

stance.

We can provide flexible assistance for communities hardest hit by the conflict

Local leadership performs the first level of triage for the needs of individual communities. Federations can strengthen their capacity to enhance the resilience of the population most deeply affected.

It is estimated that \$1,800,000 will be needed to meet a broad range of needs identified by local leaders working with Federation representatives who have deep knowledge, expertise and relationships in the hardest-hit areas.

The total estimated immediate need is \$13,200,000, and the longer the conflict drags on, the more assistance will be needed.

Here, in Louisville, even the children at the JCC's Summer Camp did their part. During their annual Caring and Sharing Week, led by Shlichah Dafni Chen (Israel emissary), the campers collected candy and made games and puppets for care packages that have been sent to Israel.

Shlichah's Dilemma: Stay Here or Go Home

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

Editor

When the rockets started falling in Israel and the first reservists were called up to defend their country, Dafni Chen, the shlichah (Israel emissary) who is working with the Jewish Community Center Summer Camp, was truly torn. Her country was under attack and her IDF unit was called up. She wanted to go home and serve alongside her friends, but she also wanted to stay in Louisville to help the campers and the rest of the community understand the issues and to encourage them to do something to help.

In the end, Dafni decided to stay here. "My family lives in the Western Galilee," she explained, "and currently it's very quiet up there, which makes me a little less tense. But most of my friends and those I served with either are on the border with Gaza or on the way there."

The reality is at least five million people are confined to their homes when the rockets fall. They can't go to work or camps or on summer vacation. Even some of the matriculation exams were disrupted.

"People are scared; kids are scared," she said. On the other hand, "we believe in the strength of our nation and we believe the IDF has the power to make things happen. They will not just leave 75 percent of Israel to live under the



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Dafni Chen

rockets." Dafni comes from a very Zionist family. Her great-grandfather was a Holocaust survivor who "worked in the Israel office in Berlin before there was an Israel," bringing Jews to the land in the late 1930's. Her grandfather, who passed away last year, came to Israel when he was 11 – walking all the way from Damascus.

Her family also has a strong tradition of military service. "My uncle was an officer in the Army and one of my aunts was an intelligence commander." Dafni recently completed her own service in the Armor Corps and two of her cousins are currently on active duty – one in the Navy and one in the Intelligence Force.

For her, "being here so far away from Zion in times like this is very hard" and it brings back memories of past conflicts. In the winter of 2102, the situation was similar to today's with Hamas in Gaza bombarding southern Israel. That time, Israel didn't enter Gaza. While she would have preferred to have the conflict end this time without the ground action, she said, "This might be the only solution, and I have 100 percent trust in the commanders of the IDF that they know better than I do and that they can make the right choices."

She also has memories of the Second Lebanon War in 2006. "I was a rising 9th grader and for a month and a half, I sat in a bomb shelter that is gray and concrete and gray and metal and gray. I was really bored."

At age 13, she and a 10 year old were the only children in the shelter. There were also three babies and a number of adults. The two children were so bored, Dafni remembers, "We were sitting on the floor and counting the cracks in the wall. We had no TVs, no computers; we didn't have cellphones back then. We barely had anything to do. We brought some games," she continued, "but we got pretty tired of them. We read each book that we brought down there about five times."

When she decided to stay in Louisville, Dafni was spurred by that memory and her desire to get her campers involved in helping Israel to enlist the children in making care packages for the children who are confined to shelters.

Last week, during the annual JCC see **DILEMMA** page 13

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Louisville Came Together to Remember Murdered Teens

by Rivka Golding
Community intern

The Louisville Jewish community came together at Adath Jeshurun on Wednesday evening, July 2, to mourn Gilad Shaar, 16; Naftali Fraenkel, 16; and Eyal Yifrach, 19.

On June 12, the Israeli teenagers were kidnapped by terrorists while on their way home from school. For more than two weeks, as the Israeli Defense Forces searched for the boys, Jews and non-Jews across the world hoped and prayed for their safe release. Tragically, on June 30, the boys' bodies were discovered mere miles from where they had been kidnapped.

The memorial service was sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors, and clergy and members from all of Louisville's congregations attended the service.

Matt Goldberg, director of the JCRC thanked everyone for coming and said, "We are gathered here to say goodbye to, and remember three young boys, who were murdered in cold blood before they had a chance to really live life, to complete school, to marry and have a family."

He also condemned the murder of Mohammed Abu Khdeir, 16. Since the memorial service, Jewish extremists

have admitted to killing the Palestinian teenager, as a revenge attack. Goldberg stated that the Jewish response to the murder of the three Israeli boys cannot be a call for violence and revenge.

"Our response to this tragedy must be through partnership, community, and learning from one another so that we can build solidarity, and sweep away that which divides us as Jews." He added, "Our actions must reflect an increased commitment to our Jewish values of Chesed, kindness, Tzedek, righteousness, and Ahava, love."

Cantor Sharon Hordes opened the service by singing "Haneshamah Lach." Rabbi Josh Golding recited the 23rd Psalm in Hebrew and asked the community to join him in the English version. It is customary to recite this passage at funerals and memorials.

Rabbis Joe Rooks Rappaport, Gaylia R. Rooks and Robert Slosberg eulogized the three boys. Large pictures of the boys were placed at the front of the sanctuary, and after each eulogy was read, a memorial candle was lit. The candles were lit by Deborah Levin, Peyton Greenberg and Ashley Waller.

Rabbi David Feder recited "Kol Omer Kra," and Rabbi Evan Rubin, recited "El Malei Rachamim." Rabbi Michael Wolk led the Kaddish prayer, and Cantor David Lipp closed the service, singing "Hamaikom Y'nachem."



Members of the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors, including Rabbi Joe Rooks Rappaport, at the podium, led the memorial service to remember Eyal Yifrach, Gilad Shaar and Naftali Fraenkel.



Cantors Sharon Hordes and David Lipp



Stacey Waller lit a memorial candle as Cantor Lipp watched.



Rabbi Michael Wolk, JCRC Director Matt Goldberg and Rabbi Robert Slosberg



Rabbi Evan Rubin

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Summer Here Is Easy; Not So in Israel

by Stew Bromberg
Vice President and CDO
Jewish Federation of Louisville

Summertime in Louisville and the living is easy. Vacations, summer camp, visits to the JCC pool, sailing and kayaking on the Ohio River all make for an enjoyable summer. But things are different in Israel.

People in Israel must always be aware of the location of the nearest shelter or safe place. Those whose mobility is challenged spend much of their time in the shelters because they may not be able to move quickly enough to make it in time before a rocket hits.

Children are often hard to keep occupied under the best of circumstances. Can you imagine the challenge of providing a safe environment while trying to also allow them to enjoy their childhood? Last week, Dafni Chen, our shlichah who is spending the summer working with our JCC summer camp, helped our campers create care packages to send to the children in Israel most affected by this current conflict. These packages include cards, games, handmade paper toys and candy. The cards bring messages and the hope for peace. Our children are doing what they can as they also appreciate what they are experiencing here in Louisville. (See story, CenterPiece page 2.)

On page 12, you will read about our Stop the Sirens campaign. The time for action and support is now. Our own

annual campaign has come to a close and yet we are still waiting to connect with a few of our donors to make their final pledges as we begin disbursing our campaign pledges to support the programs and services the Federation Annual Campaign supports in Louisville, across North America, globally, and the important support we send to our sister agencies in Israel to help so many at-risk populations and programs.

This is always important – every day, every year and especially today – as I ask you to think about the differences between our Louisville summer this year and the summer experiences of those in Israel.

We cannot turn a switch to transition people from conflict to normalcy without adjustment. We need to help create an easy adjustment to help people cope with the conflict and return to more normal routines. It is a different part of the world with a truly different daily reality.

Our brothers and sisters in Israel live a different norm than we do in Louisville. The Jewish community of Louisville has always raised the funds needed during crisis times. We must do our part to meet those needs this time as well.

Together we do extraordinary things. Today I ask us all to take it up a notch.

Next month I will share with you all about the exciting year we have planned as we begin to put our programs together. *Something Big is coming on September 14, 2014.* Save the date.

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Camp Week of Caring and Sharing (see story, page CenterPiece, pg. 2), campers wrote letters, collected candies and made games and toys – soft puppets and handmade twisters and the like – "things the children can actually do instead of just sitting there counting the cracks."

Helping the campers with the projects "makes me feel like I'm doing something helpful," she said.

"My heart's in the east," Dafni concluded, "but I'm in the far west. This is what I feel. I'm here and trying to give 150 percent of myself to the campers because that's what I'm here for. It's their summer and it makes me very happy to see them

hearing songs that are in Hebrew or not and playing games they may or may not know. They make me very happy. On the other hand, my heart is in the east."

Since the Gaza invasion began, it is even more difficult for Dafni. "Being so far away, I'm hearing lots of rumors about what's happening with my friends and I have no way of knowing what the facts are. It is scary and frustrating." She knows that one friend with whom she served has been killed, and she has heard unconfirmed rumors about things that have befallen others.

She continues to hope for the best for them and looks forward to a time when the rockets cease to fall and the guns fall silent – a time when Israel and its neighbors can live in peace.

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Passionate about Israel

by Sara Wagner
Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, Jewish Community of Louisville

I cannot remember exactly when I fell in love with Israel. It was cumulative rather than one transformational moment.

Perhaps it was understanding that we cannot take Israel for granted, or land-



Sara Wagner

ing in Israel after spending a week in Poland feeling the weight of making a trip on behalf of millions of souls who only dreamt of the journey.

Perhaps it was the last night of a family mission on a balcony in Jerusalem as parents reflected on the

gift they had given their children.

Or maybe it was returning to Israel after the war with Lebanon wondering how our solidarity mission would make a difference, then having that moment when it became clear. We spent two hours with a group of young soldiers who shared their terrifying experience in Lebanon, finally bringing us to tears as they shared how much it meant to have a group of American Jews travel across the ocean to hear their stories.

I embrace our role as a JCC and Federation helping our community fall in love with Israel, too. Perhaps we do not say it out loud often enough but we are committed to offering more Israel experiences.

We realize that not everyone will make it to Israel, so we continue to bring people and programs to Louisville through Partnership 2Gether.

For 19 years Partnership has provided the vehicle to build relationships and friendships with the people of the Western Galilee. We bring Israelis to Louisville and send Louisvillians to Israel to connect through arts, cultural, education, medicine, twinning projects and more.

A few weeks ago Jon Klein, cochair of Partnership 2Gether, and I attended the Partnership Steering Committee meeting in the Western Galilee. Working side by side with our other North American consortium and Israeli partners to create people-to-people relationships is our goal. There will be many opportunities for the Louisville community to participate. In fact, this spring, March 15-17, we will host the next Partnership Steering Committee meeting.

Infusing Israel in daily life at the JCC is also an important part of our mission. This summer we are fortunate to have a shlichah, Israel emissary, Dafi Chen, working at our summer camp. Dafi has brought her passion and love for Israel to our campers and staff.

Her experience in the states took on new meaning beginning two weeks ago with the loss of three Israeli teenage boys kidnapped and killed. Far from home, Dafi joined the local community to remember the young victims.

After learning that she was called up for reserve duty, Dafi had a choice to make: return to Israel and serve with her IDF unit or remain in Louisville to continue to teach and bring our campers together to support children in Israel. She chose to remain here, and, with her guidance, our campers created activities and games to send to Israeli children whose summer camp programs were canceled, and out of concern for their safety, are confined to bomb shelters. (See Dafi's story, page 12.)

TUNNELS

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raeli troops have discovered phone lines, electricity wires, pulley systems and stockpiles of explosives and weapons in the tunnels.

Many of the tunnels have multiple branches and a multitude of exit points, which explains why the precise number the IDF says it has found keeps fluctuating. As of Tuesday, the number was 66 access shafts as part of 23 tunnels.

The tunnels begin inside buildings in Gaza, where it is easy to conceal digging from outsiders, including the omnipresent Israeli drones that scrutinize goings-on in the coastal strip.

Their end points inside Israel are difficult to detect because the terminus often isn't dug out until Hamas fighters are ready to pop up and perpetrate an attack. When the moment arrives, Hamas assailants dig the last few feet and emerge from the hole – heavily armed, usually well camouflaged and sometimes disguised as Israeli soldiers.

Why is this threat so significant?

Israel has yet to figure out an effective way to systematically address the multitude of threats the tunnels present.

Hamas could use them to kidnap Israeli soldiers, as it did with Gilad Shalit in 2006, or even to kidnap civilians. Israeli troops have found Hamas infiltrators in recent days armed with tranquilizers and handcuffs for just such operations, according to the IDF.

For its part, Hamas has made clear that one of its main goals is to pull off a successful kidnapping. An abducted Israeli could be used to bargain for the release of Palestinians incarcerated in Israeli prisons. That would give Hamas a way to demonstrate to its constituents that it can deliver for Palestinians and “resist the occupation” in a way that President Mahmoud Abbas’ Palestinian Authority cannot.

Infiltrators also could use the tunnels to sneak behind enemy lines and perpetrate attacks inside Israeli cities, towns or kibbutzim.

The “terror tunnels,” the IDF said in a statement, are meant “to carry out attacks such as abductions of Israeli civilians and soldiers alike; infiltrations into Israeli communities, mass murders and hostage-taking scenarios.”

With so many Israeli troops active in the area around Gaza, Hamas also is using the tunnels to ambush IDF soldiers. Four Israeli soldiers were killed Monday morning after an infiltration; two died Saturday during an earlier infiltration.

Israel has been killing most of the in-

filtrators, but not all. Some have managed to scurry back into the tunnels leading toward Gaza. There have been at least five tunnel infiltration attacks.

How can Israel combat the tunnel threat?

For now, unlike with the rocket fire, there’s no technological fix to the tunnel problem. Instead, Israel’s primary method for combating the tunnels is decidedly low-tech.

Israeli ground troops are looking for tunnel openings in the buildings they’re searching inside Gaza. Troops in Israel near the border are mobilized and on the lookout for new infiltration attempts. Residents of the Israeli communities near the border area have been warned on several occasions over the last few days to stay inside on lockdown.

It seems that the extent to which the ground underneath the Gaza-Israel border resembles Swiss cheese has caught the IDF – and the Israeli public – by surprise.

What does the discovery of all these tunnels mean for the duration of this war?

Before Israel launched its ground invasion on July 17, the Israeli government seemed reluctant to send troops into Gaza and pay the price in Israeli blood, Palestinian collateral damage and international censure that a ground invasion probably would entail. Israel quickly agreed to a cease-fire offer a week into the conflict (Hamas ignored it) and gave Hamas at least two other lulls in which to change its mind.

But now that Israel has awakened to the true extent of the tunnel threat and Israeli troops are already fighting and dying in Gaza, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu seems determined to have the IDF destroy as many tunnels as it can.

“The operation will be expanded until the goal is achieved: restoring quiet to the citizens of Israel for a long period,” Netanyahu said Monday, keeping things vague enough so as not to be boxed into a corner.

If the war ends before the tunnel threat can be addressed adequately, the IDF’s job in Gaza will have been left unfinished. Though Israelis are agonizing over the death toll on their side – which already has exceeded the toll from the last two Gaza conflicts combined – they don’t want those soldiers to have died in vain.

This is seen inside Israel as a war of necessity, not of choice.

Will international pressure end the war soon?

With the Palestinian death toll soaring since the launch of the ground invasion, international pressure for a cease-fire is growing. On Sunday, President Obama called for an “immediate cease-fire,” and the U.N. Security Council held an emergency session to demand an immediate end to the fighting. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry flew to Cairo on Monday to try to negotiate some kind of an end to the crisis.

While Israel’s eagerness for a cease-fire and well publicized efforts to avoid civilian casualties bought it some time early on, the escalating violence and rapidly mounting Palestinian civilian deaths – including several well-documented cases of Israeli strikes killing children, wiping out multiple members of the same family and targeting a hospital – are shifting international opinion away from Israel’s favor.

It remains to be seen how long Netanyahu can withstand the pressure, or how the fighting that lies ahead will affect the calculus.

For its part, Hamas doesn’t appear to want to stop fighting either. It views every Israeli death as a triumph and every Palestinian civilian death as fodder with which to build international criticism of Israel. Hamas may already have captured the body of one Israeli soldier who is presumed to have died in a missile attack on an armored personnel carrier; it would love to use the opportunity the fighting presents to accomplish its goal of capturing a live one.

How are ordinary Israelis reacting?

One of the remarkable things about Israel is that even though it is buffeted by threats on nearly every side and often

finds itself engaged in bloody battles, for the most part the fighting happens elsewhere.

The mini-wars with Hamas in 2009 and 2012 were fought on Gaza’s turf, not inside Israel. Violence in the West Bank generally stays in the West Bank. The 2006 Second Lebanon War took place in Lebanon, not Israel. Yes, both the Gaza conflicts and the Lebanon war involved deadly rocket fire into Israel, but there were no pitched battles on Israeli streets. The real battlefield was elsewhere.

The last major exception to that rule was a decade ago during the second intifada, when Israeli buses, restaurants and nightclubs became the front line. The erection of the West Bank security fence helped end those attacks by making it harder for terrorists to get into Israel.

But now the existence of tunnels through which terrorists can infiltrate the country again threatens to bring the war into Israel, and that’s a frightening thought for Israelis.

The country still well remembers the Maalot massacre of 1974, when Palestinian terrorists slipped across the border from Lebanon and took more than 100 children hostage at a school in the northern Israeli town of Maalot. More than 25 Israelis were killed during that incident, which ended when Israeli troops stormed the school building.

With the Israeli death toll rising fast, this war already has turned into a nightmare for many Israelis, particularly those burying their loved ones. But there’s a reason IDF troops are still pushing hard in Gaza: They’re working to avert something worse.

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On Sunday, June 20, as the community gathered together on the front steps of the JCC to show solidarity with Israel, Dafi, our adopted Louisvillian, received word that a friend was among the IDF soldiers killed in Gaza. The shock and grief were palpable as was the strength she drew from the 200 people who gathered to share prayers and songs. (See rally story, page 13.)

Dafi chose to address the group even in this most painful moment. This is what community is about, standing side by side to support those we know and those we may never know connected by amcha (peoplehood).

We each have our own unique experiences that make us feel connected to the Jewish life and the Jewish people. As we pray for a peace and mourn the precious lives lost, I hope many more people will consider joining the JCC and Federation this year through Partnership, traveling to Israel, hosting Israelis and learning together.

If you would like to find out more, please contact me at swagner@jewish-louisville.org or 238-2719.

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Evan Green, Rivka Golding, Jacob Ward, Rachel Klein, Alyssa Lurie and Jeremy Kaplan

Interns Help Out at JFCS, JCC and Federation This Summer

by Rivka Golding
Community Intern

Louisville's Jewish Community Summer Internship program is marking its bar mitzvah year, and it has definitely matured since the first interns walked into the offices in 2001. Ads seeking qualified college students in *Community* were effective, and five young adults are participating in this year's program.

Administered by Jewish Family & Career Services' Ellen Shapira, the internship program offers Louisville's Jewish students career experience, networking opportunities and the chance to give back to the community. Participants are employed at the Jewish Community of Louisville or the JFCS, and the internships cater to each student's college major and career goals. This summer there are three interns at the Jewish Community of Louisville, and two interns at Jewish Family & Career Services.

JFCS also has an intern through Yale University's Bulldogs in the Bluegrass program; and CenterStage has an intern.

Jeremy Kaplan

Jeremy Kaplan is a senior at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA. He is always up for a challenge, and is double majoring in chemistry and business administration. After graduation he would like to continue his education, and earn a Ph.D. in chemistry. Kaplan is interning for the JFCS Center for Enterprise Development, as the micro-enterprise program assistant.

The JFCS Center for Enterprise Development provides low-income individuals with the skills they need to start their own businesses. It also provides microloans and financial assistance to businesses that might not be eligible for loans from a bank.

He found out about the internship after flipping through *Community*, and applied because he wanted to "gain a better understanding of the intricacies of a working business." As the micro-enterprise program assistant, Kaplan analyzes the potential success of new businesses in various markets. He is also doing demographic research around the Louisville area to see how the JFCS can expand its services.

After being asked to organize applications for the Refugee Savings Program, Kaplan took initiative and created a computer program that automated the process.

He is a member of Muhlenberg's Chemistry Club, and enjoys playing tennis, and going scuba diving.

He is the son of Joy and Mitchell Kaplan, and a member of The Temple.

Rachel Klein

Rachel Klein is a junior at Indiana University. She is majoring in journalism with a focus in public relations and advertising. She is the Marketing Department intern for Jewish Family and Career Services.

Klein was involved with BBYO in high school, and this summer she wanted to be able to give back to Louisville's Jewish community. She heard about the internship from her brother, Michael, who participated in the program in 2011. She is determined to leave behind her own mark, and it seems that she is doing just that.

So far, Klein's main task has been collecting donations and auction items for the Republic Bank Player's Challenge. She is also writing blogposts, and compiling the JFCS newsletter. Klein appreciates the fact that she is "not just making copies," but rather she is gaining "applicable, hands-on career experience."

A member of the Sigma Delta Tau sorority, Klein likes to spend time with her friends.

She is the daughter of Mindy and Jeff Klein, and a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Alyssa Lurie

Alyssa Lurie is a junior at Kent State University in Ohio. She is majoring in community health education, and would ultimately like to work with children in a hospital setting. The Jewish Community of Louisville's internship program offers a wide range of opportunities, and Lurie is applying her skills as the Jewish Community Center's Senior Adult Department wellness intern, where she helps educate seniors about nutrition.

The JCC Healthy Senior Adults Program teaches seniors about nutrition and exercise, and offers them a variety of programs to help them maintain a healthy lifestyle. Lurie enjoys coming into work every day, and being able to talk to the seniors on a one-on-one level.

Lurie was a counselor at the JCC's Summer Camp throughout high school, and wanted a different experience this summer. She enjoys interacting with all different age groups, and likes hearing the seniors' life stories. She also hopes that her work will make a true impact and enable the seniors to live healthier lives.

Throughout the year, Lurie interned at her school's Hillel, helping freshmen transition into college. She also volunteered at a soup kitchen on Kent State's campus, and at a nearby animal shelter.

She is the daughter of Vicki and Ron Lurie, and is a member of The Temple.

Jacob Ward

Jacob Ward is a junior at the University of Kentucky, studying accounting and finance. Officially the Accounting and Human Resources Department intern at the Jewish Community of Louisville, he really enjoys the position because it exposes him to many different aspects of business. Not only is he gaining valuable accounting experience, but he is also working on various IT projects.

Originally, he applied for the internship because it was linked to his field of study, but he remarks that it has also improved his connections within the Louisville area.

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isville Jewish community. Ward plans to move back to Louisville after he graduates, and looks forward to maintaining these ties. While he has to complete two more years of school, he sees himself becoming an active member of Louisville's Jewish community in the future.

In school he is a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, and is a supervisor for the intermural sports department. He enjoys playing soccer, and is a high school soccer referee for the Central Kentucky area.

He is the son of Tony and Lisa Ward, and a member of Temple Shalom.

Evan Green

While the other interns are all native Louisvillians, Evan Green came all the way from Boston to intern at the JFCS. He is a sophomore economics and mathematics student at Yale University, and is taking part in Yale's Bulldogs in the Bluegrass program. Sponsored by Kentucky Yale alumni, the program encourages current Yale students to seek employment in the Greater Louisville area.

Students apply directly for the internships of their choice, and the Bulldogs in the Bluegrass program provides housing, social events and the opportunity to engage with leaders in the Louisville community.

To date, Bulldogs in the Bluegrass has brought over 360 Yale students to Louisville. According to their website, 40 Yale graduates have moved to Louisville after their internship experiences here.

Along with Kaplan, Green is a micro-enterprise program assistant at the JFCS Center for Enterprise Development. He applied for the internship at the JFCS because he wanted exposure to the non-profit world. There are so many different paths to go down after graduation, and he wanted to compare non-profit to for-profit businesses.

For Green, the most interesting part of the job is interacting with the refugees that come to the JFCS for help. He elaborates that, "their diverse cultures and distinct perspectives on the world make you empathize with their struggles."

Not only is Green enjoying the internship, but he is also taking advantage of all the city has to offer. Growing up in the North East, he was shocked at how much there is to do around Louisville. He has already been to a University of Louisville baseball game, Waterfront Park, and particularly enjoyed a kayaking trip to Elk Horn Creek.

Not surprisingly, Green notes that, "everyone seems very friendly and genuine in Louisville."

He is the son of Jenny Altshuler and Barry Green of Boston, MA.

Joe Kohake

Joe Kohake is a junior at the University of Louisville, studying music. Kohake is pursuing a career in arts administration, and is double minoring in business and communications.



JOE KOHAKE

Wanting to gain experience with an arts organization this summer, Kohake emailed CenterStage asking if they were looking for an intern.

As CenterStage prepares to celebrate its 100th Anniversary, Kohake has been instrumental in planning the main anniversary event, and in researching the history of CenterStage. He enjoys looking through the Centerstage and *Community* newspaper archives, and is always entertained by the pictures and stories he comes across.

In addition to helping with the 100th Anniversary celebration, Kohake is seen **INTERNS** page 19

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Perelmuter Is Always on the Go and Ready to Help Others

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

When you look around Louisville, it's easy to find ways to be active in the Jewish community – Jewish congregations span the spectrum of practice and Jewish organizations and agencies that offer a wide variety of programs, services, opportunities to do mitzvot and work toward tikkun olam, the repair of the world, and even indulge in the arts as a patron or a spectator.



Mark Perelmuter

Louisville native Dr. Mark Perelmuter takes advantage of many of these offerings and has a good time doing it.

"I grew up at the Jewish Community Center," he said, "and was a member of Rauch AZA." Perelmuter was in charge of the chapter's newsletter, which was reproduced on a mimeograph machine, and he won an international trophy for his efforts.

His Jewish education started at Eliahu Academy, the Jewish Day School, but after second grade he transferred to the public schools and attended the Louisville Hebrew School at the JCC.

When he was young, the Perelmuter family belonged to Keneseth Israel. His father, Sol Perelmuter, died in 1960, and when his mother, Sugar, remarried a few years later, the family affiliated with Anshei Sfar, where his stepfather, Ralph Hanish, was a member. He celebrated his bar mitzvah there, and later, his aufruf.

Music runs in his family, and Perelmuter started playing clarinet at age 10. His uncle, who performed under the name Morris Perelmuter King, was

a successful musician who had a band and as a child performer was one of the musicians who opened the inaugural show on WHAS radio.

Perelmuter's father was an accomplished violinist and had his own orchestra. And his cousin, Mel Davis, sold music.

"I attended Seneca High School," he added, in true Louisville fashion. For his undergraduate studies, he attended the University of Louisville, where he played in the Pep Band. In college, he also served in the Coast Guard Reserve, "so I didn't have to go to Vietnam," he added.

"I would have gone to music school," Perelmuter explained, "but I really wanted to be a dentist." He stayed at UofL for Dental School, and before he graduated, "I married Marci Segal, the daughter of Dr. Theodore Segal, who was an orthodontist here." Later, Perelmuter joined his father-in-law's practice.

The Perelmutes moved to St. Louis, where Mark served his residency, and

they quickly became involved with the Jewish community there.

"We lived five minutes from the JCC there," Perelmuter said, "and they gave me a good deal on membership." Grateful for their help, he looked for a way to give something back.

"They had a Big Brothers/Big Sisters program," he continued. "They assigned me a young man who didn't have a dad, and that was very rewarding, so when I came back to Louisville, I contacted Jewish Family and Vocational Service [now Jewish Family and Career Services] and established a Special Friends program."

The Special Friends program was similar to Big Brothers/Big Sisters, but it worked with special needs and intellectually disadvantaged adults and seniors. He also served on JFVS' Board.

Once back in Louisville, the Perelmutes joined Adath Jeshurun, where they were members for 10 years. Then they joined The Temple, where they have been ever since. He also taught fourth and fifth grade Sunday School classes at Anshei Sfar, Adath Jeshurun and The Temple.

They also joined the Jewish Community Center, and Mark served on the JCC's Board as well. The Perelmutes have been generous with the JCC. They chose to commemorate their fathers by commissioning the menorah gate to the pool area nearly 20 years ago.

"I gravitated toward kids' things," he said, and started sponsoring children's activities – the swim team and camps. He also sponsored groups at an elementary school.

His partner, Brad Goldberg, shares his love of volunteering. While Goldberg was in dental school, he was an AZA advisor. Today, he is a cycling coach.

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Republic Bank Players Challenge Raised \$78,757 for JFCS & JCC

While the annual Republic Bank Players Challenge is a day of fun for friends and coworkers, its primary purpose is to raise funds for the Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family & Vocational Service. This year's event, held June 23, raised \$78,757 for the two agencies.

The winners of the golf tournament and its contests, as well as the tennis and bridge competitions were announced in the June 27 edition of Community. There were also canasta and maj jongg games, but the participants played for fun.

"We had another wonderful event this year and over 170 people enjoyed a day of golf, tennis or cards," said JFCS Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell.

"This wonderful community event is made possible each year through the generosity of our sponsors and participants, and could not happen without the hard work of all of our volunteers and the staff of both agencies," said Jewish Community Federation Vice President and Chief Development Officer Stew Bromberg.

Tiell also expressed appreciation for the sponsors, volunteers and players, and especially acknowledged Republic Bank for their title sponsorship. All the sponsors are listed in the ad on page 16.

Thanks, also, to all the committee members who volunteered their time to ensure the success of this event.

Members of the 2014 Golf Committee were Co-Chairs Doug Gordon and Doug Roemer, and committee members Gregg Davidoff, Debbie Friedman, David Fuchs, Larry Kass, Jay Klempner, Beth Salamon, Dan Streit and Reed Weinberg.

The 2014 Tennis Co-Chairs were Shellie Benovitz and Alison Roemer.

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JCC Is One of 15 Agencies Dealing with MUW Funding Cut

by Niki King
Community PR Specialist

Metro United Way is cutting funding this year to 15 charities in the Louisville area, including the Jewish Community of Louisville.

The agency will receive \$50,000 less for its senior services and \$20,000 less for its youth programs than in years past. Both cuts amounted to half of the 2013 United Way funding for the programs.

Stu Silberman, JCL president and CEO, said United Way funding amounts to about one-fourth of the budget for both programs. The loss of revenue "pos-

es significant challenges for us. We are going to find a way to meet the needs of the members of our community," he was quoted as saying in *The Courier-Journal*.

The news is recent and it's unclear yet how the deficit will be met, Silberman said. Ideas include seeking corporate funding and pursuing other grants.

The seniors program, which serves about 225 people annually, includes exercise classes, nutrition programs and out-of-town trips. The youth program focuses on youth development, school readiness, total wellness, enhanced decision making, life skills and camps. It serves about 550 children annually.

Silberman said the programs are critically important for the health and well-

being of participants.

United Way officials explained that the decision was in no way a reflection of the quality of the programs, but that they simply can't meet the needs of all the agencies seeking aid.

"Which we understand completely, because like the United Way, we also raise funds for Jewish groups and we're unable to fund everything we'd like to either," Silberman said.

He said United Way leadership also indicated they wanted to fund programs that served more seniors than the JCL serves and youth programs that focus more specifically on preventing summertime learning loss, an organizational objective.

Lipkin Accepted to FEREP Program, Went on Birthright Israel Trip

by Julie Lamb and
Shiela Steinman Wallace

Rachel Lipkin has been the middle school director at Louisville's Jewish Community Center for two and a half years. During that time, she has built a successful Teen Connection program, engaging over 100 young teens and facilitating their transition into BBYO. She's also worked with the JCC Summer Camp and brought Jewish culture and learning into many parts of the agency.

At the end of this month, however, Lipkin will be leaving to enter FEREP, the Jewish Federations of North American Federation Executive Recruitment and Education Program. In exchange for a commitment to work for at least two years at a Federation, FEREP provides a scholarship for graduate study.

Lipkin will return to her hometown, Columbus, OH, where she will take a two-year graduate program at Ohio State University while serving an internship with the Columbus Federation. She will pursue dual master's degrees in public administration and Jewish studies.

Torn between working on a Federation Campaign and a passion for Jewish Community Relations work, she plans to explore and experience both before making a career decision.

Lipkin learned about FEREP from Jewish Federation Development Director Tzivia Levin Kalmes, who is a graduate of the program.

Louisville has provided Lipkin with a number of opportunities to grow professionally, too. Last May, she was one of 40 young Jewish communal profes-

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PERELMUTER

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"Brad Goldberg is fantastic," he said. "I couldn't be luckier to have him as a partner. Our values are the same, even though we grew up so differently, and we share the same volunteer spirit and love of kids."

Both partners spend a lot of time with kids. Whenever they invest money in sponsorships, they also try to get involved with the projects they sponsor. This year, as they have for a number of years, Perelmuter & Goldberg Orthodontics is the primary sponsor of JCC Summer Camp.

Perelmuter learned the lesson of the importance of tzedakah early. His grandmother, Miriam Perelmuter, who was a widow, raising five children in Louisville, told him they were considered to be one of the poorest Jewish families in town. When solicitors for charitable groups would bypass her house, she would chastise them, saying, "I may be poor, but we can always give something."

The Perelmutes have two children, Stuart and Todd. Although both are grown now and have successful writing careers, Mark enjoyed watching them "get involved in the JCC too. When they

were in high school," he said, "they were both in AZA clubs and worked out here a lot."

Over the years, Perelmuter has held other leadership positions in the Jewish community. In addition to previously mentioned Board and teaching positions, he served as vice president of the Jewish Education Association and the Partnership 2Gether Committee. Regular supporters of the annual Federation Campaign, the Perelmutes chaired the Major Gifts event in 2012.

In addition to his volunteer activities, Perelmuter is a part-time member of the U of L Dental School faculty and frequently travels to deliver orthodontic lectures. He has taught in Europe and in Israel at the Hadassah School of Dentistry.

With all of these activities, Perelmuter still finds time to pursue the arts. For a time, he was a cartoonist for *Community*. He is also a painter, and even did a series of five paintings in Israel of the Western Wall.

While he loves painting and plans to go back to it some day, right now, he is focusing on music. As a member of the Louisville klezmer band, Lost Tribe, he has played bar mitzvahs, weddings, festivals, religious services and local venues.

Carol Savkovich and Aviv Naama-

I grew up right around the corner from the JCC, and it has always been a big part of my day to day life. As a child, I loved playing hide 'n' seek in the climbing room even though I always left with a carpet burn. I remember waiting in line to play *Sonic the Hedgehog* in the kids lounge, and how mature I felt when I was finally old enough to enter the teen lounge. It is in the JCC pool that I first learned how to blow bubbles under water. I took dance lessons at the JCC, and attended JCC Summer Camp. My father plays basketball in the gym almost every day, and my mother is an active member on the Jewish Community Relations Council board.

The best part about interning at the JCC is that I finally get to be behind the scenes, and see all the hard work that goes into creating these memories, and into making the JCC the heart of the Louisville Jewish community.

I am actively involved in the University of Maryland's Hillel, and attend daily services, and classes on the weekly *Torah* portion. I serve as the PR manager for my school's Tamid Israel Investment chapter. Tamid is an organization that educates college students about the Israeli economy and connects them with Israeli businesses.

In between high school and college, I took a gap year in Israel. I studied at Midreshet Harova, a learning program for girls, and spent my time learning Talmud, Torah, Jewish philosophy and touring the country.

My parents are Rabbi Joshua and Ayla Golding, and I am a member of Congregation Anshei Sfar.

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working with ticketing, and on other CenterStage events including Teen Awakening this August.

While this is Kohake's first internship in the arts world, he has been involved in the arts since he was a child. He attended the Governor's School for the Arts, and has been playing the piano for the past 14 years. He also plays the tuba, and enjoys acting. As part of the university's music program, Kohake performs in the University of Louisville Symphony Orchestra.

Joe is the son of Kathy and Paul Kohake of Florence, KY.

Rivka Golding

Now, a little bit about me. I am a sophomore at the University of Maryland, majoring in Jewish Studies. This summer, I am the communications and marketing intern at the JCC. I am interested in pursuing a career in public relations in the Jewish non-profit world, and this position is the perfect stepping stone towards achieving my goal.

I really enjoy interning for the JCC's marketing department, because it allows me to be creative. As the marketing intern, I am mainly writing articles for *Community* (like this one!), editing posts on the JCL's new website, and helping create and implement a social media plan for the JCL Facebook pages. I am also working on the JCC's weekly newsletter, and helping Shiela Steinman Wallace, the JCC's communications director, organize the Jewish Louisville History Project.

ni came up with the idea to form the klezmer group. They recruited several others to join them, and now, the group also includes Perelmuter, Fran Weinstock, Aaron Boaz and Kato Wilbur.

The group has given Perelmuter the opportunity to spend time in another congregation, as The Lost Tribe has performed often at Temple Shalom.

Today, Perelmuter can also be found regularly at the JCC, where he swims, and cycles to stay in shape. He believes that it is the best place in the city for physical fitness options with tennis, racquetball, gyms, fitness centers and lots of classes that "most fitness centers don't have."

Through all of his activities, Perelmuter says, his wife, Marci, has been at his side, encouraging him to pursue whatever comes up. In addition to his wife and his partner, Perelmuter thanked his in-laws, Ted and Ruth Segal, and his sister, Sharon Nussbaum, for their help and support.

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Collected Stories, Play at The Bard's Town Explores Writer's Dilemma

by Cynthia Canada
Special to Community

The Bard's Town Theatre is way off Broadway – in the best possible sense. Its mission is to offer up live theater that you can't find elsewhere, whether it's a new play by a Kentucky writer, or a less-often performed work by an established playwright. Thursday, August 24, is opening night for one of the latter, *Collected Stories* by Donald Margulies.

The key members of the team collaborating on the production – actors Carol Dines and Lenae Price and director Andrew Epstein – know each other from CenterStage. They all expressed great respect and deep appreciation for John Leffert's success with the Jewish Community Center's renowned theater company. But some plays need a smaller stage, a more intimate audience – and *Collected Stories* is just such a play.

Collected Stories centers on the relationship between Ruth Steiner, a writing professor and respected short-story author, and her student and assistant, Lisa Morrison. Ruth is a no-nonsense instructor, impatient and testy; Lisa – at least in the beginning – is a star-struck fan. When she arrives at Ruth's apartment for her first tutorial, she can't stop gushing; she has memorized whole passages from Ruth's stories. One has the sense that Ruth finally tells her where to get an application for the assistant position just so she'll shut up and listen.

Over time, Lisa matures and her writing evolves until, in the last act, she publishes first a short story and then a novel – and with this novel, the relative comfort of the women's friendship comes crashing down.

Ruth, portrayed with blunt realism by CenterStage veteran Carol Dines (most recently seen in *W;t*), is both put off and mystified by Lisa's hero-worship, resolutely failing to recognize it as the mirror image to her own, earlier idolization of Beat poet Delmore Schwartz. She quickly takes Lisa in hand, correcting her insecure habit of ending sentences with an implied question mark and chal-

lenging her lack of faith in her ability. As a graduate student, Price's Lisa is effervescently hyperactive, anxiously pushy, and painfully funny. Anyone who ever had a crush on a professor will laugh and wince all at once.

As the play progresses, Lisa gains confidence, matures and succeeds, while the student/teacher relationship evolves. Lisa's writing comes to borrow heavily from personal stories Ruth shared, raising ethical questions: Where is the line between inspiration and plagiarism? If a story is freely told, has the teller given it away? If we call it fiction, how can the characters be real people? Does every author of fiction secretly cross his or her fingers when signing off on the state-

ment that the people in this story are entirely imaginary?

Dines did a scene from *Collected Stories* at a workshop last year and came home determined to do the whole play. She related to Ruth, who she describes as one of the women around whom she grew up – New York Jewish feminists from the early years of feminism. They were her mother's friends; she knew them well.

Dines took *Collected Stories* to Epstein and asked him to direct it. Epstein, who was drawn to the Jewish themes in the story, agreed to her request.

Price, who also is CenterStage's development and outreach manager, understands Lisa well. As a deeply involved

non-Jewish employee of the JCC, she is part of the community, and yet, she says, she is not. There's a part of Jewish history and community culture that she's not sure a non-Jew can grasp, no matter how much he or she might want to.

This question of cultural identity is the tie that binds cast and crew of the production. It is the exploration of whether a storyteller can speak in another's voice.

Performances of *Collected Stories* are at 7:30 p.m. on July 24-27, July 31, and August 1-3. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors). The Bard's Town Theatre, 1801 Bardstown Rd., is on the upper level of the Bard's Town Restaurant. For tickets, call 749-5275 or visit [the-bardstown.com/collected-stories.html](http://bardstown.com/collected-stories.html).

UofL Offers Youth in Jewish Lit & Film Course

What is it about the coming-of-age narrative that Jewish authors find so enticing? This fall, the University of Louisville will explore this topic in a new course, "Youth in Jewish Literature and Film." Students will study texts written from the perspective of young protagonists, including Amos Oz's *Panther in the Basement*, and Avner Mandelman's *Talking to the Enemy*, and will discuss how Jewish writers use the journey from adolescence to adulthood as a means for

breaching various topics including immigration, the Holocaust, and Zionism.

Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman, U of L's recently-appointed Jewish Heritage Fund for the Excellence Endowed Chair of Judaic Studies will teach the course.

After making Aliyah at 17, Dr. Omer-Sherman returned to the United States to attend college. He earned his bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from California's Humboldt State University, and gained mas-

ter's and doctorate degrees from the University of Notre Dame. Before being invited as the endowed chair of the Judaic Studies department at the University of Louisville, Dr. Omer-Sherman taught at the University of Miami.

The class will be taught on Mondays from 4-6:45 p.m. To register at U of L as a Continuing Education student, follow the instructions to complete a "Non-Degree Student Application" at <http://louisville.edu/admissions/apply/cs>.

NCJW Shopping Spree Cards on Sale Now

National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, with the support and resources of Wilson & Muir Bank & Trust Company, is once again striving to make the bargain hunters' dreams come true with its annual Shopping Spree.

Shopping Spree cards offer purchasers 20 percent discounts at participating merchants during two two-week "20/20" periods in the coming year. Many of the merchants honor the card for a full year, August 15, 2014-August 20, 2015.

Cards are \$30 and may be purchased by calling NCJW's office, 458-5566. The discount periods are August 15-September 1, 2014 and February 27-March

15, 2015. Discounts offered outside the 20/20 weeks are set by the merchants.

Shopping Spree patrons will receive a credit card size plastic discount card with a booklet listing participating merchants. A list of Shopping Spree merchants can also be found in the ad on page 3, and NCJW maintains an updated list at www.ncjwlou.org.

The monies raised from the sale of the Shopping Spree cards will benefit several local community service agencies and projects including Keystone Learning Academy (formerly California Area Family Development Center), Chavurat

Shalom, Community Coordinated Child Care (4Cs), Court Watch, ElderServe, Gilda's Club Louisville, Jewish Family & Career Services, Jewish Resource Center, Maryhurst, Student Assistance Program, Suitcase Project and Israel Project.

The National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideas into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

Anshei Sfard to Host SEED Program

Congregation Anshei Sfard announced that a SEED (Summer Enrichment and Educational Development) Program will be held in Louisville during late July and early August. SEED is also a metaphor that indicates the goal of the program: planting a "seed" that bears the "fruit" of Jewish study and commitment.

Project SEED is a division of *Torah Umesorah*, a national organization devoted to promoting Torah education. For over 30 years, *Torah Umesorah* has recognized that continuity of Jewish commitment lies within a communal thirst for Torah learning. Every year, SEED Programs send hundreds of young men and women to spend their summers learning and teaching Torah all over the United States.

In Louisville this summer, five out-of-town Yeshiva students will serve as "fellows" of the program, offering lectures and mini-classes at Congregation Anshei Sfard and possibly at other venues, on a range of Jewish topics and texts.

The lectures and classes will be open to all. Also, in keeping with Orthodox

tradition, *chevruta*-style learning will be available for men in the Louisville community who wish to learn one-on-one with any of the fellows. Most sessions will be in the evenings during the first two weeks of August, but *chevruta*-style learning may also be available by appointment.

Most programs will be free of charge, and it is hoped that the community will take full advantage of this opportunity.

On Friday night August 1, there will be a Kabbalat Shabbat service and communal dinner to kick off the program at Congregation Anshei Sfard. The service starts at 7 p.m., followed by dinner. Rabbi Josh Golding will give an informal talk on the importance of Torah Study as a key to Jewish survival. More details about the SEED Program will be made available at that time.

The dinner is open to all. A \$5 donation is suggested and reservations are required. For questions about the program and/or to make reservations please email Rabbi Golding at joshg@bellarmine.edu or call the synagogue office at 451-3122.

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shed." "This movie," he said, "will help us understand each other. Sometimes, we need to share stories with each other to overcome fear of the unknown."

Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg said the Jewish community has collaborated with AP-

PKI on several projects in the past and is pleased to come together with the group to present this moving docudrama. He agrees with Dr. Babar that this movie is an opportunity to enhance understanding between the Muslim and Jewish communities and to further friendships developed among members of these two groups.

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TEEN TOPICS

JCC Summer Camp I

by Deborah Levin

I chose to spend my summer working at JCC summer camp because I wanted to stay involved in the Jewish community and I love working with kids. By working at JCC summer camp, I got to create bonds with the campers as well as all of the other counselors while having fun with the different camps and earning money that I can save for college and future necessities.

For the first week, I was a counselor with camp Keff group Modi'in. The rest of the summer I have been with different specialty camps like cooking camp and super-hero Lego camp as well as working stay n play a couple times.

It is a very enriching experience.



Deborah Levin and campers

JCC Summer Camp II

by Dylan Rosenberg

When I was younger, I attended Camp JCC. My experience as a camper was fun, active and life changing. That experience made me look up to the counselors; therefore I became a CIT (Counselor in Training).

As a CIT, I worked with two counselors and got an understanding of the responsibilities of a counselor and what the job is about. The counselors were so much fun to work with and being with kids all summer long made my summer so much better.

After those two years, I became a real counselor. I was responsible for my campers and their wellbeing. This is now my fifth summer as a counselor and I thoroughly enjoy coming to camp each morning because of the campers I get to work with every day.

The job has made me grow as a person and take responsibility for everything I do. I always want to come back each summer and be a counselor all over again.



Dylan Rosenberg and camper



Jesse Hymes, Becca Lustig and friends from camp

International Leaders Training Conference

by Jessie Hymes

This summer I spent an incredible 18 days at B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp in Lake Como, PA. This BBYO summer program is called ILTC (International Leadership Training Conference).

Throughout these 18 days I learned new leadership skills and tools to help shape BBYO near me. Not only did it help me learn new strategies for recruitment, programming ideas, and calendaring, it was also a place where I made lifelong friendships.

During ILTC we had maccabiah, athletics, Israeli dancing, song sessions, mural making and so much more to create the memories and friendships that will most definitely last a lifetime.

Chapter Leaders Training Conference

by Alex Kobay

CLTC (Chapter Leadership Training Conference) is a 12-day program that teaches you how to lead a BBYO chapter effectively. At CLTC, I met so many awesome Jewish teens living in California, New York, and everywhere in between.

We were split into mock chapters where we would have daily lessons on how to incorporate the five folds of AZA into a fun, purposeful program. These lessons were led by young adults who were formerly in BBYO, and knew everything about it. We even got to run our own programs for the other 100+ people at CLTC to enjoy.

Although I was not on my mock chapter's board, I learned a lot about what it means to be an active member, and how they are more important than a board. I would definitely recommend to any person in BBYO to go to CLTC as it teaches a lot of great leadership skills, and it's a blast!



Nathan Cohen and Alex Kobay

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sionals who participated in the national JCC Association's first Birthright Israel trip, which provided lots of networking opportunities and many new ideas for activities that she was able to use at JCC Camp this summer.

In addition to visiting Matnas centers, the Israeli counterparts of American JCCs, Lipkin said, "we also visited youth organizations [and] student homes... that were truly unique to our trip."

It was a tremendous opportunity to observe the differences as well as the similarities that exist "even though we're thousands of miles from each other," Lipkin said.

Common concerns include space and programming issues. One way that the Matnas address both issues is to bring programming outside of the limits of JCCs to external sites like schools, an idea that Louisville's JCC might be able to adapt and use.

A game-changer for Matnas is "a huge presence of volunteers, no matter the day, where they're having to... turn away people," Lipkin noticed, making Matnas feel like "a home away from home" for Israeli children.

More volunteers also create more opportunities for teens to take leadership roles. Lipkin has always sought to add leadership elements like community service component in the B'nai Tzedek program. Additionally, through collaboration with groups like Beta Club, the JCC could increase volunteer turnout.

Her professional Birthright trip gave Lipkin an enhanced understanding of what "the country means, not only to me, but to the Jewish people."

It was a personally and professionally meaningful experience. From climbing Masada to hiking the Waterfalls of Nachal David, Lipkin gained a whole

new sense of accomplishment and discovered "personal strength" she did not know she had. Through these physical triumphs, Lipkin also formed lasting friendships.

She interacted with Israeli soldiers and college students and discovered that even across continents, people share similarities from food to music to collective uncertainties about the future.

A highlight of her experience was meeting the children. "We went to Save a Child's Heart, where they provide heart surgery for children all around the world.

We got to meet some of those children and play with them," Lipkin said.

Her favorite memory of these children was Krembo Wings, a youth movement for special needs children and teens who love working with them. It enables the two groups to develop friendships, where, despite physical limitations, "they made it work," Lipkin explained, with cheers and sports activities.

Lipkin was able to apply what she learned to Louisville's Yachad program this summer. She is one of several JCC Camp staffers who provide immersive camp experiences for special needs children and enable them to succeed.

It was a life-changing experience for Lipkin, who feels she came out of Israel as "a much better, well-rounded person."

"I love Louisville," she said, "and it saddens me to be moving on, and I'm excited for the opportunities waiting for me there."



Lipkin reads about the Golan Heights with Syria in the background.

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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
Mondays and Tuesdays, Beginning August 18, 7 - 9 p.m.

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

Employment Search Jumpstart
Mondays, July 28 - Aug. 18
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

For unemployed and under-employed job seekers. Four-week cycle with a one-time materials fee of \$10. Contact Janet Poole, ext. 222.

Job Seekers Resource Group
Mondays, Aug. 4 - Sept. 15
10:30 a.m. - noon

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

LinkedIn Workshop
Wednesdays, Aug. 20 and Aug. 27
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Learn how LinkedIn factors into job search and how it can improve your professional brand and business exposure. \$20 fee for both sessions. Contact Janet Poole, ext. 222

Jeff Morris to Speak at JFCS about Job Search



Jeff was born and raised in Louisville but moved to Dallas in 1987. Jeff is an operations and organizational oriented professional with 20 years in a light manufacturing, value added, quick turn environment. He has extensive customer service and team building experience in identifying and implementing solutions (lean manufacturing:), staff development and increased productivity by incorporating Six Sigma. Since 2007, Jeff also facilitates the North Dallas/Plano Career Focus Group. More than 850 people have found their next great opportunity while attending this group. More than 850 people have found their next great opportunity while attending this group. In September 2012, Jeff was invited to the White House to attend its Forum on Job Clubs and Career Ministries.

Jeff Morris founded CareerDFW.org (Dallas/Ft. Worth) and CareerUSA.org, which are websites created to assist the unemployed and under-employed. He will be at JFCS on Thursday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. to share his top career tips from his book, *What I've Learned ABOUT YOUR JOB SEARCH that You May Not Know*.

If you need to jumpstart your job search, this presentation is for you. Jeff's Career DFW website has been helping people in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area for nearly six years. His newest website, Career USA.org, was launched in October 2012.

This is a FREE special event and the first three people who attend will get a free copy of Jeff's book. Jeff also may address some features associated with the manufacturing, logistics and distribution sectors. "We are pleased to welcome Jeff back to town, and we're glad to stage this joint event and invite people to attend," comments Bob Tiell, director of Career & Workforce Development.

JFCS offers a variety of programs and services geared to those facing career and employment challenges. Visit www.jfcsloouisville.org to check out ongoing job search and social media workshops.

Buy Tickets Now for Pizza for the Pantry

JFCS will be serving pizza and fun at Wick's on Goose Creek on Sunday, August 17, from noon to 2 p.m. This lunch event will include cheese and veggie pizza and soft drinks (dine in only).

This event supports hungry individuals and families through the JFCS Food Pantry and the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund, which are both vital services working hand-in-hand to help our community.

One in seven Kentuckians rely on a food bank to provide or supplement the food in their households. Of those who visit food pantries, more than a third have had to choose between buying food and paying utility bills. The JFCS Food Pantry helps the agency's clients to eliminate those hard decisions and focus on what is best for their families.



Tickets for adults are \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. Children ages 4 to 12 are only \$5. Ages 3 and under eat free.

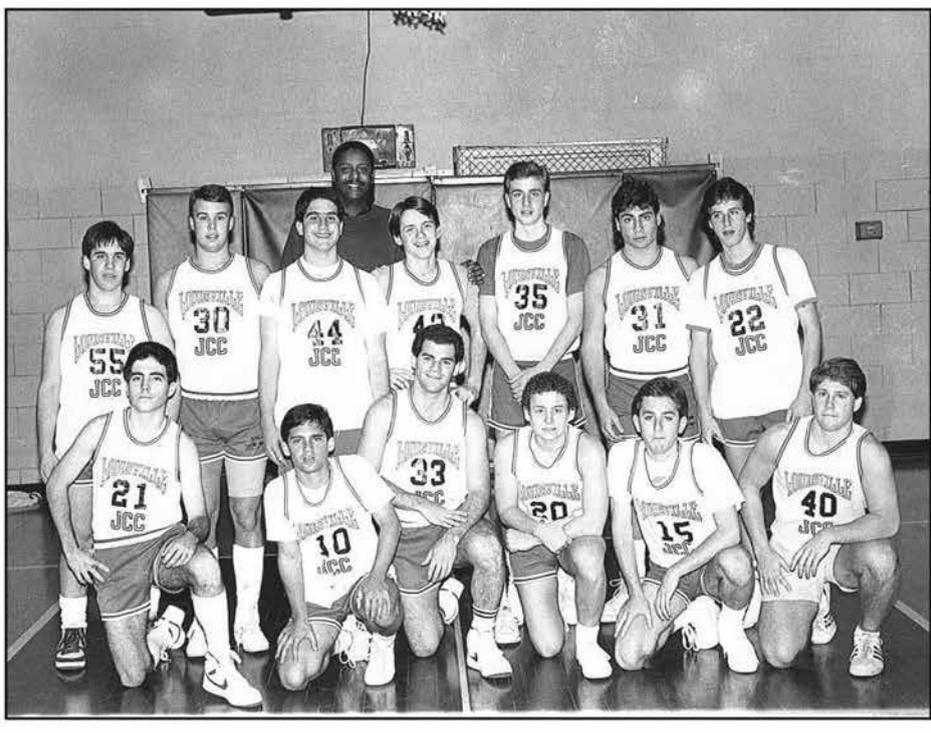
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For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103.

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: September 7, 2014, 2 p.m. • JCC Board Room
Next meeting will be August 10, 2014, 2 p.m. • Senior Adult Lounge

Frank Weisberg, Chair



Support Groups at JFCS

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

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

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

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

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

Diabetes Support Group
On hiatus until September 2014
Contact Mauri Malka, ext. 250.

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

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

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

Wedding Section

In Polish City, a Wedding Celebrates Jewish Rediscovery and Revival

by Ruth Ellen Gruber

WROCLAW, Poland, June 24, 2014 (JTA) – When Katka Reszke and Slawomir Grunberg tied the knot at the historic White Stork synagogue in this southwestern Polish city, they were determined that the occasion would be more than just a wedding.

They wanted it to be a symbol of how thousands of Polish Jews – like themselves – have found their way back to Judaism and Jewish identity.

The couple, who are based in New York but spend part of each year in their native Poland, also wanted the ceremony – the first religious Jewish wedding in Wroclaw in 14 years – to be a learning experience for both local Jews and non-Jews.

To this end, they opened the June 22 ceremony to everyone in the city and turned their nuptials into an hours-long, open-air public event with klezmer bands, kosher food, two officiating Orthodox rabbis and loudspeaker explanations of each step in the traditional wedding ritual.

“Jewish community members told us that they had never been to a Jewish wedding, so we made it into a sort of festival,” said Reszke, 35, an outgoing woman with spiky reddish hair who was born and grew up in Wroclaw. “By explaining the wedding to everyone, we’re trying to break down the mystery that separates people.”

The couple’s personal histories drove their desire to make a statement and vividly reflect the complex dilemmas of post-Holocaust and post-communist Jewish experience in Poland.

Reszke is a photographer, writer and Jewish studies scholar who in 2013 published “Return of the Jew,” a book about the country’s post-communist Jewish revival – a revival that shaped her own life.

Since she was a teenager, Reszke said, she had felt strongly connected to Judaism.

“I had a hunch I was Jewish,” she said – but no proof.

Reszke earned a diploma in Jewish studies from the Oxford Center for Hebrew and Jewish studies, lived in Israel, obtained a doctorate in Jewish education from Hebrew University and underwent formal conversion.

But it wasn’t until last year that she learned that her mother’s family had actually been Jewish.

“My mom told me that her grandmother had confided on her deathbed that she was Jewish but made her swear not to say anything while my own grandmother was still alive,” Reszke said. “She finally told me a week before my book was launched.”

Grunberg, 63, is an award-winning documentary filmmaker raised by a grandmother who also rejected her Jewish identity.

“She used the term ‘Jewish’ as an epithet,” he said. “I learned that being a Jew



Bride Katka Reszke and groom Slawomir Grunberg, made their wedding a celebration of Polish Jewish revival, June 22, 2014.

PHOTO BY RUTH ELLEN GRUBER

was something bad, something scary – something not to be mentioned.”

After finding out that he was Jewish as a teenager in the 1960s, Grunberg said, “I did everything to reject this. I didn’t want to be a Jew. To be different in Poland in those days was no good – to be Jewish was worse.”

It was only after immigrating to the United States in 1981, Grunberg said, that he began learning about Jewish culture, digging into his past and “becoming comfortable” about being Jewish. Many of his films over the past two decades have centered on Jewish or Holocaust themes.

Reszke noted the irony that growing up, Grunberg “was doing his best to hide his identity and roots, while at the same time I was doing my best to discover them. Today we are together and are celebrating **WEDDING** page 24

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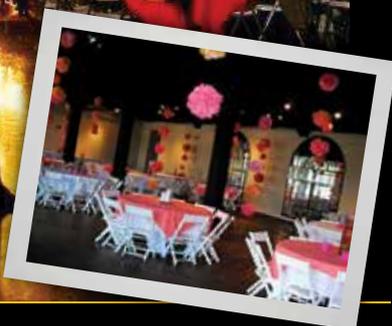
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ebrating.”

The two met more than seven years ago, Reszke said, when she contacted Grunberg after seeing a post on a Polish Jewish Internet site that he was making a documentary on Polish Jewish identity.

“For me it was love at first sight,” she said. “Now we are working on a film together called ‘I am a Jew.’”

At the wedding, hundreds gathered in the spacious courtyard outside the White Stork synagogue.

Poland’s chief rabbi, Michael Schudrich, and Wroclaw’s Rabbi Tyson Herberger officiated under a tent-like chuppah held aloft by friends of the couple on a raised platform set up in front of the elegant facade of the synagogue, which was rededicated in 2010 after a



Friends, family, the public and media crowd in front of the chuppah at the wedding in Wroclaw, Poland, of Katka Reszke and Slawomir Grunberg outside the city’s White Stork synagogue, June 22, 2014.

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An announcer using a loudspeaker system described the details, from the ketubah to the seven blessings to Grunberg’s breaking of the glass.

Before and after the ceremony, klezmer, Yiddish and folk bands from Poland, the United States, Italy and Cyprus performed on a second stage. Vodka flowed freely and cooks in the Jewish community kitchen kept replenishing a long buffet table of salads, herring and challah.

“It’s our big, fat, Jewish wedding,” Reszke joked.

Among the guests were Ellen Friedland and Curt Fissel, American documentary filmmakers whose own wedding in 2000 had been the last Jewish wedding in Wroclaw and, at the time, the first there in decades.

They had produced a film about Wroclaw and the White Stork synagogue, and they, too, had wanted to make a statement about Jewish revival by holding their wedding there, though the synagogue at the time was dilapidated and they brought a rabbi from the United States to officiate.

Friedland and Fissel’s wedding was an inspiration, Grunberg said. He and Reszke used the same chuppah as the American couple.

Before World War II, Wroclaw was the German city of Breslau, with its Jewish population of more than 23,000 making it the third-largest Jewish community in Germany. Breslau was a center of the Reform movement, and the renowned Breslau Jewish Theological Seminary was located across the street from the White Stork Synagogue.

The synagogue, completed in 1829, was not destroyed on Kristallnacht in 1938 because of its proximity to other buildings. But it was desecrated and used by the Nazis as an auto repair shop and storage place for stolen Jewish property. The Nazis herded Wroclaw Jews into the synagogue courtyard before deporting them to concentration camps. “We are celebrating our wedding in the very same courtyard from which Wroclaw’s Jews were sent to their deaths,” Grunberg said.

Wroclaw became part of Poland after World War II, and today, with some 350 registered members, the organized Jewish community is the second largest in Poland after Warsaw, offering a range of religious, educational and cultural programs.

The synagogue restoration was spearheaded by a foundation established by the Wroclaw-based Norwegian Jewish singer Bente Kahan. The building now anchors an educational and cultural center that also includes a smaller prayer room where regular services are held.

Herberger, Wroclaw’s rabbi, said he was sorry that Grunberg and Reszke would not be living permanently in Wroclaw.

Still, Herberger said, he viewed their public wedding as “a sign of hope and life.”

“It may have been the first wedding here since Ellen and Curt’s, but in two weeks we will have a bat mitzvah,” he said. “And I’ve already heard comments from community members telling me that they are looking forward to the next chuppah.”

For her part, Reszke expressed hope that her wedding could serve a larger purpose.

“Over the past 25 years, thousands have discovered their Jewish roots, but thousands haven’t,” she said. “A display like this may or may not encourage them – but it can’t hurt.”

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Choose a color scheme and decorations
Pick out attendants' gowns
Shop for a veil
Figure out about how many guests you will invite

Looking Back at Decade of Same-Sex Marriage

by Penny Schwartz

BOSTON (JTA) – Ten years ago, shortly after midnight on May 17, 2004, a jubilant Arthur Lipkin and his longtime partner descended the stone steps of Cambridge City Hall clutching a marriage license application.

It was a historic night of revelry and celebration, as Massachusetts became the first state in the nation to allow same-sex couples to legally marry.

Outside Cambridge City Hall, where reporters and television cameras from around the world captured the festivities, some 10,000 well wishers cheered on the hundreds of couples who had waited long hours in line to receive applications to marry.

Lipkin, a veteran gay rights activist, was fourth in line.

"We walked down, but it was really floating down those stairs. It just felt like a moment of immense joy and community celebration that we were part of in Cambridge," recalled the now 67-year-old retired high school teacher.

A week later, he and his partner, Robert Ellsworth, were married by a member of the state legislature.

The following month, Rabbi Emily Lipof stood with another couple under a chuppah in a backyard ceremony, marrying two Jewish women congregants from Temple Ohabei Shalom, a Boston Reform synagogue.

"It was wonderful, because they were celebrating each other and their marriage but also an important moment. There was an extra dimension of meaning," recounted Lipoff, who is now the synagogue's rabbi emerita.

Ten years after the first same-sex marriages were performed in Massachusetts, the national legal and political landscape has shifted dramatically. Today, 19 states and the District of Columbia allow same-sex marriage – two of which, Oregon and Pennsylvania, joined the list in May following federal court rulings striking down their bans on same-sex marriage.

"How much difference 10 years makes," said Idit Klein, executive director of Keshet, a Boston-based national advocacy group for LGBT Jews.

Klein said that the shift is mirrored in the Jewish community.

A decade ago, same-sex marriage had the religious approval of the Reform and Reconstructionist movements, but the Conservative movement prohibited such unions. Today, Conservative rabbis have their movement's blessing to officiate at same-sex marriages.

"It is woven into the fabric of Jewish community life, the way other simchot have always been," Klein said, using the Hebrew word for joyous occasions.

Select a wedding gown

Three Months Ahead

Consult with the rabbi about the service
Choose and order a ketuba
Start planning your honeymoon
Schedule fittings for bridesmaids dresses
Register for china and other household items
Finalize the guest list
Arrange for tuxedos for the groom and his attendants
Order invitations

Two Months Ahead

Choose the menu
Address and mail invitations
Reserve hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests
Shop for wedding rings
Arrange limousine transportation for the bridal party from the site of the ceremony to the reception

One Month Ahead

Obtain a marriage license
Make a seating chart and place cards
Notify the newspapers of your forthcoming marriage (Your notice should arrive at *Community* at least five weeks before the event.)
Plan rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
Schedule final fittings
Order the cake
Confirm final arrangements with band, caterer and the florist
Order thank you notes
Record gifts as they arrive

Three Weeks Ahead

Make arrangements with the mikvah attendant.

Two Weeks Ahead

Confirm reservations at the hotel
Give a preliminary guest count to the caterer
Confirm delivery of the flowers

One Week Ahead

Give a final guest count to the caterer
Buy gifts for your attendants
Choose a hairstyle that works with your headpiece
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Ann Huttner and **David Miller** recently visited the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia, PA, where Ann took this photo of David at the exhibit, "Chasing Dreams, Baseball and Becoming American," that includes the Omer Counter he created. The exhibit will be going on tour after this year's World Series.

In the July 11 edition of *Business First*, it was reported that comedian **Steve Hofstetter** will shoot his new 30-minute stand-up comedy show, "Laughs," for the Fox-TV network here in Louisville at his business, The Laughing Derby. The show premieres August 2 and has been approved for a preliminary 13-show run.

Business First also reported that Jewish Hospital has hired **Dr. Jeff Goldberg** as vice president of medical affairs and chief medical officer.

In the July 18 edition of *Business First*, it was reported that **Joanna Weiss** has been hired by FirstLight Home Care as director of client care.

Insider Louisville recently announced its 2014 Insider Watch List of emerging leaders, which included several members of the Louisville Jewish community: **Jonathan Blue**, the chairman and managing director of Blue Equity; **Jim Karp**, who, with the Blieden family, owns prime Louisville real estate, and is positioned with America Place Commerce

Park to take full advantage of Jeffersonville's River Ridge Commerce Park's strong business potential; **Becky Ruby Swansburg**, chief marketing officer for Stonewood Financial Solutions, and a former GLI executive who is organizing important efforts such as the Lean in Louisville group in March, which drew 150 women to its first event; **the Shapira family** of Heaven Hill Distilleries, the first entire family ever included on the list (which also noted that Max Shapira's daughter, **Kate Latts**, and her husband, **Allan Latts**, have been included on the list before) for opening the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience this year, putting downtown Louisville on the

Bourbon Trail map; and **Reed Weinberg**, who has taken over leasing and other duties for City Properties Group.

Correction:

The ad in last month's *Community* thanking people for contributing to the paper should have read, "Following is a list of contributors whose donations were received between May 21 and June 24, 2014. Donations received prior to that date were listed in the May 23 paper." We apologize for the omission of the fact that early donors were listed in the previous paper and not repeated which caused some confusion. We greatly appreciate all our donors.

Madelyn Blue Earns Belt Buckle in Western States 100 Race

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

For many an experienced runner, a 5K run is a piece of cake; a half-marathon is a bit more challenging, but still not a stretch; and a marathon – 26.2 miles or 42 kilometers – is the longest distance they tackle.

But for Madelyn Blue, with more than 30 marathons to her credit, a marathon just isn't much of a challenge, so on June 28 and 29, she set her sights on the Western States 100-Mile Endurance Run.



Madelyn Blue

The Louisville native grew up riding horses, "and when my horse got hurt," she said, "I needed a sport that was equally challenging." She began running and did marathons until she got bored with them.

Next she bought a bicycle and began competing in triathlons and Iron Man competitions until, once again, she got bored.

Trail running was her next choice. "It's easier on the knees than running on pavement." From there, she began upping her distances and entering ultra-distance competitions – "a 50 miler and a couple of 35 milers."

Getting into the Western States race was a dream she wasn't sure she'd be able to accomplish. Runners have to qualify first by completing longer races within specific times, then they are entered in a lottery which determines who will compete in the race.

Blue accomplished her first goal and

qualified to enter the lottery. She was one of 1300 to do so, but only 400 were selected to compete. When her name was chosen, the hard work began.

Known as the toughest 100-mile race, Western States starts in Squaw Valley at 5 a.m. and snakes through the desert, with the trail climbing 10,000 feet before coming back down. Competitors who don't complete the course in under 30 hours walk away empty-handed. Blue was determined to earn her belt buckle.

With Troy Shellhamer as her coach, Blue trained hard and planned every leg of her journey – what to carry, what to wear, what pace to keep in each segment, what challenges she would encounter, how her support team would track her progress, how to stay awake and energized enough to keep going and how to keep going when the next step seemed impossible.

During the last 50 miles, Shellhamer ran with her, coaching her, monitoring her physical condition and ensuring that she followed her plan and reached her goal. His blog documenting the entire race can be found at <http://troyshellhamer.blogspot.com/2014/07/western-states-100-pacing-report.html>.

She was successful, earning a coveted bronze belt buckle.

Blue is still running. "It's like a second job," she said. While the amount she trains varies, she runs at least two hours a day, and sometimes does it twice in one day. Just last week, she ran 82 miles.

"It's hard to put in words why I run," she said, "but it is a great feeling to be able to get up and run," and she feels fortunate to be able to do so, knowing that there are many people who have disabilities that limit them. "I enjoy being in a race and being with other people who love to run."

When she isn't running, Blue is a second grade teacher at St. Francis of Goshen. She and her students often undertake volunteer projects that the school calls service learning. Last year her students did household chores to earn money to support 15 endangered animals from the World Wildlife Fund, read to children, picked up trash among other things.

She also enjoys going out with family and friends.

The youngest of seven children, her parents are Bruce Blue and Dianna Schmied. She is a member of Adath Jeshurun.

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For more information or to see the schedule, visit jccloouisvillecamp.org, or contact Betsy Schwartz at bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2708.

Softball League Plays on Tuesday Nights through August

The Mickey Miller Softball League is wants everyone Jewish from ages 15-70 for its annual softball season at the JCC. The league plays on Tuesdays at 6:45 or 7:45 p.m. and the season lasts through late August. Please contact Jeff Slyn for more information at TravisLuxy@Bell-south.net or 426-5469.

Farmers' Market at The Temple

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The Women of Temple Shalom indoor yard sale is Friday, July 25, and Sunday, July 27, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shop for sporting goods, housewares, dishes, furniture, baby and toddler clothes, toys, strollers and high chairs, games and puzzles, books and CDs, lamps, and miscellaneous household items. All items are good or gently used condition.

Adath Jeshurun Plans June 2015 Israel Tour

A tour of Israel is being planned in June 2015, and will be arranged and led by Rabbi Robert Slosberg. The exact dates will be determined soon. For more information or to have your name added to the list to receive information, please contact Rabbi Slosberg at rabbid@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359.

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AJ Book Club Meets July 27

The next meeting of the Adath Jeshurun Book Club is Sunday, July 27, at 2 p.m. The group will discuss *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson.

New participants are always welcome at AJ Book Club meetings, and all meetings are held at AJ and are open to the community.

For information, email Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359.

Torah Study Offered at The Temple

Wednesday Torah Study at The Temple with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport continues throughout the summer; each Wednesday from 10:45 a.m. until noon. The theme is "The Many Faces of the Holocaust," a conversation about the causes, costs, and ongoing conflicts embedded within this most challenging moment in the modern age. Each session stands alone on its own merit and the class is open to the community.

On Saturdays, meet in The Temple's Fishman Library before the morning service from 9-10 a.m. to read and discuss the Torah portion of the week over good coffee, bagels, and other treats. This class is taught by Rabbi David. No registration is required for either session.

KI Has Special Kabbalat Shabbat Honoring August Birthdays

Keneseth Israel invites the community to a special Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, August 1, at 5:30 p.m. In addition to welcoming Shabbat, we will be celebrating everyone who has a birthday in the month of August. Enjoy birthday cake and the good company of friends and family. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public. For more details, contact KI Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

KI Honors Cantor Hordes' on Her 40th Birthday

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Jews and Brews on Wednesdays with Rabbi Wolk

Join Rabbi Wolk for "Jews and Brews," a one-hour class where participants study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary while enjoying a cup (or cups?) of coffee. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public. Jews and Brews meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. at the JCC Coffee Shop.

Coffee and Kabbalah

Chabad House offers a new series of Kabbalah classes every other Wednesday at 8 a.m. This month, classes are on August 6 and August 20. This is a unique opportunity for beginners to get a taste of the teachings of Jewish mysticism and caffeine both body and soul. No previous coffee or kabbalah experience is required. For more information, call Chabad at 459-1770.

Adath Jeshurun Shabbat Scholars

AJ's Shabbat Scholars program brings interesting speakers to the synagogue for informal presentations following the Kiddush luncheons. The community is invited to the next program on Saturday, August 9, at approximately 12 noon, when Brandeis University student Hannah Reikes will speak on "Book Smarts and Street Smarts: How Education is Judaism and Judaism is Education."

KI Mid-Summer Cookout

The community is invited to join KI on Sunday, August 10, at 11:45 a.m. for a mid-summer cookout at Keneseth Israel Congregation. Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, and other dishes, all in the good company of friends and family. All in the community are welcome to attend; food will be available for purchase. For

more details, contact Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

Children's Concert Featuring Robbo Is at Adath Jeshurun

Adath Jeshurun will host a children's concert featuring Robbo, The Blanket Kid, on Thursday, August 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the shul.

Robbo teaches Jewish values through songs that are uplifting and just plain fun. This event is for young children and their families, and light refreshments will be provided after the concert.

Adath Jeshurun Preschool, Temple Trager ECEC, Keneseth Israel Preschool, and the JCC Early Learning Center cordially invite you to attend this fun, kid-friendly event, generously sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

Free and open to the community; for additional information, please contact Melissa Loyd at mloyd@adathjeshurun.com or 451-3434.

Matt Goldberg of the Jewish Community Relations Council Is Guest Speaker at KI

Please join KI on Saturday, August 16, at 9:30 a.m. for Shabbat services, during which Matt Goldberg, Director of Louisville's Jewish Community Relations Council, will speak. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public.

For details, contact Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

Pizza for the Pantry

JFCS invites the community to come to Wick's Pizza on Goose Creek Rd. on Sunday, August 17, 12-2 p.m. for the Pizza in the Pantry fundraiser. Enjoy veggie and cheese pizzas. Adults, \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door; children 4-12, \$5; and 3 and under free. All proceeds support the Sonny and Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. Canned good donations

accepted at the door.

Free Concert at The Temple

A free concert, sponsored by the Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks Fund for Music, will take place on Sunday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. at The Temple. The concert will feature Shir Chadash, The Temple's intergenerational choir, along with Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks and Jennifer Simone Diamond.

Preceding the concert at 5:30 p.m., a Mediterranean dinner will be available at a cost of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Reservations for the dinner must be made by August 14 by calling 423-1818. No reservations are required for the concert.

Adath Jeshurun Offers Workshop Series on High Holy Day Preparation

Thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage for Excellence, Adath Jeshurun will offer a High Holy Day workshop series called "Getting Ready for the High Holy Days: Mind, Body and Spirit," taught by Rabbi Laura Metzger.

The series will be held at Adath Jeshurun on Sunday mornings, August 17, September 7, and September 14, 10-11 a.m. Free of charge and open to the community; for more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

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the music business, as well as how growing up in Louisville helped him in his Hollywood career. August 20, 5:30 p.m. at The Green Building, 732 E Market St. The event is offered in partnership with IdeaFestival® and its year-round learning division IF University; tickets are \$25 and include appetizers by Wiltshire Pantry with a cash bar available. Purchase tickets and learn more about the series at kentuckytotheworld.org.

LBSY Shabbat Is August 22

Please join Keneseth Israel on Friday, August 22, at 6 p.m. for a special Kabbalat Shabbat for anyone involved or interested in the Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

Rabbi David Feder of LBSY Is Guest Speaker at KI

Please join KI on Saturday, August 23, at 9:30 a.m. for Shabbat services, during which Rabbi David Feder, principal of Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad, will speak.

LBSY enriches Jewish education for families from Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel and Temple Shalom, with students from kindergarten through 8th grade.

All in the community are welcome

to attend; free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

Adath Jeshurun War Memorial Dedication Shabbat Service

On Saturday, August 23, following the 9:30 a.m. worship services, Congregation Adath Jeshurun invites the community to the dedication of a new plaque honoring our servicemen who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of our country.

The plaque is placed in memory of Fedor Fred Benjamin, Sidney Brownstein, Ernst Palm, Oscar Sessmer, Robert Stern, Stanley Sweitzer, and Daniel Wilson, who all died during World War II; and Michael J. Caller, who perished in Viet Nam.

Collages that highlight their military service and history will be on display at a Kiddush lunch following the service. The general public, especially all former military personnel, are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Arnold J. Zegart at 228-0355.

Mitzvah Day at The Temple

The Temple's Social Action committee has organized a community-wide Mitzvah Day on August 24, from noon to 5 p.m. A rally at The Temple at noon will kick off the day's activities, during which volunteers of all ages can pitch in to help those in need. Participants are asked to bring nonperishable food for the JFCS food pantry and used shoes for Water-Step. To learn more about Mitzvah Day, call Lark Phillips at 212-2035 or email

lark@thetemplelouky.org.

Interfaith Panel and Dinner at KI

Please join KI for an interfaith panel and dinner at Keneseth Israel hosted by Interfaith Paths to Peace on August 28 at 6 p.m. Guests speakers of different faiths will discuss their visions of peace, followed by a kosher dinner. All in the community are welcome to attend. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman, Executive Director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

Heroes and Heroes

A new class at Chabad House will enjoy kosher hero deli sandwiches while focusing on a wide array of Jewish heroes.

The next class is on August 28 at 7 p.m., when the Hero will be Maimonides – Physician, Philosopher, and Jewish Leader. Class will be taught by Rabbi Shlomie Litvin at Chabad House, 1654 Almar Circle.

For further information or to reserve your place, please call 459-1770.

Rabbi Laura Metzger Is Guest Speaker at KI

Please join Keneseth Israel on Saturday, August 30 at 9:30 a.m. for Shabbat services, during which Rabbi Laura Metzger will be leading a "Taste of Melton." Louisville's Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning promotes Jewish literacy in an open, pluralistic, egalitarian, and stimulating environment. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public.

For details, contact Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

Chabad Announces Annual Community-Wide Kiddush

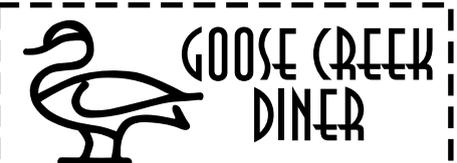
September 2014 marks the first anniversary of the Chabad House of Louisville, located at 1654 Almar Circle. Chabad invites the community to celebrate on Saturday, September 7, with a special Shabbat Kiddush, called A Taste of Shabbos at Chabad. An introductory Shabbat service will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will be followed by a Kiddush Luncheon honoring Bill and Judy Yesowitch for their dedication and commitment and support of Chabad and many other communal civic and social programs in Louisville.

Reservations are not required but are greatly appreciated. RSVP to Chabad at 459-1770.

The American Red Cross Needs Your Help

The American Red Cross urgently needs donors to help prevent an emergency blood shortage following the Independence Day holiday. We encourage platelet donors and blood donors of all types to give now – especially those with O negative, B negative, and A negative blood types.

Summer can be among the most challenging times of the year to collect enough blood and platelet donations, but the need for blood doesn't take a summer break. With your help, the American Red Cross can ensure blood is available now and all summer long to help save lives in our community and across the country. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to find a location to give and make an appointment.



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Jonathan Wolff Is Featured Speaker at KTW Lecture

Kentucky to the World™ (KTW), a multi-year series that features people with strong Kentucky connections who are known nationally but not often visible in Kentucky, will host Jonathan Wolff at an evening event on August 20, 5:30 p.m. at The Green Building.

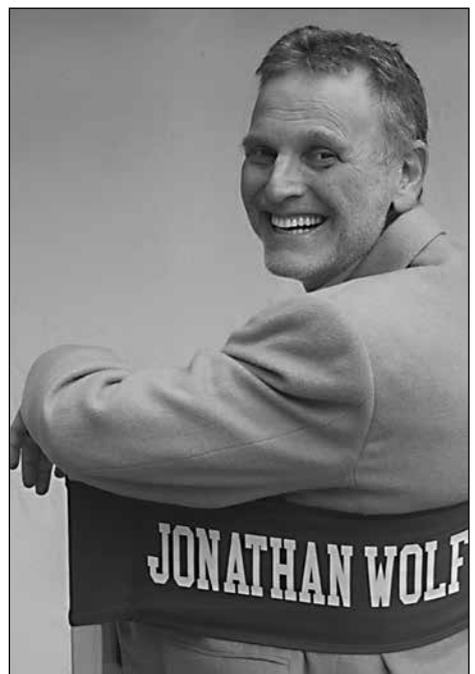
Wolff is a Louisville native and a legend in the TV music business. The Emmy Award-winning composer for 75 prime time series including *Seinfeld*, *Will & Grace*, *Who's The Boss?*, *Married... with Children* and *Reba*, has been named the composer of one of "the greatest theme

songs of all time" by *TV Guide Magazine* and one of "the most unforgettable TV sounds" by *Time Magazine*.

Wolff, who walked away from Hollywood nine years ago to return to Louisville, will share the inside, fascinating story of his journey from growing up in Louisville to rising to the very top in the TV music industry. It will be complete with Hollywood stories and tips on how he got the jobs so many others didn't. WFPL's Devin Katayama, an award-winning journalist who hosts the midday show, will moderate the event.

"Jonathan is one of the most unique and highly successful TV music composers ever. He grew up in Louisville yet remains one of Louisville's best-kept secrets. Many will be surprised to hear that coming from here in the early 70's gave him an advantage when he got to Hollywood. His story is just what Kentucky to the World wants to reveal with its programs," said KTW Founder Shelly Zegart.

A pioneer in his field, Wolff was one of the first composers to embrace the digital audio system ProTools, now an industry standard. He holds an impressive resume, which began with creating special musical material for episodes of popular shows like *Love Boat*, *Fantasy Island*, *21 Jump Street* and *Knots Landing* and eventually included 43 TV Themes and composing full-time for 75 prime time series. It was his quirky theme song for *Seinfeld*, which had to be reworked weekly in order to match the timing of Jerry Seinfeld's monologue, which propelled Wolff



Jonathan Wolff

PHOTO BY ISAAC WOLFF

into high demand in Hollywood.

A limited number of tickets for the evening event, held in partnership with IdeaFestival® and its year-round learning division IF University, are now on sale for \$25 and will include appetizers by Wiltshire Pantry with a cash bar available. Guests can purchase tickets for this exclusive event and learn more about the series at www.kentuckytotheworld.org.

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B'nai Mitzvah



Eli Benjamin Sherman

Eli Sherman, son of Karen and Keith Sherman and brother of Gabe, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, August 2, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple. Eli is the grandson of Davette Sherman and the late George Sherman of Trumbull, CT, and Joan and Neil Gordon of Pleasant Hill, CA. Eli will be a seventh grader at Kentucky Country Day, where he is a member of the tennis team. Eli loves playing tennis, listening to music, cooking, and spending time with his friends and family. He enjoys cooking for others and has participated in several projects at The Temple, helping those in need in the community. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Eli is raising money to help youth in the Louisville community be able to play and enjoy tennis as he does. Eli and his family invite the community to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah and Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Vanessa Michelle Golding

Vanessa Golding (Nissel Malka) celebrated her bat mitzvah this past May while visiting Israel. On Saturday August 9, at 9:00 a.m. at Congregation Anshei Sfard, Vanessa would like to share her celebration with her friends and family who could not join her in the Holy Land. Vanessa is the daughter of Rabbi Joshua Golding and Ayala Golding, sister of Rafi, Rivka, Sam, and Nathaniel, the granddaughter of Martin and Naomi Golding of Durham, NC, and Ithamar and Miriam Pollak of Petach Tikva, Israel, and the great granddaughter of Bertha Lovinger of Petach Tikva, Israel. Vanessa is a seventh grader at the Louisville Jewish Day School and likes to babysit and do craftwork. The Goldings invite the community for services, with a Kiddush lunch to follow.



Amy Jessica Niren

Amy Niren, daughter of Howell and Ann Glazer Niren and sister of Pamela, will become a bat mitzvah on August 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Shalom.

Amy is a rising eighth grade student in the advanced program and Math, Science, and Technology Program at Meyzeek Middle School. She is a varsity cheerleader there, and she plays softball for Hikes Point Optimists. For the past four years, Amy has attended Goldman Union Camp in Zionsville, IN. Other interests include anime, reading, science fiction, and music. Amy is the granddaughter of Charles and Marilyn Niren, Martin and the late Delores Gold Glazer, and the late Phyllis Glazer. Her family invites the community to join them for this simcha.

Alexander William Salamon

Alex Salamon, son of Beth and Michael Salamon and brother of Jack, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, August 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the Temple. Alex is the grandson of Su-



san and Peter Salamon and Michele and Myles Marcovitch. Alex will be entering the eighth grade at Louisville Collegiate School, where he is a member of the soccer and tennis teams. Alex has at-

tended B'nai Brith Beber camp for the past five years. Alex loves skiing, playing sports, listening to music, playing video games, and building models. Alex has participated in the Dare to Care Hunger Walk, the JFCS Family Mitzvah project, and has volunteered his time helping to prepare and package food at the Temple for families in need. Alex and his family invite the community to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah and the Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Abigail Rose and Eliza Jasmine Brodsky

Abigail and Eliza Brodsky will be called to the Torah as b'not mitzvah on August 23. Abigail and Eliza are the daughters of Mark and Sandra Brodsky, sisters to Wendy and Samantha Brodsky, and granddaughters of Saul and Marilyn Anhouse, Harold and Dorothy Brodsky, Patricia and Steven Lingle, and the late Wendy Brodsky.

Abigail and Eliza attend North Oldham Middle School. When not swimming, playing soccer, or studying Torah, Abigail and Eliza are members of the Oldham County Youth Soccer Association, Girl Scouts, JCC Gators Swim Team, and participate in the Teen Connection at the JCC.

Abigail plays on the NOMS junior varsity soccer team, is an avid member of the service team at NOMS called the Beta Club. She is a wiz at math and has studied Pi to over 150 significant digits. Abigail gives back to the community by volunteering events sponsored by the JCC's Teen Connection and summer camp.

Eliza is an incredibly vocal individual. She enjoys performing arts and has participated in various productions at venues such as the JCC, Derby Dinner Playhouse, and the Oldham County Center for the Arts. Eliza has been working with the Humane Society of Kentucky assisting in any way she can.

Engagement



Silverman/Suway

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Silverman of Louisville, KY, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Silverman, to Jason Suway, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Suway of



Marietta, GA.

The bride graduated from the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising, and is a television and celebrity wardrobe-stylist in Manhattan.

The groom graduated cum laude from Bucknell University, and received his MBA from Yale University. He is work-

ing as a healthcare consultant with the Chartis Group.

A fall 2015 wedding is planned, and the couple will reside in New York City.

Wedding

Friedman/Meehan

Sharon Meehan and Douglas Friedman were married at Raspberry Plain in Leesburg, VA, on June 22. Sharon is the daughter of Brian and Maria Meehan of Leesburg, VA. Douglas is the son of David and Kathy Friedman of Prospect, KY. He is the grandson of Sherman and Carol Friedman of Louisville.

Sharon and Doug are 2011 graduates of Virginia Tech. They are both employed at Exxon Mobile in Fairfax, VA. They make their home in Arlington, VA.

Obituaries

Steve W. Auslander, DMD

Steve W. Auslander, 69, of Bardstown, died Monday, June 30, at the Episcopal Church Home in Louisville. He was born Dec. 11, 1944, in Louisville. He was owner of Dr. Auslander Family Dentistry, a member of Kentucky Dental Association, Louisville Dental Association, the Flaget Advisory Board, and director of the Nelson County Community Clinic. He was inducted into the Nelson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in January 2014 and was a member of Temple Shalom.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lilo Behr and David D. Auslander, and a sister, Gail Auslander Zemon.

Survivors include his wife, Janine Auslander, of Bardstown; a daughter, Sheila Auslander Noth (Imre), of Chicago; three grandchildren, Alex Noth, Ava Noth, and Ike Noth; a brother, Michael B. Auslander, DVM (Lee Ann) of Louisville; an aunt, Ellen Bizer; three nieces, Alana Auslander-Price (Jon), Rachel Mather, and Marissa Auslander; a nephew,

Adam Mather (Martha); two great-nieces, Jada and Abigail; a great-nephew, Lewis; and a cousin, Lynn Bizer-DeMarco (Gino).

Barlow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may go to Ida and Bernhard Behr Holocaust Memorial Education Fund at the Jewish Community Center or a charity of your choice.

Albert J. Fuenfer

Albert J. Fuenfer, 93, passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 1 at his home, surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

Born in Chicago, IL, on November 29, 1920, 10 days after his family arrived in the United States from Poland, he graduated from Murray F. Tuley High School and received a BS Degree in Public Accounting from DePaul University.

In 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Force and was trained as an aerial gunner and radio operator. In 1944, he was assigned to the 490th Bombardment Group, 3rd Air Division, US Eighth Air Force, stationed in the ancient Saxon village of Eye, Suffolk, England. He was proud of his service in what would become known as the "Mighty Eighth," the most powerful aerial force ever assembled, and his wartime service to this country.

After discharge from the Army, he became a Certified Public Accountant in 1948, moved to Louisville, and married Doris Lorber Fuenfer in 1949. He was a partner in the Louis T. Roth and Company accounting firms for 57 years and a life-long member of Keneseth Israel Congregation.

Fuenfer was preceded in death by Doris, the love of his life and wife of 61 years, and his six sisters.

He is survived by his three children, Michael M. Fuenfer, M.D. of Marble-

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head, MA, Lisa F. Tessel and Julie Hung (Sekling) of Cincinnati, OH; and four grandchildren, Samantha and Emily Tessel and Jordan and Emma Hung.

He loved his family and his country and instilled in his children and grandchildren the strong moral, patriotic, and religious values that he demonstrated throughout his entire life, and this is his enduring legacy.

The family would like to express our appreciation to the many caregivers and physicians who attended to our father for their compassionate care over the course of many years, especially Drs. C. Russell Hoffman, Gary Fuchs, and Bradley Thomas.

Burial was in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation or donor's favorite charity.

Allan E. Handmaker

Allan E. Handmaker, 89, died Friday, July 4, at Baptist Health Louisville. Born February 4, 1925, he was a retired mechanical engineer and former owner of Raymond Meyer & Co. Mechanical Contracting and a member of The Temple.

He is survived by his wife, Naomi Golden Handmaker; his daughters, Amy Handmaker (Michael Doery) of Monroe, CT, Julie Sinclair (John) of Farmington Hills, MI, and Janet Hinkle (Steve) of Palm Harbor, FL; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Burial was in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements.

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

Irene Frishman

Irene Frishman, 91, died Thursday,

July 10, in Louisville, KY.

Funeral services were in Asheville, NC; interment was at Lou Pollock Cemetery, Louisiana Avenue, Asheville.

Stanley P. Wolff

Stanley P. Wolff, 66, died Friday, July 11, at Westminster Terrace. He was retired from communication sales.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Lena Wolff and his sister, Ann W. Roth.

He is survived by his sister, Esther Levitz (Arnold); four nephews and one niece.

Burial was at Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun or Hosparus.

Samuel (Sam) Jacobs

Samuel (Sam) Jacobs, 94, died Tuesday, July 15, at Episcopal Church Home.

He was born June 9, 1920, in Chicago, IL, to the late Meyer and Clara Jacobs. Sam worked as a manufacturer's representative for automotive replacement parts, sporting goods, and housewares, and most recently with promotional advertising.

He was a proud Army Air Corp Veteran of WWII, serving in the China-Burma-India Theatre, a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, a former member of JCC, St. George Masonic Lodge #239 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Kosair, the Duffers, the ODOM Club, and the CBI Association.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia Nudelman Jacobs; his daughter, Nancy Snow (Steve), and his son, Harvey Jacobs (Patricia) of Brentwood, TN; his brother, Morton Jacobs (Marilyn) of New Bern, NC; his grandchildren, Jamie Snow

(Steve Milder), Michael Snow, and Tim Anderson (Jenny); and two great-grandchildren, Abby and Benjamin.

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

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

Sherman Elias, MD

Sherman Elias, M.D., 67, died July 14. He was the past chair, Department of Obstetrics, and professor emeritus in the Division of Clinical Genetics in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University.

Previously, he was professor and Henry and Emma Meyer Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Professor of Molecular and Human Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston (1994-98), and the William G. Arends Chair and Phillip and Beverly Goldstick Professor of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Professor of Molecular Genetics at the University of Illinois at Chicago (1998-2003).

Dr. Elias served as president of the Society of Gynecologic Investigation, director of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, secretary of the International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis, president of the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, vice president for Clinical Practice of the American College of Medical Genetics, and president of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation.

He was the recipient of the Basil O'Connor Award and the Jonas Salk Health Leadership Award in Research from the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg National Fellowship Award, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Kentucky, and was named a University of Illinois Scholar.

He authored over 375 articles, reviews, and chapters as well as six books. Dr. Elias' work focused on prenatal genetic diagnosis, reproductive genetics, and medical ethics.

Dr. Elias earned his MD degree from the University of Kentucky in Lexington. He began his OB-GYN residency at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, completing it at the University of Louisville, where he served as chief resident. He served postdoctoral fellowships in genetics at Yale University School of Medicine and at the Feinberg School of Medicine. He was a Diplomat of the American

Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and of the American Board of Medical Genetics.

Dr. Elias was the son of the late Cantor Meyer and Rachel Elias.

Dr. Elias leaves his wife, Shelley; son Kevin Meyer Elias, MD, and daughter-in-law Josephine Elias; son Benjamin Artman Elias and daughter-in-law Elaine Parker, MD; and grandchildren Eitan Daniel Elias and Abigail Esther Elias.

Burial was in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to March of Dimes, the Jewish National Fund, or donor's favorite charity.

Howard D. Levine

Howard D. Levine, 81, died Saturday, July 20, at VA Medical Center in Louisville. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, worked as a pharmacist for over 50 years, and was a member of AZO Pharmaceutical Association. Howard loved fishing, building models and had a great sense of humor.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Kate Levine.

He is survived by his wife Deborah Klusmeier Levine; his children, Scott Levine (Sabrina), Todd Levine, Brett Marcum (Jennifer), and Whitney Woodford (Mike); his sister, Marilyn Niren (Charles); and 11 grandchildren.

Burial was in Louisville Memorial Gardens - West. Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to JFCS, Hosparus, Alzheimer's Association, or donor's favorite charity.



In Memoriam

Lilliana Szwimer

On the 20th anniversary of her assassination, we remember our beautiful cousin, Lilliana Szwimer, 22, killed in the Iranian sponsored terrorist attack on the AMIA (JCC) in the Jewish quarter of Once in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, on July 18, 1994.

Justice has not been served; the guilty are free.

Hans Bensinger and Karin Applebaum

AJSS Volunteers Spend Summer Here

by Niki King
Community PR Specialist

A group of teens from all over the country have recently traded in prime summer loafing time for several weeks of service work in Louisville.

The teens, from the American Jewish Society for Service, go to a different location and project every day, working with organizations like YouthBuild Louisville and the Franciscan Kitchen on South Preston Street. They will be here through the end of the July.

"The purpose of the program is to take Jewish teens and send them out into communities across the country and be able to perform voluntary acts of service," Mara Herling, Project Director, told a reporter from WDRB.

AJSS has been sending teens to Louisville every summer since 2011. Since then, they've worked to rehabilitate Smoketown, tutor at-risk youth working to earn their GED, and help WaterStep and Youthbuild.

AJSS chose Louisville because of a relationship with Matt Goldberg, director of the Jewish Community Relations

Council. Goldberg and his wife were once project managers for AJSS, which is based out of Bethesda, MD, and he's maintained contact ever since.

Goldberg told the executive director, "If you ever want to come to Louisville, let me know." The group took him up on the offer. They have stayed at Keneseth Israel the last few years, using the JCC facilities to bathe.

"This summer I was really interested in trying something new," Ariella Levisohn, a high school senior, told WDRB.

Levisohn said it's been hard work but she has no regrets about spending her summer break serving and helping strangers hundreds of miles from home.

"It feels really great to give back to the community and especially just to be doing something with my summer instead of lying around hanging out with friends and watching TV," she said.

If you'd like to learn more about the teens activities while in Louisville, you can go to <http://ajss.org/2014/07/life-in-louisville-week-1/> where they keep a detailed, day-by-day online journal.

"It really is a great organization," Goldberg said.

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D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Chaim Litvin
Special to Community

As I write these words, many of us have one eye on the news streaming in from Israel. Today, a group of terrorists were found as they came through a tunnel with numerous deadly weapons including RPGs and other heavy artillery intent upon infiltrating and terrorizing a Jewish city.



Rabbi Chaim Litvin

A few days ago, the Hamas terrorist group issued false missile warnings hoping to send terrorists into bomb shelters in Tel Aviv to murder civilians gathered there. Daily, there have been rockets coming, mainly from Gaza but some from Lebanon, Syria and even the Sinai.

Of course, we are thankful to G-d for

His protection and to the army for their vigilance – but, when will it stop? When will there be peace? What can WE do to bring that long-awaited peace closer.

We are now in the midst of the period of the year known as “The Three Weeks.” This is the time that commemorates the destruction of the first and second Holy Temples in Jerusalem by our enemies and the exile of our people from our eternal homeland. How could G-d have allowed such a terrible thing to occur?

The Sages explain that prior to the destruction of the Temple, our people lost their feelings of respect for one another. All feelings grew among our people. It got so bad that there was a feeling of baseless unwarranted hatred between Jews. When G-d saw this, He was so disappointed that He sort of just backed away.

Still G-d did not allow our enemies to destroy us, but only to destroy the building which symbolized our special status and closeness to Him. We were exiled across the world with a mission to make the world a better place and to be a light unto the nations.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe taught, “If unwarranted hatred is what caused the destruction of the Temple, then it will take unwarranted love to become deserving

of the Temple once more.” Acts of kindness, respect, love and friendship are exactly what will tip the scales and make us deserving of the Temple once more.

So what can we do? How best to remember the Yeshivah students that were kidnapped and killed as they went home to celebrate Shabbos with their family, or the other many victims? As is written in the Shema Yisroel prayer “you shall teach them thoroughly to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise up.”

In this vein I encourage the community to ensure all children receive a solid foundation of Jewish education. Funds are being allocated to secure scholarship grants for students in need of assistance in procuring a full day Jewish school program. These funds are in memory of Eyal, Naftali and Gilad. As new children attend school and study about Torah and Israel, the murdered children will be memorialized in the best way possible.

But that alone is not enough. Each person can help Israel by adding a mitzvah to his/her regular practice, thereby making us more deserving of Moshiach (the messiah) and the era of peace and good will that He will usher into the world.

It might be lighting a Shabbos candle or putting on tefillin, saying the Shema Yisroel prayer, or just finding someone in need and reaching out to that person with an act of kindness.

Every positive action we do brightens the world, just as a small flame can dispel a world of darkness the darkness every mitzvah we do dispels the darkness

of our world. Every mitzvah and act of kindness we do makes the world a better place and helps us fulfill our role as a light unto the nations and usher in the coming of the messianic era.

We offer prayers for safety and peace in Israel and throughout the world.

Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, July 25 at 8:41 p.m.; August 1, 8:35 p.m.; August 8, 8:28 p.m.; August 15, 8:19 p.m.; August 22 at 8:10 p.m. and August 29, 8 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi Chaim Litvin, a local emissary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

CHAVURAT SHALOM



Chavurat Shalom meets at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42. It is a community-wide program. All synagogue members and Jewish residents welcome.

Special Day, Wednesday, August 6
Chavurat Shalom will travel to Derby Dinner Playhouse to see *Mary Poppins*. Sold out.

August 7 No meeting.

August 14
Current events in Israel with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel.

August 21
“Tzedakah: The Abiding Jewish Value” with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport.

August 28
Happy Labor Day. No meeting.

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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.

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