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Rabbi Siritsky Joins KentuckyOne as Vice President of Mission

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

KentuckyOne Health recently announced that Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky, MSSW, BCC, has been named vice president of mission for Jewish Hospital, University of Louisville and the James Graham Brown Cancer Center.

Rabbi Dr. Siritsky is excited about her new position at KentuckyOne. "I've been given this wonderful opportunity to preserve, celebrate, honor and promote the Jewish heritage of Jewish Hospital."

"Jewish Hospital is part of the Jewish community," she added, "and its Jewish future depends on the Jewish community." To further that commitment, Rabbi Dr. Siritsky plans to enter into conversations with the congregations, the Jewish Community of Louisville, Jewish Family & Career Services and others to explore ways to collaborate, "whether it's working with the caring communities in synagogues or whether it's thinking strategically with the leadership in terms of

what the future of Jewish Louisville will be."

A mission leader, she explained, is traditionally a Catholic role in the Catholic Health Care System. The Louisville market, however, is unique in that it also includes Jewish Hospital and an academic center – the University of Louisville Hospital and the James Graham Brown Cancer Center. She sees her role as ensuring that "the unique identities of each campus are honored and respected within the larger KentuckyOne Health family."

"One of the goals is for me to reach out to the Jewish community and share a little bit about the many exciting initiatives KentuckyOne and Jewish Hospital are doing," Rabbi Dr. Siritsky said, "how they are living out Jewish values and doing mitzvot," including things like caring for the homeless, providing health care for the uninsured and underinsured, as well as creating access to health care for the people in Appalachia.

KentuckyOne Health's mission, she stated, "is to bring wellness, healing and see **SIRITSKY** page 18



Meat Pies Anyone?

CenterStage's production of *Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, opened Thursday and runs through November 9. (See CenterPiece, page 3.)



Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky

Experience and Touch the Soul of Israel

The Temple Presents An Israeli Shabbat with Beit Tefilah Israeli

by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel

The Temple presents an Israeli Shabbat featuring Beit Tefilah Israeli (Israeli House of Prayer) for a unique musical Israeli experience on Friday, November 7, at 7 p.m. and the congregation invites the community to join it to celebrate Shabbat Israeli style.

In this time of crisis, it is essential that we all can continue to find ways to support our beloved Israel. How can we help in times of trouble? How can we support Israel?

We need to be active players in



Beit Tefilah Israeli services are moving and energetic.

strengthening Israel. It is not enough to stand by Israel. We should stand by and support Israel, but we also need to stand by and support positive elements in Israeli society.

The best thing we can do is to go and visit Israel; and some of us were there this past summer.

Another way is to bring the best that Israel has to offer to our midst. It is thanks to Sonny and Janet Meyer that Beit Tefilah Israeli is coming to The Temple and will share their magic.

Beit Tefilah Israeli is a congregation from Tel Aviv that represents a new and positive phenomenon in Israeli culture and society. They will bring their spirit, music and their own unique style of prayer. This program is going to be a great Israeli and Jewish experience, an exciting, spiritual, joyful and meaningful service. Israel at its best!

So what is the Beit Tefila Israeli experience all about?

If you dig beneath the surface of Israel—see **BEIT TEFILAH** page 7



Josh Nelson

Josh Nelson Coffeehouse Comes to Temple Shalom

Jewish musical talents – both local and national – will rock the audience at the at Temple Shalom on Saturday, November 22, starting at 7 p.m.

Josh Nelson draws packed houses in New York City, and his high energy, captivating music enlivens audiences at the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial Convention, where he is the music director. He also has played in Japan, Turkey and Poland. Recently, he was selected as a "Star of the New Jewish Music" by *Time* Magazine.

Nelson is a classically trained musician who ably delivers rock, jazz and world music, according to his Web site, www.joshnelsonproject.com. He performs on as many as 13 different instruments, but is most acclaimed as a guitarist, pianist and vocalist.

His music is enjoyed by congregations, as well as at camps, and his message stresses hope, unity and spirituality. At New York's historic 92nd Street Y, Nelson leads High Holiday services.

He also is the creative director and founder of THEWAREHOUSE, which provides unaffiliated young Jews with an alternative Shabbat experience.

More information about Nelson is available on his Web site.

The group Shir Adat, from Lexington, KY, will be back at Temple Shalom by popular demand and will kick off the see **JOSH NELSON** page 7

Week of Giving, Million Dollar Dinner to Help Campaign Meet Community Needs

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

What do you expect from your Jewish community?

Maybe it's a warm welcome for newcomers to the community or a wonderful summer camp program that integrates Jewish values throughout the day into engaging programs that keep children wanting to come back.

Maybe it's ensuring that seniors can gather with their friends for hot kosher meals, travel to plays and restaurants, and engage in programs that help keep them fit physically, mentally and emo-

tionally.

Maybe it's offering counseling services to those facing family crises even when they can't afford the fees or Jewish educational opportunities for children and adults or Hillel programs for college students and BBYO for teens.

Here, in Louisville, you can find all that and more in your Jewish community through the family of Jewish agencies supported by the Annual Federation Campaign.

But just as you have expectations of the Jewish community, the Jewish community has expectations of you. All of see **CAMPAIGN** page 8

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Anti-Semitism

I have been thinking a lot about anti-Semitism recently, and its relationship to criticism of Israel and its demonization, as we have seen some horrible examples of anti-Semitic speech and actions around the world recently, much of it in response to Israel's war with Hamas this past summer.

- In Turkey, the country's president, Tayyip Erdogan, said what Israel was doing was worse than the Nazis. Also in Turkey, a prominent journalist who is close with the president accused Turkey's Jews of being ungrateful after Turkey took in thousands of Jews 500 years ago in response to the Inquisition. He further called on Turkey's chief Rabbi to apologize on behalf of the Jews because of Israel's actions in Gaza, going so far as to call for a special tax on Jews.
- In France, a group protesting Israel's actions in Gaza broke away and headed toward the Jewish area of Paris, breaking windows, destroying Jewish owned shops, vandalizing a synagogue, and attacking visible Jews in the street. They did NOT head toward the Israeli embassy or consulate or Israeli business interests in France; rather they attacked Jewish interests.
- In the U.S., the Episcopalian bishop at Yale University stated that anti-Semitic incidents around the world are directly related to Israel's actions during the war with Gaza, and the American Jewish community needed to pressure Israel to amend its military actions in order to put an end to violent anti-Semitic incidents throughout the world. This idea that the Jewish community somehow invites anti-Semitic inci-

dents through its unwavering support of Israel is common around the world, not just with this one particular statement.

Criticism of Israel is more than fair, and criticism of the actions of the Israeli government is wholly legitimate. Nations make mistakes and as Zionists we would be doing our advocacy efforts a disservice by saying Israel is always perfect. But there is a big difference between criticism and demonization, and the reality is that either demonization can lead to acts of anti-Semitism or the demonization of Israel is a manifestation of inherently anti-Jewish beliefs.

Opera in New York Protested for the Glorification of Terrorists

The Metropolitan Opera House is staging a version of the opera "The Death of Klinghoffer" an opera that tells the story of the murder of Jewish passenger Leon Klinghoffer by Palestinian terrorists on the Achille Lauro cruise ship in 1985. This opera has come under a lot of criticism as it apparently tries to give a primer on the Israel-Palestine conflict and presents the terrorists as something other than the murderers they were.

Protesters (including many dignitaries) are objecting to this opera, claiming that it glorifies terrorism and the terrorists and accuse the show of being anti-Semitic. The producers of the show and the Metropolitan Opera House strongly deny the charge, and claim they are not justifying terrorism, just discussing a very difficult topic, the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

Not having seen the show, I cannot say one way or the other if the show is anti-Semitic or glorifies terrorism. But it is a reminder that anti-Semitism comes in many forms ... it is not just the clas-

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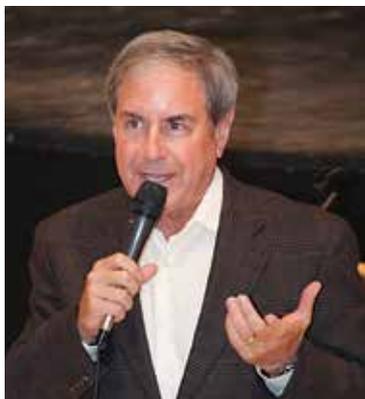


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JCRC and NCJW Presented Candidates Forum before Elections

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

A political candidates forum hosted by the Jewish Community Relations Council and the National Council of Jewish Women Louisville saw more than 100 people in attendance on October 14 at the Jewish Community Center's Linker Auditorium.

Candidates for Louisville mayor and U.S. representative spoke for 15 minutes each, then candidates for other offices, such as judicial seats and Jefferson county clerk were introduced.

Organizer Matt Goldberg, director of the JCRC, said he was happy with the event.

"I was very pleased with the participation of our candidates and was happy to see the candidates address our most important issues directly," Goldberg said. "The JCRC is proud to contribute to efforts to help our community become informed and participatory voters."

Issues discussed included the Affordable Care Act, Israel policy, minimum wage, the state of the city of Louisville and more.

U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY, 3rd

District) began his speech by mentioning that he grew up in the JCC and said he feels very comfortable there. He said that he and some others in Congress created the Congressional Bourbon Caucus – and he emphasized that it was not a joke. "It's one of the few truly bi-partisan caucuses," he said to some laughter.

Yarmuth said he is a proud supporter of the Affordable Care Act because it provides protection for those who otherwise would have none. If the ACA would be repealed, like the Republicans want, he said, 521,000 Kentuckians would lose coverage, 80 percent of whom have never had coverage in their lives.

He admits the ACA has problems, but said leaders should work together to fix those problems instead of throwing out the whole system. When asked about a

patient who saw her prescription copays rise to \$900 for a cancer drug, Yarmuth said that there are some insurance companies who try to circumvent the intent of the law.

When asked about his feelings on Israel, Yarmuth said he supports giving financial support to Israel and said he has voted several times for financial appropriation to support Israel's defense. However, he said, he doesn't believe that Israel is right every time. "The settlements are absolutely wrong," he said. "We need to take a more balanced approach," and possibly threaten to withhold funding if necessary.

Yarmuth's opponent, Dr. Michael Macfarlane, a urologist in Louisville, started his speech by saying that he is a Zionist. "Israel sits in an area where

all their neighbors are trying to destroy them," he said. He went on to mention the recent beheadings of journalists, soldiers and aid workers by ISIS, citing the September 2 killing of Steven Sotloff, an Israeli-American journalist for *Time* magazine.

His speech focused a lot on foreign relations, saying, "All around the world we need leadership." He said the U.S. pulled out of Iraq far too soon and didn't leave troops behind to protect the country. He equated the situation to that of Korea, imagining what would have happened if U.S. soldiers weren't still there. "Nobody trusts that the U.S. will keep its word right now. We have a real leadership gap in our country right now."

On the Affordable Care Act, Macfarlane see **FORUM** page 11

JCRC UPDATE

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istic canards and stereotypes of the past 2000 years.

If the show does in fact present a "human side" to these terrorists, then, that too, is a form of anti-Semitism as it devalues life by saying Mr. Klinghoffer's death was a result of the actions of the state of Israel against the Palestinians ... murdered because he was Jewish.

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2015 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



The Week of Giving will culminate on December 13 with the Million Dollar Dinner. All donors who make a minimum contribution of \$1000 are invited to this celebration of our community's success.

David Weiss, a movie screenwriter with credits including *Shrek 2*, *The Rugrats* and more, will speak at the Million Dollar Dinner about his unique and inspiring Jewish Journey. After being raised as a self described secular Jew, Weiss was drawn on a spiritual journey and finally ending on Jewishly observant. Others from our community will also share their Jewish Journeys and how the Federation helped illuminate their path.

**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**
NOW-NOVEMBER 9
CenterStage and J Michael's Spa & Salon Present Sweeney Todd

\$20 each in advance, \$22 at the door. A musical thriller about a 19th century London barber who goes on a murderous rampage and the baker who cooks his victims into pies. For tickets, call 459-0660 or go to www.CenterStageJCC.org.

OCTOBER 25-26
Fashion Encore

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. NCJW's Nearly New Shop, Mid City Mall, lower level.

OCTOBER 26
Goldstein/Leibson Scholar-in-Residence

10 a.m. in the Patio Gallery and 6 p.m., Old 502 Winery. With Mike Reiss, Emmy-winning producer for *The Simpsons* and co-creator of *The Critic*. See story, this page.

OCTOBER 26
JHFE Lecture with Shachar Pinsker

2 p.m., Cressman Center, 100 E. Main St. Dr. Pinsker will discuss "A Rich Brew: Urban Cafés and Modern Jewish Culture." Free, but reservations requested at <http://a-rich-brew.eventbrite.com>. Made possible by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

NOVEMBER 2
Teen Connection

12:30-4 p.m. Meet at JCC. Lazer Blaze & bowling at Ten Pin Lanes. Includes lunch. \$30; \$25 for members. RSVP to 238-2718 or mdooley@jewishlouisville.org or online at jewishlouisville.org. For more info, 238-2718 or gsadle@jewishlouisville.org

NOVEMBER 2
Louisville Jewish/Israeli Author Series

10 a.m. JCC. Louisville's Rachel Ament will speak about her book *The Jewish Daughter Diaries*. Book signing will follow. Includes brunch. Made possible by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

NOVEMBER 5
Lion of Judah Event

6:15 p.m. at a private home. Hear from Teddy Abrams, the new music director of the Louisville Orchestra. Lions of Judah are women who make a commitment of \$5,000 or more to the annual Federation Campaign. RSVP to 238-2722 or mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org.

NOVEMBER 7
Beit Tefilah Israeli at The Temple

7 p.m. The Temple hosts a Kabbalat Shabbat service featuring Beit Tefilah Israeli, a group that attracts large crowds to Shabbat services in Tel Aviv. Open to all.

NOVEMBER 9
Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

At Adath Jeshurun. 7 p.m. Jack Miles, Susannah Heschel and Prof. David Blake will explore "Can Religion Be Defined?" Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg, 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

NOVEMBER 16
Louisville Jewish/Israeli Author Series

7 p.m. JCC. Daniel Gordis will speak at Adath Jeshurun about his book *Menachem Begin: The Battle for Israel's Soul*. Book signing will follow. Made possible by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

NOVEMBER 22
Josh Nelson Coffehouse Concert

7 p.m. Temple Shalom presents Josh Nelson, one of America's leading Jewish singers. Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$15 for students; children 12 and younger, free. Contact the Temple Shalom office, 458-2739.

NOVEMBER 23-JANUARY 6
Patio Gallery Exhibit

Mazin Art Exhibition – juried art show. Opening reception and announcement of winners: Sunday, November 23, 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER 26
School's Out Days at the JCC

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, swimming, arts and crafts. Theme: Thanksgiving. For more information, see ad, CenterPiece, page 4.

Simpsons Producer to Speak This Weekend

If you are a fan of *The Simpsons*, then you are in for a treat because Mike Reiss, the 2014 Goldstein/Leibson Scholar-in-Residence is one of the writers and producers of the cartoon show that has captivated audiences for 25 years with the exploits of Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie.

Reiss will present "The Simpsons and Other Jewish Families" Sunday, October 26, at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center in the Patio Gallery, when he will discuss growing up Jewish in a small Christian town and how that influenced his work with *The Simpsons* and other shows including *The Critic* and *Queer Duck*.

Reiss will also speak at an event later that evening, "Simpson's Mania: Behind the Scenes

with America's Favorite Family," at 6 p.m. at the Falls City Brewery and Old 502 Winery, 120 S. 10th St. There will be Duff & D'ohnuts (beer and snacks). At both events he will give the audience an in-depth look into *The Simpsons* and other Jewish families. The talk will feature anecdotes and inside stories from one of the longest running shows in TV history. Reiss will discuss Jewish themes and guest stars on *The Simpsons*.

Both events are free and open to the public.

When Reiss speaks, he takes audiences inside the lives of Springfield's first family, revealing how *The Simpsons* was almost cancelled before it hit the air, shares secret trivia of the show, insane dealings with network censors and lots of



juicy gossip about celebrity guest stars. Reiss also delves into the state of television programming, describing with his characteristic wit why he believes TV is rotten and what steps should be taken to bring the medium back to life.

Reiss grew up in Bristol, CT, and graduated from Harvard, where he was co-president of the *Harvard Lampoon*. He was one of the original writers of *The Simpsons*, and has won four Emmy awards for his work on the show, which has earned *Time* magazine's vote as "The greatest TV show of the Twentieth Century." Reiss has written a dozen scripts and produced more than 200 episodes. His other television credits include *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*, *Alf*, Eddie Murphy's *The PJs* and *It's Garry Shandling's Show*, where he earned an ACE award for writing and producing.

The Goldstein/Leibson Scholar-in-Residence program was established by Phyllis and David Leibson and Nicole and David Goldstein. We are very grateful for their generous sponsorship of this event. It is made possible by the Goldstein/Leibson Scholar-in-Residence Second Century Fund and the Jewish Federation of Louisville Goldstein/Leibson Education Program Fund.

Pinsker to Explore Urban Cafés and Modern Jewish Culture

The community is invited to hear Dr. Shachar Pinsker speak on "A Rich Brew: Urban Cafés and Modern Jewish Culture" at the University of Louisville's First Annual Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Lecture on Sunday, October 26, at 2 p.m. at the Cressman Center for Visual Arts, 100 E. Main St.

Dr. Pinsker's talk will explore the remarkable ways that the vital café life of Odessa, Vienna, Tel Aviv, and other cities shaped Jewish arts and ideas in the early 20th Century.

Dr. Pinsker is associate professor of Hebrew Literature and Culture at the University of Michigan. He earned his

Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, has been a visiting professor at Harvard, Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion and the Hebrew University and lectured extensively in the U.S., Europe and Israel.

He is the author of *Literary Passports: The Making of Modernist Hebrew Fiction in Europe* (Stanford University Press, 2011), which won the Jordan Schnitzer Award, and the co-editor of *Hebrew, Gender, and Modernity* (University of Maryland Press, 2007). He has published numerous articles and chapters dealing with Hebrew, Jewish and Israeli literature and culture.

The lecture will be followed by a reception featuring live music.

This event is free and open to the community, but reservations are requested and can be made at <http://a-rich-brew.eventbrite.com>.

This event is supported by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and the Division of Humanities at the University of Louisville.



Dr. Shachar Pinsker

Louisville Jewish/Israeli Author Series Begins November 2

The Louisville Jewish/Israeli Author Series will present four events this year, leading off on Sunday, November 2, with Louisville's own Rachel Ament who will talk about her book, *The Jewish Daughter Diaries*, at 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. There will be a book signing at 11:30.

The book, a collection of essays that includes stories from Mayim Bialik, a star of *The Big Bang Theory*; Jena Friedman, a producer of *The Daily Show*; Rachel Shukert, author of

Starstruck; Anna Breslaw, editor of *Cosmopolitan*; and many others, explores the complex relationships between Jewish daughters and their mothers.

Ament, the daughter of Sue and Mark Ament, is now a writer and editor who lives in Washington, D.C.

For more information, please contact Adath Jeshurun Cantor David Lipp, 458-5859 or dlipp@adathjeshurun.com.

Daniel Gordis, author of *Menachem Begin: The Battle for Israel's Soul*, will be coming to town on Sunday, November 16, to discuss his biography of Israel's sixth prime minister that explains how this pre-state "terrorist" became the

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Israel Unplugged! Is a Different Experience

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

So you've been to Israel before. You've climbed Masada. You've been to the Western Wall. You've floated in the Dead Sea. You loved it but would like a different experience.

Isn't there some way you can go to experience Israel differently? The way Israelis experience it?

Yes! Israel Unplugged! has an itinerary that will let you hike, bike and rappel through Israel, stopping along the way to savor the wine and enjoy the finest food the country has to offer.

From April 12-23, 2015, be part of this Louisville group, led by Jon and Laura Klein, and get to know a different side of Israel.

Start exploring the culinary gems of Tel Aviv and visit the city's most bohemian, upbeat neighborhood in a "Graffiti Tour of Tel Aviv" with leading local Israeli artists and street art experts.

Be part of the Israel Boot Camp experience, where you'll learn the Israeli style self defense, Krav Maga and more.

Stops at less frequently visited places like the Yitzhak Rabin Center, the Ghetto Fighters House and the Old City Roof Top Walk in Jerusalem will let you see Israel from a new perspective, and talks with experts on the Druze; Col. Kobi Marom a brigade commander during the war with Lebanon, and Col. Danny Tirza, who planned Israel's security fence will give you a deeper understanding of the country.

In the Western Galilee, there will be opportunities for yoga on the beach and at a kibbutz, a spa stop, rappelling at the Ramon Crater and plenty of opportunities to shop.

This trip is offered by the Jewish Community Center. Jon and Laura Klein are chairs of Louisville's Partnership 2Gether program.

For more information, come to an informational session on Monday, November 3, at 6:45 p.m. at Shiraz in Holiday Manor. To reserve your place, contact JCC Senior Vice President and COO Sara Wagner, 238-2779 or swagner@jewishlouisville.org.

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first Israeli leader to sign a peace treaty with an Arab country.

He will speak at 7 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun, and there will a book signing following his talk.

Ari Shavit, author of *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel*, will speak on Sunday, December 7, at 7 p.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun. There will be a book signing following his talk. This event is sponsored by

Adath Jeshurun and co-sponsored by Temple Shalom.

Irwin Kula, author of *Letters between Irwin Kula and Leonard Fine, z"l* (soon to be published); is also scheduled to come to Louisville. Details will be announced when they are finalized.

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Teddy Abrams to Meet with Lions of Judah

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

Teddy Abrams is the new music director and conductor of the Louisville Orchestra, and members of the Lion of Judah Division will have the opportunity to meet him and hear him speak at their 2015 Federation Campaign event on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:15 p.m. at a private home.

Abrams claims he's not a prodigy, but music came easily to him, and he attributes some of it to his Jewish heritage.

He grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, mostly in Oakland, CA, and at age 3, he discovered his mother's piano. She never learned to play, but always wanted to, Abrams explained.

He started playing around with it himself, improvising and trying to play things he heard, and he started formal piano lessons at age 5. He excelled at it, but didn't take it too seriously. At age 8, Abrams heard a high school band play and instantly knew he wanted to play the clarinet. When he began lessons, it wasn't difficult. "It just came to me," he said.

Abrams tested out of high school and went straight to Laney College in Oakland at 11 and then attended the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

At 9, he saw his first orchestra, the San Francisco Symphony, conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas.

"Tilson Thomas inspired me to become a conductor. I was already a musician, but watching him conduct the very first orchestra concert I ever saw – it was all Gershwin – I decided right then

and there, that is what I wanted to do. I wrote him a six-page letter, and a week later I got a response!" Abrams said. "A couple of seasons later, we started working together (with the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra). He sort of took charge of my musical activities and got me on a very positive path when I was about 12."

At age 15, Abrams was accepted into the Curtis Institute, a highly selective conservatory in Philadelphia, then he went to the New World Symphony which Tilson Thomas founded and leads. It is an orchestra designed to prepare highly gifted graduates of distinguished music programs for leadership roles.

Abrams is a fourth-generation American. His ancestors immigrated to the U.S. around 1906, he said, from Russia, Poland and Hungary.

"Culturally, the influences run deep," he said. "Jews in the Ukraine were only allowed to have certain jobs, and music-making was one of them," he said. "When Jews immigrated to America at that time, they came for economic opportunity and wanted to make money by doing things that were completely different from what they had been forced to do," he said. "They became lawyers and such," and moved away from musical professions. So while his parents weren't musicians, he believes his earlier roots play a role in his talent.

When Abrams was resident conductor of the MAV Symphony Orchestra in Budapest, he found that his one-eighth Hungarian ancestry was an asset. Though there is still anti-Semitism in Hungary, it is one of the more liberal countries in Europe and the Hungarians

embraced him. "The hippest section of Budapest is the Jewish district," he said. "They took me as one of their own."

While they are not biologically related, Abrams considers Michael Tilson Thomas family and attributes Tilson Thomas' Jewish roots to his own musical success. Tilson Thomas is the grandson of Boris and Bessie Thomashofsky, who were stars in the Yiddish Theater district in New York, which is the environment that spawned composers George and Ira Gershwin, and actors Edward G. Robinson and Fyvush Finkel. "Most of the classical world in the 20th century was inspired by Judaism," he said.

Abrams enjoys sharing his music with others and even opens his home up to those who love music. He bought a house on Market Street in the Nulu district of Louisville. The front room houses a grand piano, an organ and several other instruments. During the First Friday Trolley Hop, he invites musicians over, opens up the house and they play for the passersby. There are speakers set up outside so those on the street can enjoy the music.

One night, he was playing Bach alone on the organ when he looked outside and saw some teenagers on skateboards. "They started dancing!" he said. He knew they were just being silly, so he joined in the fun, clowning with them. "That's a group of kids who might not have ever heard Bach before."

Classical isn't the only kind of music Abrams plays. He is also a member of the Sixth Floor Trio, a group of friends from the Curtis Institute who play Klezmer music. The trio played its first show opening for Marvin Hamlisch and even got to play with Hamlisch's band and do some shtick with them.

Under Abrams' direction, the orchestra will branch out to surrounding ar-



Teddy Abrams

reas soon. The "Music Without Borders" series will offer orchestra concerts at churches, synagogues and schools, including St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, St. Stephen Church and Congregation Adath Jeshurun. Shows include works by Liszt, Stravinsky, Schubert, Mendelssohn and Mozart. Abrams stressed that this is not an abbreviated orchestra. "The whole orchestra will be there – there is no B-team."

The Lion of Judah event is open to women who give at least \$5,000 a year to the Annual Federation Campaign. Debbie Friedman, Jane Goldstein, Cheryl Karp, Kate Latts and Denise Schiller are co-chairs of this event.

The cost is \$36 per person. RSVP to Mary Jean Timmel at mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2722.

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Doug Gordon, the chair and Ariel Kronenberg co-chair of the 2015 Federation Campaign, and the Campaign Committee have designated the week of December 7-11 as the Week of Giving that will culminate with a Million Dollar Dinner.

During this week, Gordon explained, there will be an expectation that donors who believe in the work that the Campaign makes possible will step forward to make their pledges. Volunteers will be working hard to ensure that the Campaign reaches the \$1 million mark by the dinner on December 13.

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- Understand how one of our community's young leaders was so moved by her March of the Living experience that she established a fund at the Jew-

ish Foundation of Louisville to help provide scholarships that will enable other teens to make the same trip.

The Million Dollar Dinner will also feature Hollywood writer David N. Weiss, who will also share his Jewish journey and how it has given him a sense of joy and inspiration in learning and living Torah values.



David Weiss

The Emmy-nominated Weiss has written or co-written some of Hollywood's most endearing and successful family films, from Academy Award-nominated features, *Shrek 2* and *Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius* to the Ruggats Movies, the surprise hit, *The Smurfs* and *Smurfs 2*. Weiss' combined box office now exceeds \$2 billion, world wide.

A member of the Motion Picture Academy and former vice president of the Writer's Guild of America, Weiss has traveled the world, teaching and lecturing on writing and religion. He is in great demand as a speaker and was a hit at TribeFest last spring.

He has also written three books for children, including Kay Thompson's bestseller, "Eloise in Hollywood" (with Mr. Stem, for Simon & Shuster).

Weiss lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Eliana; their children, Channah and Sam; plus three cats, two birds, a tortoise and Sandy the dog.

The Million Dollar Dinner will be at 7 p.m. at Standard Country Club. A Vaad-approved option is available upon advance request. A covert for the dinner will be charged to event attendees to ensure all proceeds go directly to support the 2015 annual campaign.

RSVP by December 4 to Kristy Benefield, 238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.



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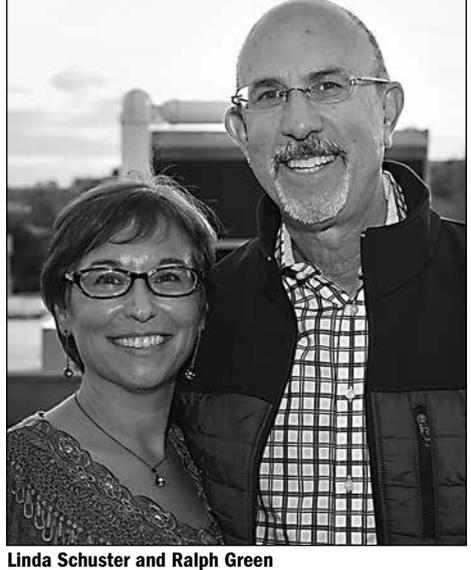
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Brandy and BBQ Event Was an Evening of Friends, Fun and Kosher-Style Flavor

The atmosphere was festive and lively as nearly 90 people gathered to meet and learn from celebrity Chef Katsuji Tanabe and to taste his kosher-style food. This Jewish Federation of Louisville's Uniquely Jewish BBQ and Brandy event was held in Copper & Kings gleaming new test kitchen in its Butchertown facility on October 19.

Tanabe demonstrated that you don't need cheese to make your meat dishes sparkle and sometimes things you wouldn't think to put together – like cauliflower, garlic, olives and dates – combine to make something truly tantalizing.

The event drew an eclectic crowd, men and women, people of all ages from all parts of the community, including a number who had never come to a Federation event like this before. It was the kind of event people had been asking for, and everyone had a good time.

Chef Tanabe is a contestant on Top Chef this season and runs his own Mexi-Kosher restaurant in Los Angeles. He is also a volunteer for Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Shellie Branson, Linda Schuster and Linda Spielberg co-chaired of this event.



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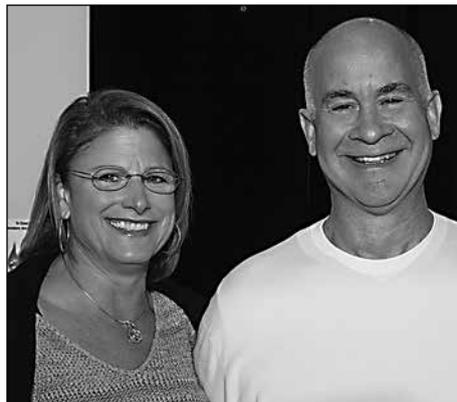
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Series of Events Leads to Week of Giving, Million Dollar Dinner

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The 2015 Federation Campaign is underway and gaining steam.

People crowded into the new Copper and Kings Distillery test kitchen on Sunday, October 19 for the first event of the Campaign in the Uniquely Jewish Event Series. Chef Katsuji Tanabe's creations delighted all comers, including a number of first-timers. (See story and photos, pages 8 and 9.)

Next up: the Lion of Judah event on Wednesday, November 5. Teddy Abrams, the new music director of the Louisville Orchestra, will be the featured speaker at a private home. Event chairs Debbie Friedman, Jane Goldstein, Cheryl Karp, Kate Latts and Denise Schiller invite all women who support the Annual Federation Campaign at the Lion of Judah level, \$5,000 or more each year, to meet the maestro and enjoy a heavy nosh. The cost of this event is \$36. (See story, page 7.)

In years past, the Annual Federation Campaign has begun in the fall and stretched until the moment the Planning and Allocations makes its final decision in June. This year, Campaign Chair Doug Gordon is committed to change that dynamic by ensuring that donors have the opportunity to make their pledges early, enabling the Campaign to deliver as much support as possible to our community agencies and Israel.

He's recruited a top-notch Campaign Committee to help complete the 2015 Campaign. With their energy and commitment, the focus is on encouraging everyone to give generously and make their pledges early.

To accomplish these goals, December 7-11 has been designated the Week of Giving for the 2015 Federation Campaign. During this week, Gordon explained, there will be an expectation that donors who believe in the work that the Campaign makes possible will step forward to make their pledges. More volunteers are also needed to help the Campaign reach its goal during the Week of Giving. To make your pledge or volunteer, go to www.jewishlouisville.org or contact Kristy Benefield, kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739.

The Week of Giving will culminate with a Million Dollar Dinner. Donors of \$1,000 or more, as individuals or couples, are invited to celebrate our community's success. The dinner, just \$36 per person, will include local stories of Jewish Journeys and how your Campaign donors have made a difference in people's lives. It will also feature Hollywood writer David Weiss, whose hits include Shrek 2, The Rugrats and more. (See Campaign story, page 1.)

December also means Chanukah and the last chance to give and claim a tax deduction on your 2014 federal income taxes. The Campaign will make an end-of-year push encouraging donors who

have not made their commitments by December 14 to step up and do their part.

Super Sunday for the 2015 Federation Campaign will be January 25. Make your pledge before that, and you won't get a call that day.

The Young Adult Division, chaired by Keren Benabou and Laurence Nibur, is also gearing up for an active Campaign season. The YAD 20's and 30's group had a planning meeting Thursday night, after *Community* went to press to plan additional events.

Several of the Ben Gurion Society members will attend the Jewish Federations of North America's General Assembly in Washington, D.C., in November, where they'll participate in North America's premier leadership retreat for Federation volunteer leaders and professionals. They expect to return to Louisville inspired and ready to cultivate other future leaders in our community. Michael and Beth Salamon are chairs of the Ben Gurion Society.

And all YAD members are asked to hold January 24, 2015, for the Main Event, which is now being planned. It promises to be a night to remember.

It takes all of us pulling together to ensure that our children have opportunities to attend summer camp at the JCC and participate in Teen Connection and BBYO; that newcomers are welcomed warmly and invited to become active members of the community; that individuals and families coping with life's challenges have the support they need, whether or not they have the resources to afford those necessary services; that our community offers lifelong Jewish learning and culture opportunities; that our seniors have access to affordable, hot, kosher meals as well as options that help them remain healthy and active physically, mentally and emotionally; and that we are there for Jews at risk, wherever they might be - in Louisville, in Israel and around the world.

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Day School Feasibility Study to Begin

In June 2013, Keneseth Israel announced that it had started preliminary work on a feasibility study to determine the level of demand in bringing to Louisville a new Jewish day school. Much progress has been made since then.

Keneseth Israel received a grant to conduct this study from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. KI engaged one of the country's most respected demographers, Dr. Ira Sheskin, director of the Jewish Demography Project of the Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies at the University of Miami.

Dr. Sheskin was in Louisville on September 11-12. During that time, he conducted a focus group with 14 parents of

young children who had expressed interest in sending their children to a Jewish school. He also conducted interviews with professionals in Jewish education in Louisville, including rabbis, cantors or education directors from all the synagogues in town.

There was also a meeting of the study's steering committee, comprised of a cross-section of leaders from Jewish Louisville. This group is helping Dr. Sheskin create a survey, which will be sent to the Jewish Community of Louisville's email list within the next month. The steering committee says that it would greatly appreciate the community's support by answering the survey when it is sent out.

Dr. Sheskin will also be sending a Jewish Institutions Survey to collect information that may help in his study. These surveys are to be completed by executive directors, rabbis and heads of schools. The survey queries the number of member households in 2004 and in 2014 and information on synagogue membership and preschool/child care, supplemental school, and day camp enrollments for 2004 and 2014.

Scott Weinberg, a KI board member and a leader of the steering committee, said, "We have an opportunity to build something really significant and inspiring that will last generations, and will shape the Louisville Jewish community of the future. We are all eager to hear the results of the feasibility study." Weinberg noted that the results of the feasibility study are expected to be completed by early 2015.

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by Stu Silberman
President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville

As I brought Dr. Capilouto, president of the University of Kentucky, into my office last week, I offered a typical greeting: "Welcome to the Louisville JCC." Then, knowing that Lexington doesn't have one, nor does any other city in Kentucky, I changed it to "Kentucky's JCC." There are over 350 JCCs, YM-YWHAs and camp sites in the U.S. and Canada. New York metro has over 20. Kentucky has one, for over 4 million people.

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filiated, or from other faiths, and enjoying banter on the basketball courts or softball fields, creativity in an art class, or education in the senior lounge;

- Comfort – hearing from our members how much at home they feel at the JCC, a very prideful event, one the staff gets to experience regularly as we interact with our members and visitors.
- Naches – the gratification we feel when our middle schoolers and high schoolers begin to embrace leadership development by participating in planning activities for these social, societal, educational and philanthropic youth groups.
- Pride – watching our children in Summer Camp learning Jewish values, playing in the Ga-ga pit and learning how to swim (the Talmud enumerates three responsibilities for parents to teach their children: the Torah, how to make a living, and how to swim; your JCC can help you in achieving these

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lane said that it was that bill that pushed him into politics. "It puts the government in charge of health care." He argued that jobs have been lost and will continue to be, and premiums are about to "skyrocket."

City candidates focused on local issues.

Mayor Greg Fischer said Louisville is in a "good place right now," emphasizing that the city now uses a program called LouieStat, which measures performance and efficiency in the office of Performance Improvement. He said that the city has worked hard to maintain close contact with residents. Watching the events of Ferguson, MO, unfold reaffirmed that our city is in good health, "We are 180 degrees in the other direction," he said. "We maintain a constant dialogue with residents in an intelligent and compassionate way so that we can win together, not lose together."

When asked how he felt about raising the city's minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour, his answer was "it depends." He said he is a strong supporter of raising the federal and state minimum wages, but to do so in the city alone might send jobs away.

One of Fischer's opponents, Republican Bob DeVore, also spoke at the forum. An employee of UPS, DeVore spent time on the McCreary County School Board before moving to Louisville. He said he decided to run for office because he wanted to make a difference in Louisville, and that if elected, he would give 30

percent of his salary to help boost education in the city. "The West End is being left behind," he said. He went on to say that the city's literacy rate is too low and "tuition is sky-high."

When asked his views on raising the minimum wage, DeVore said, "Why focus on the minimum? We should focus on opportunities, then you don't need a minimum wage. We have to give people the tools to be successful."

Several candidates for judgeships and County Clerk, including some incumbents, showed up and were introduced at the end of the forum. They shook hands, passed out fliers and asked for attendees' votes.



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lect one or more of our offerings to help you do so.

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Hillel Starts New School Year with New Staff

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

A new school year and a Jewish new year also mean a new start for the Hillel programs at the University of Louisville and Bellarmine University, and this year, that also means a new staff: Hillel Director Devon Oser and Israel Advocate Kevin Altman.

Both will be working part time at the Interfaith Center on the University of Louisville's Belknap Campus. Oser will be in the office on Fridays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and Altman will be there on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hillel began this school year with a barbecue event that drew about 30 people. Keeping the momentum going, U of L Hillel President Josh Goodman hosted both a Sukkah building program on October 7 and a Sukkot Sizzle Shabbat dinner at his home, complete with candle lighting.

The first Schmooze with the Jews pizza and movie night drew 15 students. This will be a monthly program on the second Tuesday of every month that will give students an opportunity to relax and visit. They will choose the movie they want to see, and it promises to be a lot of fun.

The next program, What Am I?, will offer students the opportunity to participate in an open discussion about what it means to be a Jewish student on campus today.

"This event is so important," Oser said, "because there is a lot going on nationwide with anti-Semitism and the Boycott-Divest-Sanction Movement. There have been a lot of events on other college campuses involving Jewish college students and students who are

pro-Palestine with too many conflicts for my liking.

"It's very concerning," she continued, "and actually the vice president of our organization, Leah Culp, asked if we could do some sort of event where we really created an open dialogue where Jewish students could get together and talk about how to combat any future issues that may arise on campus, be it a derogatory term being thrown out or the apartheid week which will happen in the spring."

Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman, who holds the new endowed Chair of Jewish Studies, will "sit down with the students and address any concerns that they have on campus." He'll also talk about what's been going on on other campuses nationwide.

The intent is to create a safe environment where students can ask questions and get advice if they encounter any situations that make them feel uncomfortable on campus and help them come up with solutions.

Omer-Sherman has also agreed to be Hillel's faculty advisor this year. "We are very excited," Oser said. "He is energetic; he is wonderful, absolutely wonderful; and he's really been helpful."

"He reached out to me when I first got here," Oser added, "to welcome me into the position and he's just been great with giving me ideas of ways to facilitate discussions between students and professors and different ways about thinking about certain issues."

"We also have a presence at Bellarmine University," Oser said, and all Bellarmine students are always invited to any events we have at the University of Louisville. Later in the year, there will be some events planned on the Bellarmine campus as well.

Connecting students with the Jewish community is also a priority for Oser, so she is working to establish an ongoing monthly lunch and learn program that will start in November. She explained, "we will take students out to lunch and pair them with a local rabbi or one of the professors from the Jewish Studies Program so that students have another informal way of talking with people from the community."

The format is fluid, she continued. "It's whatever the students want, so it will either be one-on-one or it will be a group of a couple of Jewish students who will go out to lunch with a rabbi or a professor."

"I'm making my way around and talking to all of the rabbis here in town so they know what we're doing at the Hillel this year," she said, "and also to see if they want to get involved at all with upcoming Hillel activities." So far, she's had a positive response from all the rabbis with whom she has spoken.

Hillel will also encourage students to attend national conventions like Jewlicious and TribeFest and to take Birthright Israel trips. "Right now," she said, "we are working with Shorashim to encourage students to go on a Birthright trip that's during winter break. That trip is for students at the University of Cincinnati and Miami University as well as students here."

"That would be a really neat trip," she observed, "because it will let students not only experience the wonders of Israel, but it will also let students do that with kids from their own area. That way, when they get back, if they make lifelong friends, which hopefully they will, it will be easier to keep in touch with them."

An expanded Hillel website is also in the works, and Oser has been sprucing up the Hillel office to make it more inviting.

Devon Oser

Originally from Columbus, OH, Oser is an attorney who accepted a job in the Public Defender's Office and came to Louisville in August, 2012.

"When I moved here," she said, "I didn't know a soul and one of the first people that I met outside of work was Tzivia Levin Kalmes. I contacted Tzivia because I was interested in becoming a part of the Jewish community here and she took me by the hand and helped me to do that."

Kalmes was the young adult director for the Jewish Federation of Louisville and Hillel director at the time, and has since left Louisville for a new opportunity.

Growing up in Columbus, Oser and her family were members of the Reform temple Congregation Beth Tikvah, where she celebrated her bat mitzvah and participated in other events.

She earned her Bachelor of Music in harp performance from the University of Michigan, completing her studies in just three years. Even with a heavy course load, Oser found time to participate in some Hillel events, although not as many as she wanted.

After taking a year off, she went to law school at the University of Cincinnati and earned her Juris Doctorate in 2012. "I took the job at the Public Defender's Office to advocate on behalf of people who didn't have a voice to speak for themselves," she explained.

Recently, she left the Public Defender's Office to go into private practice, and, she said, "I wanted to continue my path of community service and to continue to reach out to organizations that I felt passionate about."

"After becoming very close to individuals from the young adult program here," Oser said, "I realized that given the current issues with Israel, the Jewish



Devon Oser

people as a whole, and especially college students, need to do more to educate others on what their identity is and that just because the news is representing Israel in one light does not necessarily mean that that is what Israel stands for. And there's no better way to do that than by getting college students involved with these causes."

"Since I've been here, I've become really involved with the Jewish community," Oser said, and she has been attending young adult events."

In fact, it was at a YAD event that a mutual friend introduced her to Brett Hudspeth, and today, they are married. Hudspeth, who is also involved with YAD events, works for Humana and "loves his job, so we plan to stay here," Oser said.

It was also at a YAD event that Oser met Sara Wagner, the Senior Vice President and Chief Operation Officer of the Jewish Community of Louisville, and soon they began "talking about the young adult programming in Louisville and how to increase participation for young Jewish students and young Jewish adults."

Wagner and Oser began brainstorming some ways to start incorporating more young adult programming at the Jewish Community Center and through the Jewish Community of Louisville." That led to discussions of ways to increase programming for Hillel, too. "And so that's how I came to be here and involved with the Jewish programming," she said.

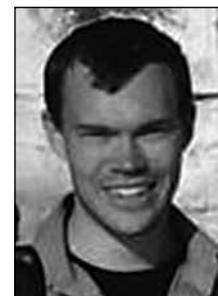
For Oser and Hudspeth, their Louisville family includes a toy poodle, Norman. Her parents, Nadine and Michael Oser, live in Columbus, where her mother is a magistrate in Franklin County Juvenile Court and her father is an attorney in solo practice.

Her sister, Cheri, who recently passed away, was an attorney who specialized in labor and employment law.

Kevin Altman

Kevin Altman is a graduate student at U of L, who served an internship with the Jewish Community of Louisville, helping out with the Jewish Community Relations Council.

This summer, he was in Israel when the war broke out and he wrote some articles about his experiences for *Community*. They are available at www.jewishlouisville.org. Watch the next issue of *Community* for more about him.



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Glenn Sadle Named JCC Youth and Teen Coordinator

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Glenn Sadle is certainly a familiar face around the Jewish Community Center, but now, he's taken on a new role. "I am the new youth and teen coordinator," he said, "so I will be working with the middle school age kids and the Teen Connection program." Sadle will also be working with the 4th and 5th graders and plans to start new program with them.

In the summer, he'll be working with the Summer Camp, running the Trek 46 program for 4th-6th graders, the many specialty camps and the middle school camps. He's eager to look at the Trek 46 program and other camps for that age group to find ways to improve it and attract more campers.

While this is a new position for him, Sadle has worked at the JCC in many capacities. For 10 years, he worked as a camp counselor with various age groups and many different programs. He also was an advisor for Drew Corson AZA for four or five years and worked part time with the children's programming and he taught Hebrew for Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad.

Born in New York, Sadle's family came to Louisville when he was just 3 years old. He grew up at Adath Jeshurun (although the family belongs to Keneseth Israel today) and spent every summer at the JCC Summer Camp.

In fact, the JCC has been home for his entire family. His mother, Diane Sadle, is the JCC's senior adult director and will be celebrating her 22nd anniversary here next month; and his father, Elliot Sadle, teaches Tae Kwon Do.

His older brother, Justin, was the

BBYO director and assistant camp director at the JCC for several years, and then he went on to become the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio Regional BBYO director. In fact, Glenn noted Justin even ran the middle school program for a while.

"I'm kind of following in his footsteps," Glenn said, "but things have changed a little bit. I'm actually at his old desk, which is a funny thing."

Sadle earned his BA in history with a minor in Judaic Studies from the University of Kentucky in 2009. At UK, he was active in Hillel and served as its president for a year and vice president for two. He returned to Louisville and worked at the JCC and LBSY until 2012. At that time, he decided to try something different.

"I never had done retail before that, so I decided I wanted to see what the for-profit world was like," but he soon found that he wanted to return to the nonprofit world and that he really wanted to work with young teens. When the JCC youth and teen coordinator position was posted during the summer, he applied because this job is exactly what he wanted.

"I see it in a world where the Jewish population is shrinking," Sadle said, "not necessarily in terms of numbers but in terms of involvement." By getting people involved at the JCC at a young age, he believes they are more likely to remain involved throughout their lives.

If children in the 4th and 5th grades begin coming to regular activities, they'll already have Jewish friends and will be ready for the Teen Connections program, which strengthens those ties and prepares them for BBYO. Then maybe "they'll be involved in Hillel in college

or join a Jewish fraternity or sorority; and then they'll be more likely to marry someone Jewish and raise their kids Jewish."

Sadle is already busy planning. The first Cotillion class is on Sunday, October 26, and the first Teen Connections program is Sunday, November 2. "We are going to Lazer Blaze and going bowling," he said.

Most of this year's Teen Connections programs are already planned, but Sadle is looking for ways to "incorporate more Jewish aspects into the program, whether its doing a service at a synagogue on a Saturday morning ... or doing like a havdallah service or doing tikkun olam."

Sadle is also working on building a strong parent committee for Teen Connections.



Glenn Sadle

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UK President Talks about His Jewish Roots

Dr. Capilouto Tells Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity about Changes in Education and Health Care Later in the Evening

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

When Dr. Eli Capilouto, president of the University of Kentucky, came to Louisville on October 6, he stopped by *Community's* offices for an interview in the afternoon and addressed members of the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity in the evening.

Dr. Capilouto, the first Jewish president of the state's flagship research university, talked about his Jewish upbringing and how it impacts him today.

"I grew up in Montgomery, Alabama," he began, "as part of a small Sephardic Jewish community that had come from the Island of Rhodes off the coast of Turkey.

"About 150 families settled there," he noted, while other Jews from that island settled in Atlanta, and Seattle, WA. "I have family in all of those cities," he said.

Dr. Capilouto attended the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where he joined the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, "which was entirely Jewish at the time," and went on to serve as his chapter's president.

For Dental School, he went to the University of Alabama, Birmingham (UAB), and soon after graduation, the dean asked him to join the faculty. Although he had originally planned to do a residency, he acquiesced and found that he really enjoyed education. He spent 10 years teaching and practicing dentistry.

In Birmingham, Dr. Capilouto was an active member of the Jewish community. He served on the boards of the local Federation and Jewish Community Center. "The community relations council was under the aegis of the Federation board," he added, "and I was chairman of that."

He also served on the board of Temple Emanu-El, a Reform congregation, "and just a few years before I left," he said, "I served as president of the temple while we underwent a dramatic renovation of our downtown location. It turned out to be a delightful experience."

Dr. Capilouto also found time to take night classes and pursue a master's degree in public health. "Then I applied for a Robert Wood Johnson Dental Health Services Research Fellowship," he explained, "and that led to another fellowship such that I got to spend four years at Harvard and got a doctorate in health policy and management.

"So I focused on medical decision making, health policies and health services research," he said. "That turned

out to be a pretty good skill set to be a university administrator. So that's how I got there, but it was all by accident. I didn't plan any of it."

Before accepting the top job at UK in 2011, he served as dean of the UAB School of Public Health and later as the school's provost.

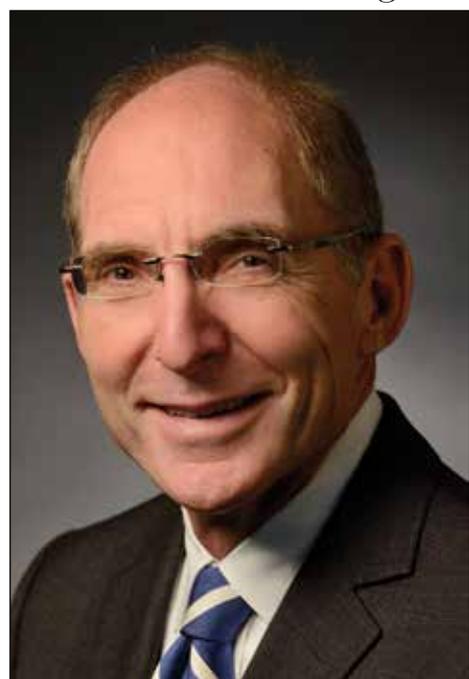
Dr. Capilouto maintains his connection to the Jewish community, but his duties at UK preclude his taking a leadership role. He attends services at Temple Adath Israel, the Reform congregation in Lexington, and has visited Ohavay Zion Synagogue, the Conservative congregation. "I feel comfortable at both," he said.

"It's interesting, the iconic, revered rabbi in Birmingham was a gentleman by the name of Milton Grafman," he recalled. "There is a synagogue endowment named for him - I've forgotten how big it is now - but it's quite significant. His first pulpit was in Lexington, Kentucky, where I now attend services. I've met people in their 90's who were confirmed by Rabbi Grafman. It is kind of neat."

Dr. Capilouto's pride in all that UK has to offer is evident throughout the interview and during his presentation to the dental fraternity later that day. He was eager to share that, "for the first time in our history, our enrollment exceeded 30,000 students. Our freshman class was up by nearly 500 at a time when you see declines across the country.

"We had our most diverse class, but our most prepared class," he continued. "You usually don't see those two features when you grow enrollment, but we did. We feel like we're more and more becoming the first choice for the best and brightest.

"This year, we have 113 National Merit



University of Kentucky President Dr. Eli Capilouto

Scholars," he added. "That should place us comfortably in the top 10 of all public research universities in the country and the reason we're able to do that is a remarkable faculty and a rich array of disciplines and colleges. We're one of eight universities in the country that has on a contiguous campus, this blend starting with a college of agriculture, arts and sciences, engineering, law, full complement that you'd expect to see in an academic health center in terms of medicine, dentistry, nursing, health sciences."

While Jewish enrollment at UK is not large, there is enough of a Jewish community for Jewish students to feel

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comfortable. The school offers a good Jewish Studies program, Dr. Capilouto explained, that not only enables Jewish students to pursue their faith studies, but along with the Black Studies, Hispanic Studies and other similar programs offers students of all faiths and backgrounds opportunities to learn more about campus minorities.

Last semester, he added, UK's Jewish Studies program's offerings included courses in both Yiddish and Hebrew, one of the few universities in the country to do so.

Jan Fernheimer directs that program, and Dr. Capilouto said, "she brings a lot of energy, passion, and objective academic perspective to it." A few weeks ago, she brought in a special speaker, Michael Twitty, who's talk, "Kosher Soul: Jewish-Black Identity in Cooking," drew a mixed audience to learn Jewish foods that were often borrowed from other cultures.

This lecture, he pointed out, was funded by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, which also sup-

ports some scholarships.

In addition to the Jewish Studies program, UK has a Hillel "that is organized and run by a community advisor," he said. "As we bring more students on campus, it is becoming more active."

Dr. Capilouto and his wife, Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto, make a personal effort to make students feel welcome on campus. For Rosh Hashanah, they held "an open house at the president's home on campus. We had 120 people come," he said. "It was a lovely afternoon for people to see each other. We also hold similar events for other faiths. And faith communities I think are an integral part of a healthy campus life."

When Dr. Capilouto addressed the dental fraternity that evening, he spoke about the changes in both health care and education and the parallels between the two, again emphasizing UK's strengths and the steps it is taking to grow and change to meet today's needs.



Left to right, Drs. Lee Mayer, Ralph Green, Greg Strull (Alpha Omega president), Jim Strull, Eli Capilouto, and Ivan Marks.



Drs. David Braunstein (Alpha Omega treasurer) and Greg Strull presented a certificate to Dr. Capilouto.



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For more information, contact Mary Jean Timmel, 238-2722 or mtimmel@jewishlouisville.org.

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The Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship Fund provides an annual scholarship to a high school junior or senior from the greater Louisville area to help defray the cost of an Israel trip and enable that individual to participate

in an approved month-long educational opportunity in Israel.

The Cantor Scholarship was originally established by Milton Cantor in 1997 in memory of his wife, Ellen. When he passed away in 2002, the fund was renamed in memory of them both. Their son, Howard, who lives in both Florida and Chicago, receives letters from each of the fund recipients when they return home from Israel.

“The letters mean a lot to me,” he told us. “The fund was important to my parents and its value is evident in the reactions I hear from the students. They describe the impact the trip has had on them and how it has changed their lives. It has been wonderful for our family to be a part of it.”

His sister, Elece Kovel, agrees. The letters she received made her realize how much the Israel trip means to the Cantor Scholarship recipients. She knows the additional funding makes it easier for students to take advantage of the opportunity to study in Israel.

Written applications must be submitted to the Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship Fund by December 31. Each candidate must also include the recommendation of his/her rabbi or an appropriate Jewish communal professional. Scholarship recipients must commit to participate in voluntary community activities upon their return from Israel. Applications can be downloaded from www.jewishlouisville.org or you may contact Kristy Benefield, kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739 for more information.

Summer Camp Scholarships

The Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship, the Miriam and Dennis Fine Beber Camp Memorial Scholarship and the Frankenthal Family Camp Ramah Scholarship are need-based grants that provide assistance for families to send their children to summer overnight camp. The deadline for application for these scholarships is December 31.

Written applications must be submitted to the Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship Fund, the Miriam and Dennis Fine Beber Camp Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Frankenthal Family Camp Ramah Scholarship at the Jewish Foundation of Louisville. Each candidate must also include the recommendation of a Jewish communal professional (rabbi, youth group leader, religious school principal, etc.). Applicants demonstrating financial need will be given preference, but other criteria will be considered as well.

Receipt of the scholarships is contingent upon enrollment/acceptance at an eligible Jewish camp. By accepting the scholarship, the applicant agrees to participate in appropriate publicity before and/or after camp in the *Community* paper.

Specific information about each scholarship is available below. Additional scholarships for Israel trips and Jewish summer camp may be available from different sources through the Jewish Foundation of Louisville. Applications can be downloaded from www.jewishlouisville.org or you may contact Kristy Benefield, kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739 for more information.

Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship

The late Laura K. Cohen thought summer camp was the best. She so treasured her time spent at a Zionist youth camp as a child that when she passed away, her friends and family chose to remember her by creating the Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship.

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Applications for the partial-tuition camp scholarships will be accepted from youngsters interested in attending Jewish overnight summer camps that observe kosher dietary laws, are Zionist in approach (provide an Israeli element in orientation and/or programming), and observe Shabbat.

Miriam and Dennis Fine Beber Camp Memorial Scholarship

Besides her family and friends, one of Miriam Fine's favorite things was summer camp. From being a camper at the JCC's Ben F. Washer Camp to being a counselor at Camp Livingston and a camp in Atlanta, it simply was her thing. She thought camp was important for all kids and was adamant that her children would go as well.

When Miriam passed away in 2004, her husband, Dennis, and their children, Molly, Max and Meredith, chose to memorialize her by ensuring others the opportunity to enjoy the Jewish camping experience that had been so much a part of her life and theirs. And when Dennis passed away in 2011, the fund was re-named to honor his memory as well.

Since the Fine children had attended the camp in Wisconsin over the years, the endowment was created to provide scholarships to Beber Camp.

Frankenthal Family Camp Ramah Scholarship

Citing their family's desire to make a Jewish camping experience accessible for all youngsters in our community, Kim and Stuart Frankenthal endowed the Frankenthal Fund with the Jewish Foundation of Louisville. The Frankenthals had been Ramah campers and found it an "eye-opening experience" for themselves and their children. "Jewish camping opportunities have always been important to our entire family," said Kim.

The Frankenthal Fund provides need-based scholarships for youngsters from the Louisville area at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. "We hope kids in the area will take advantage of the scholarship and the opportunity to be a part of Camp Ramah," says Kim. "If they have a love for Judaism and want to have some fun at the same time, there's nothing like it."

March of the Living Scholarship

The March of the Living is a program that takes teens to Auschwitz/Birkenau, Dachau, Majdanek and other Holocaust sites in Poland, accompanied by a Holocaust survivor, and then to Israel. Participants visit Auschwitz on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, and are in Israel to celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

When Natania Lipp participated in the March of the Living last spring, she realized how fortunate she was to be able to have this experience and wanted to find a way to help other teens have the same remarkable experience. Working with the Jewish Foundation of Louisville, she established the March of the Living Fund, and, starting this year, the fund will provide some scholarship assistance for a teen who wants to go on the March of the Living.

Lipp hopes generous donors in the community will help her continue to grow the fund to make more scholarships available in the future.

Written applications must be submitted to the March of the Living Fund by December 31. Applications can be downloaded from www.jewishlouisville.org or you may contact Kristy Benefield, kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2739 for more information. Additional information about the March of the Living can also be found at <http://motl.org/>.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

It is sometimes hard to schlepp myself over to the JCC for a workout. A nice afternoon nap is beckoning. However a little push and shove and I find myself on my way.

My luck! There is one more handicapped space left. Things are looking better. Into the elevator and down I go. From then on all is wonderful. The greeting at the desk is from my friend Karen. She hands me the wonderful orange towel and asks me how I am. I respond with what I call the "social" response: "Terrific" I lie. We both are happy. Moving along I greet Dottie who always tells me I am her inspiration.

Then I get the treat of the day. My spirits and love rise to the heavens above. Here come the babies in the elongated stroller and they are so adorable, some

even wave. I want to kiss and hug them all. They are so special.

All kinds of exercisers are there too: the old, the slim, the tall and the very tall, the fat, the friendly, the Russian speaking, the loud speaking, the aloof, the super strong, etc. One thing they have in common is that they are all ready to help me and many times they do.

The departing words from the person at the desk "Have a nice day." With that in mind I float out the door, spirits uplifted, and so glad I came. I wish the same to everyone.

Anita Goldin

Dear Editor,

How wonderful it is to have such a fine program as Melton under the leadership of Debbie Slosberg. She has a fine staff and they are all doing a great job. It makes me proud to be a former Melton student and to have learned so much.

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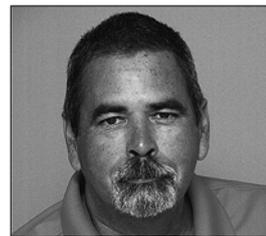
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U of L's Hillel Started Strong with a Barbecue that Drew Nearly 40 Students

by Kevin Altman
Special to Community

On Thursday, September 4, the University of Louisville Hillel held its first event of the new school year – a cookout at the Interfaith Center on the Belknap Campus. It was an excellent opportunity for a meet and greet of new and returning Cardinals, and I am happy to say, it was heavily attended by almost 40 students, more than half of them Jewish. With kosher burgers and hot dogs served, students voiced their excitement for the coming year.

"I'm so happy about this turnout. I feel

like we are going to get so much accomplished and have a great time," Miriam Leah Amchin, a junior, said. "I don't think I've ever been so excited for Hillel."

Indeed, students felt the urge to become more involved. Wes Campple, a freshman said, "I feel like I've neglected the Jewish side of me and so I want to learn more about it. I want to learn more about Israel especially. What better time than college?"

Louisville's Hillel offers a welcoming atmosphere and is closely connected with students of other faiths. Since the Hillel office is located in the Interfaith Center, Jewish, Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopal students all share common

areas and attend one another's events. To have a space with other faiths allows for dialogue, cooperation, friendship and education about how truly closely connected we are. Hillel students were very happy that many students of different faiths joined them for the opening event.

Hillel is in the process of re-energizing its program in attempt to help foster growth. Its members want to help students develop as individuals and cultivate their own Jewish identities to carry with them long after graduation. With the recent addition of Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman as chair of the Jewish Studies Department, Hillel will be co-sponsoring many events such as table

talk lunches, a large dinner in October celebrating Sukkot and opportunities for students to learn about topics such as Israel, Jewish culture and literature.

In his opening remarks, Hillel President Josh Goodman said, "We are incredibly excited for this year." He announced the second event would be 'Schmooze with the Jews – pizza and a movie' on September 9 in the IFC.

But perhaps the one comment that best encapsulated the spirit of the evening came from Perry Factor, a graduate student who exclaimed with incendiary spirit, "Hillel is back!"

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hope to all, including the underserved," and its core values are reverence, integrity, compassion and excellence. These themes resonate with Jewish tradition and Catholic tradition alike, and even with those who don't identify with any religion. "The more we understand that we're not as different as we think and the more we learn how to live together in respectful ways, the better we, as a human society, will be."

"I am integrated into conversations and decisions at every level," she said. "I work with the whole team. I'm involved in every part of the organization, so it's an opportunity to really integrate mission and spirit into the day-to-day operations so that we are sure that we always walk the talk."

Rabbi Dr. Siritsky also sees herself as an educator, bringing the Jewish voice to the table and helping to find ways of integrating it into the KentuckyOne family. "When the University of Louisville Hospital and James Graham Brown Cancer Center joined the KentuckyOne Health family last year, new opportunities to learn and grow emerged," she said. "Their commitment to excellence in research, teaching and community service, their dedication to education and diversity, all of these made them a natural partner in working to improve the health and well-being of the Commonwealth."

She explains she is committed to doing this, while ensuring that the academic voice is also respected and celebrated for the unique gifts that it brings. As vice president of the downtown medical campus, she is working to help the staff at all three hospitals connect their personal sense of mission with the larger mission of the organization, and ac-

tualize their shared values. "The Jewish commitment to Torah is a value that this new University partner holds as well," she explained.

"I know that I am part of an organization that is reverent in its commitment to respect the unique heritages of Jewish and University hospital. We are dedicated to consistently learning, growing and improving our ability to bring healing, hope and wellness to everyone, in the midst of a new and changing national healthcare environment," she added.

At KentuckyOne, she's also found an eagerness to learn and a desire for openness. "I have been so moved and blown away by how excited and grateful people are [to learn], whether they're Jewish or not, not only about Judaism, but about the diversity of our community and how to connect their spirituality to the sacred work that they do every day," she said.

Rabbi Dr. Siritsky is also excited about returning to Louisville. Earlier in her career, she served as a rabbi at The Temple. "When I first moved here," she said, "it was for two years.

"Really, Louisville wasn't even on my radar until I met Rabbi [Joe Rooks] Rapport, Mickey Heideman at my first interview at Hebrew Union College," she continued. "After I met them, and visited the city, it went to the top of my list. It felt like home immediately.

"Even after leaving," she went on, "it still felt like home. I kept my cell phone number, 502 area code, [even when I] moved to Canada. ... I kept it because Louisville felt like home and I felt a close connection to the city, to the people and to the community.

"I'm excited not only to be returning home, but to be part of this exciting new energy that I feel in Louisville as we begin to discern what the new chapter is going to look like for us together," she added.

Originally from Montreal, Canada, she was ordained from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where she also completed her doctorate in ministry. She completed her chaplaincy training program at the HealthCare Chaplaincy in New York, where she also served as an interfaith chaplain with the Red Cross, following the September 11 attacks. She is a graduate of the Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville, where she studied the effects of psychosocial interventions in the management of chronic illness. Her doctoral research focused on the integration of pastoral theory in health care management in order to reduce compassion fatigue and turnover, as well as to improve productivity and patient care.

In addition to her congregational experience, at The Temple here in Louisville and at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Rabbi Dr. Siritsky has also worked as an interfaith chaplain and psychotherapist in several settings including hospice and palliative care, as well as consulting, fundraising and grant writing for nonprofit organizations. She has served on the board of the National Association of Jewish Chaplains, the Society for Classical Reform Judaism and on the Rabbinic Advisory Committee for Interfaithfamily.com.

Festival of Trees & Lights Celebrates Partnership with Local Jewish Community

The Festival of Trees & Lights is a unique holiday event in that it celebrates both Christian and Jewish traditions. November 14-16, Louisville Slugger Field will transform into a winter wonderland featuring hundreds of decorated holiday trees, wreaths and greenery as well as a walk-through display celebrating Chanukah. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Festival of Trees & Lights and its partnership with Louisville's Jewish community.

In 1989, Jerry Berman founded the "lights" portion of the festival to include the Jewish community and to provide an educational aspect about the rich Jewish heritage for festival guests. Although it took a couple of years for the Jewish area of the Festival of Trees & Lights to get going, eventually it grew into a large vignette space. The vignette featured beautiful displays of menorahs and dreidels on loan from local temples, synagogues and private collections and Chanukah giveaways of dreidels and gelt.

"We wanted it to be a place where the community learned about holidays and what is special to the Jewish faith," said Richard S. Wolf, M.D., retired medical director of Kosair Children's Hospital and former Jewish heritage committee chair.

Under Dr. Wolf's leadership, the Jewish heritage section began to focus on other important holidays and traditions, such as Seder and Shabbat. There was even an elaborate Jewish wedding display under a chuppah, complete with a mannequin bride, groom and rabbi.

Around 3,000-5,000 students from Jefferson County Public Schools attended the Festival of Trees & Lights annually through the school tour program. Students were given the opportunity to learn about Jewish faith and traditions, as well as Christmas, Kwanzaa and the role of Kosair Children's Hospital in the community.

Traditionally, the Festival of Trees & Lights benefits the area of greatest need at Kosair Children's Hospital. This year, the event will support a \$2 million initiative for the neuroscience and neurosurgery department. With advanced equipment and research, the hospital is able to attract and keep specialists here in our community so that patients will not need to travel outside of the region when they need specialized care. Kosair Chil-

dren's Hospital continues to be a source of hope and healing for families facing the uncertainty of life with a neurological disorder so that these children may live long, happy lives.

When asked why supporting Kosair Children's Hospital is so important, Dr. Wolf said, "Children are only 20 percent of the population, but they are 100 percent of our future."

You can support the neuroscience program at Kosair Children's Hospital by attending the Festival of Trees & Lights. In addition to menorahs, dreidels, and Chanukah giveaways, the Jewish heritage display will include a special children's activity. Doughnut holes to be served from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday, November 16, will be provided by Hi-Five Doughnuts and owner Annie Sussman Harlow.

Additional highlights of the event include an ice skating rink, free children's activities, holiday entertainment, sweets and gifts. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$5 for children 12 and under and seniors 65+; and \$8 for adults. For additional event information, visit FestivalofTreesandLights.org.



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Rabbi Slosberg Led National Conservative Movement Solidarity Mission during Israel's Gaza War

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Last August, during the height of Israel's conflict with Gaza, Adath Jeshurun's Rabbi Robert Slosberg was tapped by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the Rabbinical Assembly and the Masorti Foundation to lead the Conservative Movement's Solidarity Mission to Israel along with Rabbi Felipe Goodman.

Almost 60 people participated in the mission on very short notice, Rabbi Slosberg said, 52 of whom were from the United States. The purpose of the mission, he explained, "was really to see what was going on in Israel, to meet with government people, professors and military people, and to provide some *chizuk*, strength, for our colleagues and congregants in Israel." At the time, he added, there was "a tremendous sense of Israelis feeling demoralized and traumatized."

The whirlwind three-day mission kept participants going nonstop. A ceasefire was in effect when the group arrived, but it was broken during their second full day in Israel. While the group was in Beersheva, three missiles were fired at that southern city.

"There was no siren in Beersheva," Rabbi Slosberg said, "and we didn't hear anything. It was reported on the news and the driver actually told us when we got on the bus. Then we headed north, but it was clear that the ceasefire had ended."

"It was a very, very powerful, intense emotional experience," he added. "I don't think we really realized the impact these missiles have had. ... Three quarters of Israel's citizens are within striking distance of the missiles. ... The children, in particular, have been traumatized."

"There was truly a sense of helplessness," he continued. "One statement of one of the teenagers really sums it up best, 'They used to come in and blow themselves up so we built a wall. Then they shot missiles at us and we built the Iron Dome. Now they're tunneling under the wall we built.' There's a sense of despair: what hope is there for the future? What will come next?"

Another time, an attack forced the group to seek shelter. Rabbi Slosberg reported, "I had to go down to the bomb shelter in the basement of the hotel. It wasn't scary because it was Jerusalem. But I was thinking, I had to get out of

bed, get dressed to some degree and then get downstairs. Imagine if I had only 15-30 seconds to do that." Since he was in Jerusalem, he had a bit more time. "Thankfully, the missile was intercepted by the Iron Dome."

"Imagine yourself being a kid knowing that at any given moment you have 15 or 30 seconds to get to a bomb shelter," he continued, noting that while this summer's war was terrible with close to 4,000 missile attacks, the missiles have been an ongoing problem. "What people don't know is that since 2007, there's been 18,000 missiles. So it's really worn people down, and even before the war, there were unexpected missiles."

"That's what terror is," he observed. "It's unexpected. It just happens."

"The only other time that I really felt a little alarmed was the last day," he said. There had been reports of missiles targeting Tel Aviv. "We were in Tel Aviv and we meeting with the former head of the Mossad, Danny Yatom. There was like a thud on the windows and then there was an even louder thud, and we were on the 47th floor of the largest building in Tel Aviv. [It turned out that] it was the window washers."

Rabbi Slosberg was particularly moved by four components of his trip to Israel.

The first was the actions of the Masorti Movement. During the war, they provided counseling, programs and services to children and adults in Israel's south. For example, they created maps of the city, noting where everyone lives and checking up on people to make sure they're O.K.

The Masorti Movement is also among the groups that received support from the Jewish Federations of North America's Stop the Sirens Campaign to provide "camps in the north so that kids who have been in the south and living through this throughout their lives could get away and not be subjected to the missile fire," Rabbi Slosberg said.

"The second component that was very powerful," Rabbi Slosberg continued, "was the impact that anti-Semitism throughout the world is having on Israel and the influx of new immigrants. We met with Natan Sharansky, who told us that not a single new *oleh* [immigrant] had canceled" plans to come to the Jewish State because of the war.

"There's been a dramatic spike in anti-Semitism in Europe," he continued, and "some of it, particularly in Hungary, is organized by the government. In other places, it's not necessarily organized by the government, but it's of tremendous concern to Israelis and Israeli leadership. They are preparing for a large influx from France, Germany and even

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Rabbi Robert Slosberg



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Australia. Some of the events reported to us are quite frightening and are reminiscent of the beginning of Nazi Germany.

"The third component to this trip that I found very moving and created a sense of pride was learning the extent to which Israel goes to prevent civilian casualties," Rabbi Slosberg said. "We met with the ethicist who wrote the code of ethics for the military." He was shocked to find out how many levels of red tape soldiers must clear before specific actions, like targeted killings, are approved.

"Ethicists are involved in making the decision," he pointed out. "It's not just military people saying, 'oh there's a terrorist, let's just go bomb him.' You have to have clearance, and if there's any chance of civilian casualties, unless the terror threat is imminent, then the terror strike is called off.

"The other surprising statistic that the gentleman shared with us is that the terrorist-to-civilian ratio in targeted killings is 30-1," Rabbi Slosberg said. "Over the years so that's pretty significant and yet any time a civilian is killed, we feel a sense of loss. At the same time, knowing the extent that Israel goes to avoid civilian deaths is very important."

"A lieutenant colonel who runs an artillery battalion just a few miles from Gaza confirmed what the ethicist had told us," he continued. "They have to have permission to shoot at certain areas." The entire area is mapped and the Israeli soldiers know where the civilians are. "The only time they're allowed to shoot in areas where there may be civilians," he reiterated, "is to protect soldiers whose lives are in danger.

"During the war, he told me his battalion alone had fired 10,000 missiles and he was responsible for having an Excel spreadsheet for every single artillery shell that was fired," Rabbi Slosberg reported, "and that is every single one and it is studied and there is strict accountability.

There have even been times when authorization to shoot has been issued and then revoked when the soldiers learn there are civilians in an area. "There is a tremendous concern with civilian lives," he stated, "and I think part of the reason Israel spent most of its time bombing Hamas, using its air force as opposed to sending in soldiers, is that it really minimized losses on both sides." The high-tech equipment further reduces civilian casualties.

Hamas does not function by the same set of rules. "There was a report we heard this summer of Hamas terrorists holding children in one hand shooting with the other," he said.

The final component Rabbi Slosberg spoke about is the Masorti Movement's *Chayal Boded*, Lone Soldier program, another program that received support from the Stop the Sirens Campaign.

Like many people, Rabbi Slosberg knew about the Lone Soldier programs that help young people serving in Israel's armed forces who made aliyah alone from other countries and have no family in Israel to support and help them.

But, he discovered, there is a second type of *chayal boded* serving their country. "These are ultra-Orthodox Jews who have been expelled from their family because they no longer want to be Ultra-Orthodox," Rabbi Slosberg explained. They are as much alone as the immigrant soldiers.

"So where do they stay and who takes care of them?" he asked. "Conservative synagogues adopt these kids, find places for them to stay and provide them with clothing. I was so touched."

Mission participants also got to see an Iron Dome installation, and they met with politicians from whom they learned more about where their parties stand on the issue of pluralism, "a critical issue for the Conservative and Reform movements in Israel.

"I really felt extremely proud and extremely sad," Rabbi Slosberg said. "It was very, very emotional and it was also, from a fundraising standpoint, the most successful mission the Masorti Foundation has ever had in Israel. ... I'm really glad that we could make a difference."

His message to his congregation and to the community is, "Now's the time we need to embrace our Israeli brethren. We need to get there [to Israel] and we need to do more to foster understanding of the challenges Israel faces. At the same time, we need to show our support and solidarity because they are mentally and physically exhausted from years of the errant missiles.

"It was a trip of a lifetime, like none I've ever had," he concluded. "It has really been a real privilege to participate and to play a role in the mission's success. It's really one of the great experiences of my career."



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NCJW Opening Meeting Focused on Working to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect

by Phyllis Shaikun
Special to Community

For more than a century, the National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, has been involved in efforts that benefit women and families in our community. The section's many successful programs and sponsorships, including the NCJW Jewish Resource Center, craft days at Maryhurst, participation in Camp Gilda and creation of the new Court Watch program last month, were highlighted at their opening meeting on Monday, September 29, at Volare on Frankfort Avenue.

The meeting focused on the section's concern about the number of children who die from neglect and abuse while under the watch of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. This led to the establishment of the NCJW David Richart Committee in 2012, which continues to study the issue.*

In September, at the request of Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge Patricia Walker Fitzgerald, the section reinstated its Court Watch program, which involves more than 40 volunteers observing how abuse and neglect cases are handled in the courtroom.

Louisville native Melissa Currie, M.D.,

associate professor and director of the Kosair Charities Division of Pediatric Forensic Medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, was the guest speaker. She is one of just three child abuse medicine specialists in the entire commonwealth.

During her chief residency in Milwaukee, Dr. Currie trained in child abuse pediatrics, and when she returned to Louisville to join the medical school faculty several years later, she created the Division of Pediatric Forensic Medicine in the fall of 2007 with the help of Kosair Charities.

In 2009, she was among the first group of pediatricians to become board certified in child abuse medicine. In 2012, she became a founding partner in the Face It® Movement, a 10-year initiative with the vision that all children in Jefferson County will be free from abuse and neglect by 2023.

Dr. Currie is aware of and recognized NCJW's efforts on behalf of children and families and called it "powerful" that Judge Fitzgerald asked them to take part in the effort to help ensure that everyone, including judges, is doing their job. "We are," she said, "talking about breaking down silos."

The effort also involves the cooperation of the Louisville Metropolitan

Police Department and schools in the area so when a domestic violence calls come in, all interested parties are notified. "Having those conversations," she explained, "can make a difference in a child's life."

Her work involves trying to find out who the perpetrator is in a case (who injured the child) and she mentioned several recent cases in which she had participated. She cautioned that while some see removing a child from a home as a panacea, she believes that the foster care system is more of a punishment to the child than to the parent(s).

"The child deserves a parent," she stated, "even a less than ideal one." She looks to the Court Watch program to define gaps in the system, and to the community to keep children and families safe by sharing relevant information if abuse is suspected and allowing public access to that information.

*The David Richart Committee Study Forum Series, titled Kentucky's Response to Abused and Neglected Children, took place on October 14 (*NCJW's Mission to Educate & Advocate the KY Child Protective Services System*), October 21 (*The Need for Transparency & Public Oversight to Protect Children*), and October 28 (*What Works & What Needs Repair*) at The Temple.



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Hadassah Welcomes the New Year at Big 4 Bridge

On October 5, Hadassah women welcomed the Jewish New Year with an apple-themed picnic at the Big 4 Bridge. While the Belle of Louisville floated by, women enjoyed apples from Huber's Orchard, honey from Israel and homemade apple cakes and turnovers.

In keeping with the theme, "Looking to the Future," the women wrote down personal wishes for the coming year and discussed Hadassah projects that emphasize future successes.

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Elisburg spoke about the Youth Aliyah villages in Israel, which provide a safety net of services to immigrants and at-risk Israeli children from poor or abusive homes in Israel. Students in these villages learn the skills they need to succeed in modern-day Israel.

Elisburg also discussed a recent *New York Times* report of a study by Israeli and United States researchers on Ashkenazi Jewish women and the BRCA breast cancer gene. The conversation centered around Hadassah Medical Center's oncologist Prof. Tamar Peretz

and her feelings on the ethics and implications of routine screening for these harmful genes in women without a family history of cancer.

Photos of bras that the women decorated were uploaded to The UpLift Project, Hadassah's community outreach campaign to promote breast cancer awareness. The actual bras were donated to the Lite 106.9 Bra Bridge event October 10-12. Bras were hung from one end of the bridge to the other in support of breast cancer awareness.

The event culminated with a Heart Healthy walk across the bridge. The women paused at the midway point to blow the shofar and welcome the New Year.

Hadassah is the Women's Zionist Organization of America. For more information contact Michelle Elisburg, mee-hadassah@gmail.com.



Robin Wolff with a shofar.



The group displayed their handiwork with Maureen Friedman sitting, holding a shofar, surrounded by Michelle Elisburg, Sheila Tasman, Heidi Bennett, Lisa Klein, Robin Wolff, Nancy Elisburg, Adele Pearlman.



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Melton Students Enjoy Adult Jewish Study

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

For many people, details about their own cultural and religious heritage are elusive. We don't often think about where we came from or the background and meaning of our religious traditions.

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning offers you the opportunity to learn about Judaism, its heritage, practices and beliefs from an adult perspective. The school is an international education program with a chapter here in Louisville. The curriculum is created and updated by Hebrew University in Jerusalem in its Melton Centre of Jewish Education.

It's a two-year program which is based on three pillars of teaching: text-based study, interactive methodology and pluralistic environment. Each week, classes discuss text-based readings dealing with specific themes. Instructors facilitate the discussion, ensuring that each student has the opportunity to participate fully. The pluralistic classes include diverse texts and multiple perspectives, and instructors represent the full spectrum of Jewish traditions.

There are no prerequisites or homework assignments. Students are welcome regardless of their level of understanding of Judaism or background.

Deborah Slosberg, coordinator of adult education at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, runs the local program, which is the fastest-growing program in the country. There were 70 people enrolled last year and there are about 118 this year, she said. "It has exploded, and it's wonderful," she said.

You don't have to read or understand Hebrew because all classes and readings

are in English, Slosberg said. The classes meet weekly for 30 weeks a year.

"It helps people become more connected to the Jewish community," she added.

Alan Zemon, 71, a retired jeweler in his second year of the program, said he took the course because he had heard so many great things about it and was interested in Jewish studies. When asked what he had learned, he said, "You have a spare week or two? We have learned much about the history of the Jewish people, customs, beliefs, our holidays, life cycle events and rituals, and so much more. Interestingly, we learned of the broad spectrum of beliefs held by Jews, and how insightful and wise is Jewish teaching."

Helen Sweitzer, a retired psychologist, had wanted to take the classes with her friend, Jane Goldstein, but couldn't commit due to time constraints. Once the ladies retired, they jumped right into the classes. "I was interested in refreshing and expanding my knowledge of Judaism," Sweitzer said. "I am someone who loves school and loves to learn, but not so much when I attended Hebrew School and Sunday School many years ago."

Sweitzer was surprised at how much she didn't know before the classes. "When (I was) young, my father and uncle would sit at the dining room table - they were both lawyers - and debate the meaning of different passages, especially those related to the law," she said. "I am truly sorry I did not listen to their discussions."

Zemon said he would recommend the class to anyone with an interest in Jewish studies, no matter what their faith tradition. "Our class represented the range of Jewish denominations, Christians, believers and those with ques-

tions," he said. "As we got to know one another there became a very enjoyable feeling of friendship."

Once participants have graduated, they can take part in the Scholars programs, which are 10-week classes on specific topics. Registration is now open for Melton classes beginning in January, including "Beyond Borders: A History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict," taught by Dr. Ed Segal, anthropology professor emeritus at the University of Louisville; "Mysticism and Kabbalah: Secret Knowledge in Judaism," taught by Rabbi Michael Wolk of Keneseth Israel Congregation; and "Exodus II: Revelation and Revolution," taught by Rabbi Laura Metzger of Adath Jeshurun.

The school is named for Florence Melton, who invented the foam-soled, washable slipper. Her business eventually became Dearfoams. She had 19

patents in all, according to a bio on the Jewish Women's Archives website. She created the school to help adults learn more about Judaism.

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning is sponsored by Congregation Adath Jeshurun in collaboration with the Jewish Community Center and with support from Congregation Anshei Sfar, Keneseth Israel Congregation, The Temple and Temple Shalom. This program is made possible by generous grants from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and the Dorothy Levy Memorial Fund.

Visit www.jewishlouisville.org/melton to register on line. Call Mary Jean Timmel, 238-2722 to register by phone. For additional information, contact Louisville Melton Director Deborah Slosberg, dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359.

92nd Street Y Program Gives Plenty of Food for Thought

by David Wallace
Special to Community

The 92nd Street Y is a non-profit cultural and community Center located in New York City. Among the things that they do is present various discussions involving people in the public eye. So, I found myself watching a discussion on October 1 via streaming video at Congregation Adath Jeshurun involving Erik Kolbell, author of *When Your Life is On Fire What Would You Save?*; Fred Newman, "sound man" for Garrison Keillor; Alan Alda, actor most famously known for his portrayal of Hawkeye Pierce for 10 seasons on the iconic television sitcom *M*A*S*H*; and Jane Pauley long-time moderator of the *Today Show*.

The premise seemed to me to be a one-trick pony: If your house were burning down and those living things that are valuable to you were not affected what would you save? My immediate reaction was books are what I would save and I could spend a minute or so telling of my love for them and that was it. What do we do for the rest of the hour?

Once the discussion began I quickly realized how shallow my interpretation was. I could, indeed, save my books but I could also select an aspect of my thinking that was fundamental to my personality to save, which is what the three celebrities had done.

Fred Newman chose his ability to listen. Like the two other celebrities, he

pointed to an epiphany of sorts to illustrate what he meant. Newman grew up in segregated La Grange, GA. There was only one place in that town where the races could mix, Fling's Country Store. There, anyone could tell a story and all the others would listen. He remembers one instance where he became so absorbed in the story that his orange Popsicle melted in a puddle on the floor. He had listened.

Alan Alda would take from his burning house "hard, cold reality," the way things are when life moves by you in ever-changing fragments of time. His epiphany came on the top of a mountain in Chile when he experienced a sharp pain that turned out to be the symptoms of a strangled intestine. He thought he was going to die and he calmly proceeded to set his house in order. He faced up to "hard, cold reality" and it helped him get through his "night of the dark soul."

The most intriguing description, to me, was the reaction of Jane Pauley. She was interviewed by Kolbell at her house in front of a large picture window curtained to reveal alternating light and shadow. Pauley would take from her burning house the ability to live in both dark and shadow.

I took this to mean that she wanted to live a nuanced life not blinded by the light or obscured by the shadow. Instead, she spoke of her experience 14 years ago when she was diagnosed as bipolar. This

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Giant Ukraine JCC Provides Shelter from the Storm – in Style

by Cnaan Liphshiz

DNEPROPETROVSK, Ukraine October 1, 2014 (JTA) – Five months into the war that turned him into a refugee in his own country, Jacob Virin has already attended 20 Jewish weddings – including those of his son and two other relatives – at the \$100 million JCC of Dnepropetrovsk.

Towering over the skyline of this industrial metropolis, the 22-story Menorah Center is said to be the largest Jewish community center in Europe and a symbol of the remarkable Jewish revival here after decades of communist repression.

But with eastern Ukraine descending into chaos in recent months, the center of late has assumed a new symbolism. With one of its two hotels serving as temporary housing for some of the hundreds of refugees displaced by fighting between government forces and pro-Russian rebels, and a recent mass wedding for 19 Jewish couples held on its roof terrace, the center has become an emblem of Jewish survival during the current crisis.

“More than any other single complex, the Menorah Center has empowered the Jewish community of Dnepropetrovsk to better serve as an anchor for Ukrainian Jewry in difficult times and as an engine for Jewish renewal,” said Zelig Brez, the community’s director.

Completed in 2012 with funding from two Jewish oligarchs, the Menorah Center is a leviathan. Its 450,000 square feet of floor space includes a swanky event hall, a synagogue with black marble interior, a large Holocaust museum, luxurious ritual baths for men and women, and several kosher restaurants and cafes.

At night, powerful spotlights illuminate the center’s seven domes, making the large complex on Sholem Aleichem Street look much like its namesake.

“The idea here is also to build a presence, a great beacon of light that tells the Jews of Ukraine: ‘We are here. Come join us. The time for hiding is over,’” said Rabbi Shmuel Kaminezki, the energetic chief rabbi of Dnepropetrovsk and one of the Chabad movement’s most senior envoys to Ukraine.

During the Nazi occupation of Ukraine in the 1940s, German troops murdered 20,000 Jews in and around Dnepropetrovsk, essentially annihilating the community. Many Jews who escaped eastward returned after the Red Army defeated the Nazis, but the Kremlin’s anti-Semitic and anti-religious ideology kept Jewish life underground here until Ukraine gained independence in 1991.

Following the fall of communism,

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was, she said, “a shock for someone from Indianapolis” which was her way of referring to her “normal, All-American” image. She reacted with two thoughts: “At least it isn’t cancer,” but, more fundamentally, “I don’t know who I am.” She has adjusted by living between the dark and the light and has learned to accept herself in that misty light.

I walked away from this program less smug than when I had arrived, not with a formula for living life but an insight into how I might make the effort. Kolbell’s book is for sale in the Adath Jeshurun Gift Shop.

Adath Jeshurun’s next Live from the 92nd Street Y interactive broadcast will be Sunday, November 9, at 7 p.m. Jack Miles, Susannah Heschel and Prof. David Blake will explore “Can Religion Be Defined?” This program is free and open to all. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg, 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Dnepropetrovsk emerged as an engine for Jewish life in Ukraine. Some 15 percent of the country’s Jewish population lives here, and the city boasts several unique Jewish amenities, including the only matzah factory in Ukraine and a workshop for ritual scribes. The community’s partnership with Jewish communities in the Boston area is also the object of pride here.

Kaminezki says the Menorah Center is the largest JCC in Europe. Navigating the maze of elevators that services the building’s seven wings, he pops into a gourmet kosher restaurant with heavy cherrywood tables to chat with a donor having lunch.

Before returning to his office, Kaminezki shows off the center’s main passageway, which at lunch hour fills up with a mix of religious Jews and non-Jews, including women in short skirts and high heels who come to visit medical clinics, hair dressers or the bank – all of which rent space in the center.

The vast structure “is meant to accommodate the needs of this growing community not only now but also in the future,” Kaminezki said back at his

penthouse office overlooking the Dnepro River.

With such an impressive presence, the

Menorah Center has become the Jewish community’s de facto embassy, hosting see **UKRAINE JCC** page 26



A rendering of the Menorah Center in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine, which is said to be the largest Jewish community center in Europe.

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MERRY MITZVAH PREVIEW 2014: Time to think about Merry Mitzvah 2014! Even though helping others is a 365 day a year goal, we have some seasonal events offered to aide our local agencies. We hope everyone can find their niche. As usual, the first to call get their top pick. Please contact the coordinator of a project you like or call Amy Benovitz 425-0373 with questions and to RSVP. Thank you in advance for reaching out to others.

Chaired by Amy Benovitz and Rabbi David

NOVEMBER OPTIONS:

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b. November 16: Join us to prepare and serve dinner Sunday night for 70 family members from 4-6 at Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter @ 1321 S. Preston during America Feeds the Homeless Week.

c. ALWAYS NEEDED: gloves, jackets, hats, school uniforms, UNDERWEAR for Homeless CHILDREN and similar types of warm outdoor wear for Adults. Baby products and Diapers of all sizes needed too. Drop of in Temple Office!

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b. 8 volunteers to serve lunch at St Vincent DePaul 1:30-1, 1026 S. Jackson Street. A great family and friend option.

c. Serve breakfast @ Ronald McDonald House 9 am.

d. Join Temple Shalom to provide lunch and cheer at Maryhurst Girls Home

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f. 8 volunteers to serve lunch at Cathedral of the Assumption Soup Kitchen 443 S. Fifth Street 10:30-1:15. Must be 16

RSVP to Amy Benovitz at 425-0373.

News Analysis

U.S. Has No Clear Path Back to Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations

by Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON October 7, 2014 (JTA) – Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is talking tough. And Israel and the United States don't seem to mind too much – or else think their best option at this point is to grin and bear it.

Abbas used his September 26 speech to the United Nations General Assembly to accuse Israel of racism and genocide. He and his aides again are raising the possibility of seeking U.N. action to sanction Israel. They appear ready to bypass negotiations with Israel in favor of seeking an international declaration of a Palestinian state – positions consistently opposed by Israel and the United States.

Still, Israeli and U.S. officials have

been relatively tepid in their responses. For example, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose dramatic and assertive speeches have become an annual tradition at the General Assembly, offered only a quick rejection of Abbas' withering speech.

Perhaps more telling: Israel no longer seems to be pushing the Obama administration to penalize Abbas. That represents a pivot from Israel's posture following the breakdown in talks between Israelis and Palestinians in April and before the onset of this summer's Gaza war. During those months, Israel and its allies in the U.S. pro-Israel community and in Congress were threatening to cut assistance to the Palestinian Authority if Abbas sustained a government of tech-

nocrats that was backed by Hamas.

But Abbas is smelling a lot sweeter after Israel's war with Hamas, according to a lobbyist who works Middle East issues on Capitol Hill. Lawmakers who wanted to punish Abbas before the war are now backing proposals that would return his Fatah party to authority in the Gaza Strip, where it was ousted by Hamas in bloody fighting in 2007.

"Especially with this possible new role in Gaza, Israel may want to keep the Palestinian Authority on life support," said the lobbyist, who was speaking anonymously in order to be candid.

The Obama administration does not want the Palestinian Authority to bring its case for statehood to the United Nations again, but would not say what it

was prepared to do to prevent the P.A. from coming before the Security Council.

"I won't comment on hypotheticals," a senior administration official told JTA when asked about Abbas' proposal last month at the General Assembly to consider an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, with land swaps, within a limited time period.

"I will say, however, that we strongly believe that the preferred course of action is for the parties to reach an agreement on final-status issues directly," said the official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity to be candid. "We have long made clear that negotiations are the means by which this conflict will be re-

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visits from ambassadors and diplomats, including the U.S. State Department's anti-Semitism envoy, Ira Foreman, who visited in April.

Non-Jews sometimes refer to the center as the Kolomoisky building – Igor Kolomoisky, a Jewish billionaire, funded the building with fellow Ukrainian billionaire Gennady Bogolyubov, the president of the Jewish community of Dnepropetrovsk.

A banker who has poured millions into Jewish causes, Kolomoisky has become something of a national hero since making sizable donations to the ill-equipped Ukrainian army in its battle against pro-Russian separatists. In April, Kolomoisky was appointed governor of this strategically crucial region.

Brez, the community director, says he is more concerned with using the Meno-

rah Center to leave a mark on the lives of local Jews than to impress foreigners or non-Jewish locals. So earlier this month, Brez helped arrange the mass wedding on the center's roof, among them his son's in-laws. Several of the couples had already wed decades ago but never had a Jewish ceremony.

"The community sheltered us, but also made us a family, right here at the Menorah Center," said Virin, the editor in chief of the main Jewish paper of Donetsk, the embattled eastern city that has become a flashpoint in the fight between Ukrainian forces and the rebels.

The day after the mass wedding, Brez was back on the roof for the marriage of Baruch and Nastya Moscalenko, who met last year through a Jewish studies program at the Menorah Center. Although her family is secular, Nastya Moscalenko began attending classes at the urging of her friends.

"Baruch is from a more religious

background," she said. "We traveled in different circles, so I don't think we would've met if not for Menorah."

Kaminezki takes a more historical view of the center's significance.

Gesturing toward a neglected yard in the building's shadow, he indicates the spot where secret police agents in 1939 arrested the city's chief rabbi, Levi Yitzchak Schneerson, the father of Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the seventh leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement.

The younger Schneerson, revered by Chabad devotees all over the world, spent much of his adolescence in Dnepropetrovsk but left for good after his father's arrest.

"Those who didn't want the rebbe and other Jews here now have a 22-story building celebrating their tradition," Kaminezki said. "That's the story of Ukraine's Jews."

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Rabbi at Historic D.C. Conservative Shul Comes Out as Gay

by Gabrielle Birkner

October 7, 2014 (JTA) – Rabbi Gil Steinlauf struggled for decades with an identity that he only acknowledged publicly this week.

On the Monday after Yom Kippur, Steinlauf, the married senior rabbi at Adas Israel – a large and historic Conservative synagogue in Washington, D.C. – announced that he is gay.

“With much pain and tears, together with my beloved wife, I have come to understand that I could walk my path with the greatest strength, with the greatest peace in my heart, with the greatest healing and wholeness, when I finally acknowledged that I am a gay man,” Steinlauf, 45, wrote in an email to congregants.

He said that he and his wife of 20 years, Rabbi Batya Steinlauf – director of social justice and interfaith initiatives at the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington – would divorce.

Even as a child, Steinlauf wrote, he recognized a “difference” in himself but never let it define him or impact his choice of a spouse.

“I sought to marry a woman because of a belief that this was the right thing for me,” Steinlauf wrote. “This conviction was reinforced by having grown up in a different era, when the attitudes and counsel of adult professionals and peers encouraged me to deny this uncertain aspect of myself. I met and fell in love with Batya, a wonderful woman who loved and accepted me exactly as I am.”

Ultimately, though, “the dissonance between my inside and my outside became undeniable, then unwise, and finally intolerable,” he said.

The Steinlaufs have three children.

A letter of support from the congregation’s president, Arnie Podgorsky, accompanied Steinlauf’s announcement.

Podgorsky said the rabbi had the full support of the congregation’s lay leadership.

“Our synagogue is strong, large, and inclusive – a big tent with room and respect for all,” he wrote. “Rabbi Steinlauf, along with the rest of the clergy, will continue to advance new paths to Torah, making Judaism and its tools for a beautiful life more accessible for more Jews.

We will continue our diverse approaches to worship, from the traditional to the innovative. At the same time, we understand that Rabbi Steinlauf will be undergoing a challenging personal transition in the coming months, and we extend to him patience and a generous spirit.”

Podgorsky said that Steinlauf shared

his news with the officers of Adas Israel earlier this fall.

“We determined together that he would see the congregation through the High Holy Days in the customary way, and then make his news public,” Podgorsky’s letter said.

The rest of this story can be found at www.jewishlouisville.org.

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solved and that a resolution to it cannot be imposed on the parties.”

Translation: The Obama administration wants to try getting the parties back to the table to renew negotiations that collapsed in April before considering how to deal with the latest Palestinian U.N. initiative.

The Palestinians failed ultimately in their 2012 effort to garner Security Council recognition, not just because the United States made clear it would veto any such attempt, hypothetical or not, but because the Palestinians could not acquire the nine votes out of 15 necessary to take up the bid.

This time, the Palestinians believe their chances have improved. The Jordanian delegation, currently occupying one of the Security Council’s rotating seats, is circulating a draft resolution that would have a state in place by November 2016, with its capital in Jerusalem.

If the Obama administration is not as forthrightly pushing back against the resolution now as it did in 2012, it’s because it lacks a viable alternative, said Tamara Coffman Wittes, the director of the Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution.

“The United States does not have a pathway back to negotiations,” said Wittes, a Middle East official at the State

Department during Obama’s first term.

She pointed out that the Israelis and the Palestinians are at considerable odds: Abbas wants to bypass Israel and take his case to the U.N., while Netanyahu wants to ignore the Palestinians altogether and is pushing for peace with other Arab nations first.

“It’s a much easier place for the United States to say ‘Don’t worry about that, let’s do this instead,’” said Wittes, describing the circumstances of U.S. diplomacy two years ago, when the administration was able to tell Security Council members that it was cobbling together talks and that a resolution was premature.

“It’s much more difficult for the United States to block action in the United Nations” under the current circumstances, she said. “If it doesn’t have that alternative, it’s left with watering down the resolution, trying to moderate it.”

It’s not clear how any statehood resolution could be moderated so that it would be acceptable to Israel while also satisfying the Palestinians. The nine months of talks that ended earlier this year did not seem to produce any formula to overcome Palestinian objections to two Israeli positions: recognition of Israel as a Jewish state and for continued Israeli military control of the Jordan Valley.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry may next canvas regional powers next week to see how to advance talks when he attends a conference in Cairo. The gathering is aimed at raising funds to re-

build the Gaza Strip following this summer’s war.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee is backing bids to fund the Palestinian Authority while underscoring that such funding is conditional on its actions in international arenas. Particularly of concern would be any Palestinian attempt to bring Israel before the International Criminal Court because of its actions in Gaza this summer, an AIPAC official suggested.

In an email, the official forwarded language in current U.S. law that would stop funding in case the Palestinians “initiate an International Criminal Court judicially authorized investigation, or actively support such an investigation, that subjects Israeli nationals to an investigation for alleged crimes against Palestinians.”

Netanyahu has said that any attempt to bring Israel before the ICC would spell the end of the peace process.

And going to the court would also be a red line for Congress, said Sen. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.).

“U.S. law makes it crystal clear that any attempt by the Palestinian Authority to use the International Criminal Court to castigate Israel will terminate U.S. funds to the West Bank and Gaza, period,” Kirk said in an email. “The Palestinian Authority should have absolutely no doubt that the U.S. Congress will enforce this.”

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Mike Reiss

holds a B.A. from Harvard University. A native of Connecticut, he currently lives in California. He has won four Emmy Awards for his work on *The Simpsons*. His other television credits include *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*, *Alf*, *Eddie Murphy’s The PJs* and *It’s Garry Shandling’s Show*, where he earned an ACE award for writing and producing.

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By Daniel Gordis



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TEEN TOPICS

New Teen Topics Editor Named

Hi, my name is Jack Grossman and I am the new Teen Topics editor.

I am an active member of Louisville BBYO and am the Mazkir of Drew Corson AZA. I have also attended B'nai B'rith Beber Camp for eight years.

My family belongs to The Temple, where I am a teacher's assistant for my aunt Susan Jaffe at the religious school.

I am a junior in the Journalism and Communications program at duPont Manual High School. At Manual, I am the sports editor on The Crimson Record newspaper and Manual Redeye, a multimedia journalism website.



Jack Grossman

Louisville BBYO Plans for Spirit Convention

Louisville BBYO is preparing to go to the KIO Chapter Olympiad/Spirit Convention at Camp Campbell Gard in Hamilton, OH. For the event, all AZA (boys) and BBG (girls) chapters in the

KIO (Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio) Region will compete for the spirit stick. The convention will take place October 24 and October 25.



Spencer Geer, Jacob Finke, Daniel Segal, Jack Grossman, David Hemmer and Alex Koby conducted a business meeting.

Drew Corson Activities

By Jack Grossman
Teen Topics Editor

On Saturday, October 11, Drew Corson AZA held a "Pizza in the Hut" program inside the sukkah at the JCC. During the event, David Hemmer led a Havdalah service, and then Drew Corson members enjoyed pizza in the sukkah. After dinner, everyone played two-hand-touch football in the outfield of the kickball field.

On Sunday, October 12, Drew Corson hosted its weekly basketball practice at the JCC. The practice is in preparation for the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio (KIO) Region basketball tournament at the Columbus JCC, November 7-9. The tourna-

ment was originally supposed to be hosted at the Louisville JCC; however, due to the KIO Regional board's decision to cut down on regional events, according to Louisville BBYO city director Mike

Steklof, the KIO AZA basketball tournament and KIO BBG sisterhood weekend were moved to Columbus and will be combined by the TOGA dance, hosted by Heart of Ohio AZA chapter.



Jay Levine BBG

by Laina Meyerowitz
Special to Community

Fall is here but you can bet that Jay Levine BBG #1508 is NOT falling out of style! In the past month, we have been super busy with all sorts of programming and fun.

Just before Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, we had a New Year's party with all sorts of apple games including bobbing for apples, the "Apples to Apples" card game, apple shmear, and lots more to kick off the year 5775.

To make sure we all got in some great food before the annual fast day of Yom Kippur, we had a fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen where those with a flier got to donate 20 percent of their dinner tab to our chapter – thank you so much to everyone that came out and supported us!

When we returned from the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), we had a chapter meeting at the JCC to prepare for the upcoming KIO Regional Spirit Convention. This convention is a week-

end in October where chapters from all over Kentucky, Indiana, and southern Ohio come together to compete in competitions and games to prove their chapter spirit and ultimately win the spirit stick.

At our meeting, we told members what to expect at Spirit and how to prepare for it. We also filmed our spirit video just as all the other chapters around the region have been doing to show off our chapter pride.

Our most recent event was a Six Fold Sleepover where we engaged in programming involving the Six Folds of BBG: sisterhood, creativity, recreation, social action, Jewish heritage, and community service. This included learning about the current situation in Israel, working to learn about and advocate the elimination of bullying, playing "Man Hunt," and decorating pumpkins.

For more information on what Jay Levine BBG will be up to next, check out our website jaylevinebbg.weebly.com and sign up for the email list under the "Contact Info" tab.

Teen Connection

by Glenn Sadle
Youth and Teen Coordinator

On Sunday, October 5, five middle schoolers gathered at the JCC to help set up the Sukkah and have a cookout. A couple of them helped with the actual setting up of the Sukkah while the rest helped with the cookout. Thank you to Rabbi David Feder for being our barbecue chef.

On Sunday, October 12, 19 middle schoolers attended their first Cotillion class at the JCC. The participants were introduced to proper etiquette and the basics of dance. This was the first of seven Cotillion sessions.



Brian Schwartz and Glenn Sadle work on the sukkah.



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CHAVURAT SHALOM



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

October 30

Award-winning short films with English subtitles.

November 6

Rabbi Gaylia Rooks joins the group.

November 13

Name that tune with Sara Roninson and Alan Zukof

November 18

Meet at the JCC at 12 p.m. for Thanksgiving dinner and entertainment

November 27

No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving.

December 11 (Thursday afternoon)

Road trip to Derby Dinner Playhouse for *A Wonderful Life*. \$25 per person for bus, lunch and the play. Make your reservations now.

A healthy and nutritious lunch is available at noon for a cost of \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Kosher meals and transportation are available for \$5 upon request in advance. Call 423-1818 for reservations or, if you have questions, call Cindy at 608-8362.

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

NEWSMAKERS

Frank Schwartz was featured in the *Courier-Journal's* Business section on Sunday, September 28. He is the executive director of Project Warm, which helps people learn how to make their homes more energy efficient.

Schwartz, a native of Budapest, Hungary, fled the country during the 1956 uprising. He began as a volunteer at Project Warm and worked his way up through the organization over 25 years.

"Project Warm afforded me the opportunity to support the values I hold dear: learning about and building community, housing improvement and energy efficiency with volunteerism," he said.

Brothers **Jimmy** and **Benn Davis**, who recently died within nine days of each other and whose obituaries were in the September 26 issue of *Community*, were recently featured in the *Courier-Journal*.

The story by Martha Elson highlights the close relationship between the two, who lost their mother and infant sister to scarlet fever and were sent to an orphan's home in Cleveland. Their older brother, Pacy, ran away from the home and came to Louisville to work and raise money to care for his brothers.

Both men later owned jewelers in Louisville – Benn, 99, owned Seng; and Jimmy, 96, owned Buschemeyer's. "We've been buddies ever since we were in the orphan's home," Benn had said. "We're still best friends."

Benn's daughter Karen Davis said that he was shocked when Jimmy died before him but he told her that it was better this way because he wouldn't have wanted his brother to mourn him.

Heaven Hill Distilleries President **Max L. Shapira** was recently awarded Industry Executive of the Year by *Market Watch* magazine, a highly influential information leader in the drinks industry that provides analysis and coverage of industry trends and news.

Shapira was honored for taking the family-owned and operated company beyond its traditional Bourbon roots and transforming it into the nation's sixth-largest spirits

player, with a diversified portfolio of whiskies, liqueurs, vodkas, rums and other spirits.

Shapira proudly notes that in his tenure, Heaven Hill has opened two visitor centers: the Bourbon Heritage Center in Bardstown, Ky., and the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience in Louisville. "I'm honored to receive this award and proudly accept it on behalf of our employees," he said. "Together, we work hard to deliver products our consumers value for their quality, craftsmanship and integrity."

Heaven Hill Distilleries also announced the release of a new limited-edition bourbon in its Parker's Heritage collection. This will be the eighth release, the story in *Business First* said, and it will feature 13-year-old straight wheat whisky bottled at cask strength and non-chill filtered. A 750 milliliter bottle will cost about \$90, the story said.

Also, an event hosted by the Bourbon Brotherhood and the Whiskey Chicks raised more than \$10,000 for Coalition for the Homeless. The event was sponsored by Heaven Hill Distilleries.

And, the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection awarded Heaven Hill Distilleries, with the 2014 Environmental Pacesetter Award, a top honor in the department's annual Environmental Excellence Awards.

The award is meant to recognize individuals, organizations and businesses for their exemplary efforts to protect the environment, conserve resources and set an example of environmental stewardship for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Dr. Ora Frankel, psychiatrist, was featured in October's *Today's Woman* in its "What Works" section. Frankel offered her stress relievers, such as playing tennis, drawing, gardening, needlepoint and knitting.

Frankel has a psychiatric practice, Frankel and Associates, and recently opened a new business, The Couch, which is an immediate care center for mental health.

"For many, it's so difficult to identify what's missing," she said. "But each woman has to look inside herself and recognize what opportunities she can take advantage of, whether that be her career, her garden, her travel dreams, or her charitable cause. She needs to discover her own sources of satisfaction."

Kristen Yoffe was featured in *Business First's* People to Know section in September. Yoffe, manager of internal audit for Papa John's International, Inc., said she enjoys her job because "it allows me to gain exposure to and meet team members in multiple functions within the company. ... Working for Papa John's is engaging, and pizza is inherently fun."

Peyton Greenberg, of duPont Manual High school, has verbally committed to swim next year at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. She represented Louisville and the Jewish Community in Israel at the summer Maccabiah games in 2013, where she won a gold medal in the 200 meter breast stroke. She

is a senior with a 4.0 GPA.

Business First also listed **Marsha Weinstein** in its "People on the Move" column. She was elected vice president of The Patty and Mildred Hill Happy Birthday Park board.

Comedian **Mark Klein** of Louisville performed stand-up shows at Elmcroft Senior Living as part of its "Here's to Life" philosophy of senior living, which provides engaging programs for residents and their families. The performance was mentioned in the *Courier-Journal's* "The Buzz" column on

October 10.

Reed Weinberg, commercial real estate broker, was featured in *Business First's* cover story on September 26 for his company's merger with PRG investments.

Weinberg and Fred Sutterlin were both brokers and growing their own businesses. They had met while brokering deals together and through *Business First's* "40 Under 40." The two clicked well and Weinberg folded his business, RBW Real Estate Group into PRG and the two are now partners.

Ralph Goldman, former JDC Head and a Builder of Israel, Dies at 100

by Marcy Oster and Ron Kampeas

JERUSALEM, October 7, 2014 (JTA) – Ralph Goldman, who as a young man helped shepherd the State of Israel into existence and later devoted his professional life to bringing humanitarian relief to Jews across the globe, has died at 100.

Goldman, who worked with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee since 1968 – he served twice as its chief executive and still held the title of honorary executive vice president – died Tuesday in Jerusalem, where he lived.

Active in arming and populating prestate Israel, he went on to lead the effort to bring American technical know-how and educational techniques to the fledgling state.



Ralph Goldman

"Ralph was an iconic and transformative figure who embodied the notion that all 'Jews are responsible for one another' throughout his long and extraordinary life," said JDC's CEO, Alan Gill.

Born on September 1, 1914, in Lechovitz in what is now Ukraine, Goldman at 11 immigrated with his family to a Jewish suburb of Boston, where he attended the local public schools during the day and Hebrew school five days a week in the late afternoons. In 1934, graduating from Hebrew College, he delivered the valedictory speech in Hebrew.

As a young man, Goldman was involved in local Zionist endeavors. In 1937 he won a contest sponsored by a student Zionist organization for his essay on Stalin's idea of creating a "homeland for the Jews" in Siberia and was awarded a fellowship to spend a year in British Mandate Palestine, where he helped establish Kibbutz Hanita in the Galilee.

He later recalled two months during the 1938 fellowship spent in Jerusalem, where he and some friends sought out Zionist leaders such as Berl Katznelson, Moshe Sharett and Menachem Ussishkin – barely known in the outside world, but heroes to the young Zionists.

"We simply said to them please tell us what's happening, and they took us seriously," Goldman said in an undated interview posted on YouTube.

Goldman returned to the United States and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Boston University and a master's in social work from Harvard.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945, first in the United States, then in England. At the conclusion of World War II, he was stationed in Germany, where he was assigned to assist Jews in Displaced Persons camps.

He was active in the New York operation of prestate Israel's army, the Haganah, helping to buy and lease airplanes and ships to transport immigrants from Europe to Palestine, and assisting in the effort to recruit personnel for the nascent force. Through this work Goldman met and befriended Teddy Kollek, who would later become the longtime mayor

of Jerusalem.

Decades later, Goldman still registered embarrassment when he was reminded of his purchase of the President Warfield, a one-time ferry. Named for the shipping magnate uncle of Wallis Simpson – the Baltimore socialite and notorious admirer of Hitler who had married King Edward VIII – the boat was flat bottomed, unsuitable for long sea voyages and barely made it across the Atlantic to Marseilles, where 5,000 Jewish refugees awaited passage to British Mandate Palestine.

His Haganah colleagues were furious with Goldman but, desperate to move, they prepared the boat for launch, with Goldman helping to manage the passage across the Mediterranean.

It was rechristened the Exodus, and its standoff outside Haifa became a symbol of Jewish resistance to Britain's refusal to allow in Jews.

Goldman became a close confidante and adviser to Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, and in 1951 was in charge of the prime minister's initial visit to the U.S. as head of state. He spent several years after that coordinating a U.S. program that delivered technical know-how to emerging countries; a 1951 announcement in New York said he was heading up the search for "skilled workers" to train Israelis.

He later served as executive director of the American-Israel Cultural Foundation and the Israel Education Fund, an arm of the United Jewish Appeal that helped establish and improve high schools in Israel.

Goldman joined the JDC in 1968 when he became the associate director of its Israel operation, establishing its department for the care of the elderly and introducing innovations in early childhood care. He would serve as the chief executive of JDC from 1976 until 1985, and again from 1986 until 1988.

Goldman was a driving force in JDC's low-profile activities behind the Iron Curtain, and in the 1970's and 1980's brought JDC programs back into the open in communist countries. He led sensitive negotiations with Soviet leaders, navigating JDC's return to what would become the former Soviet Union almost immediately after its collapse.

Asked in 2012 how he pulled off such negotiations without the benefit of diplomatic training or accreditation, Goldman said, "I was representing the Jewish People. I couldn't afford to fail."

Limmud FSU, together with the Jewish community of Belarus, last month celebrated his 100th birthday as part of the opening gala celebrations at the beginning of a Limmud FSU conference held in Vitebsk.

Goldman was honored at JDC's centennial celebration in Jerusalem in May. His son, David Ben-Rafael, a senior Israeli diplomat, was killed in the March 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Argentina.

Goldman is survived by his daughters, Judith Baumgold of Jerusalem and Naomi Goldman of New York; a daughter-in-law, Elisa Ben-Rafael of Jerusalem; and six grandchildren, as well as great-grandchildren.





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AROUND TOWN

The Temple Hosts Saturday Torah Study

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

November 1 – *Lech L'cha* – The beginning of the story of our family, our people. God singles Avram from all Humanity and wants him to be God's partner on earth.

November 8 – Special study led by Beit Tefila Israeli – This session will be led by Rabbi Esteban Gottfried, Beit Tefilah Israeli, Tel Aviv, Israel. All are welcome.

Swansburg to Speak at KI

Becky Swansburg will speak at Keneseth Israel's Shabbat services on Saturday, October 25, at 9:30 a.m. Swansburg is chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council and is the recipient of the 2014 Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award. Free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

Learn about the Jewish Calendar at Temple Shalom

An adult education session on the Jewish Calendar, taught by Jessica Wainer, Temple Shalom's rabbinic intern for this year from Hebrew Union College, will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 26. Her internship is sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. The session is titled "12 Months, Seven Leap Years, Four New Years, and One Bitter Month: The Jewish Calendar and Its Complexities."

She will cover the Hebrew dates of various Jewish holidays, the ancient function of the Jewish calendar, and the reason there is only one month without any major holiday observances.

For more information, contact Temple Shalom, 458-4739.

Blankets and Blessings to Help Homeless Kids

The Temple's Blankets and Blessings Group invites all interested to join them on Sunday, October 26 at 1 p.m. for a Fall Party at the Volunteers of America Tingley House Shelter at the corner of Preston and Ormsby streets. Participants will make gingerbread Haunted Houses with the children. Meet in The Temple parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and carpool to the shelter.

Volunteers are needed to help make cupcakes, read stories, provide musical entertainment and create gingerbread houses. Please RSVP to Marlene Schaffer at 423-8420 or email marlene_40222@yahoo.com.

The AJ Book Club Discusses *As a Driven Leaf*

The Adath Jeshurun Book Club will meet Sunday, October 26 at 2 p.m. in the AJ Benovitz Family Library. The book *As a Driven Leaf* by Milton Steinberg will be discussed. New participants are always welcome, and all meetings are free and open to the community. For information about the book or the meeting, email Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or call 458-5359.

The Temple Offers Text Study

The Temple holds text study Monday nights at 7 p.m. "From Torah to Midrash – What is the Backbone of Jewish Sacred Texts?" with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel. This class will cover questions such as: Are we Biblical Jews or Rabbinical Jews? Why and how did Genesis become Genesis Rabba? The class will discover through the magic of Rabbin-

ical texts an unorthodox tradition and will witness Judaism's theological and unorthodox theology.

Kabbalah Study at The Temple

The Temple offers a study of Kabbalah on Monday nights at 7 p.m. *The Alef-Bet of Kabbalah* is a Jewish, mystical and Hebrew learning experience that is taught on multiple levels at the same time. The curriculum offers insights into Bible, prayer, Midrash, Jewish philosophy, and spirituality. Each class unlocks the mysteries of a new letter with its corresponding number, God Name, legends, mystical interpretations and meditative powers. This class offers something for all levels as it delves into the sacred Hebrew letters and language. Students progress at their own pace.

The Temple Offers Intermediate Hebrew Class

The Temple is offering "Intermediate Hebrew: Pathways through the Prayer Book" on Monday nights at 8 p.m. This class is a comprehension-based course on Hebrew reading and grammatical structures teaching students to know what they say when they pray and understand the words of Torah as they were written in their own day. If you can read the prayers by rote or sound out words, this course is for you.

The Temple Offers Basic Judaism Class

The Temple will offer a Basic Judaism class on Monday nights from 8-9 p.m. The first semester will be Life Cycle Events taught by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel.

Temple Scholars to Meet on Wednesdays

The Temple will be holding Temple Scholars class on Wednesday mornings. There are two classes to choose from. "A Time for War, A Time for Peace," 9:30-10:35 a.m., with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will explore Jewish ideas relating to the pressing contemporary issues of war and peace and ask questions such as how do we balance the relative values of peace and security? What is the relationship between violence and peacemaking?

The second class will be "The Torah of Lives Well Lived" with Rabbi Rapport. This class will trace the lives of famous Jewish figures throughout history and the lessons of Torah their lives can teach.

The Temple Serves Harvest and Halloween Shabbat Meal

Enjoy a high-quality Shabbat meal on Friday, October 31, at 6 p.m. in The Temple's Klein Center. The theme is Harvest and Halloween. All ages are welcome to join in this celebration in the true sense of Shabbat. A seasonal art project for children will be available.

A chicken dinner, prepared from Rabbi Gaylia Rook's favorite recipe, will be served, along with matzo ball soup, root vegetables, salad, special harvest desserts and Israeli wines and "Shabbatinis." A vegetarian option is available for those who request it when making their reservation.

Through the generosity of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, all this is being offered for only \$5 per person; no charge for children younger than 13. Reservations must be made no later than October 27 by calling 423-1818. Pre-payment is requested. Checks should be made payable to "The Temple" – memo line: Rabbi's Dinner.

AJ Offers Weekly Mishneh Torah

Adath Jeshurun offers a weekly class in Mishneh Torah in downtown Louisville. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag dairy lunch and join Rabbi Robert Slosberg and Cantor David Lipp. Prior knowledge of Jewish texts and Hebrew is not required. This lively discussion is free and open to the community. Classes take place in the office of Steve Berger located at 500 W. Jefferson St. at 12:15 p.m. Fridays. The November classes will meet on November 7, 14 and 21.

AJ Offers Hebrew Classes

Adath Jeshurun offers 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. The November dates for these classes are November 2 and 23. These classes are free and open to the community.

Bagel and Brunch Service Learning Fair Set

The first Bagel Brunch and Service Learning Fair will be Sunday, November 2 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Congregation Anshei Sfard. Admission is free. Suggested donation is \$12 per family. The event is being held in response to the growing need of young people to participate in service learning projects for their schools, bar and bat mitzvahs.

County attorneys Sandy Berman and

Jennifer Leibson will be on hand to speak about their lives in public service, and New Roots Founder Karyn Moscovitz will follow with a brief introduction to non-profit work and an exploration of exciting youth service opportunities all over town.

The fair will feature a broad range of participants for a broad range of interests. The program will provide opportunities for students to explore Habitat for Humanity's new Youth United Program, Metro United Way's Mentoring Programs, opportunities for hands-on work with playwrights and actors at with Actors Theater, and programs assisting our four-legged friends with Animal House Shelter and Rescue.

For reservations and information, call Jeffrey Levy at (502) 836-5069.

Rabbi Nadia Siritsky to Speak on Classical Reform Judaism

Temple Shalom's First Monday series of adult education programs will resume Monday, November 3, at 7 p.m. Rabbi Nadia Siritsky will speak on "Classical Reform Judaism: A New Approach to Faith and Identity for the 21st Century."

Her talk will examine the tenets and principles of Classical Reform Judaism. She will discuss its renewed approach to faith, ethics, identity and social justice with specific emphasis on its embrace of interfaith families and LGBT individuals.

Rabbi Siritsky is a founding board member of the Classical Society of Reform Judaism and recently was named vice president of mission for Kentucky One Health.

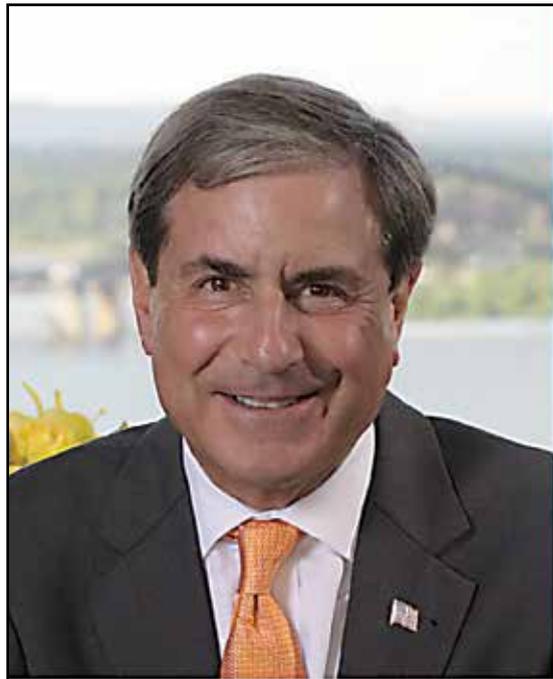
Refreshments will be offered after her talk. The event is free and open to the community. RSVPs are requested by calling the Temple Shalom office, 458-4739, by Nov. 2.

Chabad Offers Class on Happiness

Chabad is offering a new class titled "How Happiness Thinks," beginning November 3, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Chabad House, 1654 Almar Circle.

The class is part of the Jewish Learning Institute. "How Happiness Thinks" is a six-part course being taught by Rabbi Avrohom Litvin. The course will include sessions on: "How to Feel Good about Yourself without Becoming Self-absorbed," "How to Remain Happy During Times of Stress," "Creating an Attitude of Gratitude," "How Shortcomings Can Be Transformed into Sources of Joy," "How to Cope through Times of Loss" see **AROUND TOWN** page 32

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For more information, call (502) 235-5770 or email Rabbi@chabadky.com.

JFCS Presents Discussion on Disability Planning

A panel with representatives from PNC Bank, Legal Aid Society, Life Plan of Kentucky and more will discuss disability planning on Thursday, November 6 at 6-7:30 p.m. at JFCS. Panelists will provide information about resources for people with disabilities and their caregivers and will focus on Special Needs Trusts. JFCS hopes to empower and equip audience members with the necessary information to help combat the unique financial and legal challenges faced by this population. For more information, please contact Caitlin Sydnor at 452-6341, ext. 116, or csydnor@jfcslouisville.org.

KI Hosts Birthday Celebration

KI will have a Kabbalat Shabbat birthday celebration on November 7 starting at 5:45 p.m. The event will celebrate all November KI birthdays with desserts. Free and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

AJ Presents Shabbat Morning with Notes

Thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Adath Jeshurun is offering "Shabbat Morning with Notes," a series of experience services for adult learners of all levels, conducted by Rabbi Laura Metzger. Attendance is free and open to the community. The November services will take place on November 8 and 22 at 10 a.m. For additional information, please contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359.

AJ Hosts Short & Sweet Service

Adath Jeshurun's Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation is a family service for students in grades K through 7, their parents and grandparents. Led by Deborah Slosberg, the next service will take place on Saturday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m. This service is open to the community.

AJ's Shabbat Scholar Is Karyn Moskowitz

Karyn Moskowitz, director of *New Roots, Inc. and the Fresh Stop Project* will be Adath Jeshurun's Shabbat Scholar following Shabbat morning services on November 8. Her topic is "Blessed will be your food basket and kneading bowl: One Jewish Woman's Journey Toward Food Justice."

AJ Hosts Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

The next broadcast of Live from New

York's 92nd Street Y, will be Sunday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. It will feature Jack Miles, Susannah Heschel and Prof. David Biale. Can religion be defined? Join these award-winning scholars as they tell a new story: traveling from prehistory to the present day illuminating how world religions came to be acknowledged and studied, with a focus on Judaism. How has this great civilization and religion been absorbed and altered, understood and misunderstood? The program is free and open to the community.

Jumpstart Your Employment Search

Jewish Family & Career Services can help you upgrade or accelerate your search for employment. Employment Search Jumpstart will begin on Monday, November 10, at 6 p.m. The workshop meets at JFCS every Monday for four weeks, with a one-time materials fee of \$10 for the entire cycle. For more information, please contact Janet Poole at 452-6341, ext. 222, or jpoole@jfcslouisville.org.

Vaad Hakashruth to Meet

The Louisville Vaad Hakashruth will hold its annual meeting on Monday, November 10 at 7:15 p.m. in the library at Congregation Anshei Sfard. The meeting will consist of an update of Vaad business and the election of officers.

Neighborhood Economics Workshop Offered

The Center for Interfaith Relations is proud to sponsor a two-day workshop on Neighborhood Economics, hosted by Social Capital Markets and the Parish Collective. The workshop will be November 12-13, Christ Church Cathedral, 421 S. Second St. Neighborhood Economics will explore the topic of whole communities and how to build economic resilience at the local level.

This two-day event features keynote talks by Walter Brueggemann, influential theologian and Old Testament scholar, and Peter Block, author, consultant and speaker on the topic of whole communities. In addition, there will be plenaries, breakout sessions and dialogue with local and national leaders working to build healthy communities sustained by local economies.

For tickets and more information visit: www.neighborhoodeconomics.org.

Temple to Conduct Alef-Style Service

The Temple will conduct an Alef-Style Service at on Friday, November 14, at 7 p.m. in the Waller Chapel. This Erev Shabbat service is led from the regular prayer book but with music from an the Alef service, Sing Unto God.

All are invited to be part of this enjoyable blend of service styles as which uses all original music from Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks and Steve Stuhlbarg, accompanied by beautiful sounds from master Ukrainian mandolin player, Irina Bernadsky.

The Temple's first full Alef service of the new year will take place on Decem-

ber 5 when the theme will be "Lights of Dedication and Rededication."

TiLTY Taking Registration for Fall Kallah

The Temple youth group, TiLTY, is inviting teens to join them and the rest of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) Ohio Valley Region in Dayton, Ohio, from November 14 to 16 for Fall Kallah. Fall Kallah is the first full regional event of the year and was hosted by The Temple last fall. Teens can expect a weekend of fun, learning, social action, and hanging out with friends from all over the Ohio Valley Region. Contact Josh Latzko for registration details at jlhatzko@aol.com.

Special Session of Florence Melton Class Offered

There will be a special Florence Melton session Sunday, November 16, at 10 a.m. at AJ. The session is titled, "Amalek: Remembering the Arch-Enemy of the Jewish People," and was developed by the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning under the guidance of Rabbi Morey Schwartz, director of education. This event is free and open to the community.

The Temple's WRJ/Sisterhood Hosts Game Day

The Temple's WRJ/Sisterhood is holding its first Game Day of the new year on Sunday, November 16, 2-4 p.m., along with the Sisterhood from Temple Shalom. This fun and well-attended event is chaired by Sandy Braunstein and Gail Herman. Women who play mah jongg, bridge, Scrabble, Yahtzee, etc., are invited to join in the fun in The Temple's Klein Center.

Please RSVP to The Temple office, 423-1818, by November 13, as snacks will be provided.

Temple Young Adult Group Plans Event at Evan Williams Experience

The Temple Young Adult Group will be hosting a one-of-a-kind experience that combines a bit of Kentucky history with a catered dinner and company, all topped off with a splash of fine Kentucky Bourbon. For young adults ages 22-33 at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 16 at the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, 528 West Main St.

Please RSVP by November 13 at www.thetemplelouky.org.

Second Installment of The Story of the Jews Is November 16

The second installment of the film series *The Story of the Jews* will be shown in The Temple's Waller Chapel on Sunday, November 16 at 7 p.m. Moderated by Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport, this epic five-part PBS series with historian Simon Schama explores the extraordinary story of the Jewish experience from ancient times to the present day. In this second episode, *Among Believers*, Schama continues with the story of medieval Jews struggling to preserve their identity – and sometimes their lives – under the rule of Christianity and Islam. The showing will be followed by desserts, coffee, and discussion.

ACT Preparation Classes Offered

Jewish Family & Career Services will hold ACT Preparation Classes from November 17 through December 9. Classes meet on Mondays and Tuesdays at JFCS. The workshop fee of \$170 includes two textbooks. To register, contact Janet Poole at 452-6341, ext. 222, or jpoole@jfcslouisville.org

Kids Eat Free at AJ's Mini-Minyan Dinner

Enjoy an interactive Shabbat service, catered dinner and an ice cream sundae bar at Friday, November 21 at 6 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun. AJ's Mini-Minyan Family Service is designed for children in preschool through grade 5 and their

parents and grandparents. The dinner is open to all families in the community and children ages 12 and younger get in free.

The dinner is available by reservation only, and must be prepaid by Friday, November 14 at 5 p.m. All reservations received after November 14 will be placed on a waiting list pending approval from the caterer. Reservations may be made online at www.adathjeshurun.com/ mini-minyan. For questions, please contact Molly Evancho at 458-5359 or mevancho@adathjeshurun.com.

KI Offers Healing Service

For all in need of emotional, physical and spiritual uplifting, you may find comfort in Keneseth Israel's Jewish Healing Service on Sunday, November 23 at 5:45 p.m.

For many people struggling with illness of other life challenges, healing services provide community, inspiration and a place where the focus is on healing the spirit.

The healing service, led by Cantor Sharon Hordes and Rabbi Michael Wolk, will be followed by dinner and guest speaker Mauri Malka from JFCS. Free and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780.

The Temple Presents "The December Dilemma" Workshop

The Temple Outreach Committee will present "The December Dilemma" on Wednesday, December 3 at 7 p.m. in the Klein Center. This is an informative program and discussion for those who have converted, interfaith parents, people considering conversion, spouses in interfaith marriages and Jewish parents who are looking for ways to help their children through "the season." Come find answers, suggestions, strategies and helpful hints. Latkes will be served. Please RSVP by calling 423-1818 by Wednesday, November 26.

U of L Offers Jewish Studies Classes This Spring

This spring, the program of Jewish Studies at University of Louisville invites community members to audit any courses that might interest them. Among the offerings are an advanced course, Theory of Religion (HUM 510) taught by Professor Natalie Polzer who is also teaching Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (HUM 311).

In addition, Ranen Omer-Sherman, The JHFE Endowed Chair in Judaic Studies is teaching two courses, Reading the Hebrew Bible as Literature/the Hebrew Bible in Contemporary Literature (HUM 362-04) and Israel and Palestine in Literature and Film (HUM 514).

For any inquiries about these courses or Jewish Studies at UL, email Professor Omer-Sherman at: ranen.omersherman@louisville.edu.

Farmer's Market Open at The Temple

Purchase freshly harvested fruits and vegetables 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 and locally smoked salmon. These days and hours will continue until Thanksgiving.

JFCS Has Addiction Hotline

Whether the problem is alcohol, food, drugs, gambling, sex or pornography, the Jewish community is not immune. Such addictions are devastating for anyone dealing with the powerlessness over any substance or obsession. JFCS maintains a 24-hour phone line for people to call with questions on addictions or concerns about themselves or family members. It is answered by a Jew who is in recovery and all phone calls will be kept confidential. Please call or text 727-9287.



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Alexander Berman

Alexander "Xander" Berman is excited to announce the birth of his brother, Anton Kary Berman on August 29. Anton's proud parents are Dennis Berman and Tiffany Kary of Brooklyn, N.Y. His grandparents are Harris Berman and the late Sandra K. Berman of blessed memory, and Ann and Chester Kary of Vancouver Island, Canada.



Elin Alexandra Cohen

Trish and Joe Cohen and Kathy and Kenneth George announce the birth of their granddaughter, Elin Alexandra Cohen, on September 1, 2014.

The proud parents are Shannon and Ross Cohen.

B'nai Mitzvah

Tovah Frockt

Tovah Farrier Frockt, daughter of Jasmine and Daniel Frockt and sister of Talia, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, at Congregation Adath Jeshurun. Tovah is the granddaughter of Madolyn and Stephen Frockt of Prospect and Bonnie Farrier, Alan Beck, and Arthur Farrier of New York. She is also the great-granddaughter of Irma Cohen



of Philadelphia, PA.

Tovah is an eighth grader at Kammerer Middle School, where she is a member of the tennis team and will join the lacrosse team this spring. She also plays flute in the Kammerer band. Tovah is already looking forward to her fifth summer at Camp Livingston.

For the past two years Tovah has volunteered at Wilder Elementary. For her Mitzvah project she will shop for and donate the requested food items each month to the JFCS food pantry. Tovah and her family invite the community to join them in celebrating this joyous occasion.

Avram Josef Hiken

Avram Josef Hiken will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the Temple.



Avi is the son of proud parents, Susan and James Hiken, and the brother of Eliah and Asa. He is the grandson of Douglas and Barbara Pierce of Roanoke, VA, and of Harold and Sharon Hiken of Milwaukee, WI.

Avi is in the seventh grade at Kentucky Country Day School where he plays lacrosse, basketball and soccer. He attends Camp Timberlane for Boys in northern Wisconsin each summer.

Given his love of sports and his strong Jewish identity, Avi is helping to develop the blossoming youth lacrosse program in the state of Israel by giving a significant portion of his gifts to the Israel Lacrosse Association. Avi also participated in the Pledge 13 program by volunteering at the JFCS over the summer.

Avi and his family invite the community to attend his Havdallah bar mitzvah service.



Rachel and Haley Ryan

Rachel Erin and Haley Ann Ryan, daughters of Amy and Bill Ryan, will be called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah on Saturday, November 15, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple. Rachel and Haley are the granddaughters of Harriet Schilling and the late Norman Friedberg, and Joann Ryan and William and Ellie Ryan. They are in the seventh grade at North Oldham Middle School.

Rachel is a member of the school's Drama Club and enjoys acting and singing — everywhere! She is also a competitive Irish Dancer with McClanahan's School of Irish Dance. Rachel attended Camp Livingston for the past four years and has attended many years of camp at the JCC. She loves spending time with her friends and skiing double-black-diamond runs in Colorado.

Both Rachel and Haley are volunteers at Atria Center for Senior Living helping the Jewish residents celebrate Shabbat. Rachel's Bat Mitzvah project included reading to children at the Temple Preschool and collecting books for the school.

Haley has many interests. She is a member of her school's Archery Club and is a student at Prospect Martial Arts. She recently was invited to be a member of its Black Belt club. Like Rachel, Haley attended Camp Livingston and JCC. She too loves spending time with her friends,

creating art, singing and skiing in Colorado.

Haley's love of animals led her to do a special Bat Mitzvah project at the food pantry at the Church of the Advent on Baxter Avenue. Over the last several months, she worked with friends to bag and pass out pet food to people and pets in need.

Rachel and Haley will be collecting items to support their service projects. Please bring a children's book and something for a pet (food or toy) to the service so they can donate to their respective causes.

Both Rachel and Haley and their family invite the community to celebrate their B'not Mitzvah and to come to the Kiddush luncheon following the service.



Andrew Isaac Stein

Andrew Isaac Stein (Drew), son of Pam and Robert Stein and brother of Gabe, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 22, at 5:30

p.m., at The Temple. Drew is the grandson of Ethel Lowenbraun and the late Stanley Lowenbraun, and Carol and Arnold Zegart.

Drew is in the seventh grade at Anchorage Public School, where he is a member of Math Counts, Academic Team and Chess Club. He loves to play tennis, hang out with his friends and cousins and listen to music. He also plays the piano. Drew participated in the JFCS Pledge 13 program by volunteering as a weekly math tutor for a fifth-grade student at Goldsmith Elementary.

Drew and his family invite the community to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah as part of the Saturday evening Havdalah service.

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Engagement

Post/Zalkind

Alex and Irene Post of Louisville, KY announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Post, to Dr. Dan Zalkind, son of Dr. Sophie Gofman of New York, NY.



The bride graduated from the University of Louisville, earned her MBA from Bellarmine University, and works in public relations.

The groom graduated and attended medical school at The George Washington University. He is a board-certified cardiologist. The couple plans a spring wedding.

Obituaries

Milton Morguelan

Milton Morguelan, 79, passed away September 21. Milt was born and raised in Louisville and lived 10 years in Los Angeles from 1954 to 1964 before returning to Louisville. He retired from the Ford Motor Company in 1997 as an engineer after 33 years in the Heavy Truck Assembly Engineering Department.

Milt is survived by his wife, Carlie; a sister, Sharon (Sander) Romick of Los Angeles; two daughters, Sheri (Will) Hardy of Atlanta, GA, and Pam (Jonathan) Young of Columbus, OH. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Benjamin, Aaron, Nathan, Maddy, Jackson and Jonah; and a niece, many nephews, cousins and friends.

Milt was preceded in death by his parents, Celia Yanoff and Samuel (Zimmie) Morguelan.

Funeral Services were held Monday, September 22, at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in The Temple Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Milt's name to either The Parkinson Support Center of Kentuckiana (426-0888), The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (www.michaeljfox.org).



Dr. Samuel L. Karr

Dr. Samuel L. Karr, 86, formerly of Toledo, OH, passed away peacefully Friday, October 3, at Jefferson Manor. He was a First Lieutenant with the

U.S. Navy during the Korean War, a retired cardiologist, a musician, a pilot and avid arborist. Dr. Karr graduated in 1952 from the Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia and completed his residency at the V.A. Hospital in Philadelphia and his cardiology fellowship at Bergen Pines County Hospital. He practiced 37 years with esteemed physicians, Dr. Eli Abramson and Dr. Harold Poneman. He was Chief of Staff at Riverside Hospital and created the first CCU in Toledo. He also taught at the Medical College of Toledo.

Dr. Karr, from childhood, played the bugle, the trumpet, the piano and later in life, the French horn. As a child he yearned to fly and as a pilot he logged more than 2,000 hours in his flying career. Dr. Karr wooed his wife on a blind date in his Taylorcraft single-engine plane and later piloted a twin Geronimo. He flew for Volunteer Pilots of America, transporting patients to distant medical facilities. As an arborist he truly treasured his collection of 100 species of trees he planted with his sons.

Dr. Karr is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Annora Sue Karr; his sons, Matthew Karr (Kathy), Joel Karr (Kenneth Fong) of San Francisco, CA, and Robert Karr (Sabrina Haber) of Concord, MA; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were October 5 at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave., with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Road, Louisville, KY 40220.

Mary Lee Davis Fischer

Mary Lee Davis Fischer, age 92, passed away on Monday, October 6, 2014. She left knowing she was loved dearly by her family and friends. She was a loving wife, business partner, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Stanley Fischer; daughter, Hedy Fischer (Randy Shull) of Asheville, NC; son, Drew Fischer (Cynthia Cooke) of Louisville; grandson, Seth Fischer of Orlando, FL, and his mother, Vicki Danser of Orlando, FL; her brother, Skip Davis (Debra) of Louisville; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Freda Davis and brothers, Simmy, Charley and Barry.

Born and raised in Louisville, Mary Lee worked from her teenage years in her family's business and then with her husband Stanley, in their business of nearly 50 years, Stan's Pawn Shop on Jefferson Street. She was a lifelong member of Keneseth Israel Synagogue, a member of the JCC and a volunteer at Four Courts Assisted Living for 17 years where she and Stanley were awarded Volunteers of the Year twice and volunteered with the Mizrahi, Hadassah and tutored English to new Americans.

The family wishes to express deepest gratitude to Annette Pappas and Sharon Rowan, who cared for Mary Lee as if she were their own mothers.

Funeral services were Sunday, October 12, at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial was at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may

be made to the Mary Lee and Stanley Fischer Youth Activities Fund, c/o The Jewish Federation of Louisville, 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205.

Barbara Kaplan Russman

Barbara Kaplan Russman, 74, passed away on October 11 at the Episcopal Church Home.

She attended Vanderbilt University and the University of Louisville. She was retired from the former Jewish Hospital, where she was a medical technologist for many years. She was a life member of Keneseth Israel Synagogue Sisterhood, Hadassah and NCJW Louisville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fannie and Sol Kaplan, and her sister, Paula Tarbis.

She is survived by her loving husband of more than 50 years, Scherrill Russman; children Stephanie Stein (Jeff), Michael Russman (Nikki) and Hilary Catapano (Richard); and grandchildren, Jeremy and Mallory Stein, Lilli and Harrison Russman, and Rick, Ashley, Ryan and Jenna Catapano.

The funeral was October 13 at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial was in Keneseth Israel Cemetery.

The family would like to express its heart-felt gratitude to Dr. Jane Cornett and Angie Etheridge as well as the wonderful caregivers at the Barton House, Episcopal Church Home and Hospitium for their excellent care.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation, the Alzheimer's Association or the charity of choice.

Joan K. Greenberg

Joan K. Greenberg, 70, died Sunday, October 19, at Norton Brownsboro. She was born May 23, 1944, in New York, NY, to the late Morris "Martin" and Ida Karlan. Joan was a former financial services salesperson, a member of The Temple and a founding member of Temple Chai in Long Grove, IL, and Congregation Hakafa in Glencoe, IL.

She is survived by her children, Joseph (Jennifer) Greenberg, Judi Lenett (Dr. Harold) and Daniel Greenberg; her grandchildren, Henry and Hannah Greenberg, Deborah, Matthew, Maxwell and Samantha Lenett; her sister, Helen Karlan; a niece, Lici Karlan Cates; a dear friend, Susan Rudy; and most importantly, Whinney.

Cremation has been chosen. A memorial gathering was October 20 at the residence of Susan Rudy. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Dysautonomia Foundation or the Humane Society.

Armond Goldstein

Armond Goldstein, 79, died Monday, October 20, 2014 at Episcopal Church Home.

He was a native of Louisville, born August 21, 1935, a U.S. Army veteran and a retired salesman with collections.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Hinda Goldberg Goldstein; and his brothers, Alvin Goldstein and Ramiel Goldstein.

He is survived by his wife, Myra Goldstein; his daughter, Caryn Goldstein; his son, Harry Goldstein of New York; and a grandson, Henry Goldstein Ouellette.

A memorial service will be at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the National Pancreatic Association.



On a beautiful evening, October 23, 1949, A young Sylvia Fine married her love, Howard Klein. Under the chuppah, the Kentucky Hotel was the site, With family around, such a glorious night. After 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, They became known as the "Greats", 65 years of happiness, with a lot on their plates. Now it's the time to look back on these years with elation. We all agree, it's the perfect time for celebration.

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We wish each other Happy New Year, Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary. Happiness seems to be the one thing that everyone seeks but very few are successful in finding. Perhaps you might like to join me in making a New Year resolution. My New Year resolution is to find happiness and to foster more happiness in the world around me.

A basic right in this country is the pursuit of happiness. But many people pursue happiness all their lives without ever being happy. I want this year to be the one in which I catch up with happiness – to actually be happy, not just to pursue it.

By the time this article is printed, my family plans to be celebrating the wedding of my son Rabbi Shlomo Litvin. At a Jewish wedding, an integral part of the ceremony is wishing the couple joy in their new home together.

We ask G-d to bless this couple with the happiness that Adam and Eve shared in the Garden of Eden. I don't think the blessing is about the beauty or the bounty of G-d's garden. Rather it is the happiness that Adam felt when he looked to

Eve and said: "Honey, you are the only woman in the world to me." And, he meant it. Eve, too, felt she had the best husband in the entire world.

The sages teach: "Who is happy? The one who is content with their portion." Being happy requires an appreciation that at this exact moment, you have exactly what you need. But maybe this is easier said than done.

Elsewhere, the sages say that the key to happiness is finding purpose in life. Judaism teaches that life is holy. We are small insignificant beings given a higher purpose to make the world a better place than we found it. It therefore follows that recognizing that our lives have meaning and purpose is an initial step along the road to happiness.

The next step toward happiness is having a good attitude about oneself. On one hand we can't be too self-centered, but on the other hand low self-esteem is another obstacle to happiness. Somehow, the road to happiness must involve a balanced self-respect, not veering off course in either direction.

Stress detracts from happiness. So part of our New Year resolution would be to reduce stress for ourselves and those around us.

Someone once said, "If you think you can't buy happiness, you must be shopping in the wrong stores." But good fortune, beauty, genius and even power don't necessarily lead to happiness. So

this year, our resolution might include training ourselves to be happy based on the good things we experience in life, rather than the numerous possessions that we accumulate in life.

If we aren't satisfied with our achievements in life, or if we lose something or someone we love, we often lose our sense of happiness. Part of our New Year resolution must include ways to reframe our lives to deal with these issues and not let them detract from our daily feeling of happiness.

Finally how does G-d fit into generating happiness? For ultimately, is it not faith that G-d is giving us EXACTLY what we need at this moment, the essence of what provides us the ability to be happy with our lives. Therefore, our New Year resolution must include bolstering our faith in G-d as a means to reaching happiness in life.

Happiness is a road, which requires constant movement and advancement. The blessing we offer to a new couple is that the wedding day should be the pinnacle of their happiness. And then, the next day will be the new pinnacle of happiness, and the next and the next and the next. Because a wedding includes that same faith that G-d has brought together the exact right person and place and situation. This knowledge is thus a blessing that should inspire them to be truly happy.

I would like to wish my son and his

fiancé much happiness in their future lives together, and I would like to wish each and every one a truly happy New Year.

As an aside, I believe happiness is so important that I plan to teach a six-part course on attaining happiness in our lives. To find out more, please see the information in Around Town on page 31.

Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, October 24 at 6:36 p.m., October 31 at 6:27 p.m., November 7 at 5:20 p.m., November 14 at 5:14 p.m. and November 21 at 5:09 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, regional director of Chabad of Kentucky, has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

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WANTED FULL-TIME CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

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

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

COMPENSATION

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

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

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WANTED FULL-TIME ADS SALES & SPONSORSHIP MANAGER

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

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

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

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