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## CenterStage at 100

Artistic Director John Leffert (front) and the CenterStage Company kicked off their 100th anniversary season with a gala party. See story, page 9.

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## Altman Reflects Experiencing War in Israel

by Kevin Altman  
*Special to Community*

I have been back in the United States for three weeks, and was asked to write about my feelings concerning Israel now that I've come home and allowed them to wash over me.

Returning to see the overwhelming support for Israel that this community possesses is extraordinary, and I'll tell you why.

Israel unites us. Not merely as a community, but as Jews.

We grow up learning about the land and its legends. It is mythical. It is holy – the fields where heroes overcame impossible odds, the mountains where prophets communicated to G-d, and the days of glory when our people returned to win a country of our own.

Slogging through swamps, fertilizing the deserts, creating innovations to share with the world – and all within the storms of war in a region in constant turmoil. Israel is our nation. Israel unites us.

But Israel's detractors do not know this, nor do they care to know, because many, if not most, have never been to Israel. They claim to "read books" and walk into arenas of various sorts touting their radical nonsense, fueled by emotion and not reason.

Some may call for a Palestinian "right of return," or Israel's complete elimination, but they see nothing more than the real estate. They have not seen the Israeli



Kevin Altman

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## Hofstetter Headlines Federation Comedy Event; You're Invited

Have you heard? Something big is coming on September 14, and you're invited.

The Jewish Federation of Louisville knows that building community is more than raising money – it is getting people together to socialize, laugh and have a good time, so on Sunday, September 14, at 6 p.m. at The Temple, the Jewish Federation invites you to an evening of comedy fun complete with dinner.

Sara Armor will emcee the evening. Comedian Dave Goldstein will present the opening set and he will be followed by headliner Steve Hofstetter.

For dinner you have a choice. An assortment of food stations will offer you choices of pasta, tacos made your way and salads. And, of course, there will be desserts. A Vaad approved option is available upon advance request.

The full evening is just \$36 person or \$25 for those 30 and under.

Steve Hofstetter is the newly minted owner of Louisville's The Laughing Derby at Comedy Caravan and a long-time performer on the comedy circuit. Perhaps you've seen him on national TV, because he was host and executive producer of Fox Network's "Laughs," he's appeared on ESPN's "Quite Frankly," CBS' "Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson," Showtime's "White Boyz in the Hood," and more.

He's one of the top acts on the college circuit, hosted "Four Quotas" on Sirius

Satellite Radio and his "Sports Minute (Or So)" was syndicated on over 170 radio stations and published in over 30 newspapers.

Hofstetter performed at Comedy Caravan many times before purchasing the business earlier this year. He even brought his Jewish humor to a Young Adult event for the Jewish Federation of Louisville a number of years ago.

Dave Goldstein was the featured performer at Temple Shalom's Annual Dinner last May. He's made multiple appearances on NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and has performed stand up comedy on The Comedy Network, Sirius/XM Satellite Radio, the National Lampoon Radio Network and Comedy.net.

So treat yourself to a night of laughter and food and bring your friends along for this big Federation event. RSVP online at [www.jewishlouisville.org/funny-jews](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/funny-jews) or contact Kristy at 238-2739.



Steve Hofstetter and Dave Goldstein will perform at the Jewish Federation's comedy event on September 14. Sara Armour will be the Emcee.

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## Join the Jewish Louisville Hunger Walk Team

One in eight people in the world go to bed hungry each night.

One in six people in Kentucky suffer food hardship.

You can help put hunger on the run by participating in Dare to Care's 2014 Hunger Walk, Sunday, September 14. This 37th community hunger walk will begin at 2:15 p.m. at the Belvedere. The 5K (3.1 miles) route for walkers and runners will be enhanced by entertainment including live music.

A Hunger Walk Family Festival, 12-4:30 p.m., will bring added excitement to the event. The Festival will include the Stampede Against Hunger Obstacle Course for children and adults provided by the Stampede Series, a Kids Zone by KaZoing with inflatables, games and more. There will also be musical entertainment, free food and refreshments, and food available for purchase from four of Louisville's finer food trucks.

Aramark returns for the fifth straight year as the Hunger Walk's presenting sponsor.

The Jewish community was among the Hunger Walk's founders, and has always been one of its strong supporters. It was established in response to the death of Bobby Ellis, a nine-year-old boy who died on Thanksgiving Eve in 1969. That movement led to the beginning of Dare to Care over 40 years ago and grew into a movement that formed The Hunger Walk in 1978.

The Jewish Community Relations Council urges members of the Jewish community to sign up as part of the Jewish Louisville team.

Registration is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth 18 and under. With online registration, individuals can also seek their own sponsors to increase their impact on the fight against hunger. Registration and more information is available at [www.thehungerwalk.org](http://www.thehungerwalk.org).

The majority of the proceeds go to Dare to Care and other local hunger relief agencies, including JFCS's Food Pantry, to fight hunger locally. A small-see **HUNGER WALK** page 11

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# JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director  
Jewish Community Relations Council

## Israel and World Jewry – A Strong Relationship

Since the founding of the State of Israel, there has been a symbiotic relationship between world Jewry and the state. Even before 1948, Zionist leaders from Ze'ev Jabotinsky to Chaim Weizmann traveled the world seeking support among Jews for a Jewish state.



Matt Goldberg

Additionally, Eddie Jacobson, the Jewish long-time friend of Harry Truman, helped convince the president to support Israel in its earliest stages.

Zionist and Israeli leaders have been nurturing the relationship between Israel and world Jewry for many years, and vice versa. The Birthright Israel program is an example of Israel and world Jewry working together to foster support for Israel by bringing young Jews to Israel to plant the seeds for a lifelong connection.

The recent conflict between Israel and Hamas has further cemented this relationship – both by design and unintentionally.

The Jewish Federation movement has initiated a multi-million dollar campaign (Stop the Sirens) to provide relief to the millions of Israeli citizens negatively affected by the war. In addition, the Federation movement continues to offer solidarity missions to provide moral support.

What I find interesting, is the perception in the world that world Jewry and Israel are one and the same, manifested

in horrible ways.

Anti-Semitic incidents around the world have spiked in recent weeks because of the conflict in Gaza. Rioters in France did not head to the Israeli embassy; they attacked synagogues and Jewish-owned businesses.

Rabbis have been severely attacked throughout Europe, and even here in the United States. In Great Britain, a supermarket removed kosher food from its shelves to avoid a boycott – not just Israeli products.

In Turkey, a government supported newspaper actually called on that country's Jews to apologize on behalf of Israel for the continuation of the Gaza conflict.

We are looked at by much of the world as one and the same, the Jewish people and the Jewish state, and this fact will bring pride to some, consternation for others, but it is increasingly becoming fact.

Very little good comes from war, but if a closer relationship between Israel and world Jewry is one of its consequences, there is a small silver lining in this dark cloud.

## Worldfest

Every Labor Day, our community supports a booth at WorldFest on the Belvedere. Please come down and visit us!

WorldFest, starting next Friday, is also a showcase of all the different cultures we have here in Louisville, something in which we in the Jewish community should take pride.

Our booth will be dedicated to Israel – providing information that will show a different side of Israel than has been shown in the media recently. The news is filled with conflict – in Gaza, in Iraq and even Missouri. WorldFest celebrates our differences instead of exacerbating them.

WorldFest is all weekend, every Labor Day weekend, we look forward to seeing you there.

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# JCL Update: Painting a Picture of Our Community

by Stu Silberman  
President and CEO  
Jewish Community of Louisville

I hope you've had a chance to read about the JCL Strategic Plan in the July issue of *Community* on pages 8-9. Thanks to the input we gathered (listed last month) we've put a lot of thought into what our agency, and community can become if we all work together toward a common vision, which we've identified as: "Fulfilling the



Stu Silberman

needs of the Jewish community."

So what, you may ask, does that specifically mean? What kind of building will you have? How much staff do you need? What kinds of programs will you run?

Exact answers aren't easy. Even if we knew the perfect answer today, it would be different a year from now, and likely vastly different in a decade. Think about what it would be like to bring a leader of our JCC from 1955 into the facility today. It's larger, more complex, with all new staff and all new programming. Still, there are similarities between then and now in our mission and vision.

Consider that our mission is to help community members paint a picture of Jewish life that they can pass down to their children. Why? So when their children look at the picture, they remember fondly their experiences in creating it,

and want to paint one for their children. A picture to be proud of is the result of much effort over a long period. Each time the artist adds to the picture, it becomes more beautiful, and more meaningful.

Perhaps a family enrolls their child in our Early Learning Center. On the canvas, we begin by sketching in the rough outline of a mountain range. Then the child participates in PJ Library and begins to read stories with Jewish themes. Now we paint in the mountains.

During the summer, the child attends summer camp, so we add a stream, and when it's time for middle school, that child participates in Teen Connection, enjoying a scavenger hunt across Louisville in stretch limousines. Add some trees to the picture.

As the child approaches bar/bat mitz-

vah, there is the opportunity to volunteer at the JFCS Food Pantry to fulfill a personal Pledge 13 commitment and incorporate doing mitzvot into living Jewishly. Now we add some wildlife.

Add in BBYO and overnight Jewish summer camp and we have rocks along the stream and wildflowers. A Birthright Israel trip and dinner at the Sukkah with fellow Hillel students fill the sky with sun and clouds, and, well, pardon the pun, you get the picture.

The more Jewish experiences a community member participates in, the richer their Jewish landscape and the stronger their Jewish identity. It's not the specific program, location or even staff, it's the continual opportunities to include Jewish experiences in our otherwise very busy lives – and that's the vision of the JCL, made available to you through your JCC and Federation.

Through your contributions to the Federation, we work together as partners to build and sustain Jewish life in Louisville, ensuring that we are doing all we can to meet today's needs and to be prepared for tomorrow.

Sixty years ago Louisville's YMHA, see **JCL UPDATE** page 17

## Thanks to All Who Helped with 2014 Federation Campaign

"Thank you to all of our donors for making this year's Federation Campaign successful," said Jewish Federation of Louisville Vice President and Chief Development Officer Stew Bromberg. "Your continued generosity and support speak volumes about the Louisville Jewish community."

"I would be remiss if I did not also thank our volunteers, the champions of our cause, who have worked tirelessly to plan and chair events and programs," he added. "This dedicated group of community members make sure our programs are planned and executed and help to make sure we engage the community and provide opportunities to celebrate our accomplishments and look to our future with pride."

"A very special thanks to our 2014 Federation Campaign Chair, Doug Gordon," Bromberg continued, "who developed creative program ideas to corral the community in support of our efforts. There is no one in Louisville that can claim their love and devotion for this Jewish community more than Doug. It is an honor to work by his side."

Gordon will continue to provide leadership and creativity to the Campaign in 2015, as he has agreed to chair the upcoming Campaign.



## HOWEVER WE IDENTIFY AS JEWS, WE MUST STAND TOGETHER WITH ISRAEL.

With the crisis in Israel foremost in our minds, this Rosh Hashana takes on an even deeper significance. And so does our unity.

Because no matter how we may label ourselves—we are all Jews. That's what matters. Now more than ever.

So this Rosh Hashana, let's make it a sweeter new year by standing together. You can do that by giving generously to Federation. Your gift helps support our brothers and sisters in Israel and around the world while keeping our own community strong and moving forward.

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# BGS Members Invited to Bagels and Bloody Marys Event

By definition, Ben Gurion Society members are young leaders in the community. Age 45 or under, they realize that they must volunteer and participate in the community. They also demonstrate their support through gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Federation Campaign.

On Sunday, September 7, at 9:30 a.m. (or after they drop children off for re-

ligious school), all Ben Gurion Society members and anyone interested in learning more about the Ben Gurion Society are invited to Bagels and Bloody Marys, for brunch, drinks and a conversation with Jewish Community of Louisville Board Chair Karen Abrams.

Abrams will provide an update on the JCL and there will be plenty of time for those in attendance to ask questions and

learn about the areas of interest to them.

The program will be held at the home of Ben Gurion Chairs Beth and Michael Salamon. The address will be provided when you make your reservation by contacting Kristy Benefield, 238-2739 or [kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org). Babysitting will be provided for children not in Sunday School upon advance request.

## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Doctors' Ball to Honor Six Physicians and Leaders

by Barbara Myerson Katz  
*KentuckyOne*

For 19 years, the annual Doctors' Ball, hosted by the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation, part of KentuckyOne Health, has honored the service of area physicians and community leaders. This year's event is planned for October 18, at the Marriott Louisville Downtown.

The 2014 Doctors' Ball will recognize some of the area's most innovative and caring doctors and community leaders including: Ardis Hoven, M.D., Ephraim McDowell Physician of the Year; Marie and Ron Abrams, Community Leaders of the Year; Roberto Bolli, M.D., Excellence in Research; Morton Kasden, M.D., Excellence in Education; and Rosemary Ouseph, M.D., Compassionate Physician Award.

The black-tie event will include cocktails and silent auction beginning at 6:30 p.m., then dinner and an awards ceremony at 8 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by Body & Soul. Tickets are \$250 each. To purchase tickets to the Doctors' Ball, visit [kentuckyonehealth.org/DoctorsBall](http://kentuckyonehealth.org/DoctorsBall) or call 502.587.4596.



**Ron and Marie Abrams**

Over many years, the Abrams have been leaders in the Jewish and general communities, acting on their passion for health care, education, juvenile justice, religious freedom and civil rights. Their leadership reflects the loyalty, tenacity and affection described by friends and associates.

Marie Abrams headed the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Louisville Section, and chaired the Kentucky Commission on Women and Jewish Community Federation Community Relations Council in Louisville.

She has served as board member and national chair of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, traveling the world with Ron to meet with heads of state, including Israeli Prime Ministers Shimon Peres, Benjamin Netanyahu, and the

late Yitzhak Rabin; the late Yasser Arafat; Jordan's King Abdullah; and the late Mikhail Gorbachev.

University of Louisville President Dr. James Ramsey notes that Marie, an outspoken supporter of the university, will soon have the longest tenure ever on its Board of Trustees – 22 years.

Marcia L. Roth, Executive Director of Louisville's Mary Byron Project, likewise says, "If you've got two parties who are at opposite ends of a subject, Marie's great genius is to figure out a third way that they can both agree."

Abrams explains that, "You must begin, first, by knowing all the facts, and second, by respecting the person whose opinion you're trying to encourage ... whether or not they agree with you."

Roth followed in Marie's footsteps as president of the NCJW Louisville Section, and says Abrams demonstrates not just how to be involved in the community, but how to have an impact, teaching and inspiring others to do the same.

"That's where people of our generation can be helpful," Abrams says, reflecting on her long record of community service with her husband, "encouraging people to take positions of leadership for the long term."

For the Louisville community and beyond, says David Kareem, "The things Ron and Marie do, so affects the people around them, it has a ripple effect that goes on."

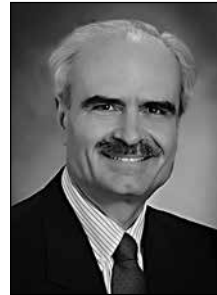
Ron Abrams served for more than 25 years on the board of Jewish Hospital Healthcare Services, and became board chair when the organization merged with Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital.

He has served as president of the Louisville Jewish Community Federation, president of The Temple, and on the boards of the Regional Cancer Center Corporation and Cardiovascular Innovation Institute, and Metro United Way.

Rabbis Gaylia Rooks and Joe Rooks Rapport of The Temple say Abrams's leadership in creating the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, where he's currently on the board, has, "transformed our community for generations."

Jerry Temes, who served on the Jewish Hospital board with him, notes that Abram's leadership of both The Temple board and the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare board came at critical junctures when each was grappling

with merger. "He's fair and inclusive," Temes says, "a good listener and communicator," able to help integrate sometimes conflicting cultures and smooth the course forward.



**Dr. Robert Bolli**

**Dr. Roberto Bolli**

Dr. Roberto Bolli has dedicated his research to saving the human heart. He led the SCPIO clinical trial at the University of Louisville, supported by a multi-million dollar National Institutes of Health

grant, to explore the use of adult stem cells to repair heart muscle damaged by a heart attack.

SCPIO has been termed "ground-breaking." With 600,000 patients each year in need of heart transplants and only about 3,000 transplantable hearts a year available, Bolli and colleagues sought a way to repair the heart and restore its function more efficiently than expensive and potentially problematic mechanical cardiac assist devices.

Mike Jones, now 71, was the first patient to undergo cardiac stem cell infusion in the SCPIO trial. In severe heart failure as the result of a heart attack, the retired Louisville building contractor was barely able to walk without becoming short of breath. Five years after receiving an infusion of his own cardiac stem cells, Jones' heart function has improved enough that he says he can now do just about anything he wants to.

As Editor-in-Chief of *Circulation Research*, the international cardiovascular research journal, Bolli also draws attention to questions that prompt clinical trials like SCPIO around the world.

**Dr. Ardis Dee Hoven**

Dr. Ardis Hoven says her career is defined by her work with HIV/



**Dr. Ardis Dee Hoven**

see **DOCTORS' BALL** page 15

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST 31-OCTOBER 7

#### Patio Gallery Exhibit

What I did on My Summer Vacation, textiles by Melinda Snyder. Opening reception Sunday, August 31, 2-4 p.m.

### AUGUST 31

#### Dive-In Movie

8:15 p.m. at the JCC Lap Pool. *The Little Mermaid* will be shown. Free popcorn and admission for JCC members.

### SEPTEMBER 1

#### School's Out Day at the JCC

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, arts and crafts and swimming. Theme: Down on the Farm. For more information, see ad, CenterPiece, page 3.

### SEPTEMBER 2, 6:30-9 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER 4, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Melton Adult Education Class

New semester begins at Adath Jeshurun. For information, contact Deborah Slosberg, [dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com) or 458-5359.

### SEPTEMBER 4-20

#### CenterStage Presents Chicago

\$20 each in advance, \$22 at the door. Set in the roaring 20's, *Chicago* tells the story of two rival vaudeville murderesses, Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly, locked up in the Cook County Jail. For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to [www.CenterStageJCC.org](http://www.CenterStageJCC.org).

### SEPTEMBER 4

#### Enemy of the Reich Movie Premier

6 p.m. refreshments; 7 p.m. film, *The Temple*. Documentary about an American Muslim woman spied on the Nazis and was executed toward the end of the war. Cosponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council and the American Physicians of Pakistani Descent. Free.

### SEPTEMBER 7

#### Bagels and Bloody Marys

9:30 a.m. at a private home. Ben Gurion Society (BGS) members will enjoy brunch and engage in conversation with JCL Board Chair Karen Abrams. BGS members are young adults, under 45, who make a leadership commitment of \$1000 or more to the Annual Federation Campaign.

### SEPTEMBER 7

#### PJ Library Rosh Hashanah Apple Picking and Story Hour

10 a.m. at Hidden Hollow Orchard. No cost except for the apples you pick and the honey you buy. For more information, contact Jennifer Tuvlin, [jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org) or 238-2764.

### SEPTEMBER 7

#### Teen Connection Limo Scavenger Hunt

12:30 p.m. For Jewish youth, grades 6-8. Lunch included. \$40 per person or \$20 for JCC members. Register online by September 1, [jewishlouisville.org/event/limo-hunt-2014/](http://jewishlouisville.org/event/limo-hunt-2014/). Contact Mike Steklof, 238-2774 or [msteklof@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:msteklof@jewishlouisville.org)

### SEPTEMBER 7

#### Louisville's Got Talent Auditions

2 p.m., JCC. Children ages 7-18 compete for prizes. Registration: \$10 per child. Proceeds benefit Acting Out. For more information or to register, go to [jewishlouisville.org/event/louisvilles-got-talent-round-1/](http://jewishlouisville.org/event/louisvilles-got-talent-round-1/).

### SEPTEMBER 7

#### YAD Political Event

5:30 p.m. Caffe Classico, 2144 Frankfort Ave. Meet and greet current and former local politicians. See ad, page 8.

### SEPTEMBER 14

#### Community Hunger Walk

2:15 p.m. \$25 minimum. The Belvedere. Help feed the hungry. Join the Jewish Community of Louisville team at [dareto-care.org/events/hunger\\_walk](http://dareto-care.org/events/hunger_walk).

### SEPTEMBER 14

#### Community Comedy Event

6 p.m. Federation presents Dave Goldstein and Steve Hofstetter at The Temple. 36 per person or \$25 for those 30 and under. Includes dinner. See story, pg. 1.

### SEPTEMBER 21

#### Louisville's Got Talent Showcase

2 p.m., JCC. Children ages 7-18 compete for prizes. Proceeds benefit Acting Out. \$7 for children 10 and under; \$12 for adults.

### SEPTEMBER 21

#### Doggie Dip

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# Challenge Issued: Raise \$120,000 for JCC Improvements, JHFE Will Match It

by Stew Bromberg  
Vice President and CDO  
Jewish Federation of Louisville



Stew Bromberg

When I began working in the Jewish community 24 years ago, I remember the executive director of the JCC telling me "things quiet down during the

summer and we have the opportunity to catch up." At this exact point last year, I mentioned how I am still waiting for the break, but I now realize that this is one of our busiest times of the year.

We have the 2014 Annual Campaign to wrap up, the 2015 Annual Campaign to launch, the unfortunate need to run an emergency *Stop the Sirens* campaign to raise desperately needed funds for the citizens of Israel who have spent their summer in shelters in the middle of a conflict they did not start.

Last month we alluded to a Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Challenge we received during their last round of funding. This challenge is in addition to their generous award of \$200,000 to be used to address deferred maintenance and infrastructure needs such as heat-

ing/air conditioning systems, new basketball goals in the lower gym, major locker room renovations (coming soon) and many other projects you will begin to notice around the JCC.

We had requested a total of \$440,000 to enhance the experiences, programs and services provided to the community. So, back to the challenge!

Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (JHFE) has extended the following challenge:

*If we raise \$120,000 towards the remaining projects on our list, including security enhancements, Health & Wellness improvements and updates, CenterStage facility improvements, Early Learning Center updates, and other projects by December 31, 2014, JHFE will match the amount and provide us with an addition-*

*al \$120,000 to complete the necessary upgrades.*

This is an opportunity for you to double the impact of your contribution. Let's meet this challenge together and create the kind of central Jewish address we can all be proud of. A place where all from the community come together, from babies to teens, from young adults to baby boomers, from theater patrons to retirees to be a part of the excitement and activities that happen here every day.

The summer may be drawing to a close, but the excitement is just beginning! Come make the future a reality by helping us meet the challenge. For more information regarding this challenge or other opportunities to contribute to the Jewish Community of Louisville please call 502-238-2739.

## JFCS Pizza for the Pantry Was a Family Affair

The third annual Pizza for the Pantry was held Sunday, August 17, at Wick's Pizza on Goose Creek. This fun event supports the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund at JFCS. A record number of 300 plus tickets were sold. Guests came with family, friends and colleagues, and everyone to enjoy steaming hot, gooey, delicious cheese and veggie pizzas and even cinnamon sugar delight for dessert.

This year a per ticket contribution will be donated from the Rabbi Stan-

ley Miles Discretionary Fund of Temple Shalom and Rabbi Michael Wolk Discretionary Fund of Keneseth Israel.

These funds will be used to help clients get emergency food, Kroger gift cards and cleaning supplies when they are in need.

Imagine falling on hard times and having nowhere to turn. JFCS is there to help pick up the pieces of shattered lives, help rebuild new education and career paths and connect people with resour-

es that will help them become self-sufficient and self-confident. The food pantry and emergency services funds provide a lifeline for those in need.

Dedicated members of the JFCS Food Pantry Committee organized the event and many served as the wait-staff and clean-up crew.

They include: Susan Allen, Ann Leah Blieden, Nancy Blodgett, Frankie Bloom, Dara and Michael Cohen, Melanie Fadel, Marcia Frank, Michael Friedman, Jan and Alan Glaubinger, Linda and Steve Goodman, Carole and Larry Goldberg, Zach Goldberg, Harold Gordon, Marcia Gordon, Judy Halliday, Bob Hundley, Lois Marcus, Maxine Mellman, Janet and Sonny Meyer, Sheilah Abramson Miles, Louise Miller, Jerri and Tom Passo, Tami Penner Eileen and Emily Renco, Jane Shapiro, Carole Snyder, Karen and Jay Waldman and Sara Yamin.



JFCS Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell communicates with a next generation pizza eater.



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# Poolside Shabbat Moves Inside until the Weather Clears



When YAD planned a poolside Shabbat at the Jewish Community Center for August 8, everyone hoped for good weather, but when the weather didn't cooperate, it wasn't a problem. The 70 or so people who came to the event just moved inside the JCC for the first part of the evening.

Rabbi Michael Wolk of Keneseth Is-

rael led a short, family-friendly, participatory Kabbalat Shabbat service. Bekie Admony lit the candles and Ronen Danino made kiddush and led hamotzi.

After dinner, the children enjoyed jumping in a bouncy house and playing games using the Sports Wall under the guidance of JCC Personal Trainer Sylvester Davis. When the rain stopped, there was still time for people to swim in the outdoor family and baby pools.

Bekie Admony, Faina Kaplan, Charisse Levine and Carol Levitch planned the event with assistance from YAD Co-Chair Keren Benabou.



## KI Congregants Enjoy Big Rock Shabbats

Keneseth Israel Congregation (KI) has hosted many Kabbalat Shabbat services since it was founded in 1882, but the one on July 11, 2014, was a first. A group of about 80 community members gathered for a pioneering Shabbat-in-nature program called "Big Rock Shabbat," an outdoor Shabbat service followed by a picnic held at Big Rock in Seneca Park.

Services were led by Rabbi Michael Wolk and Cantor Sharon Hordes, spiritual leaders of KI. Community members of all ages enjoyed the services and picnic afterwards.

The backdrop of Seneca Park was especially fitting. Cantor Hordes commented, "The mystics of Zfat in Israel in the 16th century used to take the term 'Kabbalat Shabbat' literally – it means to greet the Sabbath bride. They would go out into the fields on Friday night and greet the Sabbath bride. I felt like we were channeling the mystics at Big Rock Shabbat!"

The group who attended Big Rock Shabbat included KI members as well as others in the community; it was open to all and free of charge. KI member Leigh Bird said that Big Rock Shabbat represented "all the best qualities of Keneseth Israel: warmth, community, engagement, love of Judaism, love of being there for each other. There was a palpable family feeling – I wish everyone in the Jewish community comes out to our next one."

KI looks forward to hosting another Big Rock Shabbat on Friday, September 5, at 6 p.m. and the entire Jewish community is invited.

**The Temple, in cooperation with the Federation YAD Group invites you...**

**Meet and Greet with Current and Former Local Politicians**

Jonathan Miller, Former KY State Treasurer  
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# CenterStage Fans Fill JCC Auditorium to the Rafters to Celebrate 100 Years of Theater

by Niki King  
PR Specialist

With champagne, birthday cake, drinks and some outstanding performances, CenterStage, the oldest continuously operating theatre in Kentucky, kicked off its 100th season with a night to remember.

Some 300 attendees packed into the JCC's Linker Auditorium for CenterStage's 100th anniversary party on July 30.

The party was free and featured a full bar sponsored by Heaven Hill Distilleries, a giant birthday cake and a revue of the upcoming season with performances from *Spring Awakening*, *Chicago* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Historical photos of CenterStage throughout the generations played across a screen on stage.

Margaret Brosko, ombudsman for Mayor Greg Fisher, presented a proclamation from the Mayor's Office declaring July 30 as CenterStage Day.

"It's official. It's the law now," she said.

Councilman Tom Owen, a noted local historian who works in the University of Louisville archives, presented information about CenterStage he'd found in old newspapers, including the first play that CenterStage ever produced. The compa-

ny, known then as the Young Men's Hebrew Association Players, presented *Behind the Scenes* on April 27, 1913, at the old YMHA at Second and Jacob Streets in downtown Louisville.

"It was very interesting for me to see the historical arc, from then to what you have here now," he said.

Through the years, CenterStage has also been known as The Center Players and Heritage Theatre. Among well-known actors who have appeared in productions are Kentuckians Ned Beatty and Warren Oates. John R. Leffert took over as Artistic Director in 2000, gave the company the name CenterStage and has been instrumental in the theatre's success over the last 14 years.

"It's going to be a tremendous centennial year, truly worthy of CenterStage's history and legacy for top-notch community theatre," said John Leffert, CenterStage artistic director.

As the performances closed, Lenae Price, CenterStage Outreach manager, encouraged everyone to support CenterStage by becoming season subscribers.

"Did you have fun?" she asked the crowd.

A resounding applause erupted, answering in the affirmative.

Information about the 2014-15 season can be found at [www.jewishlouisville.org/centerstage](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/centerstage).



The Cast of *Spring Awakening* performed.



Barbara Myerson Katz, Abby Gordon and Sarah Harlan



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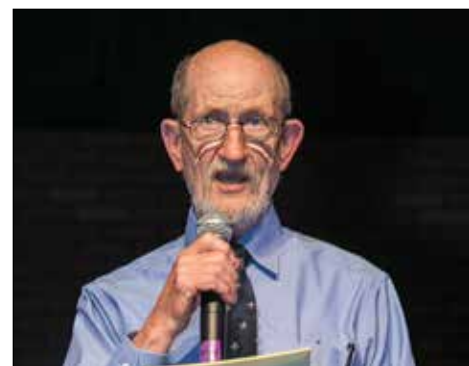
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# Hundreds Turn Out to Hear Israeli Scouts, Support Israel



Hundreds of children and their families from throughout Louisville gathered on Tuesday, July 29 to hear the Israeli Scouts perform at the JCC. The Tzofim Friendship Caravan, an outreach group, known for its campy songs, performed for JCC Summer Camp in the afternoon. Campers had a great time dancing in the isles and singing with the Scouts. A later, evening performance was added for families as a way to show solidarity with Israel during the conflict. "I

think people felt a real connection with the kids and thus a connection with Israel," said Betsy Schwartz, youth and camping director at the JCC. The Israeli teens did address the conflict, sharing personal thoughts and hopes for the future. The 10 Israeli teens and two madrichim stayed with the Schwartz, Danovitch, Wagner, Goldberg, Schulman and Koby families overnight before heading off to their next American city on the tour.



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## Remembering Leonard 'Leibel' Fein, 'A Great Man in Israel'

*Editor's note: The passing of Leonard Fein is a great loss to the Jewish community. He was a mensch with connections everywhere, including Louisville. Due to space limitations, Community cannot publish Rabbi Ellenson's entire tribute in print. It is, however, available online at [www.jewishlouisville.org](http://www.jewishlouisville.org).*  
by David Ellenson  
NEW YORK, August 18, 2014 (JTA) – In II Samuel, Chapter 1, when David learns of the death of Abner, he proclaims to his soldiers and all of Israel, "You well know that a prince, a great man in Israel, has died this day." When I learned of the death of my friend Leonard "Leibel" Fein at the age of 80 last Thursday, I thought immediately of that line – Leibel truly was "a great man in Israel."  
Leibel Fein has been described as a journalist, a writer, an academic and an activist, and he surely was all of these

things. However, he was above all, for me, an "echte yid," a learned and feeling Jew steeped in the values and teachings of the tradition.  
The first time I met him in person was in 1978, although I had already read a number of his writings and certainly knew who he was. Leibel addressed an informal conference I attended, and I was fortunate to sit at his table at dinner. He reminded me immediately of both Arthur Hertzberg and Arnold Jacob Wolf: He shared their politics and their intellect, and I felt with him, as I did with them, that I was in the presence of someone truly extraordinary. He laughed easily and was extremely easy-going and pleasant, speaking in an unaffected manner that belied but did not subvert the important lessons and messages – the challenges – he was sharing.  
I found Leibel to be like this not only during that first meeting but on every

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## ALTMAN

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culture for themselves, and how the state has striven to form a unique identity in the eyes of the world, with Jews, Arabs, and Christians living together democratically.

They scream their political ideals by the roadsides, and post anti-Semitic slander on social media. They hide their hatred behind the curtain of first amendment rights and scream powerful words like "Genocide" and "Apartheid" with no consideration for the actual meaning of the words.

To support Israel means looking beyond political dogma. Jews are introspective, and we develop our own personal connections by going there and seeing the Israeli culture for ourselves with eyes wide open.

So I have a challenge for Israel's detractors: Go to Israel. Go and establish your own bond.

Fear not, for this is not a message from the Ministry of Tourism, but you might be surprised by how easily accessible Israel is, and how warm the welcome you'll receive there is.

Most Israelis speak English, and so it is very simple to navigate the buses, the Jerusalem light rail, and the new commuter trains that run throughout the country.

To know Israel takes work, countless hours of reading, understanding, learning the language, and above all developing the kind of soul that may absorb every possible feeling felt when walking Tel Aviv's streets or camping in the Negev.

I ask nothing more of Israel detractors than I have not already undertaken coming to know Israel in my own ways. I've traveled from the North to the South – I hiked, swam, walked, ate, and many other of the usual activities associated with travel.

But travel to me is nothing unless you converse with the people you encounter. In my explorations, I found Israelis to be congenial, wanting to know my entire life story in the span of one bus ride from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and upon departing the bus I was invited to a home for Shabbat.

I met young people in the military.

## HUNGER WALK

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er portion goes to the World Food Program.

Dare to Care food Bank is a local non-profit agency with a mission to lead the community to feed the hungry and conquer the cycle of need. In 2013, Dare to Care distributed over 16 million pounds of food, including over 5.5 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables, to those in need in eight Kentucky and five Indiana counties. Dare to Care operates Kids Cafes in neighborhood afterschool

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Dare to Care also operates a Mobile Pantry that brings fresh produce and other nutritious food items to people in isolated pockets of need; through the Patrol Against Hunger program, provides nutritionally balanced food boxes to seniors in need in partnership with the Louisville Metro Police Department; and through Cooking Matters, empowers families with the skills, knowledge and confidence to prepare healthy, affordable meals.

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Some of the boys had not even started shaving, yet they carried their rifles and wore their uniforms with unconquerable confidence. One of my rides from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv took place on a Thursday night just as soldiers were going home for the weekend. Boarding a bus with 30 heavily armed Israeli soldiers, I had never felt safer.

So what is it about Israel that we love so much?

I think to be Jewish and to love Israel are one and the same. While others may disagree, hear me out.

To paraphrase somewhat Elie Wiesel's sentiments, Israel is above politics. It is mentioned 600 times in our scriptures. It belongs to the Jewish people and is much more than a strip of land by the Mediterranean Sea.

Israel is what binds one Jew to another in a way that remains hard to explain or define in our 21st century world.

When a Jew visits Israel for the first

time, it is a homecoming. The first songs we are taught in our Hebrew schools or Shabbats are about Israel and a promise made to our people thousands of years ago. Today, Israel - her sadness and her joys - are part of our collective Jewish memory.

Israel is the embodiment and testament to *Tikkun Olam* – healing the world – providing groundbreaking innovations in numerous fields. And one day we might dare to dream of an Israel that may be allowed to live in a region that accepts the Jewish State's existence, so that Israelis may spend more energy solving world problems and less energy worrying about the safety and defense of its citizens.

Indeed, we are beyond fortunate to live in a time where an Israel, *our* Israel, can exist. It exists for us, for the thousands of Jews who still experience persecution today in places such as the Ukraine and France. It exists as the re-birth for our

people, who have endured innumerable hardships throughout history.

Jews have a duty to support Israel in the name of the millions since the start of the Diaspora who lived without it, and perished wanting nothing more than to see a State of their own.

As we approach High Holidays, we will sing our songs and prayers to commemorate a new year and atone for the sins of the past one. Either in your communion to G-d, or in your silent moments of meditation, I implore you to think about what the nation of Israel faces today.

Hamas, Hezbollah, ISIS, Iran, Islamic-Jihad, the list goes on, but just as it has in the past, Israel endures – in so many ways persevering because of supportive efforts by communities such as ours, reinforcing Israel as our homeland and giving back to it in any way we can.

To quote Elie Wiesel, "If the only prayer you say throughout your life is 'thank you' then that will be enough."



# STOP THE SIRENS

Today the sirens had been silent for several days, but as Community went to press, they were sounding again. The situation is uncertain. Children who spent the summer in shelters may need additional respite days as the rockets continue to fall or they may need help to transition back to normal childhood. The elderly and disabled may need continuing assistance to meet basic needs or they may need help returning to their normal routine. There is physical damage from rockets that must also be repaired.

Help the tens of thousands of children, elderly, disabled and infirm trying to recover from the trauma of war and cope with the situation that changes every day. Let them know that they are not alone and the Jewish community of Louisville is there to help.

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Leon Wahba hosted this event.

# Passion for Israel Runs High at Fundraiser

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

When a call to help Israel goes out to the community, Leon and Helen Wahba are always among the first to step up and offer to help. So when Hamas launched rocket attacks against Israel and the terrorist organization's network of tunnels designed to disgorge terrorists and munitions directly into southern Israel, the Wahbas volunteered to do whatever they could to help.

On Monday, August 11, they invited a group of Israel supporters to their home for a fundraiser and dessert reception. Since it appears the fighting might be over, Jewish Community Relations Council Chair Becky Swansburg reminded those in attendance that this is now the time to begin rebuilding as there has been a lot of infrastructure damage. She also pointed out that children like her own spent the summer either within 15 seconds of a shelter or living in shelters. They need support and therapy to transition back into what childhood should be.

Kevin Altman, a Louisville college student who is active in Hillel and who was in Israel for a seminar and internship with the Jewish Center for Genocide Prevention this summer, shared his observations. "I wasn't expecting what happened," he said. "We had Friday morning off, so



JCL President and CEO Stu Silberman and JCRC Chair Becky Ruby Swansburg

we headed to the beach. Then we heard the sirens and all the Israelis were out of the water. We ran with them. It was the first time Hamas tried to target Tel Aviv." Altman said his dorm room was the shelter room – no windows and blast-proof doors, so whenever the sirens sounded, the other students flocked to his room. They were there for five or six nights for five hours at a time. Another time, Altman was outside a mall when the sirens sounded and soldiers pushed him and his friends under cars and buses. "You could always tell the Israelis from the visitors because the Israelis knew what to do," he observed. Once, a rocket blew up right over his head. "It sounds like a crack of thunder," he said.

"I believe the Israelis and the Palestinians do not deserve to suffer," Altman said, and he asked people to "find it in your hearts to give." All the money raised at this event and through the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Stop the Sirens Campaign goes directly to Israel for direct services and programming. There is still time to do your part. Go to [jewishlouisville.org/stop-sirens/](http://jewishlouisville.org/stop-sirens/) to make your donation.



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Kevin Altman, who was in Israel when the war broke out shared his story.



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# At Thank You Event, Women Hear about Israel and Learn about Herbs

On July 27, Jewish Community of Louisville Board Chair Karen Abrams opened her home to women who donated \$500 or more to the 2014 Federation Campaign for an herb brunch as a thank you for their support.

The women were welcomed by harp music provided by Devon Oser and treated to a vegetarian brunch that spotlighted the use of herbs in cooking.

In her opening remarks, Abrams stressed the importance of women's philanthropy and recalled some of the successful women's events from the past year, including the Lion/Pomegranate event with Rachel Cohen Gerrol and the baking event with Paula Shoyer.

As an example of how important women's philanthropy is, Abrams explained that the JCC Summer Camp has a new program, made possible, by the Federation Campaign and other community donors, including the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. The Yachad Inclusion Program enables with special emotional and cognitive needs to become fully integrated into the summer camp program. This summer, she said, it helped 21 children with autism, Down Syndrome, Fragile X, sensory processing disorders, cerebral palsy and other conditions to participate fully in camp programs and socialize with other children.

At the time of the event, Israel was under attack from Hamas. Cities through much of Israel were threatened by rocket fire and those close to Gaza were imperiled by Hamas tunnels that crossed

under the border giving terrorists easy access to Israeli communities.

Keren Benabou, an Israeli who served six years in IDF intelligence and earned the rank of Captain, spoke briefly about how it feels to be in Louisville when her friends and family are under attack in Israel. She talked about how her children were safe at JCC Camp and having a great summer while her nieces and nephews spent their time in bunkers, their camp programs cancelled because there were not adequate bomb shelters to protect them at camp.

With 60 tunnels found so far, Benabou said, "It's scary to think about someone going under our houses wanting to kill us."

A few days before the brunch, a piece of a missile landed on her sister's balcony while the two women were talking with each other. Benabou also said she had lost two friends to date in the conflict and an officer under whom she served was fighting for his life.



Keren Benabou



Master gardener Tomese Buthold

"Israel is defending the right of all Jews to exist," she said and called on those present to join her in supporting the Stop the Sirens campaign.

The highlight of the program was a presentation by master gardener and gourmet chef Tomese Buthod, who provided an overview of some herbs and edible flowers she likes to grow. She included interesting facts like there are over 150 varieties of basil and many herbs freeze well in Ziplock bags.

She brought samples of some of them for people to see, smell and taste; explained how some of them are used and grown; and gave people the opportunity to ask questions.



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## Louis Berman Is among the 2014 Inductees to Atherton's Hall of Fame

Atherton High School will honor former students at its 13th Annual Atherton High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame Banquet on Thursday, October 9, at 6 p.m. at the Galt House Hotel.

Atherton Alumni Association President Nicholas G. Gardner said, "Atherton has a long history in this community and honoring these distinguished alumni and teachers not only recognizes the contributions of Atherton, but also inspires future generations."

Louis Mayer Berman, class of 1971, is among this year's inductees.

At Atherton, Berman was active in student government and a member of the football team, for which he was starting quarterback his senior year.

Berman attended Western Kentucky University where he was freshman class president and an active member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity where he held many leadership positions including president in 1974 when the chapter was awarded the prestigious national John O Mosely Zeal Award for the best overall chapter.

After graduation, Berman sold advertising for WBKO Television in Bowling Green, then joined the Western Realty group where he sold commercial real estate and was one of its top salesmen.

Berman joined VanMeter Insurance in 1981 as an insurance sales producer, and in 1991, he formed The Forest Fund - a group of forest industry manufacturers who came together to form a self-funded workers compensation insurance consortium.

In 1999 Berman joined Neace Lukens Insurance where he was a sales producer and shareholder and was instrumental in taking the 14-million company to

an 85-million mega-company, among the top 25 in the country.

Most recently, Berman is a shareholder and leader for a six-state region for Assured Partners, the 12th largest insurance agency in the country.

Berman feels his greatest achievement is the mentoring programs that he put in place at VanMeter Insurance, Neace Lukens Insurance and Assured Partners to introduce young people to the profession.

Berman and his wife, Maribeth, live in Louisville. His children, Mitchell Berman (Cede) and Betsey Gibson (Josh), live in Bowling Green. He enjoys spending time with his family and at his farm, Bear Creek.

Other 2014 inductees are Jonathan Bryant, 1982; Chuck Dobbins, 1966; Kate Kirwan Greer, 1955; Victor Himbaugh, 1968; Elizabeth Kaspar, 1948; Irvin "Buzz" Kaufman, 1964; Sally Beckman Kestin, 1983; Ben Rogers, 1972; and Richard Taylor, 1959.

Since 2002, Atherton has inducted 149 teachers, principals, coaches and former students into their Hall of Fame including such nationally recognized alumni as author Sue Grafton, David Grissom and Lois Bewley, as well as Metro Council member Tom Owen and Congressman John Yarmuth.

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A portion of event proceeds benefit Foundation for Jewish Camp. Funding made possible through a generous grant from the St. Louis Jewish Federation's Innovation Grants Program.



# Kids Touched by Cancer Have a Great Week at Camp Thanks to NCJW

by Carrie Morrison Shoaf  
Special to Community

During one week of every summer, kids with no obvious commonality, school ties or similar backgrounds gather and become a cohesive group at Gilda's Club Louisville.

Once there, the seeming strangers have the opportunity to dance and be joyful, make music together, take field trips to local water parks, and have fun, losing themselves in the simpler joys of childhood.

The gathering has all the makings of a typical youth-oriented summer camp, but during this particular week, time is also set aside for cancer education, workshops on self care and healthy living, and unique "Ask the Doc" sessions, providing these kids, ages 6-12, a personal and open forum for Q&A with local oncologists about an issue that affects each of them directly.

Camp Gilda is a chance for kids affected by cancer to meet and make friends with other youth who understand what they're going through, said Jennifer Beasley, Youth Program Manager at Gilda's Club. This camp allows youths who are connected to cancer – either their own or an immediate family member – a chance to have fun while being supported, she explained.

On Friday, at the end of the camp, the kids organize a Camp Gilda Carnival, open to the public for all children to enjoy. During the Carnival, campers organize and offer games, inflatables, a cake wheel, and grilled foods. Donations are collected, and all proceeds are given to a charitable organization of the campers'

choosing.

"Cancer often makes kids feel powerless, so giving them the chance to help others really creates a lasting impact for the community and for campers and their families," Beasley said. This year, campers choose to donate \$1,200 in Carnival proceeds to Kosair Charities.

Beasley went on to say that the camp would not be possible without a core of dedicated volunteers. "Camp Gilda simply would not happen without the enthusiastic support of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)," she said.

"This year, our theme was 'School of Rock,' and our volunteers could be found dancing happily, as campers played disc jockey alongside DJ-Q from B-96." In addition to supplying breakfast, lunch, and snacks for hungry campers, volunteers ran the grill, and helped campers organize and run each of the Carnival games.

"Our volunteers were truly the pillars of our community Carnival," Beasley said. "A week-long day camp for kids affected by cancer may look like play to the casual observer, but the women of the NCJW know the hard work that it requires to keep everything running smoothly," she said. "They provide the kind of support and heavy lifting that make such an event for these kids possible."

When volunteers Judith Borinstein and Helen Wahba noticed a few years ago that food donations for the week-long camp were, at times, sugary or sparse, they offered to take the lead in the kitchen.

"I'm a nurse, so nutrition is really important to me," Wahba said. "Good, nutritious food helps build strength for all of us, especially if your body is



Ruth Gonzales, Judy Borinstein, Audrey Morrison and Helen Wahba

run down from stress or illness." She added, "When Judy and I took over the meal prep for campers three years ago, we began bringing in fruits, vegetables, and some of our own recipes. No more donuts for breakfast; we make our own blintzes for blintz casserole and spinaka in phyllo dough.

"Even if the campers have never tried something before," she continued, "I ask that they give it a chance. Nine times out of 10, they come back for more."

"Some even ask for our dishes if they come back the following year," she grinned. "We also give them special treats, like Knox Blox—different flavors of Jell-O cubes you can pick up and eat with your hands. The kids just love them."

Wahba, who is a Board member of the NCJW, said she loves volunteering at Gilda's Club and providing nutritious meals for kids in the camp. She said Gilda's Club is a phenomenal charity to support because it provides so much to people going through a cancer journey without asking for anything in return from them.

Borinstein agreed that Gilda's Club and the kids she meets there hold a special place in her heart. "When one volunteers at Gilda's Club, you definitely receive more than you give. The staff is so grateful, no matter how little or how much you do," Borinstein added. "There



Susan Gardner and Sandi Friedson

is a reason it is one of the best Gilda's Clubs in the country."

A mother of two campers expressed her sincere appreciation for what her kids have experienced through camps there.

"My children have been able to learn, grow, and mature with the assistance of fellow campers and the wonderful Gilda's Club staff and volunteers. These individuals have donated their time, talents and abilities to assist children who have suffered and survived or been on a cancer journey with a parent, sibling, or friend," April Auspland wrote.

"Lifelong friendships and nurturing relationships are being formed during these camps," she added. "They will remember that life goes on, no matter where the cancer journey takes our family and our children; life still goes on."

Judy Shapira is the chair of NCJW's Camp Gilda project.



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## DOCTORS' BALL

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AIDS patients in Lexington in the late 1970's and early 1980's. As an infectious disease specialist at the Lexington Clinic, she was one of the first physicians in central Kentucky to see the devastating disease.

Treatment improved, but when fear and misinformation about AIDS seeped into public policy, Hoven began advocating for patients. Her focus on health care policy expanded, and Hoven rose through the ranks to become president of the Kentucky Medical Association, and in 2013, president of the American Medical Association. It was a natural progression from a clinic packed with patients to the halls of the United States Capitol, where Hoven testified before Congress dozens of times.

### Dr. Morton Kasdan

Surgeon Dr. Morton Kasdan credits his mentor, the late Dr. Harold Kleinert, with teaching him never to give up.

In 1991, Stephen Powell experienced Kasdan's skill and tenacity when the Centre College glass artist accidentally pushed his hand through a window, and Kasdan helped motivate him following successful surgery. The artist regained full use of his hand, and says he owes his career to Kasdan, who became a friend. "I look up to him as an artist," Powell says, because of his approach to surgery, and to life, with skill, creativity and compassion.

About 15 years ago, Kasdan noticed that medical students weren't being taught how to hold surgical instruments or how to handle tissue, so he started offering weekly Sunday suture workshops at his home.

Now, about 100 students apply through a lottery each year for four to six slots per four-week session. The students learn not only how to handle a surgical needle, but how to handle themselves as doctors. Kasdan gives them his own printed "Advice You Won't Find in Medical Textbooks," which begins, "Professionalism does not arrive with your white coat; it is a behavior, an attitude that requires effort."

Kasdan also teaches University of Louisville medical students and residents at the Louisville Veteran's Administration Medical Center, where Chief of Surgery Dr. Earl Gaar, who worked for Kasdan as a college grad, also considers him a mentor.

"He's not just influenced me," Gaar says. "He's influenced hundreds of people." Lexington surgeon Dr. Theo Gerstle, one of Kasdan's original Sunday

suture workshop students, credits Kasdan with his decision to become a plastic surgeon. Of the trim and diminutive Kasdan, Gerstle says, "It's hard to quantify how huge a human being he is."

### Dr. Rosemary Ouseph

Dr. Rosemary Ouseph was attracted to nephrology because it enables a physician to do "total patient care." It's clear that what Ouseph means by "total patient" goes beyond an individual's physical health.

As Director of the Clinical Transplantation and Kidney Disease Program at the University of Louisville, Ouseph oversees some 70 kidney transplants a year, and is as concerned about the emotional well being of patients as she is about the physical challenges, which can include the potentially deadly risk of organ rejection. Ouseph is so skilled at handling the effects of any sort of transplantation on the lives of patients that she also works with U of L's hand transplant program.

Ouseph relishes the transformation of a patient's life when a successfully transplanted kidney can take the place of dialysis, which patients must undergo multiple times a week. "People are putting their whole faith that you will take care of them," she says. "Taking care of kidney transplant patients is the best of all worlds."

In 2013, the donors at Doctors' Ball made it possible to make a charitable contribution of nearly \$200,000 to the Trager Transplant Center.

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Donors made it possible to provide 68 scholarships to students pursuing college degrees in high-demand medical fields, and launch a Kentucky Shakespeare Program for children who come from homes shattered by drug addiction, violence, sexual abuse and chaos.

Charitable support enabled Jewish Hospital to unveil a new, innovative hybrid operating room, and to continue to bring science to life through "Pulse of Surgery" – an educational program that allows students to view live heart surgeries being performed at Jewish Hospital and interact with the surgical team via broadband link in real time.

Additionally, funding through the Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine furthers Jewish Hospital's hand transplant program, and a Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence grant supports pancreatic islet cell research.



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# McConnell Addresses Crowd at Stand with Israel Rally

## Evangel Hosts Gathering at which Christians and Jews Pray for a Just and Lasting Peace

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

The clear, smooth sounds of the shofar echoed through the packed hall at Evangel World Prayer Center on Thursday, August 14, welcoming members of the Jewish community and the Evangel congregation to A Night to Stand with Israel with featured speaker Sen. Mitch McConnell. As different as these two communities are, they are united in their support of Israel. This summer, as Israel was under attack, they once again came together for this rally. Pastor Bob Rodgers was the gracious host. Jewish Community Relations Council Chair Becky Ruby Swansburg delivered a stirring speech. "We should be gathered tonight to celebrate Israel," she said, but instead, "we're gathered tonight to stand with Israel," pray for and defend the Jewish state. Israel, she pointed out, "is under attack by Hamas rockets" and has a right to defend its citizens. "When rockets rain from the sky, no nation should be

asked to sit idly by" although that seems to be what world opinion expects. Israel is also under attack underground. "I often wonder," Swansburg continued, "if Mexican drug cartels were tunneling under our southern border, kidnapping US citizens, firing missiles at San Diego, Phoenix and Los Angeles, staging terrorist attacks on our cities, what would our government do? I assure you, it would not be the advice world leaders are now recommending to Israel." Israel's national anthem is a prayer and a hope "to be free people in our land," she pointed out, not a statement of pride and strength like other national anthems. Those present came to pray that Israel might be free and that the whole region might find peace. On behalf of Louisville's Jewish community, she thanked everyone present for standing with Israel. Sen. McConnell expressed his pleasure at being at an event that brought Christians and Jews together in support of Israel, and he reaffirmed his own strong support for Israel. For the Jewish people, Sen. McConnell said, having a country didn't end their challenges. Since its establishment, it has been under siege, fighting war after war. Israel is always asked to give up land for peace, he observed, "but reciprocity never seems to come," and he added that the United Nations seems to be a cheering section for anti-Semitism. Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said it best, Sen. McConnell continued – the Israelis use missiles to defend their people and Hamas uses its people to defend its missiles. Sen. McConnell pointed out that Israel warns the people of Gaza of an impending attack while Hamas forces its people to stay in harm's way. This results

in high civilian casualties for which Israel is then condemned. Israel should not be forced to accept a ceasefire before it is ready, he continued because a ceasefire is good only when Israel has achieved its goals: destroying the tunnels and Hamas' ability to attack. Israel left Gaza voluntarily, Sen. McConnell reminded his audience, and the people of Gaza elected Hamas as its government. In exchange for ceding land, Israel got a neighbor that used the materials allowed in for rebuilding community resources for building tunnels and firing missiles. "We need to stand with Israel," he said. The United States is Israel's only ally, Sen. McConnell said. He questioned whether President Obama and the Democratic leadership would preserve that relationship, as well as the wisdom of current American foreign policy. Sen. McConnell pointed out that he backs up his support for Israel with action and at the end of July, he pushed

through a \$2.25 million allocation for Israel's defense. The Evangel congregation took up a collection for Israel that night. Half of what they collected, \$5,000, was given to the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Stop the Sirens Campaign and the other half will go to their own social service programs in Israel. Other participants included Kevin McKnight who offered greetings, Cheryl Gough and the Evangel choir who performed "God Bless America" and former U.S. Representative from Indiana Mike Sodrel, Rabbi Michael Wolk of Congregation Keneseth Israel and Charles Shunnarah, a Palestinian Christian from a Palestinian family all offered prayers for peace. Shiela Steinman Wallace from the Jewish Community of Louisville led "Hatikvah" and Don Petersen sang "Jerusalem." Sen. McConnell's wife, former Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, was also in attendance.

## Annual Iftar Dinner Draws over 400

On July 23, the Pakistani Alliance for Compassion and Education (PACE) joined Interfaith Paths to Peace in hosting the annual Iftar dinner, a celebratory meal breaking the daily fast during Ramadan. The dinner was held at Second Presbyterian Church, and over 400 people of many faiths were in attendance. Dr. Muhammad Babar, representing PACE, spoke about how wonderful it was to see people of different faiths joining the Muslim community, and specifically singled out the Jewish community ... a timely reference in response to what is going on in the world. The official program had a musical feel, as Cantor Sharon Hordes led off the program with two songs celebrating

peace. John Gage followed with three beautiful folk songs, one of which he composed himself. The featured act was Shaikh Kabir Helminski, a Sufi (Islamic Mystical sect) cleric who sang and played music while a whirling dervish twirled behind him. Closing the formal portion of the evening was Terry Taylor, executive director of interfaith Paths to Peace, who recited an interfaith blessing over the food, and Dr. Syed Khader leading the Muslim call for evening prayer. A buffet dinner catered by Jarfi's capped this enjoyable and educational evening. Republic Bank was among the primary sponsors.



Sen. Mitch McConnell and his wife, Elaine Chao. Both attended the Stand with Israel rally, but this photo was taken at a different event.





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# Jewish Foundation of Louisville Awards First Four Community Impact Grants

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

This year, the Jewish Foundation of Louisville reinstituted its Community Impact Grants program, making available \$25,000 in general funds and \$11,900 designated for youth education.

The Foundation has reported that it has awarded the first four grants. Jewish Family & Career Services will receive \$2,100 to address Food Pantry storage needs. The Louisville Melton Adult Jewish Education Program will receive \$5,000 to increase its capacity to serve new and continuing students. Keneseth Israel will receive \$1,000 for its Big Rock Shabbat Program; and Temple Shalom will receive \$1,000 to provide family Shabbaton subsidies.

"The committee considered the impact these grants would have for con-

stituents," said Peter Resnik, chair of the Foundation Committee, "and is thrilled to be able to support these efforts."

In June, the Foundation issued a call for grant requests for \$500 to \$2,500 with a maximum award of \$5,000. The Foundation Committee expressed a preference for the expansion or enhancement of existing successful programs, but indicated that it would consider new programs.

By the June 15 deadline, it had received 13 grant requests which were reviewed and discussed at the meeting on August 11. Some of the remaining grant requests are still open, pending conversations between the committee and the requesting organizations to clarify details and additional grants will be made.

The committee evaluates every grant request on its merits and does not fund every request it receives.

## JCL UPDATE

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staff and programs were very different from our JCC, staff and programs today, although I suspect the 'pictures' of Jewish life would look pretty similar – family, tradition, friends, worship, education, recreation, responsibility for each other and Jews around the world, love.

As we continue to build our agency around our vision, we ask you to think about your own picture of Jewish life, and think about ways you can help others create theirs. Is it through volunteerism? Contributing financially? Spreading word about a positive experience to encourage others to get engaged with us? Some other way? Paint your painting for you and your children, and encourage them to continue doing so in the years to come. This is I'dor vador in action.

This summer, we rallied together in support of Israel as it responded to continuous rocket fire and an existential threat posed by Hamas tunnels under the Israel/Gaza border. We worried, prayed and provided support through the Stop the Sirens campaign. These experiences also added to our painting.

While we continue to hope for long-term peace in Israel, it's also time to add some new colors to our painting. Please

join us on Sunday, September 14, for a great event that will offer us the opportunity to inject some laughter into our lives, celebrate all we have accomplished together, and set the stage for even more successes. For details, see story, page 1.

I hope to see you there.



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## TEEN TOPICS



### Jay Levine BBG Elections

On August 11, Jay Levine BBG held their fall term chapter elections. The following people were elected: N'siah (President) Audrey Nussbaum, S'ganit (Vice President of Programming) Jessie Hymes, Morah (Vice President of Recruitment) Marnina Rose Goldberg, Shlichia (Vice President of Jewish Heritage) Becca Lustig, Mazkirah (Vice President of Communication) Laina Meyerowitz and Gizborit (Treasurer) Maddy Geer.



### Drew Corson AZA Elections

On August 11, Drew Corson AZA held their fall term chapter elections. The following people were elected: Godol (President) Jacob Finke, S'gan (Vice President of Programming) Alex Koby, Moreh (Vice President of Membership) Bradley Schwartz, Shaliach (Vice President of Jewish Heritage) David Hemmer, Mazkir (Vice President of Communications) Jack Grossman and Gizbor (Treasurer) Charles Bessen.



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- August 23**  
Abigail Brodsky  
*The Temple*  
Eliza Brodsky  
*The Temple*
- August 30**  
Zachary Gaston  
*The Temple*
- September 6**  
Isaac Blue  
*The Temple*
- September 13**  
Ian Ford  
*Adath Jeshurun*

- October 11**  
Kyle Roemer  
*The Temple*
- October 18**  
Joshua Snipes  
*The Temple*
- October 25**  
Susan Joels  
*The Temple*
- November 1**  
Tovah Frockt  
*Adath Jeshurun*  
Aaron Ogburn  
*The Temple*

- November 8**  
Avram Hiken  
*The Temple*  
Julian Shuster  
*Adath Jeshurun*
- November 15**  
Joel Gitter  
*Adath Jeshurun*  
Haley Ryan  
*The Temple*  
Rachel Ryan  
*The Temple*

- November 22**  
Andrew Stein  
*The Temple*
- December 6**  
Joseph Cohen  
*Adath Jeshurun*

- Brent Mannel  
*The Temple*
- January 10**  
Sam Greenbaum  
*Temple Shalom*
- February 21**  
Samuel Haines  
*Keneseth Israel*
- March 7**  
Elinor Vine  
*The Temple*
- March 14**  
Elias Jaffe  
*The Temple*  
Madison Monsky  
*Adath Jeshurun*
- March 21**  
Lauren Lanzet  
*The Temple*  
Eden Ungar  
*Adath Jeshurun*

- March 28**  
Ben Kaplin  
*Adath Jeshurun*
- April 25**  
Elana Berger  
*The Temple*  
Bradley Margulis  
*Adath Jeshurun*

- May 9**  
Lindsay Endicott  
*The Temple*  
Danielle Evans  
*Adath Jeshurun*
- May 16**  
Elizabeth Hemmer  
*The Temple*  
Alexandra Polur-Gold  
*Adath Jeshurun*

- May 23**  
Drew Goldstein  
*The Temple*
- May 30**  
Rachel Silberman  
*The Temple*

- June 6**  
Emily Renco  
*The Temple*
- June 13**  
Gregory Scianimanico  
*The Temple*

- June 20**  
Hayley Gould  
*Temple Shalom*

- June 27**  
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# B'nai Mitzvah Section

## Teen Heroes

# Zak Kukoff Trains 'Ambassadors' to Interact with Autistic Peers

by Suzanne Kurtz Sloan

**W**ASHINGTON (JTA) – Watching his cousin suffer both socially and academically from the effects of autism inspired Zak Kukoff at an early age to help other children diagnosed with the condition.

"I could see that [children with autism] wanted to be a friend but didn't know how to be a friend," said Kukoff, now 19.

For his bar mitzvah project in 2008, he enlisted the help of a psychologist to start Autism Ambassadors, a peer-led program that teaches children (the "ambassadors") how to interact with their autistic peers.

Using role-playing activities, the ambassadors are taught about autism, with an emphasis on empathy and compassion for those with the condition. The ambassadors learn how to model basic life skills such as making a phone call, watching a funny movie and going to a ball game.

After submitting a questionnaire, the ambassadors are matched with an autistic classmate based on personality type and shared interests. They spend time together doing activities and building friendships.

"I realized that the program could have an impact and make people's lives better," Kukoff said of his time as an ambassador to James, a former middle-school classmate. "That was the greatest feeling I ever had."

In the six years since the program's inception, Kukoff has worked to develop a curriculum of 1,000 lesson plans that are now being used in 35 schools across the country, as well as at numerous summer camps, community centers and houses of worship. Sage Publications published the lesson plans recently as "The Autism Ambassadors' Handbook."

Kukoff, who grew up in Southern California, received the DillerTeen Tikkun Olam Award in 2012 for Autism Ambassadors.

This summer he is working as an intern at a consulting firm in New York City, having just finished his freshman year at New York University.

Of Autism Ambassadors, Kukoff said, "My hope is that it makes itself not needed and that all kids have an equal opportunity to be successful socially and academically."

JTA spoke with Kukoff about his biggest life influences, his advice for other teens starting a nonprofit and the lengthy presidential biography he just finished reading.

**JTA: Who or what have been the biggest influences in your life?**

**Kukoff:** My family has been the single biggest influence. I've been very lucky and blessed because they taught me about tikkun olam and giving back.

**Can you share with us a meaningful Jewish experience that you've had?**

I participated and led a student group called Havurah at the Bronfman Center at NYU this year. It was a phenomenal experience to see students leading students in Judaic studies.

**What's your favorite Jewish holiday?**

Sukkot. In my home, we have people over for dinner every night in the sukkah. It's a week of seeing people you don't see much of during the year and a chance to reconnect with a lot of different people.

**If you could have lunch or coffee with anyone and tell him or her about Autism Ambassadors, who would it be?**

Michael J. Fox because of what he has

done with Parkinson's disease research. I'd hope to learn something new about building a nonprofit.

**What advice would you give to other teens interested in starting a nonprofit?**

It's very easy to assume that everybody cares about your issue. It took me a while to learn that the most important thing is to get others to buy into your vision. Focus on building a team of evangelists who believe in your vision. Those are the folks who will make your [nonprofit] a success.

**What kind of things do you like to do for fun?**

I'm a huge, huge reader. I just finished [the four-volume series] "The Years of Lyndon Johnson" by Robert Caro. I also like hanging out with my friends and things that are engaging and intellectually stimulating.

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## Timeline Can Serve as a Planning Guide for Your Child's Simcha

Planning for a bar/bat mitzvah can be a real challenge. Community offers this timeline to help you with your planning.

### One to Two Years Ahead

Set the date of the bar/bat mitzvah with your synagogue. (Many rabbis like to set the date even earlier.)

Reserve the hall for a kiddush after services.

### One Year Ahead

Set a budget.

Reserve a place for the reception.

Reserve the entertainment.

Child begins study with the Rabbi.

Contact the Jewish community Federation's Foundation for Planned Giving for information about the B'nai Tzedek program, 451-8840.

### Six to Eight Months Ahead

Choose a caterer, florist and photographer.

Choose a theme and decorations.

Figure out about how many guests to invite.

Contact Jewish Family and Vocational Service about the Pledge 13 program, 452-6341.

### Three Months Ahead

Finalize the guest list.

Order invitations, napkins, kippot, etc.

Plan and reserve a location for Friday night dinner (if applicable).

Shop for clothing.

Reserve hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests. (If you have a holiday weekend, or Derby Festival time for your event, you might want to do this even sooner).

### Two Months Ahead

Choose the menu.

Address and mail invitations.

Plan Sunday brunch (If applicable).

### One Month Ahead

Arrange aliyot. (The honor of reciting the blessings before and after the Torah reading).

Meet with the rabbi.

Make a seating chart and place cards.

Send the announcement to the Community.

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Order the cake.

Arrange table skirting.

Confirm final arrangements with the band, caterer and the florist. Order thank you notes.

Purchase tallit and tefillin.

Make arrangements with the pianist (if applicable).

### Two Weeks Ahead

Confirm the hotel.

Give a preliminary guest count to the caterer.

Send honorary gift to the synagogue.

Confirm delivery of the flowers.

Prepare your remarks to the bar/bat mitzvah.

### One Week Ahead

Give a final guest count to the caterer.

Review arrangements for getting out-of-town guests from the airport to the hotel.

Purchase party favors.

Have a final rehearsal of the speech and Torah portion with your rabbi.



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## B'nai Mitzvah Section

### Teen Heroes

## Nicholas Lowinger Is Filling Big Shoes – and Little Ones

by Suzanne Kurtz Sloan

**W**ASHINGTON (JTA) – Nicholas Lowinger was five years old when his mother took him to play with some children living in a nearby Rhode Island homeless shelter.

Despite being so young, he soon noticed that many of the children were wearing shoes that were either too big or too small, were falling apart or had to be shared with someone else.

"I knew I had to do something more," Lowinger said, recalling how he donated his own gently worn shoes.

In 2010, Lowinger had his chance when tasked with coming up with a service project in preparation for his bar mitzvah.

He started raising money and collecting new footwear to donate to children living in local shelters. His efforts would evolve into a volunteer-run, nonprofit organization, the Gotta Have Sole Foundation, which has raised \$250,000 and given new shoes to 15,000 children in 35 states.

The organization also widened its scope recently with two new projects that include providing veterans living at or below the poverty line with gift cards to footwear retailers and donating new athletic shoes to children from disadvantaged homes.

For his work with Gotta Have Soul, Lowinger, 16, a junior at The Wheeler School in Providence, RI, was awarded the DillerTeen Tikkun Olam Award in 2013. He hopes to expand the reach of the organization's work to all 50 states by the time he graduates from high school.

"To know that I can have that kind of an effect and change someone's life for the better, it's an amazing feeling," Lowinger said. "All of us [at Gotta Have Sole] are making this difference."

Lowinger spoke to JTA about his biggest life influence, the meaning behind his favorite Jewish food and what he likes to do to be a normal teen.

**JTA: Who or what have been the biggest influences in your life so far?**

**Lowinger:** My mother has had a huge



Nicholas Lowinger helping a child pick out some new shoes.

influence on my life because I never would have known about this issue. She's an amazing woman. Her heart is very big and she's always helping others. It's rubbed off on me because it's a big part of my life.

**What's your favorite Jewish food?**

I've always really liked brisket. My grandmother always makes brisket for the [Jewish] holidays. It makes me think of family and being together. It's not just delicious but also has sentimental meaning.

**If you could have lunch or coffee with anyone and tell him or her about Gotta Have Sole, who would it be?**

Michelle Obama because of her Let's Move campaign and the important connection to children's health.

**What do you think you want to be doing when you "grow up" or what would you like to be doing professionally in 10 years?**

I'd like to go into law. I think it's a great field for me. I'm on the debate team at school, and I love history.

**What advice would you give to other teens who want to come up with a service project for their bar or bat mitzvah?**

Find something that you are passionate about and come up with an idea. Take action. It doesn't matter how big it is.

**What kind of things do you like to do for fun?**

I like to play tennis, play the bass, be social, be with my friends and just being a normal teenager.

The Teen Heroes column is sponsored by the Helen Diller Family Foundation, which is dedicated to celebrating and supporting teens repairing the world. To learn more about the foundation's \$36,000 DillerTeen Tikkun Olam Awards, visit <http://dillerteenawards.org>. Please tell JTA about teens who deserve attention by sending an email to [teens@jta.org](mailto:teens@jta.org).

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# Congregations Announce High Holy Days Service Schedules

*Editor's Note: Candle lighting times for Shabbat and holidays are announced at the end of the D'var Torah on page 27.*

The congregations and organizations have provided this information. Please contact the congregation of your choice to arrange for tickets. Some congregations require tickets, some charge for admission for holiday services and some offer services at no charge.

### Adath Jeshurun

2401 Woodbourne Ave.  
451-5359

#### Sat., Sept. 20, Selichot

8:30 p.m., Pre-Selichot Program  
9:30 p.m., Dessert Reception  
10 p.m., Selichot Service

#### Sun., Sept. 21

1 p.m., Annual AJ Cemetery Service

#### Wed., Sept. 24, Erev Rosh Hashanah

5 p.m., New Year's Eve Party  
5:45 p.m., Service

#### Thurs., Sept. 25, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

9 a.m., Traditional Service  
9:30 a.m., Intergenerational Family Service  
10:30 a.m., Junior Cong. Service

#### Fri., Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

9 a.m., Traditional Service  
10:30 a.m., Rabbi Slosberg's Family Service

#### Fri., Oct. 3, Erev Yom Kippur

7 p.m., Kol Nidre Services

#### Sat., Oct. 4, Yom Kippur

9 a.m., Traditional Service  
9:30 a.m., Intergenerational Service  
10:30 a.m., Junior Cong. Service  
2 p.m., Rap & Reflect with Dr. Bruce Tasch  
5 p.m., Ask the Rabbis  
5:15 p.m., Mincha Service  
6:45 p.m., Neilah Service  
7:25 p.m., Ma'ariv Service  
7:35 p.m., Havdalah and Final Shofar Blowing, followed by Break-the-Fast

#### Thurs., Oct. 9, Sukkot Day 1

9:30 a.m., Service

#### Fri., Oct. 10, Sukkot Day 2

9:30 a.m., Service

#### Sat., Oct., 11

7:45 p.m. Sushi in the Sukkah  
(by reservation)

#### Thurs., Oct. 16

9:30 a.m., Shemini Atzeret Service and Yizkor  
Time TBD, Simchat Torah Adult Celebration

#### Fri., Oct. 17, Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m., Service

### Anshei Sfarad

3700 Dutchmans Ln.  
451-3122

#### Sat., Sept. 20, Selichos

12 a.m., Service

#### Wed., Sept. 24, Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:20 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

#### Thurs., Sept. 25, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

8:30 a.m., Shacharis  
7 p.m., Mincha followed by Tashlich  
8 p.m., Maariv

#### Fri., Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

8:30 a.m. Shacharis  
7:10 p.m. Mincha followed by Kabbalas Shabbos and Maariv

#### Fri., Oct. 3, Erev Yom Kippur

3:15 p.m., Mincha  
7:15 p.m., Kol Nidre, followed by Rabbi's Sermon and Maariv

#### Sat., Oct. 4, Yom Kippur/Shabbos

9 a.m., Shacharis  
12 p.m. (approx.), Rabbi's sermon followed by Yizkor and Musaf  
5:30 p.m., Mincha  
7 p.m. Neilah  
8 p.m. Maariv

#### Wed., Oct. 8, Erev Sukkos

7 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

#### Thur., Oct. 9, Sukkos Day One

9 a.m., Shacharis  
6:55 p.m. Mincha  
7:35 p.m. Maariv

#### Fri., Oct. 10, Sukkos Day Two

9 a.m., Shacharis  
6:55 Mincha followed by Kabbalas Shabbos and Maariv

#### Wed., Oct. 15 Hoshana Rabba

7 a.m. Shacharis

6:45 p.m. Mincha and Maariv

#### Thurs., Oct. 16, Shemini Atzeres

9 a.m., Shacharis  
6:45 p.m., Mincha  
7:05 p.m., Maariv with Simchas Torah Celebration

#### Fri., Oct. 17, Simchas Torah

9 a.m., Shacharis  
6:45 p.m., Mincha followed by Kabbalas Shabbos and Maariv

### Chabad House

1564 Almara Circle  
235-5770

#### Sat., Sept. 20, Selichos

11 p.m., Movie, *Faithful and Fortified*, refreshments will be served  
1 a.m., Selichos Service

#### Sun., Sept. 21

3 p.m. Chabad Shofar Factory, (Contact Chabad for cost)

#### Wed., Sept. 24, Rosh Hashanah Eve

7:45 p.m., Services, followed by dinner (Contact Chabad for cost)

#### Thurs., Sept. 25, Rosh Hashanah, Day 1

10 a.m., Service  
12:30 p.m., Shofar Service  
6:30 p.m., Mincha  
6:50 p.m., Tashlich at water's edge

#### Fri., Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

10 a.m., Service  
12:30 p.m., Shofar Service  
7:15 p.m., Mincha followed by Friday Night Service

#### Sat., Sept. 27, Shabbos Shuva

10:00 a.m. Service

#### Sun., Sept. 28, Fast of Gedalia

9 a.m. Morning Service

#### Fri., Oct. 3, Yom Kippur Eve

3:15 p.m., Mincha  
7 p.m., Kol Nidrei

#### Sat., Oct. 4, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., Morning Services  
12:45 p.m., Yiskor  
5:45 p.m., Mincha  
7 p.m., Neila  
8 p.m. Fast ends

#### Wed., Oct. 8, Sukkot

7 p.m., Service and Celebration

#### Thurs., Oct. 9, Sukkot

10 a.m., Service

#### Fri., Oct. 10, Sukkot

10 a.m., Service

#### Sat., Oct. 11

8:30 p.m., Hooka in the Sukkah for young adults and professionals

#### Sun., Oct. 12

4 p.m., Pizza in the Hut

#### Mon., Oct. 13

8 p.m., Neshei Sukkos Celebration

#### Tues., Oct. 14

7:30 p.m., Sinchas Bais Hashoeva Sukkos Celebration

#### Wed., Oct. 15, Hoshana Raba/ Simchat Torah Night 1

6:45 p.m., Mincha  
7:30 p.m., Dancing with Torah

#### Thurs., Oct. 16, Shemini Atzeret

10 a.m., Service  
11:30 a.m., Yiskor

#### Thurs., Oct. 16, Simchat Torah Night 2

6:45 p.m., Mincha  
7:30 p.m., Dancing with Torah

#### Fri., Oct. 17, Simchat Torah

10 a.m., Service  
11 a.m., Dancing with Torah

### Keneseth Israel

2531 Taylorsville Rd.  
459-2780

#### Sat., Sept. 20, Shabbat Selichot

9:30 a.m., Morning Service  
8:22 p.m. Havdalah  
9 p.m., Selichot Program  
10:30 p.m., Selichot Service

#### Sun., Sept. 21

11 a.m., Cemetery Service

#### Wed., Sept. 24, Erev Rosh Hashanah

7 p.m., Mincha Service

#### Thurs., Sept. 25, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

9 a.m., Morning Service  
10:30 a.m., Family Service  
4:30 p.m., Tashlich Service at Big Rock  
7 p.m., Afternoon Service

#### Fri., Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

9 a.m., Morning Service  
10:30 a.m., Family Service

7 p.m., Afternoon Service

#### Sat., Sept. 27, Shabbat Shuvah

9:30 a.m., Morning Service

#### Sun., Sept. 28, Fast of Gedaliah

**Fri., Oct. 3, Erev Yom Kippur**  
7 p.m., Kol Nidre

#### Sat., Oct. 4, Yom Kippur

9:30 a.m., Morning Service  
10:30 a.m., Family Service  
11:30 a.m. (approx.), Yizkor  
4:30 p.m., Ask the Rabbi  
6 p.m., Afternoon Service  
6:45 p.m., Ne'ilah

#### Wed., Oct. 8, Erev Sukkot

7 p.m., Services

#### Thurs., Oct. 9, Sukkot Day 1

9:30 a.m., Morning Services  
7 p.m., Afternoon Services

#### Wed. Oct. 10, Sukkot Day 2

9:30 a.m., Morning Services  
7 p.m., Afternoon Services

#### Wed. Oct. 15, Hoshana Rabba

7 p.m., Evening Service

#### Thurs. Oct. 16, Shemini Atzeret

9:30 a.m., Morning Services  
11:30 a.m. (approx.) Yizkor  
6 p.m., Simchat Torah Celebration

#### Fri. Oct. 27, Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m., Morning Services  
6 p.m., Afternoon Service

### Signature HealthCARE Cherokee Park

2100 Millvale Rd.  
451-0990

#### Wed., Sept. 24, Leil Rosh Hashanah

4 p.m., Services in the Synagogue

#### Thurs., Sept. 25, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

10 a.m., Residents will attend services at Adath Jeshurun

#### Fri., Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

10 a.m., Residents will attend services at Adath Jeshurun

#### Sat., Sept. 27, Shabbat Shuvah

10:15 a.m., Services in the Synagogue

#### Fri., Oct. 3, Kol Nidrei

4 p.m., Services in the Chapel

#### Sat., Oct. 4, Yom Kippur

9:30 a.m., Residents will attend services at Adath Jeshurun  
6:45 p.m. Neilah, SHC Cherokee Park Solarium for break the fast

#### Thurs., Oct. 9, Sukkot

10:15 a.m., Services in the Library

#### Thurs., Oct. 16, Shemini Atzeret

10:15 a.m., Services in the Synagogue

#### Fri., Oct. 17, Simchat Torah

10:15 a.m., Services in the Synagogue

### The Temple

5101 U.S. Highway 42  
423-1818

#### Sat., Sept. 20, Selichot

10 p.m., Coffee and Dessert Reception  
10:30 p.m., Selichot Service with Shir Chadash Choir

#### Wed., Sept. 24, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m., Classical Service (Main Sanctuary)  
6 p.m., Children's Service – up to age 8 (Waller Chapel)  
8 p.m., Regular Service (Main Sanctuary)  
8 p.m., Contemporary Service led by TiLTY (Waller Chapel)  
9 p.m., TiLTY's Annual New Year "Lock In" party (Klein Center)

#### Thurs., Sept. 25, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

10 a.m., Hugim and Babysitting (Infant through Grade 3)  
10 a.m., Morning Service (Sanctuary)  
Immediately following services – Tashlich (Captain Quarters' dock)

#### Fri., Sept. 26, Erev Shabbat Shuvah

6:30 p.m., Yahrzeit Service  
7 p.m., Erev Shabbat Service with Shir Chadash Choir  
8 p.m., Oneg Shabbat

#### Sat., Sept. 27, Shabbat Shuvah

9 a.m., Torah Study  
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Service

#### Fri., Oct. 3, Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidrei Services

6 p.m., Classical Service (Main Sanctuary)  
6 p.m., Children's Service – up to age 8 (Waller Chapel)  
8 p.m., Regular Service (Main Sanctuary)  
8 p.m., Mishkan HaNefesh Pilot Service (Waller Chapel)

#### Sat., Oct. 4, Yom Kippur

9:30 a.m., Hugim and Babysitting (Infants-Grade 3)  
10 a.m., Morning Service (Main Sanctuary)  
10 a.m., Yom Kippur: Teen Edition (Waller Chapel)  
12 p.m. Service of Healing with Rabbi Rooks (Sanctuary)  
12 p.m., Educational Session with Rabbi David (Library)  
1 p.m., Educational Session with Rabbi Rapport (Waller Chapel)  
2 p.m., Afternoon Service (Sanctuary)  
3:45 p.m., Yizkor Service (Sanctuary)  
4:45 p.m., Concluding Service (Sanctuary)

#### Thurs., Oct. 9 Sukkot

10:30 a.m., Morning Service

#### Fri. Oct. 10, Sukkot Picnic and Torah Dedication

6 p.m., Shabbat Service  
7 p.m., Shabbat Service

#### Thurs., Oct. 16, Sukkot

10:30 a.m., Yizkor Service

#### Fri., Oct. 17, Simchat Torah and Consecration

6 p.m., Shabbat Dinner  
6:30 p.m., Yahrzeit Service  
7 p.m., Consecration/Simchat Torah  
8 p.m., Oneg Shabbat

### Temple Shalom

4615 Lowe Rd.  
458-4739

#### Sat., Sept. 20, Selichot

7:30 p.m., Film, Oneg and Havdallah followed by service

#### Wed., Sept. 24, Erev Rosh Hashanah

8 p.m., Service

#### Thurs., Sept. 25, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

10 a.m., Morning Service  
10:30 a.m., Family Service  
5 p.m., Tashlich Service at Waterfront Park Overhang by the Big Four Bridge

#### Fri., Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

10 a.m., Morning Service  
6:15 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat Shuvah

#### Sat., Sept. 27, Shabbat Shuvah

10:30 a.m., Morning Service

#### Fri., Oct. 3, Erev Yom Kippur

8 p.m., Kol Nidre

#### Sat., Oct. 4, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., Morning Service  
1 p.m., Family Service  
2:15 p.m., Afternoon Service  
4:30 p.m., Yizkor Memorial Service followed by Neilah

#### Wed., Oct. 8, Erev Sukkot/Dedication of New Sukkah

6:15 p.m., Service

#### Thurs., Oct. 9, Sukkot

10:30 a.m., Morning Service

#### Wed., Oct. 15, Simchat Torah

6:15 p.m., Simchat Torah

#### Thurs., Oct. 16

10:30 a.m., Atzeret Yizkor

### Jewish Community Center

3600 Dutchmans Ln.  
459-0660

#### Holiday Hours

#### Mon., Sept. 1, Labor Day

Open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Group fitness classes that end after 7 p.m. are canceled.

#### Wed., Sept. 24, Erev Rosh Hashanah

Closes at 6 p.m. Group fitness classes that end after 6 p.m. are canceled.

#### Thurs., Sept. 25, Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Closed

#### Fri., Sept. 26, Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Closed

#### Fri., Oct. 3, Erev Yom Kippur

Closes 6 p.m. Group fitness classes that end after 6 p.m. are canceled.

#### Sat., Oct. 4, Yom Kippur

Closed

#### Wed., Oct. 8, Erev Sukkot

Closes 6 p.m. Group fitness classes that end after 6 p.m. are canceled.

#### Thurs., Oct. 9, Sukkot

Closed

#### Wed., Oct. 15, Erev Simchat Torah

Closes 6 p.m. Group fitness classes that end after 6 p.m. are canceled.

#### Thurs., Oct. 16, Simchat Torah

Closed



## JFCS CALENDAR

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### JFCS FOOD PANTRY

#### Suggestions for September

Canned tomatoes, fruit and potatoes, snack sized items for children's lunches, toilet paper

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

### CAREER & EDUCATION SERVICES

#### ACT Preparation Workshop

Mondays and Tuesdays, Beginning August 29 7 - 9 p.m.

\$170 fee includes two textbooks. 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.

### KLEIN OLDER ADULT SERVICES

**SAVE THE DATE!**

#### Health Screening & Flu Shots

Monday, October 20, 1-3 p.m.  
at the Louis & Lee Roth Family Center

Insurance and Medicare accepted, otherwise shots are \$25.

## JFCS FUNDRAISER SEPTEMBER 7



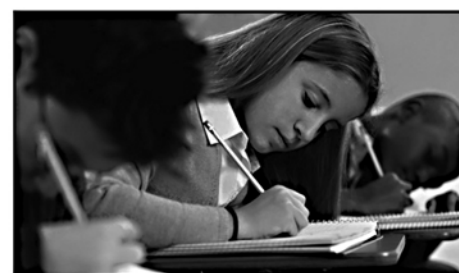
On Sunday, September 7, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., the Macaroni Grill will host a Fundraising Night to benefit Jewish Family & Career Services. Support JFCS by dining at the restaurant that day or evening and 10% of your bill will be donated to JFCS. You must acknowledge your support of JFCS by asking your waiter to count your overall bill toward the JFCS donation.

## DON'T SWEAT THE COLLEGE ESSAY

College-bound Students – Let the upcoming JFCS college essay workshop ease your fears and give you the tools you need to create a compelling college entry or scholarship essay. The workshop will be held at JFCS Roth Family Center Tuesday, September 17, from 7-8:30 p.m.

You should not overlook the importance of the college essay. Bev Taylor, a leading authority of college admissions and the founder of The Ivy Coach, recently stated, "While grades, courses and standardized test scores are always going to be the most significant factors in the admissions process, the other parts of the application, and especially the essays, can sometimes make all the difference between an acceptance and a denial."

The college entrance essay allows admissions officers to get to know you and evaluate your communication and writing skills. "In my estimation, an applicant's essay is the most important part of the information they submit to a college or university. When reviewing standardized test scores, and sometimes even activities, a student from Louisville, Kentucky may seem very similar to a student from Louisville, Colorado," says Anna Taul, Admissions Counselor for the University of Notre Dame. "The distinguishing factor will shine through in their essay."



Lynn Grise, a master English teacher with more than 25 years of experience with both private and public schools in Jefferson County, will conduct the workshop. Topics to be covered include:

- Writing Effective & Unique Essays
- Get Noticed by Admissions Offices
- Tips to Produce Good Ideas
- How to Approach the Writing Process
- Writing Personally and Emphatically
- College Writing Skills

The workshop fee is \$45. Space is limited so contact Janet Poole at (502) 452-6341, ext. 222 or email [jpoole@jfcslouisville.org](mailto:jpoole@jfcslouisville.org) to reserve your spot today.

JFCS offers college advisement, college coaching, skills and interest assessment as well as standardized test preparation. Visit [www.jfcslouisville.org](http://www.jfcslouisville.org) for a complete listing of college and career workshops and services.

## Improving Social Skills

*A key time for building strong peer relationships before entering middle school!*

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- increasing cooperation
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Kickoff meeting October 6-Parents invited!  
The fee is \$50; scholarships available.

**The deadline for registration is Monday, September 29**

For more information and to register, please contact Lauren Kehr at 452-6341 ext. 227 or email at [lkehr@jfcslouisville.org](mailto:lkehr@jfcslouisville.org)



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### SUPPORT GROUPS AT JFCS

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 Toebe, 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

Beginning September 15, 2014  
Third Monday of the month, 1 p.m.  
Contact Lauren McGrath

#### 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.



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# NEWSMAKERS

**KentuckyOne Health** has received a \$1.5 million, three-year grant to support a new model of care to assist patients who live in low-income neighborhoods in south and west Louisville. The program, called Health Connections Initiative, employs a multidisciplinary team working in the homes of recently hospitalized patients from low-income neighborhoods, to help them better manage their medical conditions while addressing barriers to good health. These include problems with transportation, lack of access to healthy food, and connection with a trusted primary care doctor.

The grant, from Catholic Health Initiative's (CHI) Mission and Ministry Fund, is designed to support the patients with the most complex issues whose poor health and complicated social situations directly impact their ability to get and stay well.

U.S. *News and World Report* has named the **James Graham Brown Cancer Center** the Best in Louisville for cancer care in 2014-15 and among the top in the nation. The same survey also ranks **Jewish Hospital** Best in Kentucky for cardiology and heart surgery and among the best in the country.

**Ruth Brinkley**, president and CEO of KentuckyOne Health, was honored as one of the "Top 25 Minorities in Healthcare" at the 2014 Modern Healthcare gala on July 16 in Chicago, IL. *Modern Healthcare*, a leading source of healthcare news, honors minority executives on a biennial basis who are influencing policy and care models. Nearly 170 nominations were reviewed for the "Top Minority Executive" listing this year. Honorees are selected based on outstanding leadership, dedication, and the ability to

influence positive change.

Brinkley, who has led KentuckyOne since January 2012, was last included on this list in 2010. She also serves as the senior vice president of operations at Catholic Health Initiatives. She was also recently recognized among "130 Women Hospital and Health System Leaders to Know" and the "500+ People to Know in Healthcare by *Becker's Hospital Review*."

**KentuckyOne Health** was one of the organizations that provided medical services for the 2014 PGA.

President Obama has nominated **Rabbi David Saperstein** to serve as the State Department Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

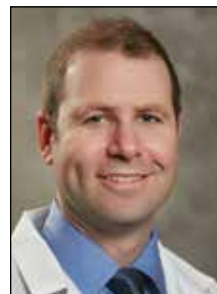
In a statement from the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, JCPA President Rabbi Steve Gutow said, "Every day, the news is filled with troubling stories of religious persecution – anti-Jewish riots in Paris, forced conversion or exile of Christians in Iraq, and anti-Muslim violence in Burma. There could be no better person to lead our nation's efforts to make this world a safer place for people of faith, particularly religious minorities. David's entire career has been devoted to speaking up for the least among us. This next chapter will direct his stunning talents to the global stage – in every sense of the phrase 'repairing the world.'"

**Jonathan Goldstein, M.D.**, has joined KentuckyOne Gastroenterology



Ruth Brinkley

Associates. Dr. Goldstein completed his undergraduate degree at Emory University in Atlanta, GA; pre-medical work at Georgia State University in Atlanta; and a Master of Public Health degree at Emory Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta. He earned his M.D. degree at



Dr. Jonathan Goldstein

the University of Louisville School of Medicine, then completed an internal medicine residency at the University of South Florida School of Medicine, and a gastroenterology fellowship at U of L. He is board-certified

in both gastroenterology and internal medicine.

**Evelyn Figa** was nominated as one of an outstanding group of candidates for the AARP Andrus Award for Community Service. The Andrus Award is AARP's most prestigious volunteer award, presented annually to one volunteer in every state across the nation.

Figa was nominated for the work she does with seniors as part of the Jewish Family & Career Services Doris L. & Theodore B. Meyers Shabbos Friends Program, facilitating Shabbat celebrations as well as Jewish holidays for the Jewish residents of two long-term care facilities each month.

JCPS superintendent Donna Hargens has named **Helene Kramer** as the new executive director of communications and community relations. Kramer replaces Christi Lanier-Robinson in the position. Kramer has lived in Louisville since 1992, and has been the first civilian director of public information for the Louisville Metro Police Department, as well as the director of public relations for Bisig Impact Group, a Lou-



Helene Kramer

isville-based advertising firm. She started her own public relations practice, Remark Communications, in 2010. Kramer says, "There is no greater calling for a career communicator and a JCPS parent than the opportunity

to work with dedicated teachers and staff to give our great city a great public school system."

The Endodontic practice of Scott A. Norton, DMD, MSD, was recently featured in a national dental journal.

Evie Topcik and the JCC Book Club were the subjects of a recent story in *Today's Transitions* magazine. Topcik leads the book club, which meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the JCC; she has journals of the books she has read dating back to 1993.

Todd Blue, chairman and CEO of Cobalt Ventures LLC was featured in the July 25 *Louisville Business First* supplement on Structures for being the developer of the Wild Eggs downtown location for Eggheadz LLC.

Lisa Resnik, the Speed Museum's deputy director of advancement and operations, was among the sources quoted for the July 25 *Louisville Business First* cover story about the renovation of the Speed Museum, currently underway.

## CORRECTION

In last month's edition of *Community*, an article about Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman's University of Louisville Course on "Youth in Jewish Literature and Film" incorrectly stated that the course was offered through the Jewish Studies department. This course is offered through the Humanities department at U of L. We apologize for the error.

## Yussman Named KI Executive Director

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

**K**eneseth Israel has engaged Yonatan Yussman to serve as the congregation's executive director with responsibility for working as a team member with clergy, other professionals and lay leaders in building and managing the congregation's resources.

He is responsible for day-to-day operations, finances, administrative staff and facilities, as well as managing relations with congregants and the entire community – "everything that the rabbi and cantor don't do," he said.

A native Louisvillian, Yussman left Louisville for college. He spent his first year at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, then returned to the U.S. to earn his B.A. in psychology from Boston University.

"I really wanted to get back to Israel," he said, "so I made aliyah and stayed for

six or seven years." During that time, he served in the Israeli Army, earned an M.A. from Hebrew University and studied for three years at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. He received rabbinic ordination from Rabbi Daniel Landes.

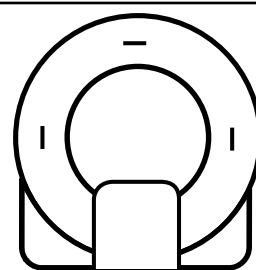
Yussman has a B.A. in psychology, an M.A. in Jewish Education and an Ed.D. in educational leadership. He has also been a teacher and administrator in pluralistic Jewish Day Schools for the past 15 years, and has collaborated with top leaders at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, Bar Ilan University's Principals' Center and the Hartman Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.

He met and married his wife, Lisa, in Israel. She grew up in Indiana. When they had children, the Yussmans yielded to family pressure and returned to the U.S. They still feel a strong connection to Israel and "want the kids to feel like Israel is home," he said. So when Gefen, 11; Aviva, 9; and Noa, 7; get ready to celebrate their b'not mitzvah, the Yussmans plan to return to Israel for the celebrations.

Yussman is enjoying his job and looks forward to fundraising, membership recruitment and event planning with the help of KI's "amazing committees."

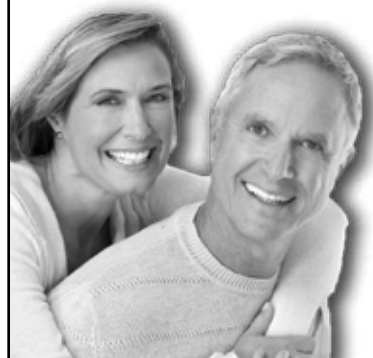
Within the congregation, he will do some teaching and plans to lead High Holy Day family services with his wife, but he has already decided not to teach at the High School of Jewish Studies because he doesn't have time for such extracurricular activities.

"It's great to be back at KI, where I grew up," he said, and where his family has its roots – stretching back to include some founders of the congregation. He's enjoying reconnecting with "people who knew me as a kid" and is looking forward to meeting the new generation and reaching out to the unaffiliated.



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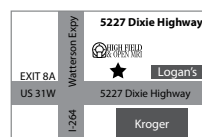
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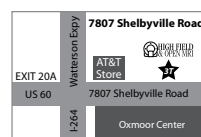
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## LBSY Kabbalat Shabbat

The community is invited to join Keneseth Israel on Friday, August 22, at 6 p.m. for a special Kabbalat Shabbat for anyone involved with or interested in the Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad.

LBSY enriches Jewish education for families from Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel, and Temple Shalom, and encompasses kindergarten through 8th grade. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 459-2780.

## Rabbi David Feder of LBSY Is Guest Speaker at KI

Please join Keneseth Israel on Saturday, August 23, at 9:30 a.m. for Shabbat services, during which Rabbi David Feder, Principal of the Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad, will speak. Free and open to the public.

For details, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 459-2780.

## Adath Jeshurun Building Dedication Ceremony

The community is invited to Congregation Adath Jeshurun for a celebration weekend to dedicate their newly reno-

vated building and to honor those who made it possible.

On Saturday, August 23, there will be a 9:30 a.m. Shabbat service and kiddush luncheon including a dedication of a plaque in memory of AJ's fallen servicemen.

On Sunday, August 24, a dedication ceremony will take place at 3 p.m., followed by tours, wine, hors d'oeuvres and desserts from 3:45 – 5 p.m.

Adath Jeshurun is located at 2401 Woodbourne Avenue; all are welcome to attend.

## Shabbat and Sundaes

Join Keneseth Israel at Graeter's on Bardstown Road for a deliciously sweet get-together on Saturday, August 23 at 7 p.m. Enjoy a treat up to \$5 and spend time with friends, or meet new people. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public.

For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 459-2780.

## JCC Book Club Has Books Planned Through October

The JCC Book Club invites everyone to join the discussion. The next meeting is at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 25, in the Naamani Library. The book for August is *The Ritual Bath*.

Upcoming books are *The Fault In Our Stars* on September 22 and *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* on October 20.

## Farmers' Market at The Temple

Purchase freshly harvested fruits, vegetables, and flowers each Monday and Thursday, 2-7 p.m., at the Farmer's Market in The Temple's parking lot.

The market also sells Galloway free-range organic beef.

## Wednesday Torah Study at The Temple

Torah Study at The Temple with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport continues through September 17 on Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.-noon. The theme is "The Many Faces of the Holocaust." This is a conversation about the causes, costs and ongoing conflicts embedded within this most challenging moment in the modern age.

Each session stands on its own merit

and the class is open to the community. No registration is required.

## Jews and Brews with Rabbi Wolk

Join Keneseth Israel's Rabbi Michael 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; upcoming dates are August 27 and September 3, 10, 17, and 24.

## Interfaith Panel and Dinner at KI

Please join Keneseth Israel for an interfaith panel and dinner hosted by Interfaith Paths to Peace on Thursday, August 28, at 6 p.m. Guests speakers of different faiths will talk about their visions of peace, followed by a kosher dinner. There is a \$25 suggested donation for this program.

All in the community are welcome to attend. RSVP at [paths2peace.org](http://paths2peace.org). For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 459-2780.

## Itzhak Perlman and Yitzhak Meir Helfgot Featured in PBS Program

PBS will air "Rejoice with Itzhak Perlman and Cantor Yitzhak Meir Helfgot." The legendary violinist and renowned cantor join forces for a musical exploration of liturgical and traditional works in new arrangements for both chamber orchestra and klezmer settings on *Thirteen's* "Great Performances."

Locally, the show will air on KET-2 on Friday, August 29, at 2 a.m.; Saturday, August 30, at 4 a.m.; and Monday, September 1, at 5 a.m.

The program also features reminiscences by Elie Wiesel, Joel Grey, and Neil Sedaka, and is directed by Joshua Waletzky, whose earlier collaboration with Perlman, "In the Fiddler's House," won a Primetime Emmy in 1995.

Visit *Great Performances Online* at [pbs.org/wnet/gper/](http://pbs.org/wnet/gper/) for additional information about this and other programs.

## 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 lead a "Taste of Melton," an introduction to Louisville's Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public.

For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 459-2780.

## Temple Shalom Welcomes New Rabbinic Intern

Temple Shalom invites the community to join its rabbinic intern, Jessica Wainer, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 31, for an Adult Education presentation, "The Jewels of Elul: Reflecting on the Past and Looking Toward the Future." This enlightening presentation will be followed by Q&A and refreshments. This event is free.

Please call Temple Shalom at 458-4739 for more information.

## Coffee and Kabbalah Meditation Class at Chabad House

Chabad offers a new series of meditation and Kabbalah classes every other Wednesday at 8 a.m. at Chabad House, 1654 Almara Cr.

The next classes are September 3 and September 17. This is a unique opportunity for beginners to get a taste of Jewish mysticism, as well as for those who have tried meditation before. The class begins with coffee and is aimed to caffeinate both body and soul.

For more information, call Chabad at 459-1770.

## Adath Jeshurun Lunch and Learn Mishneh Torah Study

Adath Jeshurun offers a weekly class in Mishneh Torah, held in downtown Louisville in the office of Steve Berger, 500 W. Jefferson St., on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag dairy lunch and join Rabbi Robert Slosberg and Cantor David Lipp for a lively discussion that is open to the community.

Prior knowledge of Jewish texts and Hebrew is not required. September classes will meet on September 5, 12, and 19.

## Big Rock Birthday Shabbat

Keneseth Israel is having a Kabbalat Shabbat picnic at Big Rock in Seneca Park. This family-friendly event will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 5, with an outdoor service and a picnic in the park. There will be a celebration of all September KI birthdays with cupcakes and ice cream. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public.

For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 459-2780.

## Adath Jeshurun Grandparent's Day Shabbat Is September 6

All grandparents are invited to the Adath Jeshurun bimah on Saturday, September 6, for an aliyah in their honor. Grandchildren are invited to accompany their grandparents. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. This program is open to the community.

## Chabad Announces Annual Community Wide Kiddush

September marks the first anniversary of Chabad House, and Chabad invites the entire community to celebrate this milestone on Saturday, September 6, with a special Shabbat kiddush called a Taste of Shabbat at Chabad.

An introductory service will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will be followed by a kiddush luncheon honoring Bill and Judy Yesowitch for their dedication, commitment, and support of Chabad for many years – especially during this formative year at Chabad House.

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

## Adath Jeshurun Shabbat Scholars Program Presents Frank Schwartz

Frank Schwartz will speak at Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, September 6, at approximately 12 p.m., following the kiddush lunch. His topic will be "How Each Jewish Movement Has Contributed to My Jewish Identity, Including Movements You May Never Have Heard of." This program is free of charge and open to the community.

## Study at Adath Jeshurun with Rabbi Laura Metzger

Thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage for Excellence, Adath Jeshurun is offering a new adult learning series with Rabbi Laura Metzger. This opportunity is free of charge and open to the community. "Getting Ready for the High Holy Days" will take place on September 7 and 14 from 10-11 a.m.

For additional information, please contact Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or [dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com).

## Unique Retreat Opportunity for Jewish Music Lovers

Camp Manitowa, about 90 minutes from St. Louis, MO, hosts "Unleavened Dead," a weekend retreat blending Judaism with the music of the Grateful Dead, Friday-Sunday, September 12-14.

A product of the 1960s San Francisco counterculture, the Grateful Dead inspired fans drawn to both their music and the traveling carnival of seekers and misfits that followed them from venue to venue.

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venue; yet there has always been a deep connection to the music from St. Louis local and regional Jews. This three-day event features a wide variety of workshops, concerts, jam sessions, campfires, and other leisurely happenings.

During daytime hours, workshops and numerous outdoor activities will be available; the Saturday evening concert features musicians from Dark Star Orchestra, Phil Lesh and Friends, and other bands.

Additional Unleavened Dead programming features Doug Gertner – The Grateful Dad®, Hal Aqua – Jewish song leader, prayer leader, and musician from Denver, CO, Rabbi Randy Fleisher – Central Reform Congregation, St. Louis, MO, and Robert Koritz – Dark Star Or-

chestra, among others.

The event will contribute a portion of the proceeds to the Foundation for Jewish Camp. Unleavened Dead is made possible in part by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

Visit unleaveneddead.com to register for the retreat or to buy individual tickets for the concert. For more information, email Beth Koritz at bethkoritz@gmail.com.

## Adath Jeshurun's Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation Service

Adath Jeshurun invites the community to join Deborah Slosberg on Saturday, September 20, at 10:30 a.m. for the first Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation service of the school year.

## Chabad of Kentucky Launches JLI Program

Beginning this fall, the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute will open its doors in Louisville, Rabbi Avrohom Litvin announced.

Litvin has taught hundreds of Jewish classes since he first moved to Louisville in 1985, but now he's taking it to a whole new level. This summer, he traveled to New York to attend a series of inaugural training seminars to prepare for the new program.

"At the heart of Jewish culture there has always been Jewish learning – an engaged and vibrant meeting of minds," explained Litvin. "We're excited to be able to bring this open and interactive learning environment to our community."

JLI, the adult education branch of Chabad Lubavitch International, is the largest network of Jewish adult education. It uses cutting-edge pedagogic techniques to unlock the wisdom and life-messages in Judaism's ancient texts.

Founded on the understanding that people have different minds and different learning modalities, JLI incorporates personalization, visual aids, text analysis, peer discussion, learning activities, lectures and more, to address each of student's learning style.

JLI promises "an *aha!* moment in every lesson," and according to JLI's central offices in Brooklyn. It offers Jewish wisdom that is relevant to people's lives,

regardless of background or affiliation.

For the 2014-15 academic year, JLI will be offering three courses in Louisville. In November, *How Happiness Thinks* will explore Jewish approaches to positive psychology; in January, *The Art of Parenting* will introduce parents to powerful yet practical guidance from Jewish thought; and in May, *Dynamic Wisdom: The Development of Jewish Law and Tradition Through the Ages* will provide insights into the inner workings of Judaism to explain how an ancient tradition is still relevant today.

JLI's six-session courses are offered concurrently in 360 communities spanning five continents, allowing students to begin a course at home, continue while on a business trip in Singapore, and complete the course while on vacation in Greece.

All JLI courses are open to the entire community, and people do not need to be a member of any particular synagogue or temple in order to attend. As an inaugural special offer, local community members may register for the course and sample the first lesson free of charge, with no obligation to continue.

Interested students may call 235-5770 or visit [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com) for registration and other course-related information. JLI courses are presented in Louisville in conjunction with Chabad of Kentucky.

of a stretch, Miley Cyrus. *Spring Awakening* is set in Germany in the late 19th century and tells the tale of young people trying to come of age under oppressive circumstances. It is a tragedy that, in the end, is affirming yet heartrending, intensely individual yet achingly universal.

Highlights of CenterStage's production are Wendela's opening song "Mama Who Bore Me" sung by Lauren McCombs, "The Bitch of Living" sung by Moritz and Georg, played by Kyle Braun and Mitch Donahue and, especially, the anthem of most teenagers, "Totally F\*\*\*\*\*d," sung by Melchior and Otto, played by Austin Lauer and Timothy Struck. This is an effective evocation of the pain, pride and passion of growing up. It is well worth seeing.

Be sure and sign up for season tickets which include the next play, the glorious *Chicago*, September 4-20. For information about the entire season or to purchase tickets, go to [www.CenterStage-JCC.org](http://www.CenterStage-JCC.org).

Short & Sweet is a family service for students in kindergarten through grade 7, and their parents and grandparents. This program is free and open to the community.

## Adath Jeshurun Pre-Selichot Program

Adath Jeshurun will highlight the organization "Paws with Purpose" at a Pre-Selichot program on Saturday, September 20.

Paws with Purpose, run primarily by volunteers, trains dogs to help disabled individuals.

The musical guest will be Nick Peay, a local musician and dog lover who has fostered and trained many dogs for future owners. The program begins at 8:30 p.m. and will be followed by a dessert reception at 9:30 p.m. and the Selichot service at 10 p.m.

This program is free and open to the community. For more information, please call the AJ office at 458-5359.

## Adath Jeshurun Hebrew Classes

Adath Jeshurun is pleased to offer two adult Hebrew classes on Sunday mornings taught by Deborah Slosberg: "Conversational Hebrew" at 10 a.m. and "Prayer Book Hebrew" at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or [dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com). The September dates for these classes are September 21 and 28. This program is free of charge and open to the community.

## Adath Jeshurun Annual Cemetery Service

This service takes place in the Adath Jeshurun Cemetery at 2926 Preston Highway on Sunday, September 21, at 1 p.m.

## Mark Your Calendars for Paws with Purpose

*Puttin' on the Dogs*, the annual fundraiser for Paws with Purpose, is sched-

uled for Tuesday, October 7, 7-11 p.m. at The Olmsted, 2701 Frankfort Av. The program will include celebrity chair, Coach Wiley Brown, head coach at IUSE, and emcee Susan Sweeney Crum. Cost is \$60 for a heavy hor d'oeuvres reception with cash bar and a silent auction.

For details, contact [elaineweisberg@gmail.com](mailto:elaineweisberg@gmail.com) (phone: 458-7007), [info@pawswithpurpose.org](mailto:info@pawswithpurpose.org), or 689-0804.

## Give Blood and Help Save Lives

Summer is over, but the need continues. The American Red Cross encourages platelet donors and blood donors of all types to give now – especially those with O negative, B negative, and A negative blood types. With your help, the American Red Cross can ensure blood is available now and all year long to help save lives in our community and across the country. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://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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My son Jeffery and I would like to thank the people who gave cards and donations in memory of my husband Jerry. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,  
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Jeffery Fleischer

## REVIEW

### Spring Awakening

by David Wallace  
*Special to Community*

Every spring, many of us retell the story of the Exodus in our homes during Passover Seder. We include in the telling the ceremony of the 12 plagues in Egypt where we dip our fingers into the wine and recite those plagues which freed the Jews from Egypt. In *Spring Awakening: A New Musical* I feel like we do the same thing only without the wine and ceremony: Teacher Brutality. Child abuse. Incest. Masochism. Sadism. Ignorance. Cowardice. Cruelty. Intolerance. Masturbation. Suicide. Pregnancy.

This is a story both old and new. It is older than *Romeo and Juliet* and as current as *Westside Story*, *Rebel Without a Cause* and perhaps, without too much

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# LIFECYCLE

## B'nai Mitzvah



**Zachary Jason Gaston**  
Zachary Jason Gaston, son of Nicki and Christopher Gaston and brother of Maiya, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, August 30, at 10:30 a.m., at The Temple.

Zachary is the grandson of Arlene and Bernard Lipschutz and the late Nance Gaston.  
Zachary is in the seventh grade at Meyzeek Middle School where he is a member of the Beta Club and the football, lacrosse and baseball teams. He loves spending time with his friends and playing video and computer games.  
Zachary and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.



**Isaac Oliver Blue**  
Isaac Oliver Blue, son of Todd and Karen Blue and brother of Gracie and Bella, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, September 6, at 10:30 a.m., at The Temple. Isaac is in the seventh grade and formerly attended Kentucky Country Day School. He and his family now reside in Houston, TX, where he attends St. John's School. Isaac plays year-round soccer and basketball. He also enjoys spending his spare time

with family and friends, as well as playing with his dog, Enzo.  
Isaac participated in the JFCS Pledge 13 program by volunteering as a counselor-in-training (CIT) at the Louisville JCC Summer Camp. His purpose was reflective of his Haftarah portion that speaks of serving others and making an impact on someone's life.  
Isaac and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.



**Ian Ford**  
Ian Ford, son of Patti and Frank Ford and brother of Rachel and Mitchell, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Ian is the grandson of Harvey and Arlene Kaufman and Louis Ford and the late Imogene Ford.  
Ian is in the eighth grade at Highland Middle School, where he is on the soccer and cross-country teams. He also volunteers to tutor in a Spanish Breakfast Club. Ian has attended Camp Livingston for the past two summers and enjoys the JCC's Teen Connection.  
Ian and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and a kiddush luncheon following the service.

## Engagements

**Litvin-Biggs**  
Rabbi Shlomo Litvin, son of Rabbi Avrohom and Goldie Litvin, has announced his engagement to Shoshi

Biggs, daughter of Rabbi Yonason and Laya Biggs of Brooklyn, NY. A kiddush will be held in their honor at Chabad House, 1654 Almara Cr., on August 30 after services, which begin at 10 a.m.  
A fall wedding is planned. The couple plans to move back to Kentucky to help build Jewish pride and identity.  
**Cohen-Tasch**  
Drs. Bruce Tasch and Elaine Stauble of Louisville announce the engagement of their daughter, Lizzie Tasch, to Daniel Cohen, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Koff of Louisville, KY, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cohen of Newport Coast, CA.  
The bride graduated from the University of Louisville and is the membership services coordinator at Adath Jeshurun.  
The groom graduated from Indiana University and is a senior mortgage banker at Discover Home Loans.  
The couple will reside in Louisville.



## Obituaries

**Howard D. Levine**  
Howard D. Levine, 81, died Saturday, July 19, at VA Medical Center - 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 and 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 handled the arrangements.  
Expressions of sympathy may be made to JFCS, Hosparus, Alzheimer's Association, or donor's favorite charity.



**Eunice R. Switow**  
Eunice R. Switow died July 26.  
She was born in Chattanooga, TN, June 27, 1933. Eunice moved to Louisville and became an active member in the community when she married Arnold Switow. She loved traveling, attending UofL basketball games, playing bridge and being with her family and friends. She was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, NCJW - Louisville Section, and the Bridge Center.  
She is preceded in death by her husband of over 25 years, Arnold, and a nephew, Matthew Alan Rauch.  
She is lovingly remembered by her sister, Cecile Garry Parris of Chattanooga, TN, and daughter, Victoria B. (Daniel Paul) Kaplan of Los Angeles, CA; grandsons, Joseph Walter Kaplan and Samuel Robert Kaplan; and nephew, Harry David (Lana) Rauch.  
Burial was in B'nai Zion Cemetery, Chattanooga, TN. Herman Meyer & Son handled the local arrangements.  
Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and Hosparus.

**Harold Edward Frankel**  
Harold Edward Frankel, 74, died Monday, August 18, at Golden Living at St. Matthews.  
He was a retired civil engineer with the Army Corp of Engineers, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War, a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, a past president and Sunday School teacher at Congregation Anshei Sfard and a former treasurer of the Vaad HaKashruth.  
He is preceded in death by his parents, Solomon and Sarah Sclarencio Frankel.  
He is survived by his wife, Anita Zober Frankel; his children, Beth Lynn Haines (Richard), Mark D. Frankel, Gary S. Zachariah (Melissa) of W. Hartford, CT, Howard J. Zachariah (Nikki) of Hope, IN and Allan J. Zachariah of Atlanta, GA; his sister, Harriet Frankel Firkins; his brother, Larry D. Frankel; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson.  
Burial was in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.  
Expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation, Chabad of Kentucky or the Alzheimer's & Dementia Association.



her sister, Shirley Cohen; her brother, Ivan "Sonny" Netter; and her daughter, Debbie Zukof.  
She is survived by her husband, Chris Cavanaugh; her daughters, Shelley Kahn (Marshall), Julie Latzko, and Amy Haskell (Rodney); her son-in-law, Barry Willett; her grandchildren, Brian Kahn (Emily), Erin Kahn, Jeffrey Kahn, Mason Willett, Cameron Willett, Hannah Latzko, Josh Latzko, Bailey Haskell, and Mathew Haskell; and her great-grandchildren, Noah, Simon, and Eli Kahn.  
A private graveside service was held at The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled arrangements.  
Expressions of sympathy may be made to Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry at 2821 Klempner Way, Louisville, KY 40205, or donor's favorite charity.



**Sally K. Younger**  
Sally K. Younger, 61, died Saturday, August 9, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital. She was a graduate of American University, a CPA, a former 10-year executive director at The Temple, a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun and NCJW - Louisville Section.  
She is preceded in death by her father, Alvin Younger, and her brother, Bobby Younger.  
She is survived by her husband, Peter Pearlman; her sons, Zachary Shields and Bernard Pearlman; her mother, Betty Younger; her brother, Jon Younger (Kim Spector) of Seattle, WA; and her sister, Peggy Younger of Asheville, NC.  
Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.  
Expressions of sympathy may be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun or J. Graham Brown Cancer Center.

**Al Greenberg**  
Al Greenberg, 96, formerly of Louisville, KY, passed away Saturday, August 16, in Encino, CA. He is survived by his wife, Faye Bailen Greenberg; his daughter, Lynn Fire, and son, Ronnie Greenberg; and granddaughter, Jamie.  
His funeral was in California.  
Expressions of sympathy may be made to donor's favorite charity.

**Esther Leah Netter Zukof Cavanaugh**  
Esther Leah Netter Zukof Cavanaugh, 81, died on August 3 in Ocala, FL, following a lengthy illness.  
She was preceded in death by her parents, Ida Netter Kelber and Alvin Netter;

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