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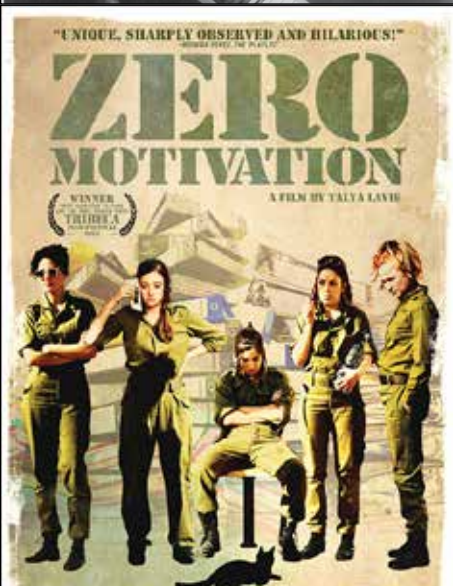
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Film Festival Returns with Laughs, Drama and More

 By Ben Goldenberg
Marketing Director

The 17th annual Louisville Jewish Film Festival promises to make attendees laugh, cry, sing and think with a wide variety of options.



As part of the JCC's 125th Anniversary, the festival will team up with CenterStage to offer a special musical event – *Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy*, on Saturday, February 7. The event will feature the Peabody Award-winning documentary looks at the unique role of some of the greatest composers, writers and performers of the Broadway stage.

The songs of the Broadway musical were created almost exclusively by Jewish Americans, such as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, George and Ira Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein, Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein, John Kander, Harold Prince, Stephen Sondheim, Mel Brooks, Matthew Broderick, Zero Mostel, Nathan Lane, Idina Menzel, Kristin Chenoweth, Barbra Streisand and more over a 50 year period. There will be a catered dessert reception and complimentary beer and wine.

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

The Louisville Jewish Film Festival opens on February 5 with *Run Boy Run*, the true story of a 9-year old Polish boy who flees the Warsaw ghetto in 1942. Forced to survive in the woods while evading SS patrols and finding occasional shelter from locals, he is able to keep his Jewish faith alive.

Other highlights include *Kidon* (February 8, 2 p.m. at Village 8 Theater). This comedic spy-thriller begins with the killing of a Hamas leader in a Dubai hotel. Local police blame Mossad, who has never heard of the agents or their mission. Mossad must quickly figure out the situation as it realizes it is only one player in a high-stakes con game.

Gett: The Trial of Vivian Amsalem (February 16, 7 p.m. at the Temple) won the Israeli Film Academy Ophir Award for Best Picture in 2014 and is nominated for a Golden Globe and is Israel's nomination for best foreign film at the Academy Awards. It tells the story of an Israeli woman and her struggle to leave her loveless marriage. Her religiously devout husband is refusing a gett (divorce) which is required, as all mar-



riage and divorce in Israel is done with the blessing of Orthodox rabbis. *Gett* is a heart-rending portrait of a woman's struggle to overcome an unmoving patriarchy and live a life of her own design.

Zero Motivation (February 21, 7:30 p.m. at Village 8 Theaters), is a cynical comedy about the lives of three young women doing mandatory service in the Israeli Army. A huge hit in Israel, the film revolves around a unit of female Israeli soldiers, bored spending their days

Whirlpools offer excellent recovery benefits

 By Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

One of the most enjoyable benefits of JCC membership is its whirlpools, available to members near the indoor pool. Taking a spa break after a workout is incredibly refreshing and relaxes your muscles after a hard day.

But make sure you shower before getting in: The bacteria on your skin can multiply in the warm water, causing fluctuating readings in our water.

"We are monitoring our whirlpools more closely to ensure that our members have the best experience in our wet areas," said Johnny Kimberlin, aquatics director. "We love when our members use this service, and we want to keep them healthy."

The hot water in our whirlpools can help dilate the blood vessels, which in turn causes tension and pain to leave the body. The massaging jets help relax the muscles and can aid in the healing of sports injuries and reduce the joint pain caused by arthritis.

So remember to shower before entering the whirlpool because the body's natural bacteria – especially after a workout – can get into the water and multiply in the warm-water environment.

For best results, work out your hardest, take a quick shower, throw on a swimsuit, then slide down into the whirlpool and relax for about 10 minutes. The rest of your evening will go swimmingly!

in a rural base and disgusted by the chauvinist male officers. Their biggest battles are against their commanders or the men who treat them badly, and the only guns they fire are staple guns.

Many films will feature guest moderators following the film. Tickets for most shows are \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door and \$6 for students and can be ordered online at www.jewishlouisville.org/filmfestival/ or by calling 502-459-0660.

Meet the Challenge Campaign Breaks the \$100,000 Mark

Over \$100,000! That's how much we've raised toward our goal of \$120,000. With your generous contributions the JCC staff has:

- Built beautifully renovated locker rooms
- Ordered new seating for our auditorium (and a new curtain is coming as well)
- Installed new, safe tables for the seniors we feed every weekday
- Spec'd out the new climbing room that will be installed on the lower level

All in addition to the new basketball

 Susan Waterman & Bud Schardein
Health and Wellness

 Sarah Harlan
CenterStage

 Kate Stratman
Early Learning Center

 Barb Schwartz
BBYO

 Margot Kling
Seniors

 Seana Golder
Summer Camp

2015 LOUISVILLE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Run Boy Run	Thurs., Feb. 5	7 p.m.	Village 8 Theaters
*A Musical Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the JCC	Sat., Feb. 7	7:30 p.m.	JCC
Kidon	Sun., Feb. 8	2 p.m.	Village 8 Theaters
*Ma'ale Films by the Ma'ale School of Television, Film & Arts	Mon., Feb. 9	7 p.m.	The Temple
Dancing Arabs	Sat., Feb. 14	7:30 p.m.	Village 8 Theaters
Run Boy Run	Sun., Feb. 15	11:30 a.m.	Village 8 Theaters
Above and Beyond	Sun., Feb. 15	2 p.m.	Adath Jeshurun
Gett	Mon., Feb. 16	7 p.m.	The Temple
24 Days	Thurs., Feb. 19	7 p.m.	Village 8 Theaters
Zero Motivation	Sat., Feb. 21	7:30 p.m.	Village 8 Theaters
The Jewish Cardinal	Sun., Feb. 22	2 p.m.	Village 8 Theaters

Tickets cost \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door or \$6 students and can be purchased by calling 502-459-0660 or visiting www.jewishlouisville.org/filmfestival.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

For infants-6th grade. Snacks will be provided, bring your own dinner.

Feb. 21

Theme: All about Shapes
5:30-9:30 p.m.

Fee: \$30, + \$10 per additional child*
JCC Member Fee: \$20,
+ \$10 per additional child*
* Children must be from the same household.

Register by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13

Register online at
jewishlouisville.org/family-programming

SCHOOLS OUT DAYS



Purim Masquerade

February 27 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Star Power

March 9 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Register online at
www.jewishlouisville.org/SOD
or call 502-238-2718 for
a registration form.

JCC's Family Hamantaschen Bake-Off Coming

Do you have the best hamantaschen recipe? The JCC is holding a very unique bake-off of these Purim treats. To participate, families should submit their favorite recipe by February 6. By February 13, the JCC will send you a new recipe. Bake the hamantaschen with your family and take a photo. On March 1, all the families will join together for a communal tasting and prizes will be handed out. The JCC will also combine all the recipes into a cookbook.

This event is part of the JCC's 125 Anniversary celebration.

For more information, contact Betsy Schwartz at 502-238-2708 or bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org. Families can register for the Bake-Off at www.jewishlouisville.org/hamantaschen-bakeoff/.



Family Hamantaschen Bake-off



Join other JCC families as we exchange Hamantaschen recipes and have a **bake-off**! Later, all the families will bring their baked Hamantaschen for a communal tasting.

Recipes due **February 6**
Receive your "new" recipe by **February 13**

Hamantaschen Tasting Party
March 1 at 5 p.m.

To register your family and submit your recipe please visit
jewishlouisville.org/Hamantaschen-bakeoff/

For more information contact
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bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org.

Music and Lights for Community Chanukah Shabbat Dinner



PHOTOS BY LISA HORNING



The Community Shabbat Chanukah Dinner on December 19 had about 80 people in attendance, despite a bout of the flu that kept several families at home, said Betsy Schwartz, director of camps for the Jewish Community Center.

Families brought their own Chanukiyot to light at the tables and enjoyed a meal that included roasted chicken and, of course, latkes and jelly doughnuts.

Lia Benabou, 4, said she enjoys "Gerry's latkes" the most. Her friend, Gabi Kronenberg, 9, agreed.

Emma Kronenberg, 14, said the latkes made the evening, despite her mother spilling lemonade all over her. She also raved about JCC cook Gerry Burns' delicious chicken.

David Serchuck provided the evening's entertainment on his guitar and sang Chanukah songs for the kids, while his daughter, Stella, 6, danced with a group of children.

Ali and Andrew Ignatow, hosts of the event, said the event was important because it brought people together from all different synagogues, and "it's a wonderful thing for the kids," Andrew Ignatow said. "Each family brought their own menorah and we said prayers and lit candles, then we feasted. It's tradition for Chanukah and Shabbat."

Charley Ignatow, 7, wore her dreidel headband and played dreidel with friends.

"People have told me that they liked it because it felt so haimish," Schwartz said. "It was informal and fun, but an important way for Jewish families to gather and just be Jewish together."

FOR TREES CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR



FAMILY TU B'SHEVAT SEDER & LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 1 ADULT (12+): \$10
Starts 12:30 p.m. at the JCC CHILDREN (3-12): \$6

Take a Romantic Journey as *Once on This Island* Breezes into CenterStage

By Lisa Hornung
Communication Specialist

CenterStage is set to bring a burst of spring to Louisville this February with the romantic fairy tale *Once on This Island*, an enchanting musical that will warm your hearts as it whisks you away to a tropical paradise.

From the Tony Award-winning songwriting team of Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty of *Seussical* and *Ragtime*, *Once on This Island* is a one-act musical about a peasant girl in the Caribbean who finds love in a world of prejudice and uses her love to change people and bring them together. Borrowing from Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Mermaid* with some tragic elements of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, the familiar story is told in a refreshing, innovative way.

Yearning to tackle something with more emotional depth after their

Off-Broadway debut with *Lucky Stiff*, Ahrens and Flaherty discovered the 1985 novel, *My Love, My Love*; or *The Peasant Girl*, by Rosa Guy. Ahrens responded instantly to the novel's poetic language and simple beauty and realized they had found their story. The show's journey began in 1990 Off-Broadway at Playwright's Horizon, but was quickly transferred to Broadway later that year, where it ran for 469 performances. The production was honored with eight Tony Award nominations including Best Musical. The West End production opened in 1994 running for 145 performances and winning the Olivier Award for Best New Musical.

Cierra Richmond as Ti Moune will lead the 23-member ensemble cast. Though you will remember her incredible voice from *Little Shop of Horrors* (Urchin) and *RENT* ("Seasons of Love" soloist) this marks her debut in a lead role at CenterStage. Also returning are Pat Mathison (Sophia/*The Color Purple*),

Tymika Prince (Celie/*The Color Purple*, Sarah/*Ragtime*) and Alonzo Richmond (Colehouse/*Ragtime*).

"*Once on This Island* is an absolutely captivating musical," CenterStage Artistic Director John Leffert said. "The Caribbean-style music is infectious, the script rich with poetic storytelling and the universal theme of love breaking down barriers of prejudice and stereotypes transcends generations making the piece perfect for the entire family. It is no accident that this show is being presented in February. Celebrate African American History Month and Valentine's Day with CenterStage as we celebrate love, acceptance, diversity and the chipping away of stereotypes and prejudice with our production of *Once on This Island*."

Once on This Island runs February 12-22. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$22 at the door. Call 502-238-2709, or visit CenterStageJCC.org.



ONCE ON THIS ISLAND

Thurs., Feb. 12	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 14	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 15	2 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 15	7 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 16	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 19	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 21	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 22	2 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 22	7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20 or \$22 at the door and can be purchased by calling 502-238-2709 or visiting www.CenterStageJCC.org. A limited amount of \$10 rush tickets are available for weekday performances only by calling 502-238-2709 or in person at the Box Office. JCC Members save an additional \$4 for Opening Night, Thursday, February 12.

You're invited to the



PJ Library
JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES & SONGS FOR FAMILIES

PJ Story Stage



Sunday, February 8
at 12:30-2 p.m.

At the JCC, Children's Place for ages 3+
Pizza will be served.

Register by February 4, contact
Jennifer Tuvlin at 502-238-2719 or
jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org

Bricks for Kids - A Pirate's Quest

LEGO FUN

Grades 1-3
Sundays,
February 22-March 22
1 - 2 p.m.

FEE: \$60, JCC Members \$50
Registration required by Monday, Feb. 16.

Exploring Art with Gina Beime

Grades 4-6

Sundays,
March 8-29
1 - 2 p.m.

Explore the arts with this four week class. We will make string sculptures, mobiles, printmaking and drawing.

FEE: \$70, JCC Members \$60
Registration required by Monday, March 2.

Lunch options available, Fee: \$32 | JCC Members: \$20
To register, contact Mary Dooley at 502-238-2718 or mduoley@jewishlouisville.org.
Register Online Today: www.jewishlouisville.org/sunday-funday-registration/

TEEN CONNECTION

JEWISH YOUTH GRADES 6-8



TEEN CHALLENGE DAY

FEE: \$10, \$8 JCC MEMBERS

FEB. 15
12:30 - 3 P.M.

Challenge yourself during Teen Connection Challenge Day. We will solve challenges with our friends and come together to meet a common goal. We will also create our own challenges for our friends.

SCHEDULE:
12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30-3p.m. Team Building Activities

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
www.jewishlouisville.org/teen-challenge



SUMMER

JOB FAIR

MONDAY, MARCH 2
3:30-7 P.M.

HIRING

Dive in Diner Staff
Pool Gate Reception
Camp Counselors
K-6 & Special Needs - Lifeguards & Supervisors

- 16 and older may apply
- Seasonal help needed May through August/September.
- Payrates depend on position & experience.

SEASONAL POSITIONS

Swim instructors
Early Learning Center Teachers

For more information, call
502-459-0660.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Clothing Drive for Immigrants from Bhutan (near Pakistan & India)

During the month of January, please bring in either new or gently used men's or women's clothes such as coats, hats, gloves, pants, shirts, etc.

Donation boxes will be in the Senior Adult Lounge.

JANUARY 27 Bingo, 12:45 p.m.

FEBRUARY 3 Not Just for Laughs, 12:45 p.m.

Join us for an hour of fun as we watch & listen to Jeanne Robertson, a humorist who will keep you laughing from beginning to end. She talks about growing up tall in a small southern town, sharing her humorous view of competing in the Miss America Pageant and much more. Refreshments will be served.

FEBRUARY 10 Senior Retiree Meeting, 12:45 p.m.

Terry Taylor, Executive Director of Interfaith Paths to Peace will be the speaker. He will speak about "A Pilgrims Lens" photographs taken during his sometimes sacred, sometimes secular, spiritual journeys throughout the US and around the world. Refreshments will be served.

FEBRUARY 17 Senior Retiree Meeting, 12:45 p.m.

Lisa LaReau, Senior Concierge Outreach from JFCS will be the guest speaker. She will discuss services available to seniors including in home care. Refreshments will be served.

FEBRUARY 22 Jewish Film Festival - "The Jewish Cardinal," 2 p.m. at Village 8 Theater

A drama based on the amazing story of Jean-Marie Lustiger, the son of Polish Jewish immigrants who maintained his cultural identity as a Jew while converting to Catholicism as at a young age and later joining the priesthood. French with English Subtitles Cost: JCC/Club Members: \$10, \$18/NM

FEBRUARY 24 Bingo, 12:45 p.m.

MARCH 16 Mammogram Screenings, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Breast Cancer Screenings for Women 40+. No cost for program eligible women without insurance. If you have Insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, Uof L Hospital will bill that agency. Call 502-238-2749 to schedule your appointment.

JCC Patio Gallery Welcomes Three Shows on Peace

By Bette Levy
JCC Patio Gallery Director

The JCC is featuring three inter-related shows in the Patio Gallery, the new Lobby Gallery, and the lobby, and there was an opening reception for all three on Sunday, January 11.

The Patio Gallery features the work of New York-based textile artist, Laurie Wohl who was in Louisville for the opening and gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining her work and techniques.

Wohl interweaves Muslim, Jewish, and Christian poetry and spiritual texts from the period of the Convivencia in Spain (the 8th-15th centuries) and from contemporary Middle Eastern poets, particularly Palestinian and Israeli. Her work emphasizes the striking parallels between Arabic and Hebrew texts, rich in poetry of spiritual love, of exile, of nostalgia for Andalusia and of enemies and reconciliation.

Her hope for the project is that its visual and auditory components will make obvious the connections between the Abrahamic religions and stimulate reflection on shared emotional, aesthetic and thematic content.

Wohl uses unwoven canvas, textured papers, and other materials embellished with Arabic and Hebrew, as well as some Greek and English, calligraphy which, along with her own personal iconography, also references the iconography of the veil.

An audio component available on iPods consists of readings in English, Arabic, and Hebrew of the poems and spiritual texts



Terry Taylor in front of his exhibit

contained in her work. The Arabic and Hebrew are then interwoven to create a "soundscape" illustrating the commonality of the Middle Eastern languages.

On view in the new Lobby Gallery are photographs by Terry Taylor, outgoing executive director of the Interfaith Paths to Peace. These photographs are part of his show "A Pilgrim's Lens," which reflect Taylor's "sometimes sacred, sometimes secular spiritual journeys around the U.S. and the world."

Also in the lobby is a public art project called Peace Postcards, founded by Allan Weiss. The goal of this project is to encourage people to think about peace and what it means for the future of the world.

All three shows run until February 24.

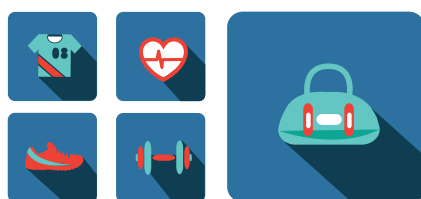
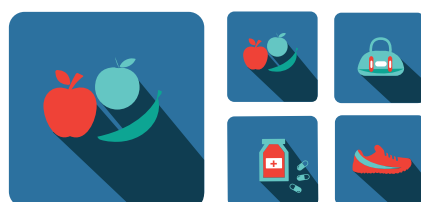


Artist Laurie Wohl explains her vision to Frank Weinberg and Allan Weiss
PHOTOS BY TED WIRTH

JCC Louisville

NEW TO THE GYM?

Wednesdays, Feb. 4-25, 2015
5:30-6:30 p.m.
with Denise Joseph
Fee: \$72, JCC Members only



To Register, call the
Health and Wellness Desk
502-238-2727

WEEKEND WARRIOR

**SUNDAYS
FEB. 1-22 1-2 P.M.**
Instructor: Sylvester Davis

FEE: \$72
JCC Members Only

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
jewishlouisville.org/weekendwarrior

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jewishlouisville.org/nocardioshred

NO-CARDIO SHRED

CARDIO ISN'T THE ONLY WAY TO BURN FAT.
WEDNESDAYS, FEB. 4-25 | FROM 6-7 P.M.
with Ryan Perryman | Fee: \$72, JCC Members Only

Call the Health & Wellness Desk at 502-238-2727 to register or for more information.

JCC Louisville
125 Years
TIP OFF

Join us to cheer on the Cards!
January 25 at 3:30 p.m.
at Center Court in the JCC
Everyone is welcome!
Fee: \$18 includes deli lunch
RSVP by January 20

Order tickets online at
jewishlouisville.org/tip-off/

