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Jewish Film Festival starts February 5. Special celebration of Broadway with CenterStage is February 7.

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Je Suis Juif

Louisville's Jewish community came together for a rally in solidarity with France and its Jewish community in the fight against terrorism on Sunday, January 18. Story and photos on pages 8 and 9.

AJ Presents J-Harmony, an A Capella Weekend of Music

by Cantor David Lipp
Congregation Adath Jeshurun

I invite you to share the realization of my dream at the 2015 Adath Jeshurun Musical Festival, Saturday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m. at AJ.

My original dream was to pull together five regional Jewish a cappella choirs for a festive concert on the weekend of Chanukah. Each choir would sing at each synagogue and the weekend's activities would culminate in a concert after Havdalah.

But there were problems, and the Cha-

nukah concert didn't happen.

First, the only all male group I could find regionally was not a college choir; also, they were no longer all men so no group was available for Anshei Sfard.

Second, none could really make it for the weekend of Chanukah.

I realized that I would need to change my vision. Getting four groups to come together for a weekend was going to be a challenge. Some schools have different months off, students take time for learning opportunities out of the country, and tests are scheduled at different times. Still, I pursued my dream, and

right up until the last minute, I thought I had three groups, but in the end, one couldn't confirm because of too many classes missed.

My professional organization, the Cantors Assembly, was trying to create a *Shabbat Shirah* weekend where many of our congregations would invite local a cappella groups to sing for the services of synagogues around the country the weekend of January 30-February 1. After a great deal of negotiation, that became our weekend.

Finally, the two groups that became available for the weekend were Staam (just 'cause) from Washington University and Hooshir (get it? Hoosier in Hebrew!) from Indiana University (IU). Both have sung nationally and won awards at the 2014 Kol HaOlam National Jewish A Cappella Competition.

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Jewish/Israeli Author Series

Kashua to Speak about Life as a Palestinian Living in Israel

by Ranen Omer-Sherman
JHFE Endowed Chair in Judaic Studies
University of Louisville

As part of the Louisville Jewish/Israeli Author Series, Palestinian-Israeli author Sayed Kashua will present "The Foreign Mother Tongue: Living and Writing as a Palestinian in Israel" and sign books at the Chao Auditorium in the Ekstrom Library at the University of Louisville. The program will be on Thursday, February 12, at 3 p.m.

Kashua will also speak on "Living with Dual Identity" on Friday, February 13, at 7 p.m. at The Temple.



Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman

At a time when the relations between the Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel are more fraught than ever, and the very condition of being an Arab in the Jewish state has become excruciatingly complex and tense, the life and work of Sayed Kashua serve as a moral barometer of the fate of tolerance and coexistence.

He is one of Israel's most important contemporary writers and the recipient of the Prime Minister's Prize for Literature (2004). In much of his work, he skillfully draws on images of the oppressed Diaspora Jew in works by Sholem Aleichem and other Yiddish writers.

Since the early 2000s, Kashua's novels and satirical weekend columns for the newspaper *Ha'aretz* have entertained and also challenged Jewish Israeli readers, helping them to better grasp the daily

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director

Jewish Community Relations Council

The Future of Jews in Europe

Last week's tragic events in Paris shook most people all over the world, and it is necessary for all of us to mourn and speak up against this kind of violence. We have seen *Je Suis Charlie*, *Je Suis Ahmed* and *Je Suis Juif* as signs, status updates and hashtags everywhere. We also saw 3.7 million Frenchmen (including Christians, Jews, and Muslims) take to the streets to demand an end to violence against innocent people.

But last week's attack is only the latest of tragedies befalling the Jewish communities in Europe. Jewish communities have endured virulent anti-Zionism, harassment in the streets, fire bombings of synagogues and Jewish-owned stores and, sadly, deadly shootings in Toulouse, France; Belgium; and of course, Paris.

Subsequent to all of these incidents, emigration from many countries in Europe has increased its pace. Last year, 5,000 Jews left France for Israel, and some are predicting that number will double this year. In addition, many other French Jews have left for Canada and the U.S. In fact, Jewish communities throughout Europe are questioning their future there, with one recent survey of British Jews showing a majority of Jews there do not see any future in Britain.

Jewish communities in Eastern Europe, decimated by the Holocaust, are generally unaffected by this anti-Semitic violence (although Hungary has become more hostile to its Jewish community in recent years). No, it is the Jews of Western Europe who have lived in these countries for over a thousand years who are questioning their future there.

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu made a much-publicized trip to France in the aftermath of the attacks, and arm-in-arm with other world leaders, marched for freedom of expression and an end to religiously inspired terrorism. But he also came with a message to the Jews of France that it is time for them to make aliyah, implying that the country was no longer safe for them.

While it is vitally important that Israel remain a refuge for Jews who are suffering from persecution and violence, emigration should really be a very last resort. The Jews of Europe have earned the right to live in the countries of their birth, free from discrimination and persecution.

If the governments of Europe need to redouble their efforts to ensure the safety and freedom of their Jewish citizens, then they must do it. No Jewish person should be afraid to walk down the street in Europe (or anywhere else) while wearing a yarmulke.

This week marks the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz (January 27), what some consider the beginning of the end of the darkest time in Jewish and European history. It is long overdue for Jews to feel safe in their European countries of origin.

Speaking of Prime Minister Netanyahu...

Prime Minister Netanyahu's presence and behavior in Paris were sharply criticized by some and lauded by others. All sorts of stories have emerged (many of them confirmed by all sides) that Netanyahu initially was not planning to come but changed his mind when he saw political rivals attending. It was reported that he pushed his way to the front of the march, and that he insulted the Jewish leaders of France by suggest-

ing that France was not their home and Israel is. He was also treated to a very large standing ovation when he walked into the largest synagogue in Paris.

Prime Minister Netanyahu believes himself to be not just Prime Minister of Israel, but a leader of World Jewry. One thing we should all hope for is that if he does believe that, he will be careful with his words and act accordingly, with great caution and consciousness of image.

The lines between World Jewry and Israel seem to be blurring in some circles, I hope that as the rest of the world DOES look at Israel/Jews, and Netanyahu as their leader, that the Prime Minister is up to the challenge.

The image of him walking arm-in-arm with the other leaders of the world in protest of the horrible tragedies that befell Paris that week was a powerful one. The image of him walking with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was equally powerful.

One more thing we should hope for is that in light of what happened – that Netanyahu and Abbas make concerted effort to reject extremism and unilateral acts, and make good faith efforts to resume peace negotiations.

LETTERS

Solidarity Rally

Dear Editor:

I attended the solidarity rally yesterday (January 18), and I found it most meaningful. Congressman John Yarmuth and Mayor Greg Fischer spoke eloquently, Dr. Muhammad Babar, who is himself a Muslim, shared that the assault was not only on Frenchman and on Jews but on all of humanity including Muslims. Jewish Community Relations Council Chair Becky Ruby Swansburg wove the program together masterfully, and each of the prayers led by Cantor David Lipp and Rabbi Stanley Miles were warm and heartfelt.

It was uplifting to see so many come together – Jews, Christians and Muslims as one group with mutual respect and a true sense of fellowship and brotherhood. Kudos to the Jewish Community Relations Council, working with the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors for putting this all together.

I then read a letter from Binyamin Hattab, father of Yoav Hattab, who was killed in the attack at the Kosher market. He wrote of his sadness and the terrible loss of his son along with all of the other victims of this vicious terrorist attack. He shared that his son Yoav was a Torah reader whose sweet voice was a pleasure to listen to. He helped train boys for bar mitzvah at no charge – simply because he loved his faith.

Yoav's father wrote that "Yoav has a special love for the Shabbat. He would buy the best foods for the Shabbat and cook them himself. He would then bathe and put on fragrance, like a groom for

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CAMPAIGN

by Stu Silberman
President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville

Our 2015 Federation Campaign is progressing well. As of publication date we have secured over \$1.7 million in support from generous, community-minded donors who believe in the work we are accomplishing on behalf of our Jewish community.

If you haven't had a chance to lend your support to help those in need locally, and Jews in need wherever they may reside, please consider including the Federation Campaign in your philanthropic plans and if you have any questions, contact us at 502-238-2739.

Tomorrow, we will hold our best yet Young Adult Division Annual Event, followed the next day by Super Sunday. If you have not yet been contacted, you can pledge anytime at jewishlouisville.org/donate.

Thank you to Campaign Chair Doug Gordon and the 2015 Campaign Committee for their creativity, passion, commitment and delivery of the time and effort required to get us to this point.

This spring, after our Campaign closes, we will begin the critical deliberations process on how to allocate that needed funding among all the local, national and international



Stu Silberman

agencies who request it, made all the more difficult by the fact that the needs consistently outweigh the funding available.

To best inform those decisions, your JCL's Planning and Allocations Committee has already met with the local agencies that receive the majority of our local funding, to ensure they are meeting their stated objectives, working collaboratively to share the limited funding available, and see if there is a way the JCL can help them in ways not previously considered.

Your JCL is one of those agencies held accountable to the Planning and Allocations Committee, in addition to the Board of Directors. At each meeting, the committee engaged in meaningful dialog with each presenter, and in every case, the committee felt your gifts are being applied with high efficiency and

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LETTERS

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a bride, to welcome the Holy Shabbat. Even in his last moments, he was on his way to purchase special foods with which to honor his beloved Shabbat."

He then showed a copy of Yoav's last text on his cellphone just minutes before entering the Koshers market. It was a message Yoav had written to one of his friends urging him to do more to honor the Shabbat. He wrote "This is a difficult time for Jews in France. ... Try at least to do something [in honor of the Shabbat]."

Yoav's father went on to thank the people in France and around the world for their outpouring of love and support and comfort. He then concluded with the following request, "If I can make one request, it would be to continue Yoav's embrace of life, his love of Judaism and of the Jewish people. And, like Yoav, encourage others to do the same. This would bring Yoav great joy."

Then he asked that, "in Yoav's memory, for people to do something special to honor the Shabbat that Yoav loved, and even if they are unable to keep an entire Shabbat to keep it even partially, in merit of the soul of Yoav and the other souls who were snatched from us with him."

After reading this, I decided to fulfill this request of a bereaved father mourning for his beloved son and to enable others to do the same. Chabad invites the entire community to a 45-minute Solidarity Shabbat program at 12:15 p.m. (after services are over in our local temples and synagogues) on Saturday, February 7 (which is the 30th day after the attack), at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Cir. After the service there will be a kiddush of traditional kosher Shabbat foods. Reservations are encouraged by calling 502-459-1770.

May the day soon come when all nations will live in peace and brotherhood with the coming of Moshiach and the era of peace and goodness for all mankind.

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin
Chabad of Kentucky,
Regional Director

In Memory of Keta Sodrel

Dear Editor,

The Jewish Community of Louisville and Israel lost a true friend on New Year's Day when Keta Sodrel succumbed to cancer at South Central Indiana Hospice.



Keta Sodrel

Indeed, Keta a vibrant, 65-years-young lady, was an avid supporter of Israel as an active member of Christians United For Israel (CUFI). Keta was a remarkable, petite, elegant lady with a large, caring heart.

She and her husband, Mike Sodrel, former congressman from southern Indiana, were known by many in the Jewish community for sharing private tours of Congress and entertaining multicultural groups in their welcoming home. Together, the Sodrels travelled to Israel dozens of times.

All who knew her have fond memories of lunches and dinners with Keta and Mike, discussing ways of supporting Israel in its constant and uninterrupted battle to survive and prosper as the only democracy in the Middle East.

We will greatly mourn the loss of our good friend and ally; and, cherish the sweet memories of our time with her. Our hearts go out to Mike and the family that lost a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister all too soon.
Helen Wahba



FEBRUARY 5-22, 2015

For film descriptions, trailers, and to buy tickets, visit jewishlouisville.org/filmfestival

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2 p.m. • Village 8 Theaters



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Dancing Arabs
presented by The Eyecare Institute
7:30 p.m. • Village 8 Theaters



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Above and Beyond
2 p.m. • Congregation Adath Jeshurun
Tickets \$11.50 in advance, \$13 at door



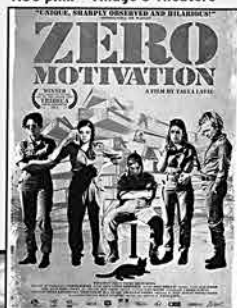
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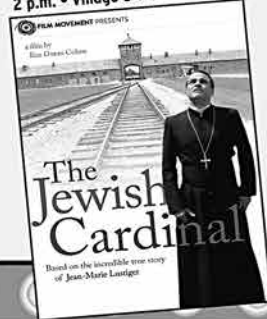
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
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7 p.m. • Village 8 Theaters



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LEO WEEKLY

KASHUA

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prejudice, cultural misunderstandings and hostility that Israel's minority citizens have to negotiate on a daily basis.

Kashua's highly popular *Arab Labor* (Avodah Aravit) also addresses these issues but with a warm heart, empathy, and generous servings of exuberant humor. This comic series, justifiably widely proclaimed a groundbreaking series, focuses on Amjad Alian, a Palestinian journalist and Israeli citizen in search of his identity.

Acerbically poking fun at cultural tensions, Kashua and his characters play on religious, cultural and political differences to daringly portray Israel's culturally complex and divided society.

This show marked an important milestone on Israeli television as the very first program to present Palestinian characters speaking Arabic to primetime audiences. Moreover, over four seasons, it has helped Jewish Israelis to better empathize with the position of the Arab minority too often viewed by their society as "a fifth column or a demographic problem" as Kashua says.

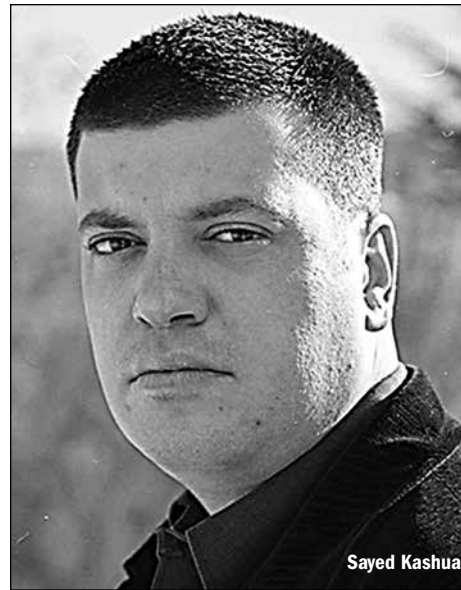
Kashua's critically praised and award-winning novels are wildly popular in both Israel and abroad. Written in Hebrew, the language in which he feels most comfortable writing, his three

books reflect a distinctly Jewish sensibility through biting satire that explores the country's racism and exclusions of Arab identity through the Jewish character of the state, its flag, anthem, and Jewish holidays.

His autobiographic *Dancing Arabs* draws on Kashua's experiences as the only Arab attending a prestigious Jerusalem boarding school. In *Let it Be Morning* the narrator is a journalist for a Hebrew newspaper in Tel Aviv, who resolves to return with his wife and baby to his Arab village in Israel's borderlands with the West Bank, after a 10-year absence. As an Arab, he can reach the parts other Israeli reporters cannot, yet his editors view him with suspicion, and he longs for a place of safety and belonging.

His latest novel, *Second Person Singular* triumphs as a tragicomedy composed of two intertwined stories tracing the lives of two Arab protagonists, illuminating their fraught condition as insiders and outsiders, the temptation to "pass" and hide one's identity, and the painful struggle to create a life of meaning.

Here Kashua examines life as a struggle against the destructive forces within all individuals, even as they grope with their society's iniquities. Ultimately, Kashua's entire oeuvre (books, television, and journalism) is distinguished by its unflinching critical portraits of both



Sayed Kashua

Arab and Jewish societies.

This past summer the film adaptation of Kashua's first novel, *Dancing Arabs*, was chosen to open the Jerusalem Film Festival. The film will also be shown in the Louisville Jewish Film Festival on February 14. See ad, page 4. He is currently teaching at the University of Illinois and his recent columns in *Haaretz* have explored his anguish about whether or not to return to Israel with his family after his sabbatical.

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

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

AJ MUSIC FEST

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Finally, I decided that I wanted to sing some a cappella pieces with colleagues as well. Cantor Hordes from Keneseth Israel is an IU grad ('96) and I decided to add one more to the mix – her predecessor Cantor Paula Pepperstone (IU '94). Our Jewish Community Choir consisting of past and future college grads will begin and end the program to create a well-rounded program.

In keeping with my original dream, I arranged for the visiting choirs to come in for the weekend and perform at Shabbat services across the community. If you attend services at to AJ, KI, The Temple or Temple Shalom, you'll be able to grab a listen of the choirs prior to the concert on Saturday night at AJ.

Here is the schedule:

Friday, January 30, at The Temple: 7

p.m. service with Staam

Friday, January 30, at Temple Shalom:

6:15 p.m. service with Hooshir

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

service with Hooshir

Saturday, January 31, at AJ: 9:30 a.m.

service with Staam

The entire community is invited to get together at AJ for the concert at 7:30 p.m.

For ticket prices and sponsorship opportunities, call 458-5359 or go to www.adathjeshurun.com/musicfestival.

CAMPAIGN

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responsibility to our community to meet our common objectives of building and sustaining our Jewish community for generations to come.

Thank you to Planning and Allocations Chair Leon Wahba and the 2015 Planning and Allocations Committee for their attentiveness, curiosity and creativity in stretching our resources as far as they can go.

Finally, a reminder to our generous community members who pledged their support for last year's or prior year's Campaigns and have not yet completed payment on those pledges: funding from the JCL is distributed to agencies monthly, and is based on the dollar amount of pledges received.

When a pledge is made, there is an expectation that it will be paid on time. When this does not happen, there is a resulting impact on the cash flow of the agency. It was requested that 2014 Campaign pledges be paid by December 31, 2014, and of course, pledges for prior Campaigns are already in arrears. We can set up a monthly payment plan for you to help you keep your commitment to our community – just call us at 502-238-2739 and we'll set it up.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY, JANUARY 23

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

JANUARY 24

Jewish/Israeli Author Series

9:30 a.m. Keneseth Israel. Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg will speak during Shabbat services. Sponsored by Keneseth Israel and the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

JANUARY 24

YAD Annual Event

7 p.m. Ice House. \$36 per person; \$18 for age 30 and under. 1920's cocktail party – drinks, dinner and dancing. RSVP by Jan. 16 at jewishlouisville.org/yadevent or contact Kristy, 238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.

JANUARY 25

JCC@125 Tipoff Event

3:30 p.m. JCC. Free to the first 100; \$18 for others. Watch the U of L/Pitt game with your friends and enjoy New York deli. RSVP to mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org.

JANUARY 31

Adath Jeshurun Music Festival

7:30 p.m. AJ. In advance, \$12.50 for adults; \$10 seniors and students. At the door, \$15. Concert features IU's Hooshir and Wash U's Stamm. See story, page 1.

FEBRUARY 5

Jewish Film Festival Run Boy Run

7 p.m. Village 8. \$8.50 in advance; \$6 for students; \$10 at the door. See ad, page 4. Will be shown again February 15, 11:30 a.m. at Adath Jeshurun.

FEBRUARY 7

CenterStage and the

Jewish Film Festival Present

Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy

7:30 p.m. JCC. \$25 in advance; \$28 at the door. Includes film, CenterStage presentation of show tunes, dessert. See ad, page 7.

FEBRUARY 8

Jewish Film Festival Kldon

7 p.m. Village 8. \$8.50 in advance; \$6 for students; \$10 at the door. See ad, page 4.

FEBRUARY 9

Jewish Film Festival The Strength to Tell and Getting Serious

7 p.m. The Temple. Free. Features films from the Maale School of Television and the Arts. See ad, page 4.

FEBRUARY 12

Jewish/Israeli Author Series

3 p.m. U of L Ekstrom Library. Free. Sayed Kashya, author of *The Foreign Mother Tongue*. Sponsored by The Temple and the U of L Jewish Studies Department. See story, page 1.

FEBRUARY 12-22

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Yachad Opens Doors at Camp for Everyone

While it is true that summer is still several months away, this is the time to begin making plans for summer camp for your children. Jewish Community Center Summer Camp brochures will be in mailboxes shortly and 2015 Summer Camp information will soon be available online.

JCC Summer Camp is a place where all children can participate fully in a transformative experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives. Every camper will discover, grow and learn within a supportive environment. It's a world of friends and fun, accomplishment and laughter.

To ensure the JCC Summer Camp is fully accessible, the Yachad Program for children with special needs will expand this year. "We'd like to have 35 children with identified differences," said Early

Childhood Assistant Director Angie Hiland, who directs the Yachad Program, "and we want to employ 8-10 advocates and advocate assistants as well as a Yachad Program Coordinator."

The success of last year's Yachad Program can best be told through letters received from parents.

Dear Angie,

I just wanted to take a minute and express my thanks for the Jewish Community Center Summer Camp! As summer approaches each year, I start to get concerned about where my son can spend his days in a safe, happy and scheduled environment. My son has many disabilities and it is difficult for him to try new things and go new places.

JCC Summer camp was exactly what he needed. You provided happy and caring counselors and I was especially impressed with the one-on-one counselor that you provided my son with. This made all the difference in making his days at camp successful. He felt safe, comfortable and familiar with the schedule, which made it easy for him to go every day.

The staff were always accommodating and friendly and I was so thankful every day that my son could enjoy Summer Camp! We will definitely be back next summer!

Lisa Hinnen

Dear Angie,

Evan has always had trouble fitting in and getting along with people and kids. This makes finding care for him very difficult. I normally put him in the YMCA Summer Camp and that is just a zoo. Not to mention he was crying and stressed every day. It was heartbreaking, as a mother, to drop him off every day somewhere I knew he was miserable but I didn't have any other options.

I was so happy to find you all. There is nowhere else that can offer him an advocate the way JCC did. Sometimes all he needs is a "Ted" to give that extra support to be able to feel like a regular kid. Again... we are forever grateful.

Please let the donor [who made the Yachad program possible] know that we are forever grateful for the experience that Evan was able to have this summer. He is like a different kid.

He has had a wonderful start to the school year and almost seems to have a new outlook on life. He is very positive and seems to have more confidence. He had a "Get to know me" project and when it asked what did you do this summer he practically ran out of room to write.

JCC gave him experiences that he would not have had otherwise. I am thankful to you and all the staff there. Your patience with Evan has had a lasting effect on him. We will see you next summer!!!

Thank you,
Rachael E. Henderson

Hi Angie,

I wanted to reiterate what a great time Hayley had this summer at JCC Camp.

As you know, she spent most of her time in Camp Keff. One experience she had, which I thought was truly enriching was her introduction to children with special needs. In fact, during one session Hayley informed me that one of the little boys in her group, Jonathan, attended her school in the special needs class.

I thought it was so cool that a child Hayley recognized – who is not mainstreamed in public school – was mainstreamed during camp. I think it "humanizes" these children and makes the other children realize they aren't different from them. Hayley knew that Jonathan had special needs, but she didn't fixate on it. It was as if a child wears glasses or has a broken leg.

One time, I recall dropping Hayley off and Jonathan was so sweet and said, "Hi Hayley. Hi, Hayley's mom." I told Hayley



Yachad helped Evan be just one of the campers and inspired a confidence in him that carried over to other parts of his life.

wouldn't it be so cool if you saw Jonathan in the hallways in school and could say "hi" to him? How neat would that be for him to see a familiar face in the mainstream class and have a friend in special needs?

I think it's wonderful how these children assimilate into their camp groups and participate at their capacity. I enjoy that my child is getting exposure to all types of children. It's important for her to learn empathy and compassion and to keep an open mind and the earlier she learns these traits the better.

Keep up the great work!
Melanie Wachsman

For more information about the Yachad Program, contact Angie Hiland, 502-238-2716 or ahiland@jewishlouisville.org. Watch your mail and JCCLouisvilleCamp.org for more information about JCC Summer Camp.

Jewish Foundation Awards Grant for JCC's Intergenerational Garden

The Jewish Foundation of Louisville has awarded a grant of \$1,900 to the Jewish Community Center's Intergenerational Community Garden. The garden, initiated a few years ago, involves participants from the JCC Early Learning Center, Summer Camp and Senior Adult Department, who grow healthy foods, engage in moderate physical activity, experience positive social peer interactions and give *tzedakah*.

By participating in the garden, children and adults experience firsthand that they are empowered to make a difference and gain a greater appreciation of nature and their roles as *shomrei adamah* (earth keepers).

Beginning in March, the JCC's Early Learning Center (ELC) students, ages 3-5, learn about gardening by planting seeds in cups and flats. Participants in the JCC Senior Adult Department will do the same, as well as start to prepare the garden.

When the weather gets warmer, preschoolers and older adults plant the seedlings in the ground and tend the garden. In the summer months, campers, ages 5-10, also take ownership of the garden; each camp group is responsible for weekly watering, weeding, and general maintenance of the garden. All participants take part in harvesting the food.

While the climate and space limitations prevent the garden from growing the Seven Species mentioned in *Deuteronomy* 8:8, within the space will be a

biblical garden. Participants will grow and harvest symbolic foods and those that are used in rituals, e.g. potatoes for Chanukah latkes, parsley and horseradish for Passover, apple trees for Rosh Hashanah, grapes for Shabbat, gourds and corn to decorate the Sukkah, and herbs for Havdalah *besamim* (spices).

Some of the produce is enjoyed by garden volunteers as ELC/camp snacks or incorporated into the Senior Adults' congregate lunches and used for Jewish holidays. However, the majority of the 'bounty' is donated to people living at Shalom Towers and Jewish Family and Career Services' (JFCS) Food Pantry.

The ELC and Summer Camp will the JCCA's TAG and Discover CATCH curriculum to enhance the experience. TAG (an acronym for *Torah*, *Avodah* and *Gemilut Chasadim*) integrates Jewish life, experience and concepts into the fabric of camp; nine of the 40 units relate to gardening and nature. Discover CATCH integrates Jewish values into the fitness and nutrition education.

In addition, *Ginat HaYeladim* - Jewish Children's Garden, was developed by Shalom Children's Center staff at the Asheville JCC. A parent on the ELC parent committee has volunteered to enhance year-round gardening classroom activities utilizing resources such as The Agency for Jewish Learning's Guide for Making Indoor Gardens with Young Jewish Gardeners and garden-focused picture books.

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Responding to Violence; Making the World a Better Place

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky
Vice President of Mission
KentuckyOne Health

As a French citizen who spent part of her childhood in France and whose father survived the Holocaust thanks to French families and individuals who hid him and his mother throughout the war, I am deeply saddened and concerned about the recent attacks in Paris. One of the things that I have always loved about France is its commitment to "*liberté, égalité et fraternité*" – this idea that we are all one family, with equal rights and freedoms.

How inspiring and heartening that we, in Louisville, can come together across all lines, in order to rally in solidarity with the people of France and people of all faiths in order to remember and mourn those who were murdered and to stand together in protest of the rising forces of extremism, racism, violence and hatred. Last Sunday's rally was an homage to the triumph of the spirit in the face of evil and narrow-mindedness.

Jewish Foundation Grant Provides Funds for Jewish Experiences for 4th and 5th Graders

The Jewish Foundation of Louisville has given \$2,500 to the Jewish Community Center to fund fourth and fifth grade Jewish experiences. This grant will allow the JCC to build a youth group for fourth and fifth graders and allow them to meet new friends from all the local congregations.

Plans for the upcoming year include a Shabbat dinner, a chocolate Seder, a

Sadly, we are not immune to the threat of violence in this country, in this state, in this very city. But, I draw comfort from the many opportunities that I have to work against violence here in my (new) hometown. Jewish Hospital, as part of KentuckyOne Health, has the opportunity to expand its reach into the community and fulfill our Jewish mandate to do *tikkun olam*: to heal the world and make it a better place.

Among KentuckyOne Health's many initiatives, we are involved in PACT in Action, which is aimed at reducing the incidence of teen violence in Louisville's Parkhill, Algonquin, and California neighborhoods. We are helping to empower young adults, many of whom are refugees and young immigrants residing in communities with high crime rates, to learn conflict resolution skills and to teach a violence prevention curriculum to both teens and youth service providers. They are also polishing their advocacy skills and completing neighborhood "built environment" assessments to make recommendations for their Metro Council members on needed safety improvements.

We are also engaged in advocacy efforts in public school systems across Kentucky, to teach violence prevention skills and evidence-based anti-bullying interventions for bystanders, with the Green Dot, etc. organization, which is

sports day and more. This group will serve as a pathway to Teen Connection and BBYO.

Claire Felsen, Julie Marks, Mona Schramko and Shane Shaps served as a focus group to help formulate this idea and have agreed to serve on the new fourth and fifth grade committee. Glenn Saddle, JCC youth and teen coordinator, will direct the program.

campers lessons on Jewish values as they relate to nature and 'our world.' The activities, stories, and discussions lead by the Nature Specialist have been designed to help us explore the environment through a Jewish lens.

In 2014, with a generous donation from Karen Abrams, the 3,000 square-foot gardening space increased from one to four raised beds. Abrams also purchased a rain barrel and paid for a local landscaper to prep and frequently weed the area. The garden also received seed donations from a local southern Indiana farmer. Older adult volunteers scoured yard sales to acquire hoes, hoses, and other necessary supplies.

With the grant from the Jewish Foundation of Louisville, this year's Intergenerational Community Garden promises a summer of growth for all involved.

built on the belief that it is possible to measurably and systematically reduce violence in any given community. It is so easy, when we witness acts of violence and hatred, to feel helpless and victimized ourselves. This program seeks to educate, train and empower young bystanders to speak up against acts of bullying. These are skills that are desperately needed, not only in schools, but everywhere.

It is often said, "our children are our future." When we reflect on how many recent episodes of violence – how many shootings, how many acts of terrorism, are perpetrated by teens and

young adults – the need to intervene early seems critical. The Talmud teaches, in Brachot 64a: "R. Elazar said in the name R. Chanina [...]: 'And all your children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children'; don't read '*banayikh*' (your children) but '*bonayikh*' (your builders)."

And indeed, who are the builders of our world? The architects of peace or war? Our hopes for a world built on a foundation of peace must reside in our children. May G'd watch over them, protect them, inspire them and guide them to build a world where peace will soon abide.



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GARDEN

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Working in the garden benefits children's connection to the environment in addition to enhancing: basic education; mental and physical development; health and well-being; understanding the world; and connections to the community.

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Community Rallies in Show of Solidarity with France

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

In a show of support for the victims of the terror attacks in France earlier this month that targeted a kosher supermarket and the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, Louisville's Jewish community, joined by friends and supporters from other faith communities came together at a rally on Sunday, January 18, at the Jewish Community Center.

Sponsored by the JCL's Jewish Community Relations Council and organized in collaboration with the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors, the program was meaningful and moving.

There are two issues here, said JCRC Chair Becky Ruby Swansburg, who emceed the event: freedom of speech and support for the French Jewish community.

One expected result of anti-Semitism in France, Swansburg explained, is an increase in aliyah – the number of Jews emigrating from France to Israel. To put it in perspective, she said, 10,000 French Jews are expected to make aliyah in the coming year. If the same thing happened in Louisville, there would no longer be a Jewish community here.

And, she added, anti-Semitism is not a problem limited to France. It is evident across Europe.

U.S. Representative John Yarmuth, who expressed solidarity with the French Muslim and Jewish communities, said he speaks as both a journalist who wrote satire and a public official with great respect for the first amendment, which includes the intimately related freedoms of speech, religion, assembly and press.

No one should ever die, he said, because of what they think is right, what they say, draw, worship or believe in. "It is always immoral to take another's life in the name of your beliefs."

The organization Interfaith Paths to Peace was instrumental in spreading the word of the rally to other faith groups. Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer said that Louisville has an unparalleled tradition of interfaith activity that functions well as one community of many faiths working together. Through this rally and similar gatherings around the world, a clear message is being sent to the terrorists that we won't stand by and watch, but will push back.

Via Skype, Simone Rodan-Benzaquen, the Paris director of the American Jewish Committee, reported that the situation in France has gone from bad to worse. With the murder of four Jews in a kosher market in Paris now and the 2012 murders of four at a Jewish school in Toulouse in 2012, the Jewish

community is worried.

"For most of us," she said, "what happened was not a surprise. We knew something like this would happen. ... Now our fear is that it is not going to end there. We are on an emotional rollercoaster, [feeling] shock and fear, but also a feeling of unity."

The Sunday before Louisville's rally, Rodan-Benzaquen said 4 million people were on the streets of Paris, "standing up to say no, we will not fear. We will stand up and fight for what we believe in." Yet the Jewish community is still fearful to pursue normal Jewish activities like going to synagogue or to Jewish day schools. The future of the French Jewish community depends on the policy of the government and how it deals with the issues.

"It's not just about the Jewish community," she said, "but about the values of the West and of democracy. The French prime minister says we are at war with radical Islam. We need to continue to be outspoken."

She expressed heartfelt appreciation for the support the Jewish community in Louisville showed and thanked the many supporters she could see on the webcam.

Dr. Muhammad Babar, speaking on behalf of the Muslim community, said "we must believe that all victims ... are martyrs of humanity" and those who shed blood in the name of religion are ignorant.

Dr. Babar said he was saddened by the pornographic drawing of the prophet, but those who kill in the prophet's name have insulted Islam and live in direct opposition to the tenets of their professed faith. Those people are the minority, he said. "Today, we are all French, Jewish, Muslim and Christian."

During the program, Cantor Sharon Hordes sang the American and Israeli national anthems and Cantor David Lipp sang the French national anthem.

In addition, Cantor Lipp sang *Eil Malei Rachamim*, the traditional Jewish prayer for the souls of the departed, and Rabbi Stanley Miles lit a memorial candle led the assembly in the Mourner's Kaddish, which he explained is a prayer about life, not death.

Stu Silberman, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville, and his daughter, Rachel, welcomed everyone. Those in attendance came from all parts of the Jewish community and several other faith groups.

The day following the brutal attacks in France, the leaders of the Jewish Federations of North America spoke with the leaders of the Jewish community there and asked them what they needed from us. They answered in clear, categorical terms: your support. In addition to many expressions of support already sent, JFNA is now planning a solidarity mission to France to be led by David Brown, Chair of the JFNA Global Operations: Israel and Overseas Council.

The mission will take place February 8-10 with participants departing on the evening of Saturday, February 7. During the mission participants will visit the Hyper Cacher Market and spend time with the families who lost loved ones, hear from French government officials and Jewish leadership, and meet with the editor of Charlie Hebdo in its temporary location.

The Jewish Agency is also organizing a mission, led by Carole Solomon, former chair of The Jewish Agency Board of Governors. The Jewish Agency fact-finding trip will take place from February 2-4. The mission will focus on security issues, aliyah activities, and meetings with French and Jewish leadership.

If you are interested in participating in either mission, please contact Stu Silberman, 502-238-2723 or ssilberman@jewishlouisville.org for more information.



JCRC Chair and Emcee Becky Ruby Swansburg



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A January 10 terrorist attack on a kosher market in Paris that left four Jews dead the day after terrorists murdered 12 at the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo. The French Jewish community is now left to deal with the aftermath. With our national partner, Jewish Federations of North America, we are helping those Jews who choose to leave France to make aliyah to Israel and to ease their transition. We are also helping the French Jews who choose to remain improve security at synagogues, Jewish schools, centers and businesses.

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AJ Preschool Honors Harriet Waldman

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

Adath Jeshurun's preschool suffered a painful loss with the death of longtime teacher Harriet Waldman on November 23. She had retired from the preschool in October after 46 years of teaching 4-year-olds. She was 82.

The school dedicated room 121 in honor of her on December 23.

"It will always be Harriet Waldman's room, no matter who teaches in it," said Michelle McCarty, preschool director. Waldman taught 4-year-olds in the same classroom throughout her tenure, McCarty added. "In fact, she was my teacher when I was here."

Every Friday, Waldman led the whole-school sing-along, and she loved singing with the children, McCarty said. Cantor David Lipp helped dedicate the room, singing some of Waldman's favorite songs with the children.

"She was beloved by all," said long-time friend and former AJ preschool di-

rector Arlene Kaufman. "She put a smile on the face of anybody who met her, and she just had a special way about her."

Kaufman said that Waldman saw the plaque before she died.

When she retired, Waldman wrote a letter about her years at the school. In it, she described how she came to work there and why she stayed for so long.

"In the year 1968, ... I once again received a call. It was Riva asking if I would consider trying to fill the shoes of a teacher retiring from a 4-year-old classroom," Waldman wrote. "Was the word NO in my vocabulary? Didn't seem to be. Once I got a glimpse of those precious faces looking up at me – those innocent, trusting, sparkling eyes – so eager to please – so eager to be nurtured – so eager to learn – I was hooked. If the walls could only talk – what wonderful stories they would tell. ... Please know that as I walk each day I feel a warmth in my heart for all of you and the place I consider my second home – A.J. Preschool."

Waldman also worked as a highly sought-after special events planner and worked at the Jewish Community Center, where she taught cooking and sewing.



Front, Cantor David Lipp and Harriet Waldman's sister, Zelda Tasman; back, Alyce Waldman Jones, Shirley Paul and Lori Hubscher, Waldman's co-teacher



REVIEW

Wizard of Oz

by David Wallace
Special to Community

Most of us are achingly familiar with *The Wizard of Oz*. Many of us have seen the movie version and we all love the tale: Dorothy Gale lands on the Wicked Witch of the East and if you follow the yellow brick road you'll find Oz and its Wizard, you can kill the other bad witch and Dorothy can go back where she came from and the Scarecrow can get a brain, the Tinman can get a heart and the Lion some courage while the nightmare becomes a dream and all is well in Kansas.

This is a simple, yet wonderful story. We love the Munchkins, we know the songs, we are in awe of the Wicked Witch of the East and we cheer when Dorothy throws the water on her and the Scarecrow, the Tinman and the Lion find they had intellect, a heart and courage all along.

In addition, the set of the CenterStage production of this classic is satisfyingly simple: a prairie-brown drop cloth that is taken away to reveal Munchkinland when the proper time comes, the yellow brick road that takes the actors around the perimeter of the auditorium as they travel to Oz, and the Emerald City that glows green when they spy it from afar.

What is not so simple is for the actors to capture the nostalgia of past performances without becoming caricatures of Judy Garland, Margaret Hamilton, Bert Lahr, Ray Bolger and the movie gang as familiar to many of us as our own families.

This cast of CenterStage's production of *The Wizard of Oz* has this done quite

well. Kate Welsh as Dorothy Gale speaks like a young Judy Garland but makes the music her own. And so it goes.

Dorothy's three companions on her journey to Oz, Scott Goodman as the Cowardly Lion; Frank Goodloe III as the Tin Woodsman; and Brian Bowles as the Scarecrow manage to convey yet transcend the past.

In addition, Kristy Calman as the Wicked Witch of the West cackles and exudes evil; Colette Delaney is appropriately sugary as Glinda, the Good Witch, and her voice is wonderful; and Mike Fryman as the Wizard manages to dither and shine at the same time. The Munchkinland figures are adorable and the Monkeys led by Nikko, played by Kiel Dodd are menacing.

In other words, all is well in the Land of Oz as audience and cast walk the line between past and present to the edification of all.

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A Family Tradition Passes to a Friend

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

Yudofsky Furriers, a Louisville company that has been in business for 90 years, nearly closed last month because of location issues. Now, it has been purchased by the owner's friend and fellow member of the Jewish community.

The business, owned by Joy Yudofsky, was being forced to move from its Holiday Manor home because the Kroger there wanted to expand into its space, owner Joy Yudofsky said.

"I had the choice to close or relocate," Yudofsky said. "I wasn't about to move. I moved 10 years ago from Oxmoor, and it's too much expense and work. But I hated the thought of leaving the city with no major furrier."

She had several people – locally and regionally – interested in purchasing the business, but she wanted to make sure it went to the right person. "Yudofsky is an old name, and I wanted to preserve the name in a good way. I would rather close than have the wrong person take over," she said. "Lior (Yaron) is the right person."

Just before Thanksgiving 2014, she called up her old friend, who was in Israel on business, and asked him if he wanted to buy Yudofsky Furriers. Yaron, owner of YSL International – a company that contracts with GE, had never thought of owning a fur business.

"I came back to Louisville and looked at the business," Yaron said. "It took me two days to make a decision. Within 20 days, it was finalized."

Although this purchase was not in Yaron's plan, he's not entirely new to fur. His maternal grandfather was born in Kovno (now Kaunas), Lithuania, which is the same town in which founder Jo-

seph Yudofsky was born. Yaron's grandfather opened his own fur business in 1923, but moved to Palestine (now Israel) when the Soviets took over Lithuania and opened the first furrier in Tel Aviv.

"Until age 11, I remember as a child the furs," he said. "[The purchase of Yudofsky's] wasn't planned, but everything happens for a reason. It has come full-circle." He called it *bashert* – it was meant to be.

Joseph Yudofsky started the furrier business with his brothers while still in his teens. He had been working in New York, planning to start his own manufacturing business, when his older brothers lost their jobs at a local furrier. When they started, they could only make one coat at a time; they would make it, sell it and then buy the pelts for another coat, Yudofsky said.

Joy Yudofsky learned the business from her parents and took it over when they died. "It's impressive that I haven't destroyed it," she joked.

Yaron said the purchase was a no-brainer. "Yudofsky is an institution in Louisville," he said. "You cannot argue with 90 years of business and success, and Yudofsky is synonymous with furs, luxury and credibility."

The biggest challenge Yaron faced was finding a new location, and fortunately, he did. The new Yudofsky Furriers will be in the Shelbyville Road Plaza shopping center in the place where Dolfinger's used to be. There will be a 1,200-square-foot vault for cold storage and a shop for cleaning, remodeling and alterations, he said.

"I had to Google how to care for furs!" he added. But he won't be alone in this effort: Yaron is keeping all of Yudofsky's nine employees, many of whom have been working there for 30 years or more.

Yaron hired Vadim Kaplan of Studio



Joy Yudofsky



Lior Yaron

A Architecture to design the building inside and out. Kaplan designed Westport Village and is also a member of the Jewish community.

Inside the store will be a small runway, and Yaron plans to bring in fashion designers from Israel and Italy to do a show in the store by the end of the first year. For now, the store is on hiatus until the new location opens April 1.

"There will be a seamless transition," Yaron said. "I have a great obligation on my shoulders to preserve and carry on the Yudofsky name with a new look and in a new direction."

"Yudofsky is a Jewish institution we should all be proud of. It's a pillar of luxury. I have a sense of responsibility to the community. I could have changed the name, you know, but I didn't dare!"

Yaron is looking forward to keeping the local furrier going for many years to come. "The fur business brings a lot of joy," he said. "It is not a business of need; it is a way to treat yourself, spoil yourself. It is no different from diamonds."

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Louisville Hadassah Took a Walk Down Memory Lane

by Michelle Elisburg
President, Hadassah, Louisville Chapter

The Louisville Chapter of Hadassah hosted a contemporary "Linen Shower" on December 21 at the Jewish Community Center.

Women came together for A "Walk Down Memory Lane" and viewed vintage scrapbooks from the chapters' history. The oldest book, from 1919, documents the handwritten minutes from the earliest chapter meetings.

The women also created new memory books using photos and documents from the programs of the past three years. Julie Sage assisted with scrapbooking techniques and enabled even the most novice woman to design pages

that showcased past events.

During the early years of Hadassah Hospital, chapters hosted "Linen Showers" to raise money for sheets and towels for the new medical facility. In 2014, the Sarah David Wetsman Tower was completed with 500 beds, 5 stories underground that can protect from missiles and chemical warfare and include 20 surgical suites.

The proceeds from the contemporary linen shower go to furnishing the Operating Rooms. The Louisville Chapter intends to raise enough money to purchase an IV Pole or Oxygen tank. All donations were matched by a grant from donors.

In the past six months Hadassah Hospital has been called into action to take care of injured soldiers and civilians during Operation Protective Edge during the summer of 2014. Hadassah Hospital takes care of all people regardless of country, religion or race.

For more information go to Hadassah.org or contact president, Michelle Elisburg, meehadassah@gmail.com



Upper left, Cybil Flora, Robin Wolff, Ilean Rowe and Melanie Hughes.

Left, Deb Amchin, Bertha Garber and Julie Sabes.

Above, Gita Comer

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Jewish Hospital Expands Heart Care Options with MitraClip

January 5, 2015 – The Heart Valve team at Jewish Hospital, part of KentuckyOne Health, has successfully completed a new life-saving heart procedure for patients with mitral regurgitation (MR) who are too ill for open-heart surgery. This is the first time in Louisville the minimally invasive MitraClip procedure has been completed.

The MitraClip is a small metal clip that treats patients with MR, a condition where the heart's mitral valve leaflets do not close tightly, allowing blood to leak

into the heart's left atrium and can lead to advanced heart failure. The clip is delivered through the femoral vein with a catheter by the Heart Valve Team, which consists of an interventional cardiologist and a cardiovascular surgeon.

The MitraClip procedure shortens recovery time and ultimately improves quality of life for those experiencing life-altering symptoms from MR, like fatigue, shortness of breath, swelling of the feet or ankles and heart murmur.

"This new treatment expands the options for select patients with MR, especially those who are not candidates for invasive open-heart surgery," said Kendra Grubb, MD, MHA assistant professor of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at University of Louisville. "This procedure allows us to use catheter-based technology to repair the mitral valve, without the need for cardiopulmonary bypass or an incision on the chest."

The Heart Valve team at Jewish Hospital is expanding on their experience in over 150 Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacements (TAVR). With MitraClip and TAVR, KentuckyOne Health physicians like Michael Flaherty, MD, PhD, assistant professor of Medicine and director Adult Structural Heart Disease at University of Louisville, are now able to treat a number of serious heart conditions with minimally invasive methods.

"This is a major breakthrough for patients too ill to undergo open heart surgery," said Dr. Flaherty. "In the past, the only option to help patients with congestive heart failure was to band-aid the symptoms with medication. But with technology like the MitraClip, innovations like TAVR, we're presented with a huge opportunity to increase the health

and quality of life of many patients, including those who are not candidates for open-heart surgery."

During the MitraClip procedure, a physician will use traditional catheter techniques to guide the clip into the left atrium. The clip is lowered and attached to the valve to repair or reduce MR. Before final placement, the clip can be moved and rotated to ensure optimal fit.

MR is the most common type of heart valve insufficiency in the United States, affecting approximately 4 million people. This condition cannot be medically treated, and previously could only be repaired with open-heart surgery on patients who were otherwise physically healthy.

Physicians with KentuckyOne Health Heart Care at Saint Joseph East in Lexington, also saw success with completion of the first MitraClip procedure in 2013, which was part of the clinical trial.

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Welcome to Louisville!

Hillel Offers Many Activities in New Semester

by Devon Oser
Hillel Director

A brand new semester brings new opportunities for University of Louisville and Bellarmine students to get energized and engaged with their Jewish community in Louisville.

On January 9, Hillel held a "Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner." Eleven undergraduate and graduate students came together to recite the traditional Shabbos prayers, eat a wonderful smorgasbord of food and talk about their resolutions for the upcoming semester. Special thanks to Leon and Helen Wahba for hosting the event. Hillel would also like to thank the Shapiro and Stern families for their generous support during this event.

On January 20, Hillel's Graduate and Professional Student Association hosted its first event of the semester. Students tasted a fine selection of kosher wines and beers provided by Westport Whiskey and Wine. Hillel thanks its knowledgeable host, Justin Horn, who is also a

member of Temple Shalom.

Hillel is also excited to announce the return of its Lunch 'n Learn series. The series, for students only, will kick off on January 28 with a discussion led by University of Louisville Professor Emeritus Ed Segal.

February promises adventures as Hillel and the Jewish Community Resource Council partner for Shavua Tov week. Join Hillel on Sunday, February 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for a Krav Maga self-defense course by Reality Krav Maga at the Jewish Community Center. Admission is \$20; \$15 for Hillel members.

On Thursday, February 19, students will attend the Jewish Film Festival's showing of *24 Days* at 7 p.m. at the Village 8 Theatres. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance or \$10 at the door. Students tickets are \$6. On Friday, February 20, the Altman family will host a Shabbat dinner for students.

The highlight of Shavua Tov week will be guest speaker, Chloe Valdary. Valdary, a passionate Zionist and African-American student from the Uni-



Clockwise from back left, Alissa Stieha, Emily Gabelman, Perry Isaac, Reagan Sova, Justin Smith, Josh Goodman, Miriam Amchin, Jacob Efman and Yuval Schaal enjoyed Hillel's "Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner."

The Temple Religious Students School Visit Jewish Hospital, Learn Its History

The Temple Religious School's 7th and 8th grades visited Jewish Hospital, a part of KentuckyOne Health. They were welcomed by Vice President of Mission Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky, who explained a little bit about its history.

Jewish Hospital started because Jewish doctors in Louisville were not allowed to practice at other hospitals, and Jewish patients were subject to missionary attempts when they were most vulnerable.

Jewish Hospital was the first hospital in Louisville to open its doors, not only to Jewish doctors, but also to African American doctors. This situation has long passed and today, Louisville is a welcoming community. Nevertheless,

Jewish hospital has not neglected its founding mission of *tikkun olam*, the repair of the world.

As the students learned from Rabbi Siritsky, Jewish Hospital and KentuckyOne Health continue to be involved in *tzedakah*: many social justice endeavors in the community that are helping Louisville and Kentucky and the world become a better, kinder and healthier place.

Also, Jewish Hospital is world renowned for its cutting edge medical accomplishments, including hand transplants, and continues to lead the way in developing new ways to bring healing to its patients, and innovative knowledge to the medical community.

versity of New Orleans, will speak to students about her relationship with Israel and how she believes students can reclaim the Zionist dream. The event will be held at Wednesday, February 18, at 7 p.m. in the Chao Auditorium in the Ekstrom Library on University of Louis-

ville's campus.

For more information about our upcoming programs, please find Hillel on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/LouisvilleHillel/ or contact Devon Oser, Director of Hillel at doser@jewishlouisville.org.

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Op-Ed: What Selma Means to the Jews

by Susanna Heschel

HANOVER, NH, January 18, 2015 (JTA) – The 50th anniversary of the 1965 march at Selma is being commemorated this year with the release of the film “Selma.”



Susannah Heschel
(COURTESY OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE)

Regrettably, the film represents the march as many see it today, only as an act of political protest.

But for my father Abraham Joshua Heschel and for many participants, the march was both an act of political

protest and a profoundly religious moment: an extraordinary gathering of nuns, priests, rabbis, black and white, a range of political views, from all over the United States.

Perhaps more an act of celebration of the success of the civil rights movement than of political protest, Selma affirmed that the movement had won the conscience of America.

President Lyndon Johnson had just declared, “We Shall Overcome,” and congressional passage of the Voting Rights Act would come quickly. Thanks to the religious beliefs and political convictions of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., coalitions had been built, religious differences overcome and visions articulated that meshed religious and political goals.



Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (second from right), marches at Selma with Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Ralph Bunche, Rep. John Lewis, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth and Rev. C.T. Vivian.
(COURTESY OF SUSANNAH HESCHEL)

My father felt that the prophetic tradition of Judaism had come alive at Selma. He said that King told him it was the greatest day in his life, and my father said that he was reminded at Selma of walking with Hasidic rebbes in Europe. Such was the spiritual atmosphere of the day.

When he returned, he famously said, “For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying.”

Imagine: My father arrived in 1940 as a refugee from Nazi Europe, where all too many Christian theologians were declaring Jesus an Aryan, not a Jew, and throwing the Old Testament out of the Christian Bible because it was a Jewish book. It seemed miraculous for him to discover Martin Luther King, Jr., placing the Exodus and the prophets of Israel at the center of the civil rights movement.

Marching out of Selma felt like a re-enactment of the Exodus, but in a new way. Not only were the Israelites leaving Egypt, the place of enslavement, but also the Egyptians, because there was a hope at Selma that white America was repudiating its racism. My father had written, “The tragedy of Pharaoh was the failure to realize that the exodus from slavery could have spelled redemption for both Israel and Egypt. Would that Pharaoh and the Egyptians had joined the Israelites in the desert and together stood at the foot of Sinai.”

Of course, the dream that Pharaoh might join the Israelites was not realized. Racism in America remains tenacious, and its slipperiness means that while the Voting Rights Act was passed by Congress and signed by the president following the Selma march, the disenfranchisement of black America continues with insidious new forms of legislation.

The religious inspiration that led us to Selma continues, and the photograph of my father marching in the front row there – with King, Ralph Bunche, John Lewis, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth and Rev. C.T. Vivian – has become iconic. What a pity that my father’s presence is not included in “Selma.” More than a historical error, the film erases one of the central accomplishments of the civil rights movement, its inclusiveness, and one of King’s great joys: his close friendship with my father. The photograph reminds us that religious coalitions can transcend and overcome political conflicts, and it also reminds us that our Jewish prophetic tradition came alive in the civil rights movement. Judaism seemed to be at the very heart of being American.

Yet Selma was also a crossroad for Jews as it was for blacks. Would we follow the model of King and my father, of nonviolent liberation from oppression? Or would we follow calls to violent action, symbolized by the Black Panthers and the Jewish Defense League, whose leader, Meir Kahane, urged Jews to copy the Panthers and militarize themselves against anti-Semitism? Both blacks and Jews had to choose between a path of resentment, rage and violence, or a path of peace, nonviolence, persuasion and coalition. The consequences of that choice remain with us to this day.

Few events in history of the United States are as inspiring as the march from Selma. Walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge (named for a Confederate general) opened a door, inviting all Americans to join in unity against segregation and racism.

Yes, the Selma march was a protest against forces of destruction and oppression, against legislation and institutions of bigotry and cruelty. But its mood was filled with a biblical sense of optimism that justice would ultimately prevail in the United States.

Today, Selma represents a hope for redemption, a hope expressed by the prophets of Israel, of an era in which bigotry will finally come to an end. For the Bible, my father taught, the ultimate expression of God is not wisdom, magnificence, land, glory, nor even love – but rather justice. Justice is the tool of God, the manifestation of God, the means of our redemption and the redemption of God from human mendacity.

Susannah Heschel is the Eli Black Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College.

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Nisman Mystery: Hezbollah, Argentine Government Fingered in Death of AMIA Prosecutor

by Uriel Heilman

January 20, 2015 (JTA) – The mysterious death of Argentine prosecutor Alberto Nisman seems ripped straight out of a crime thriller.

Nisman – the indefatigable prosecutor collecting evidence of culpability in the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish center in Buenos Aires, which killed 85 people – was found dead in his apartment just hours before he was to present evidence to Argentina's congress that he said implicated his country's president and foreign minister in a nefarious cover-up scheme.

The charge? That the two agreed to whitewash Tehran's role in the AMIA bombing in exchange for oil shipments to energy-hungry Argentina.

Nisman's body was discovered late Sunday in his 13th-floor apartment with a single gunshot wound to the head.

Officials connected to the president, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, quickly said evidence pointed to suicide, noting that a .22-caliber pistol and spent cartridge were found near Nisman's body.

But the suicide theory was dismissed out of hand on the streets of Buenos Aires and among people around the world familiar with Nisman and his work investigating the AMIA attack. Instead, they said Nisman, 51, was the victim of foul play. The suicide theory lost more ground Tuesday with the revelation by the prosecutor investigating Nisman's death, Viviana Fein, that no traces of gunpowder were found on Nisman's hand. There also was no suicide note.

"The idea of suicide I think is nonsense," Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, told JTA.

"The Jewish community has lost a stalwart hero, and Argentina and all people who pursue the truth and justice with a passionate zeal have lost a great fighter," Foxman said. "Throughout the years, all kinds of forces have tried to put him down, to destroy him. Every time he uncovered new stuff or exposed some interests that weren't happy, they set the courts against him or they set the police against him. And every time they tried to put him down, he fought it, he got up and beat them."

The investigation of the 1994 bombing – the deadliest terrorist attack in Argentine history and one of the worst incidents of anti-Jewish violence in the Diaspora since World War II – was seen as hopelessly inept and corrupt until Nisman took over the case in 2005.

There were no significant arrests for years after the AMIA bombing, which was preceded by the deadly 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires that killed 29. After 20 local men, including 19 police officers, were put on trial in 2001 on charges of involvement in the Jewish center attack, the investigating judge, Juan Jose Galeano, was caught on video offering one of the men a bribe in return for evidence. The case collapsed, the police were acquitted, and Galeano eventually was removed from the case and impeached.

Appointed to take over the case by then-President Nestor Kirchner, the late husband of the current Argentine leader who had called the handling of the case a "national disgrace," Nisman launched a more professional investigation. He traced the links from the Iranian leaders who ordered the attack to the Hezbollah operatives who planned its execution, formally charging Iran and Hezbollah in 2006. Interpol eventually issued arrest warrants for six Iranian officials in

connection with the bombing, including Iran's defense minister at the time, Ahmad Vahidi. The Islamic Republic denied any connection and refused to hand over the suspects.

In 2013, when Argentina and Iran signed a joint memorandum of understanding to investigate the bombing, Nisman and Jewish community leaders in Argentina and abroad decried the deal as a farce. Many were particularly incensed that the deal was negotiated by Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman, a prominent Argentine Jew whose father, Jacobo Timerman, had been a well-respected Argentine-Israeli human rights activist. The governments of Israel and the United States also denounced the deal.

Nisman challenged the arrangement in court as "wrongful interference" by the president in judicial affairs and the probe was never implemented.

All the while, Nisman and his investigating team continued to press forward with their effort to bring those responsible to justice. Last week, Nisman filed a 300-page complaint alleging that Kirchner, Timerman and others were seeking to "erase" Iran's role in the AMIA bombing in exchange for establishing stronger trade relations, including oil sales to Argentina. He was slated to present his evidence Monday to Argentina's congress.

A few years ago, during a 2009 visit to New York, Nisman said a trial of the AMIA bombing should be moved outside Argentina if it is to have any chance of success.

"We're thinking of taking this case to a court in a third country due to the challenges of pursuing it in Argentina," Nisman said at a briefing at ADL's national headquarters. "There is a practical impossibility of doing it in Argentina because Iran has said it won't deliver the people we have accused. It's also been hard for Interpol to arrest those people because whenever they leave Iran, they do so under diplomatic immunity."

Even outside Argentina, Nisman said, it was highly unlikely that Iran would submit suspects for trial, but the move could bring some closure to the families of the AMIA bombing victims.

"I'm following the wishes of relatives and looking for a way to get them some closure," Nisman told JTA through a translator. "I cannot give up on ways of trying to get justice."

Among Argentina's 200,000 Jews – the largest Jewish community in Latin America – Nisman, who also was Jewish, was seen as a crusading hero.

So who could have wanted him dead? Many Argentines are pointing the finger at President Kirchner. By Sunday night, thousands had gathered outside the presidential palace to protest Nisman's death, with some holding aloft signs reading "Cristina murderer." The hashtag #CFKasesina – Kirchner's initials and the Spanish word assassin – was one of the top topics trending on Twitter in Argentina on Monday.

In Jewish and Israeli circles, some analysts speculated that Nisman may have been killed by Hezbollah, whose operatives were fingered for carrying out the AMIA bombing on behalf of Iran.

Just hours before Nisman's death – he did not eat dinner on Sunday night, investigators said, suggesting he likely was shot before dinnertime – several Hezbollah fighters were killed in an airstrike in southern Syria attributed to Israel. Among the dead were Mohammed Alahdadi, a general in the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, and Jihad Mughniyeh,

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Many members of the family honored the traditions of their Moroccan heritage, donning traditional wedding clothes for the ceremony. The bride and groom, first two in front from left, changed their outfits several times during the event. Go to jewishlouisville.org/community to view these photos in color.

Louisvillian Travels to Israel for His Niece's Moroccan Nuptials

by Al Rosckes

Special to Community

On May 18, 2014, I departed Louisville for a trip to Israel to enjoy a visit with my Israeli family. My wife of 50 years passed away a couple years ago after a long fight against cancer, so this trip was a little hard at first as it was the first time since Rosette's funeral that I would be with the family.

This time the occasion was to be a joyous one – Rosette's youngest sister's daughter, Shany Egozi, was getting married. However, what made this trip a memorable one is that I again experienced the joyful Jewish Moroccan traditions that I enjoyed when Rosette and I were married in Casablanca.

Does anyone remember the movie *Casablanca*? Rosette's family incorporated all of the Jewish and Moroccan traditions into our celebration, like dressing up in the kaftans, the Henna and other customs. It was new, strange and wonderful to this naive American, still wet behind the ears, and all alone as it was impossible for my family from just outside of Minneapolis to attend my wedding.

The following is a description of the

super wedding experience and how things continue to be done. The family moved to Israel, a week just before the Six Day War so many years ago, but continued all of the traditions they enjoyed in Morocco and in Israel.

In Israel it takes a year to prepare for a wedding, and from the moment the couple decides to marry, the whole family starts to work on the preparations. The fact that Israeli people came to this very young country from many communities around the world makes the events very special, since each family brings its own traditions. This allows those invited to experience different traditional weddings.

About a week before a Jewish Moroccan traditional wedding, we have a Henna, where the guests are close family and friends of the bride and groom. Similar to a shower for the bride, but filled with home-country traditions, well over 200 attended this traditional gathering at the future bride's home.

The Henna brings out the tradition from the old country. The food is not gourmet, but is traditional and much like what is cooked at home. It includes a buffet with sweet cakes and cookies made with honey – symbols that the life of the couple will be sweet.

The bride and groom also exchange jewelry, and the families, too, give the bride jewelry and gold. The guests give the couple presents for their home, like sheets, towels, pans, utensils and electric devices for the kitchen.

While at the Henna, the guests are dressed in authentic costumes from their country of origin. If a guest is without a costume, it is provided so all can enjoy the tradition. During the celebration, the couple is showered with rice and gold coins, so their lives will be filled with abundance.

In another tradition, several times during the party, the couple changes outfits, wearing a variety of traditional clothing.

Etty Egozi, the bride's mother, is a terrific singer, so she sang various Moroccan, Hebrew and English songs for the guests to enjoy.

The wedding itself took place at a hall in Ashdod, Israel. With 500 invited guests, this wedding was in the tradition of a modern Jewish wedding. The couple stood under a chuppa and the ceremony conducted by a rabbi.

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Al Rosckes, from Louisville; the bride, Shany Egozi, and Rosckes' brother-in-law, Daniel Abehcera, from Meaux, France



The bride, Shany Egozi, and groom, Dan Shahar, stand between her parents, David and Etty Egozi.

WEDDING

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After the service, there were a reception and a sit-down dinner, accompanied by oriental and Arabic music. After dessert, everyone joined in for dancing, singing and entertainment. Etty sang with her band into the late hours of the night.

Fortunately for me the hotel was not too far from the location and I was able to retire at a reasonable time.

Wedding practices vary greatly. Many Israelis, especially in Jerusalem, have strong religious beliefs. Their weddings are special and very different from the general population, who are not as religious.

Among the religious people, better known as ultra-Orthodox, the men wear big black hats, while the women and

girls wear long cloths that hide their feet and hands. These religious people most of the time marry their children with the help of a matchmaker and decide who their children's spouses will be.

The shidduch (match) is often made when the couple is 17 or 18 years old. The wedding itself offers separate festivities for the women and men, so the men do not see the women dancing.

The festivities included many prayers and customs. As with those with traditions from several countries, all the wedding are planned to allow for friends and family to gather for a family reunion and to enjoy the special occasion.

I would like to add my thanks to my sister-in-law Etty Egozi, and Shiela Steinman Wallace for the assistance in putting this wedding story together.



The bride's mother was also a member of the band that provided the entertainment at the festivities.



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News Analysis

The Zionist Election You Can Participate in – If Your Elbows are Sharp

by J.J. Goldberg

January 20, 2015 (Forward) – Fed up with the American Jewish community and the big-mouth nobodies who think they own it? Good news: There's an election going on. And you can vote.

No, really. An actual, honest-to-goodness election. Until April 30 you can go online, pay \$10 to register and cast a vote for a delegation that will represent the Jews of America at an international convention in Jerusalem next fall. The convention, in turn, will choose officers and set budgets and policies for several major Israeli and international bodies that spend hundreds of millions of dollars a year on Jewish education, social services, urban renewal and, ahem, rural settlements. So it's sort of a big deal.

The convention is called the World Zionist Congress. It meets every four years or so to oversee something called the World Zionist Organization, or WZO, which is headquartered in Jerusalem and has operations around the world. Starting to sound familiar?

The reason the WZO has elections is that it's a hybrid. For one thing, it's a confederation of competing membership organizations. It was formed in 1897 as a world movement to create a Jewish state, but it quickly broke up into rival parties with competing visions of what kind of country that should be. The WZO became their umbrella body and forum for debates. Before statehood the parties fought fiercely, sometimes violently. After 1948 everyone calmed down. Since 1967 it's been slowly heating up again. Now it's white hot.

The stakes are raised by the WZO's other role: It's a multimillion-dollar op-

erating agency that runs educational programs, encourages aliyah and oversees Israeli rural development, including those settlements. It also partly controls several much larger institutions that it founded years ago, including the Jewish Agency, the massive social services and educational body, and the Jewish National Fund, which owns and manages about one-seventh of Israel's real estate.

The outcome of the elections will go a long way toward determining who wins control of which budgets. The congress used to choose a joint Jewish Agency-WZO chairman, but the posts were separated in 2010.

Most years the election is a sleepy affair pitting gray-haired functionaries and teenagers against each other to divide up control of an Israeli institution that nobody cares about except its employees. That, at least, is the image. And it's one reason you don't hear much about it.

This year promises to be different. With Israeli-Palestinian peace in deep freeze, settlements in high gear and chances for a two-state solution fading, the ideological debate among different schools of Zionism – religious vs. secular, hawks vs. doves – is at its fiercest in years. The WZO is ground zero.

The American delegation holds 145 of the 500 congress seats. Israel receives 190, allocated by Knesset election results. The rest of the world shares the other 165.

The reason the WZO is ground zero for the policy battle is because one of its departments, the Settlement Division, is the government's main subcontractor for settlement activity. Its entire budget comes from the government, unlike the philanthropy-funded WZO itself. Because it's nominally a private organization, it isn't subject to government accountability rules. Because it's government-funded, the WZO's Diaspora leaders keep their hands off it. It operates without scrutiny.

A fight has been brewing for a while. The 1983 congress turned chaotic when a majority voted to end settlements. The

session was ruled out of order and the vote annulled.

A 2005 government-commissioned study, the Sasson Report, found the Settlement Division routinely used government funds to create illegal settlement outposts, often on privately owned Palestinian land. The report caused a brief furor and forced the resignation of division chair Avraham Duvdevani, a Religious Zionist leader. Two years later he became co-chair of the Jewish National Fund. In 2010, Duvdevani became chairman of the WZO. He's still chairman, despite his 2005 disqualification. You don't hear much about that, either. I've spoken to members of the WZO executive committee who didn't realize it.

Last spring, then-Justice Minister Tzipi Livni asked the Knesset to subject the Settlement Division to government transparency rules. The Knesset law committee chairman refused. A few weeks later, Labor lawmaker Stav Shafir asked the finance committee chairman to release the budget. Shafir ended up booted from the room.

Nine or 10 slates are competing in this year's American election (the lineup wasn't finalized at press time). Included are Reform, Conservative, plus three varieties of Orthodox Judaism; the Sephardic Shas; the mainstream Modern Orthodox Religious Zionists of America; and a new ticket, Lavi, that's close to the far-right Tekumah settler party, though its literature doesn't mention God or settlements, only "vision" and Jewish unity. There's also a Russian immigrant slate aligned with Avigdor Liberman's Yisrael Beiteinu, which happens to control the Settlement Division.

The intense action, though, is on the right and left flanks. On the left is a new alliance called Hatikvah. Spearheaded by the American affiliates of Labor and Meretz, it includes for the first time the presidents of J Street, the New Israel Fund, Americans for Peace Now and Open Hillel, along with national teachers' union president Randi Weingarten and political philosopher Michael Wal-

zer. Leading the ticket is actor-folksinger Theodore Bikel, who's also the board chair of the American Meretz affiliate, Partners for Progressive Israel.

On the right, the indefatigable Zionist Organization of America. It's filed a formal complaint to have the left-wingers barred from running. The charge: J Street supposedly supports the Boycott-Divestment-Sanctions movement against Israel. The evidence: It hosted BDS advocates at its conventions. The facts: One conference featured a panel debating the rights and wrongs of BDS and one panelist was pro-BDS. Another conference featured a panel of Palestinian leaders discussing the mood on the West Bank.

ZOA also complains that Partners for Progressive Israel advocates boycotting businesses in West Bank Jewish settlements. Also that an offshoot of the Labor Zionist group Ameinu – that is, a split-off from an anti-BDS professors' group Ameinu launched – has proposed U.S. sanctions against four pro-settlement Israeli leaders.

The ZOA complaint went to a legal adviser to the WZO's American branch, who reportedly wrote back that the complaint was groundless and that the leftist slate's sponsors, Ameinu and Partners, are longtime members in good standing of the WZO. The ZOA appealed to the WZO's Central Elections Board in Jerusalem. The appeal was dismissed, but the organization has vowed to take the matter to the Zionist Supreme Court. If ZOA prevails, it will have the odd distinction of expelling the Labor Zionists – the founders of Israel – from participating in the Zionist congress.

The other thing worth knowing about the WZO is that together with the Jewish Agency, it's designated in Israeli law as the formal liaison between the Jewish Diaspora and the Israeli government. It is the vehicle through which Jews around the world are officially invited to make their views known to Israel and, in a small way, make policy.

So yes, it is sort of a big deal.



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NISMAN

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son of the late Hezbollah mastermind Imad Mughniyeh, who was killed in a February 2008 car bombing in Damascus. Mughniyeh was the one whom Nisman found had coordinated and oversaw preparations for the AMIA bombing.

Hezbollah accused Israel of being behind Sunday's airstrike. Israeli officials, adhering to protocol in such cases, declined to comment. But an unnamed senior Israeli security source confirmed to Reuters that Israel was behind the strike but said it wasn't meant to target a senior Iranian general.

"We did not expect the outcome in terms of the stature of those killed – certainly not the Iranian general," the source told Reuters. "We thought we were hitting an enemy field unit that was on its way to carry out an attack on us at the frontier fence."

Could Hezbollah have pulled off Nisman's killing so quickly after the airstrike in Syria? It would be uncharacteristic for the Lebanon-based group, which typically has carried out its well-planned reprisals months or years after Israeli attacks. But some analysts noted Iran and Hezbollah have sleeper cells that can carry out operations on short notice.

The circumstances of Nisman's death, assuming he indeed was murdered, certainly represent a failure of the Argentine authorities. Nisman had been under police protection, including the positioning of police guards outside the luxury high-rise where he was found dead.

Nisman had made several prescient references to the possibility of his untimely demise, saying as recently as Saturday, "I might get out of this dead."

On Sunday, the guards assigned to protect Nisman said they hadn't been able to reach him by telephone, and his

newspaper lay untouched outside his apartment door. His mother was called and came with her spare key, but the lock was jammed with the key stuck in the other side. After a locksmith opened the door, Nisman's body was found in the bathroom.

Jorge Kirszenbaum, a former president of the Argentine Jewish community's political umbrella group, DAIA, told JTA that a cousin of Nisman who visited the crime scene found a note to the house maid with Monday's tasks spelled out.

Rabbi Sergio Bergman, a Jewish leader and member of Argentina's congress, called Nisman, who is survived by two daughters, "victim 86 of the AMIA attack."

Argentine-Israeli journalist Roxana Levinson, whose uncle, Jaime Plaksin, was killed in the AMIA attack, said Nisman's death was devastating.

"This death is like another bomb," she told JTA. "It's a death sentence for truth and justice in the AMIA case."

Now that Nisman is gone, it's not clear what will happen with the AMIA investigation or his accusations against Kirchner and Timmerman.

In another one of his eerily prescient comments, Nisman told a TV interviewer last week after news of his accusations against the president made the papers, "With Nisman around or not, the evidence is there."

(A JTA correspondent in Buenos Aires contributed to this report.)



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JCRC Interfaith Chanukah Celebration Is Also Farewell to IPP's Terry Taylor

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

The Interfaith Chanukah Party hosted by the Jewish Community Relations Council broke all records and saw more than 250 attendees, leaving many guests in standing room only.

The party featured a farewell to Terry Taylor, outgoing executive director of Interfaith Paths to Peace. He was given a beautiful menorah with a dove on the shamash to symbolize peace as a going away gift.

Taylor said that when people ask him where peace is best being practiced of all the places he's traveled, he said he answers, "Peace is happening in the best way right here in Louisville. There is no better community that is doing that."

"Terry Taylor is a mensch. He is a gentleman," said Jeff Slyn, chair of the event. "He just wants to see everyone get along."

Congressman John Yarmuth opened the evening, talking about his happy memories growing up in the Jewish Community Center, at least until the bigger kids began to beat him on the basketball court, he joked.

Holocaust survivor Fred Gross spoke to the group and said he will miss Taylor's contributions to Interfaith Paths to Peace, but won't miss the middle-of-the-night phone calls asking him to be on a panel.

All the panelists spoke highly of Taylor and his work toward peace.

Cantor Sharon Hordes sang while the participants on stage and those in the audience lit Chanukah candles.

Hordes and Cantor David Lipp, accompanied by guitarist Gareth Jones, sang Chanukah songs for the audience. While most songs were serious, at the end, they showed participants that Chanukah is also a holiday of fun by singing, "The Latkes Song" by Debbie Friedman and "Sufganiyot." They sang traditional Hebrew songs along with Ladino songs, to the audience's delight.

Slyn was thrilled with the amount of people attending the event this year, and he said the attendance grows each year.

"It's important to reach out to our interfaith brethren," he said. "Chanukah

is a holiday that has no religious limitations, so it's our one chance to shine in the spotlight to others. We can share Judaism with them without the seriousness of other holidays."

Matt Goldberg, Jewish Community Relations Council director, said the turnout is up from about 150 last year.

"I am very pleased with such a large and diverse turnout," he said. "I am thrilled that we were able to share this joyous holiday with our family, friends and colleagues of different faiths throughout Louisville."

Stephanie Hair brought her three children, Aislin, 8; Brennan, 6; and Cullen, 4, because she saw a flier at her church, St. Paul. She said she thought it would be a nice experience for the kids, and they all enjoyed the latkes and real sufganiyot – Israeli-style jelly doughnuts – which were from a kosher bakery in Cincinnati.

Kynda Everage had been to the party several years, but brought her husband Jake for the first time. She had attended many times with her mother, Rebecca Reel, who runs Reel Ministries, an organization that brings Christians and Jews together. The family said they enjoyed the music the most.

Tamer Mosa, an Egyptian Muslim, came to the event for the first time. "One of the great things about living in the United States is that all religions live and work together. I believe that if I say that, I also have to do it. So, when my friend Robin Bensinger invited me, I had to say yes! And I'm glad I did."

Bensinger considers herself an "interfaith Jew" and said she invited several friends along for the party.

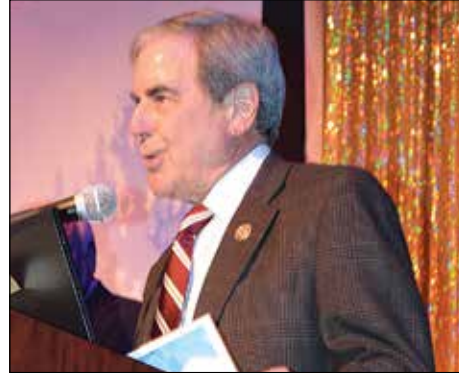
Jessica Hyden, a Christian from Louisville, said she loved the songs in different languages, particularly the Ladino music, because she speaks Spanish and could understand it. "Also, applesauce with latkes is an awesome idea! A good combo!"

Participants were asked to bring scarves, mittens and hats to be donated to Jefferson County Public Schools PTA Clothing Assistance Program to help kids in need stay warm, and Slyn said the donations filled a bag about 4-5 feet high.



Terry Taylor lit the Chanukah candles. Cantors Sharon Hordes and David Lipp sang the blessings and Police Chief Steve Conrad, who also spoke at the event, watched.

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TEEN TOPICS

4th and 5th Grade Youth Group Has First Meeting

by Glenn Sadle
Youth and Teen Coordinator

On Sunday, January 11, the Jewish Community Center had its first 4th and 5th grade youth group event. About 19 youngsters attended the initial pizza party. More programs like this one will be offered once a month. The goal is to provide an engaging youth group experience that will encourage young people to move into the Teen Connection program during their middle school years.

The next event will be a Shabbat Dinner on Friday, February 20. Bricks 4 Kidz will do an activity with the kids as well.

This program was funded by the Jewish Foundation of Louisville.



Fourth and fifth graders participated in an ice breaker led by Glenn Sadle.

Teen Ski Trip

On Monday, January 19, 33 middle schoolers and high schoolers from Teen Connection and Louisville BBYO went to Perfect North Slopes. Despite the unusually warm weather, the teens skied, snow boarded and went snow tubing. It was a great success and the teens are looking forward to future events during the coming year.

Drew Corson AZA

Drew Corson AZA held its spring term elections on January 11, and the following teens were elected (pictured below, left to right):



Emilio Bayod, Brian Schwartz, Julian Shuster and Jared Shuster enjoyed a meal during their outing to Perfect North.



Charles Bessen, Godol (President)
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Jay Levine BBG

Jay Levine BBG held its spring term elections on January 11, and the following teens were elected (pictured above, left to right):

Marnina Goldberg, N'siah (President)
Izzy Geller, S'ganit (Vice President of Programming)
Laina Meyerowitz, Morah (Vice President of Recruitment, Retention, and Reeducation)
Abigail Goldberg, Sh'lichah (Vice President of Jewish Heritage and Community Service)
Abby Balkin, Mazkirah (Vice President of Communication)
Julia Bessen, Gizbor (Treasurer)
Also pictured, Audrey Nussbaum, immediate past president.



KIO BBYO Region

On December 21, the Kentucky Indiana Ohio Region held elections for its 61st Regional Board. Jacob Finke (third from left) of Drew Corson AZA was elected s'gan (vice president of programming) and Jesse Hymes (second from left) of Jay Levine BBG was elected mazkirah (vice president of communications). Their terms run until December 2015.

BBYO Is Life-Changing for Keenan

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Participating in BBYO can be a life-changing experience as Nicole Keenan can attest.

Nicole came to Louisville with her family when she was 8 years old. The daughter of a Jewish mother, Lisa, and a Catholic father, Chris, she had little connection to Judaism. "We celebrated Chanukah, but we really didn't do much else. ... I never learned Hebrew and didn't get bat mitzvah."

She is a 10th grader Kentucky Country Day School and has some Jewish friends there. She said they "really enjoy BBYO and continue to talk about it, so I figured, hey, I'm Jewish. That sounds cool. Why don't I try it out and see if I like it, and then, if I do, I can continue with it."

With her friend Izzy Geller's encouragement, Nicole did just that. Her first event was the hundred-member pizza party. "I met a lot of people that I instantly connected with because of the Jewish bond," she said. "Even though I wasn't raised that way, something just clicked, I guess culturally. I really felt I was welcomed, even though I wasn't sure whether or not they would accept me since I didn't have that background."

For Nicole, BBYO opened the door to exciting programs, new friends and her Jewish heritage. An active member of Jay Levine BBG, she has attended four or five regional conventions, and last summer, she attended CLTC (Chapter

Leadership Training Conference).

"It was the best 12 days of my life," Nicole said about CLTC. "There were 90 different teens there, and they were all so inspired and so passionate about BBYO and their own Jewish identity and it really inspired me."

"I learned the *Hamotzi* for the first time at CLTC," she continued, "and I met people who are going to be the future leaders of Jewish communities all over the world."

At CLTC, she planned her first Shabbat program, and when her current schedule of extracurricular activities, including field hockey, eases up a bit, she wants to become more active in her BBYO chapter, planning programs and perhaps even running for chapter office.

Her enthusiasm for Judaism has carried over to her home, too. "We didn't do a lot with our Judaism before I joined BBYO," she explained, "but this past year, we had our first Seder at my house, per my suggestion, because I felt inspired" and wanted to try it.

"I also tried to teach my little brother (Connor Keenan, 10) a little bit more about some Jewish traditions and some of his heritage just because I feel like since I wasn't raised Jewish, I'm starting at a disadvantage from a lot of my friends," she added.

"I really want to make sure that if he decides to join BBYO, and I hope he does, ... that he will have more experience than I did coming into it," she said.

"I feel like joining BBYO allowed me to experience the cultural paths of the Jewish people and it made me feel more connected to my own Judaism," Nicole stated, "because being told you're Jewish is a lot different than actually feeling Jewish."

"I would always say if someone asked if I was Jewish I would always say yes, I'm half Jewish," she explained, "but I would never really have any connection

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Nicole Keenan spoke about BBYO at the JCL's Million Dollar Dinner.

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NEWSMAKERS

Andrew Borowick graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Missouri with a Masters of Accountancy on December 20. Andrew recently passed all four parts of the uniform CPA Exam averaging a 94. He began his career with PwC in Denver this month. Andrew is the son of Jerry and Karen Borowick.



Andrew Borowick



Joe Fraser

operations. *Insider Louisville* recently reported that Louisville businessmen and art collectors **Steve Wilson** and **Jonathan Blue** have both traveled to Cuba to purchase art from the Caribbean island's artists.

Insider Louisville also reported that **Susan Hershberg** of Wiltshire Pantry Bakery and Café has teamed up **Susan Seiller**, of Jack Fry's and Relish fame. Together, they will use their expertise and passion to expand Wiltshire's restaurant and catering businesses.



The Litvin family today.

Chabad of Kentucky Marks 30 Years in Louisville

Chabad of Kentucky is marking 30 years in Louisville.

In March of 1985, Rabbi Avrohom and Goldie Litvin moved to Louisville with their son Shmully, who was 15 months old, to open a branch of Chabad for the State of Kentucky. Today, the Litvins are now blessed with nine children and nine grandchildren, four of whom are married and work with Chabad to help build Jewish pride and identity among Jews in Louisville and throughout Kentucky.

The Litvins' first Louisville program was to speak about Purim at Congregation Keneseth Israel's Purim carnival on the very day they arrived in the city. One year later, Chabad hosted its first Purim Feast, which, they claim, has become one of the largest annual Jewish celebrations in our community.

To mark its 30th anniversary, Chabad invites the community to attend a Grand Israeli-Style Purim Feast and Celebration on March 5. At the party, participants will enjoy live Jewish/Israeli music, savor a three-course Purim Feast, taste a variety of Israeli wines, squeeze Jaffa oranges into juice, have their picture taken at a replica of the Western Wall, and be able to make a card to send



Rabbi Avrohom Litvin danced in the early years.

to an Israeli soldier.

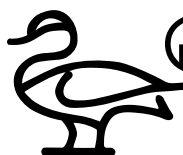
The event begins at 5:15 p.m. and dinner will be at 6:15 at a location to be announced. The cost for the entire evening will be \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. Reservations needed by March 1; call Chabad, 502-459-1770.

During the past 30 years, Chabad has been active in many areas of Jewish life in our community. At the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Cir., Chabad provides programs for children, teens, young adults, men, women and seniors. There are classes in most every Jewish subject from Bible to meditation and from parenting to happiness. Many classes provide continuing education credits for different professionals.

Chabad conducts daily, Shabbat and holiday services. They offer TGIS, (Thank G-d Its Shabbos) a lively Friday night service followed by a Shabbat dinner on the second and fourth Friday nights of each month. Other events at the Chabad House include a monthly beginners Saturday service followed by a kiddush luncheon, a Sunday morning class called BLT (Bagels Lox and Torah), holiday dinners and Jewish awareness programs; including Shofar Factory, Chanukah Expo with an Olive Oil Press and Menorah Building Workshop, Model Matzah Bakery, Lag B'Omer BBQ, Shavuot 10 Commandment Ice Cream Party, and many other holiday programs.

Chabad is the driving force behind the Louisville Jewish Day School, the only Jewish Day School in the State of Kentucky. Chabad also offers Gan Israel Day Camp, a Jewish children's day camp for four weeks each summer, as well as other activities for children throughout the year.

Chabad sees itself as the address in Louisville for Jewish education, Jewish awareness and Jewish pride. If you haven't met the Chabad team recently, they invite you to attend the Purim Feast and Celebration or other upcoming 30th year celebration events.



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Discuss the Torah Portion of the Week

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

Adath Jeshurun Offers Adult 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. Classes will meet at AJ on February 1, 8, 15 and 22. These classes are free and open to the community. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Stepping Up to Judaism Class Explores What Jews Do

Rabbi Laura Metzger teaches Stepping Up to Judaism class on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun. It is for those who want to deepen their understanding and connection to Judaism. The topic is "What Does a Jew Do?" The class will meet February 2, 9 and 16.

The Temple Celebrates Tu B'Shvat with Seder

The Temple will celebrate Tu B'Shvat with a special mystical Seder on Monday, January 26, at 7 p.m. in The Temple Klein Center (Levy Great Hall). This special Seder will feature the fruits of the tree, as well as wine and chocolate.

Join Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks and the WRJ (Sisterhood) and take time to appreciate our gorgeous world and the source of all life. Cost is \$5 per person. RSVP to The Temple, 502-423-1818, by January 23.

The Seder takes the place of regular Monday Night Adult Ed classes.

Chabad Presents The Art of Parenting

Chabad of Kentucky will present *The Art of Parenting*, the Jewish Learning Institute's new six-session spring 2015 course on Monday evenings beginning January 26, at the Chabad House.

As parents, we are constantly being bombarded with various educational approaches and methods. How do you strike the correct balance between discipline and freedom?

This course answers these great questions by looking to timeless Jewish wisdom. The course was designed by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute in order to help parents navigate the stormy waters of child rearing.

The Art of Parenting is designed to appeal to people at all levels of Jewish knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public.

The first class, Monday, January 26, will be offered free. The cost of the spring session is \$79, which includes a student handbook. Interested students may call 502-459-1770, email chabad@chabadky.com, or visit www.myJLI.com for registration and other course-related information.

The Temple Offers Classes on Monday Nights

The Temple holds a text study Monday nights at 7 p.m. with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel. "From Torah to Midrash - What is the Backbone of Jewish Sacred Texts?" covers questions such as: Are we Biblical Jews or Rabbinical Jews and why and how did Genesis become Genesis Rabbah? Participants will journey through the magic of rabbinical texts, an unorthodox

tradition, as they witness Judaism's theological and unorthodox theology.

The Temple is offering a new beginner's Hebrew class on Monday evenings, 7-8 p.m. "Alef Hebrew" is taught by Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks and is a beginning course for those who have not yet mastered the Alef-Bet and want to learn some basic vocabulary, as well as how to read Hebrew. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Gaylia Rooks at 502-212-2035. No classes on February 9 and 16.

The Temple's clergy teach a Basic Judaism Class each Monday, 8-9 p.m. The current trimester is "Jewish Holidays: A Journey through the Hebrew Year" taught by Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about Judaism. No classes on February 9 and 16.

The Temple Scholars Meet Wednesday Mornings

The Temple holds Temple Scholars classes on Wednesday mornings. There are two classes - choose one or both.

"A Time for War, A Time for Peace" with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel begins at 9:30 a.m. and requires registration. It explores Jewish ideas relating to the pressing contemporary issues of war and peace and asks questions such as how do we balance the relative values of peace and security? What is the relationship between violence and peacemaking?

The second class, "The Torah of Lives Well Lived" with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapoport, is at 10:45 a.m. This class traces the lives of famous Jewish figures throughout history and the lessons of Torah their lives can teach. The second class does not have a charge and does not require registration.

IUS to Offer Holocaust Movie and Lectures

Indiana University Southeast will have several events to commemorate the Holocaust in February. Admission and parking are free.

The film, *Forgiving Dr. Mengele*, will be shown Wednesday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. in Stiefler Recital Hall at the Paul W. Ogle Cultural and Community Center. The movie chronicles Eva Mozes Kor, a concentration camp survivor and her twin sister as they attempt to reconcile their past.

Dr. Angelika Hoelger of IU Southeast will present a lecture, Understanding the Holocaust, on the roots, history, and relevance of the Holocaust Wednesday, February 4, at 6 p.m. in the University Center North Room 127.

Eva Mozes Kor, Auschwitz survivor and founder of the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center, will speak about the Holocaust and the power of forgiveness on Tuesday, February 10 at 6 p.m. at the Richard K. Stem Concert Hall at the Ogle Cultural and Community Center. Her book, *Surviving the Angel of Death: The True Story of a Mengele Twin in Auschwitz*, will be available for sale and signing following Ms. Kor's lecture. For more information about any of these events, please call 812-941-2525.

Enjoy A Capella Shabbat with Staam at The Temple

The Temple welcomes Staam as its special musical guests for the Shabbat Service on Friday, January 30, at 7 p.m. Staam is Washington University's premiere Jewish a capella group that sings both Hebrew and English contemporary popular music written or performed by Jewish artists. Staam tours and competes in national competitions, most recently winning Audience Favorite at the 2014 Kol HaOlam National Jewish A Cappella Competition in Washington, D.C. For more information about Staam,

visit staam.wustl.edu

JCC Holds Family Tu B'Shevat Seder

The Jewish Community Center will have a Family Tu B'Shevat Seder and Luncheon on Sunday, February 1 at 12:30 p.m. Join friends and family for a fun and festive seder, paying tribute to the Seven Species described in the Torah as being abundant in the land of Israel. There will be lunch, story time and an art project featuring trees and fruits. Adults (12 and older) \$12, children (3-12) \$7. Register online at Jewishlouisville.org/family-seder. For more information, contact Betsy Schwartz at 502-238-2708.

Create a Blanket

Fulfill a mitzvah and create a blanket for one of the babies at the Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter on Sunday, February 1, at 12:30 p.m. in Heideman Auditorium at The Temple. Healing shawls are also created for Temple members in the hospital or nursing homes. Fabric, tools and instruction provided so you can make no-sew blankets - or bring two yards of fleece and your own scissors. Please RSVP to Mar-

lene Schaffer at 502-423-8420.

Hadassah Book Club to Meet

Hadassah's book club, On the Same Page, meets Monday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Panera on Dutchmans Lane. The group is discussing *The Septembers of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer. All are welcome. Contact Michelle Elisburg at meehadasah@gmail.com for any questions.

Dr. Nassar to Speak on Terrorism in the Middle East

Temple Shalom's First Monday adult education program will continue with Dr. Ramsey Nassar presenting Terrorism in the Middle East on Monday, February 2, at 7 p.m. Dr. Nassar will discuss the effect of terrorism on the world as

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well as on global jihad, and he will also analyze the origin of terrorism as taught by scholars in Islam.

Dr. Nassar is a nephrologist who has also served as president of the medical staff of Baptist Hospital East. He experienced first-hand the government bias and persecution against Christians in his native Syria. Please RSVP to Temple



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Shalom at 502-458-4729. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Jewish Meditation Available in Louisville

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin has developed a series of guided meditations based on the classic work of Rabbi Sholom Dovber Schneerson (1860-1920) known as the Rebbe RaShab, and he leads a meditation class on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Circle, 8:15-9 a.m. These classes include a relaxation exercise before and after each meditation. Coffee and refreshments are served. The meditation classes for this month are on February 4 and 18. For more details, call Chabad at 502-459-1770. All are welcome.



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Lunch and Learn Mishneh Torah Study Meets Downtown

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 in Steve Berger's office, 500 W. Jefferson St., on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. Prior knowledge of Jewish texts and Hebrew is not required. This discussion is free and open to the community. Classes will meet on February 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Troop 30 to Recycle Electronics

Boy Scout Troop 30 will undertake a service project in association with its annual Scout Sabbath. With the help of Bluegrass E-Cycle, the troop will collect unwanted electronic and computer equipment on Friday, February 6, at 6 p.m. and Saturday, February 7, 9:30 a.m.- noon (in The Temple's back parking lot).

They can accept the following items: batteries, cable, CDs, cell phones, circuit boards, computers, consumer electronics, game consoles, ink and toner cartridges, IT equipment, keyboards, laptops, mice, modems, monitors (not CRT type), MP3 players, network equipment, phone systems, printers, routers, satellite boxes, servers, speakers, switches, telecom equipment, UPS units, video games and wire.

Note: Bluegrass E-Cycle will physically destroy or degauss all hard drives. This service will ensure that these materials will not be sent to a landfill and will be disposed or used properly.

The Temple Schedules Alef Service

In February, our thoughts turn to love, which can mean immensely different

things to different people. The Temple will have an Alef Service: Wings of Love, Soul on Fire on Friday, February 6, at 7 p.m. in the congregation's Klein Center. All ages are welcome to join Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks, Steven Stuhlbarg on guitar and Irina Bernadsky on Ukrainian mandolin for a contemporary service with special music and readings on the first Shabbat of the month.

Shabbat Morning with Notes Is an Adult Learning Experience

Thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Adath Jeshurun offers "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 next service is Saturday, February 7, at 10 a.m. For additional information, please contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359.

The Temple Observes Scout Shabbat

The Temple will observe the tradition of the National Scout Sabbath in honor of Boy Scout Troop 30 on Saturday, February 7 at 7 p.m. in the Waller Chapel.

Learn to Bake Hamantaschen

Adath Jeshurun will host a free Hamantaschen-baking workshop for adults on Sunday, February 8, at 1 p.m. This is a fun opportunity to learn to make hamantaschen and to take about a dozen baked goods home for your family. AJ will supply all ingredients.

Reservations are required to assure there are enough ingredients available for everyone. To reserve your space online, please visit www.adathjeshurun.com/hamantaschen, or contact Bonnie Shaikun at bshaikun@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359.

Movies and More Showing at AJ

Enjoy vintage films and television shows Adath Jeshurun. The shows are free and open to the community. The next two showings are: *The Best of the Dean Martin Variety Show* on Tuesday, February 10, and *Best Foot Forward* on Tuesday, February 24. Shows begin at 3 p.m.

Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation Is a Family Service

Adath Jeshurun's Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation is a family service for students in grades K-7, their parents and grandparents. Led by Deborah Slosberg, the next two services will take place on Saturdays, February 14 and 28 at 10:30 a.m. This service is open to the community.

The Story of the Jews Film Series Continues

The third offering in the fascinating film series *The Story of the Jews* will be shown on Sunday, February 15, at 7 p.m. in the The Temple's Waller Chapel, with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport as moderator. 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. Drawing on original scholarship and Schama's own family history, this is a story that is at once deeply historical and utterly contemporary, taking view-

ers on a journey from the Biblical past to tomorrow's front pages.

In the third episode, "A Leap of Faith," Schama explores how the remarkably successful integration of Jewish talent into the mainstream of European culture and commerce stirred up the ghosts of ancient prejudice and paved the way for the Holocaust. The showing will be followed by desserts, coffee, and discussion.

The Temple Remembers Debbie Friedman with Shabbat of Song

The Temple will host the Debbie Friedman Shabbat Friday, February 20, 7 p.m. (February 23, 1951-January 9, 2011 - May her memory shine on for a blessing.) Called the mother of modern Jewish music, her life and legacy have touched us all. One of Friedman's greatest gifts was her ability to turn a group of individuals into a community. Join The Temple community with Shir Chadash in a special Shabbat service featuring all music written by this remarkable woman, singer, songwriter and dreamer of dreams.

The Temple to Serve Italian Shabbat Dinner

Enjoy a high quality Shabbat meal served in an intimate setting in the Klein Center on February 27 at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome to join in this celebration in the true sense of Shabbat. A fun art project for children will be available. A lasagna dinner (meat and veggie), will be accompanied by a green salad, garlic bread and other Italian delights, along with desserts, Israeli wines and The Temple's signature cocktail - the Rabbi's Elixir of Eden.

Thanks to 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 Tuesday, February 24, by calling 502-423-1818. Pre-payment is requested. Checks should be made payable to "The Temple" - Memo line: Rabbi's Dinner, or you may pay online at thetemplelouky.org.

Hadassah Plans Group Film Festival Outing

Hadassah is pleased to support the Louisville Jewish Film Festival and plans to meet as a group and attend the screening of *Zero Motivation* on Sunday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. Contact Michelle Elisburg at meehadassah@gmail.com to RSVP.

Melton Israel Trip Will Be Next June

The Adath Jeshurun Melton Israel Trip will take place from June 7-19, and is open to the community. This trip will provide the opportunity to experience a new adventure every day exploring Israel's remarkable sites. Great dining is integral to this trip, and many interesting Israeli dining spots will be visited. The hotels offer top quality accommodations, and all travel takes place in luxury coaches to ensure comfort and safety. This trip is perfect for both first-time visitors and seasoned travelers.

You do not need to be a Melton student to participate. For information on the trip, please visit: www.adathjeshurun.com/israelseminar or contact Rabbi Slosberg at 502-458-5359.



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to the Jewish people, but now I feel like I have a home in Israel; I have a home with the Jewish community of Louisville and all over. I feel like that's a connection that I've been able to make. ... It really opened a lot of doors for me culturally as a Jewish youth."

Today she regards the 30 or so active

members of her BBG chapter as her sisters, and the members of Drew Corson AZA as her brothers. "I feel like I can always go to them for anything I need and they'll always be there for me."

For more information about BBYO, contact Mike Steklof, assistant director of youth services and BBYO director, 502-238-2774 or msteklof@jewishlouisville.org.

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Engagement



Lerner/Block

Joel Lerner of Louisville, KY, and Janie Behr of Chevy Chase, MD, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Lerner, to Justin Block, son of Dr. Alan and Francine Block of Bucks

County, PA.

The bride graduated from Bradley University and is a public relations professional in Chicago.

She is the granddaughter of Claus and Joy Behr, the late Simone Behr, and the late Louis and Justine Lerner. She is the sister of Shawn, Daniel and Ashley Lerner.

The groom graduated from Middlebury College and received his MBA from The University of Iowa. He manages network data products for Discover Financial Services in Chicago.

He is the brother of Darren Block.

The couple was engaged on December 18 in Saint Maarten. They are looking forward to getting married in 2015.

Wedding



Newstadt / Fridberg

Justin Paul Newstadt and Diana Nicole Fridberg were married on November 9 in St Louis, MO. The wedding took place at the St Louis Zoo and was officiated by Rabbi

Robert Slosberg.

The bride is the daughter of Drs. Marianne and Andy Fridberg of Havre de Grace, MD. She graduated from Harvard University and then attended the University of Oxford, where she obtained her Master of Science degree. She is a doctoral candidate in archeology at Washington University in St Louis.

The groom is the son of Drs. Robyn and Mark Newstadt. He graduated from Miami University in Ohio and then attended medical school at the University of Louisville. He recently completed his pediatric residency at St Louis Children's Hospital and is working as a pediatric hospitalist at Mercy Clinic St Louis.

Obituaries

Judith Frankel

Judith Frankel, 79, passed away on December 17 in Wellington, FL.

She was the oldest of three children, born to Jacob and Liba Glickman in Bukovina, Romania, on January 30, 1931. After immigrating to Israel, Judy entered nursing school where she met a handsome soldier serving as the bodyguard to the Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben Gurion. They married in Tel-Aviv, Israel, where they had a son and daughter.

In 1967, the family emigrated to Cleveland, OH, where they became active members of the Jewish and Israeli communities.

Judy was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Always ready to help those in need, she made "giving" an art form. Her doors were always open to friends, family and newcomers need-



ing a "family."

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Irit Glickman.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert Frankel; her son, Dr. Roddy Frankel (Dr. Hong Frankel); her daughter, Dr. Ora Frankel (Dr. Howard Lazarus); her brother, Joe Glickman (Hedva); and her grandchildren, Lauren, Jake and Gillian Lazarus, and Ike Lazarus.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Emily Weiss Keisler

Emily Weiss Keisler, born in 1935, with roots in the southern gentry of Mobile, AL, and the scholarship of Cleveland, OH, developed a love of reading and knowledge of books. She shared this devotion with many, first while working at W.K. Stewart bookstore and then taking her passion for books to The Temple as the Congregation's librarian.

Living in Louisville most of her life, Emily's greatest love and accomplishment was raising, with her husband, three children and seven grandchildren, whom she cherished and was completely devoted. Emily took great pride in her family's accomplishments and loved all of her children and grandchildren unconditionally.

Emily is survived by her husband Robert L. Keisler, M.D.; sons, Milton Dortch (Janet) of Atlanta, GA, Robert L. Keisler, Jr. (Amy) of Louisville; daughter, Elaine "Missy" Noon (Charles) of Knoxville, TN; grandchildren Ashley Dortch, Alexandra Dortch, Evan Noon, Keaton Noon, Elizabeth Noon, Jacob Keisler and Sarah Keisler; and her brothers, Allan Weiss (Anna) and Dr. Morris Weiss, Jr. (Dr. Terry).

The family wishes to sincerely thank Vonna Surrell for her dedication to Emily.

A memorial service was held January 4 at The Temple, 5101 US Hwy 42. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice.

Lotte Michel

Lotte Michel passed away December 22. She was a native of Germany and was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Henry Michel, and three siblings.

She was employed in the childcare center at the Jewish Community Center and Keneseth Israel Preschool. She was a member of Temple Shalom.

The family thanks the wonderful caregivers at Atria St. Matthews, Atria Springdale, Jefferson Manor, Hosparus, Louisville Palliative Care and ComFor Care.

She is survived by two daughters, Rita Day and Joan Epstein, as well as three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Temple Shalom.

Marcia Falk Simon

Marcia (Falk) Simon, 93, of Prospect, passed away on December 25, with her family at her side.

Marcia was born in Leominster, MA, on March 18, 1921, to Morris and Bessie Falk. She attended the University of California at Berkeley and the Northwestern University School of Speech. Her studies were discontinued just before graduation in favor of marriage to a young medical officer, Aaron I. Simon, MD,



before he was shipped overseas in World War II. They were married for 65 wonderful years and had three children.

In addition to her parents and husband, Marcia was predeceased by her son, Richard "Andy" Simon (Marlene); her daughter, Hope Simon; and her brothers, George, Horace and Myron Falk.

She is survived by her daughter, Jean Bendon (Dr. Robert Bendon), of Prospect, who cared for her and with whom she resided; her daughter-in-law, Marlene Simon; her seven grandchildren, Laura Kozikowski (Todd), Benjamin Simon, Hilary Bendon-Lobb (Tom), Avi Perry (Eli), Meryl Miller (Brian), and Ariel and Julia Bendon; five great-grandchildren; and by her nieces, Marilyn Wolpert, Barbara Falk, Hilary Marx and Margaret Pirovano.

Marcia was selfless in her love for her husband, children and grandchildren. She was an eloquent speaker and writer and a voracious reader who beat to her own drum. "We are grateful for the values she taught us, especially to judge people only by their character, to always feed our pets first and to love blueberry picking, even when it's raining," the family said.

The family would like to express gratitude to Dr. James O'Brien for his years of outstanding care and to Dr. Daniela Neamtu, Dr. Bonnie Lazor, Dr. Jane Cornett and the staff of the Nazareth Home for their compassionate palliative care during Marcia's final days.

A memorial service was held in Brookline, MA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that expressions of sympathy be made to The Temple or The Nazareth Home in Louisville.

Lena Passamaneck Judah

Lena Passamaneck Judah, 85, died peacefully in her sleep early Sunday morning, December 28 at Jefferson Manor in Louisville.

Lena was a force of nature, a true people person. She was proud of her Jewish heritage, a longtime member of The Temple, and she also belonged to the Women of Reform Judaism and was a life member of the National Council of Jewish Women. Lena was the matriarch and the very center of her large and loving extended family.

She had buried her parents, Yale and Anna Passamaneck; her brother, Marvin; her husband, Joe; and her son, Gregg.

She is survived by her sons, Richard (Jackie), Armand (Sue) and Michael (Sally). She was Grandma to Jeffrey, Josh (Katie), Jeremy (Mary), Nick and Ali, and to Lucy, Tristan, Ashleigh, Sarah, Nikki and Sade. She also leaves behind six beloved great-grandchildren, her nieces



and nephews, and many, many friends.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Martin P. Bailen



Martin P. Bailen, 63, passed away on December 30, with his family surrounding him.

Marty graduated Westport High School in 1969, where he was the basketball manager for the War Hawks from 1966-

1969. He was also involved in athletic activities at Ballard High School for more than 40 years. He was the voice of Ballard football and a statistician for the basketball games at Ballard and Bellarmine University. He coached for 25 years in the St. Matthews Babe Ruth League. Marty was also athletic director and coach of various sports at Myers Middle School. He was employed by the Jefferson County Public Schools for more than 25 years.

Marty was the recipient of the Thurston B. Morton Leadership Award in 1987 for outstanding leadership and service to the students of Ballard High School. He also received an award for outstanding service to the ideals of Sisterhood and Brotherhood from the Jefferson County Public Schools. He was inducted into the Louisville Area Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 2008, and was featured in an article by Earl Cox as being a special honoree for that year. His friend Scotty Davenport was quoted as saying, "If every athletic program had a Marty Bailen, they would be blessed." He was honored by having the football press box at Ballard and the basketball court at Myers named after him.

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He was preceded in death by his father, Nat Bailen.

He is survived by his mother, Janice Marks Bailen, and his brother, Richard M. Bailen.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Herman Meyer & Son.

Contributions may be made to Hosparus or the donor's charity of choice.

Dorothy E. (Dottie) Murdock

Dorothy E. (Dottie) Murdock, 70, passed from this life on Thursday, January 1.

Dottie was an active member of the Jewish Community Center who exercised every day. She had a stroke in 2007, which severely limited her ability to move. She turned to the JCC for help and gradually improved enough to regain much of her strength and mobility.

Murdock was an independent businesswoman who owned her own chemical distribution company for 15 years, and she sold industrial chemicals throughout the city's west end for 30 years.

She is survived by brothers and sisters, Michael Burdiss, James Burdiss, Michelle Burdiss (Schreiner), Lee Weber (Murdock), George Weber, Sue Miller (Burdiss) and David Ashley; and stepmother, Ada Murdock.

A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Barnabus Catholic Church. Arrange-



ments were handled by Highlands Family-Owned Funeral Home.

Max Weinstein

Max Weinstein, 86, of Louisville, passed away January 4 at Jefferson Place. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a successful businessman and co-owner of Brody Floor Covering for 42 years before retiring in 1994. As a gifted athlete and sports enthusiast, he was inducted into the Southern Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in 1981 and the Louisville Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 1998. From 1990 to 2000, he served as vice president and president of the American Bowling Congress. Max was also a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Frimi Speevack Weinstein; his son, Alan Weinstein; and his parents, Theodore and Sarah Weinstein.

He is survived by his son, Mark Weinstein (Desie); his brother, Jerry Weinstein; his grandchildren, Jessica and David Weinstein; and his great-granddaughter, Kinsley Weinstein.

Burial was in Agudath Achim Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation or Congregation Anshei Sfar.



Barbara Greenberg

Barbara Greenberg, 78, of Louisville passed away on Monday, January 5. She was born Barbara Joseph in Flushing, NY, on November 9, 1936, to the late Hyman J. Joseph and Marian Perslstein Joseph. She attended The Cherry Lawn School in Darien, CT, before attending Goucher College in Towson, MD. Her family, her inimitable cooking, her beautiful garden and her many dogs were the great joys of her well-lived life.

It is said that time heals all wounds, but those who Barbara Greenberg leaves behind don't have any. She was a healer, and you never had to wonder if she was in your corner. She inspired family and friends to use their creativity to build lives that are full, abundant, and without regret regardless of any limitations they might have. She was a true original, and her guidance, encouragement, and love will be deeply missed.



She touched so many lives with her generous spirit and big heart, and those virtues live on in her beloved friends and family: David and Michelle Greenberg, Jeffrey Greenberg (her favorite son), Peter and Edy Greenberg, Andrew and Melissa Greenberg, Gregory Greenberg, Elliot Greenberg, Sheyna Nisenboim, Amanda Greenberg, Ava Greenberg, Ryan Greenberg, Jake Greenberg, Marba Pennell, Betty West and Marilyn Gudger.

It was Barbara's wish, that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, a charity she held dear to her heart. A private memorial will be held at her home for immediate family.



Grigoriy Gorelik

Grigoriy Gorelik, 92, died Tuesday, January 6, at Norton Audubon Hospital.

He was a native of Babruysk, Belarus, born November 12, 1922, to the late Mendel and Sana Gorelik.

He was mechanic and laborer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Nikhama Gorelik; and his daughter, Yevgeniya Lipskaya.

He is survived by his son, Simon Gorelik; his grandchildren, Mikhail and Slava Lipskiy; and his great-grandchildren, Tyler, Justin, Alex and Gena.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made The Temple or donor's favorite charity.

Myron Lee Horvitz

Myron Lee Horvitz, 86, died Thursday, January 15, at his residence.

He was the builder and owner of the first Holiday Inn in Louisville. He was a partner in Parkmoor Bowling Alley and founder and president of M & T Finance Company. He was a past president of Mizrahi Men's Organization, past president of Eliahu Academy, past president of Anshei Sfar Congregation, former

cantor of Anshei Sfar Congregation, member of the Clover Club and was inducted into the Male High School Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Toby Lee Horvitz; his children, Michael Horvitz (Rabbi Haviva) of Cincinnati, OH, Myrle Davis, Deborah Horvitz and Sheri Horvitz of Miami, FL; his grandchildren, Jason, Eliezer and Shira Horvitz, Jennifer, Rebecca and Max Davis and Jacob Horvitz.

Burial was in Anshei Sfar Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Myron and Toby Horvitz Educational Fund at Anshei Sfar Congregation.

Lillian Oppenheim Seligman

Lillian Oppenheim Seligman, 69, of Louisville, died January 18 at her home.

Lillian was a speech-language pathologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital for over 35 years. She was actively involved in many aspects of the Louisville community including serving as past president of the Jewish Family & Career Services, past Board member of The Temple, and a docent at the Speed Art Museum and Louisville International Airport.

Most of all, Lillian loved being with her family and friends. She is survived by her husband of over 43 years, Dr. Jerry Seligman; her daughters, Wendy Siskin (Jonathan) and Leigh Segall (Michael); and her six grandchildren, Ellie, Olivia, and Madeline Siskin and Zachary, Emily, and Benjamin Segall.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Denise; her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Heinz (Dorothy) Oppenheim; and her stepmother, Erika Oppenheim.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jeffrey Hargis and his staff, Dr. Julie Ellis, Dr. Stephan Sweitzer, Dr. Jeffrey Weiss, and Carmelita Clay and her staff for their exceptional care and support.

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

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D'VAR TORAH

by Cantor David Lipp

The Real Chicken Soup for the Soul: Shabbat Shirah, B'Shallach I can't sing. I'm a monotone. I'm tone deaf. No one in my family can sing. You don't want to hear me, Cantor!



Cantor David Lipp

If I had a shekel for every time I heard one of the above comments from a congregant, a friend or a guest at my shabbat table ... well, I'd have a lot of shekels!

Let me borrow a white lab coat from one of a host of neuro-scientists, medical researchers, psychologists and voice experts and say with their on-loan-authority: Most people are not tone deaf and are capable of singing reasonably well if given half a chance a little bit of training.

Most people who come to me with the above comment have some variation of the same story: Mrs. [enter-kindergarten-teacher's-name-here] told me

to 'mouth the words' whenever we would sing. I've never sung since.

As Grawmeyer Award winner neuro-scientist James McGaugh explains, our brain is wired to remember those things that have an emotional impact. It's a shame that such comments affect us so negatively and are remembered so well. Music itself is an incredibly effective method for anchoring memories. Other scientists have noted the experience of making music helps connect different parts of the brain in ways that nothing else does. Many sufferers of Alzheimer's seem to remember music for longer than even the names of their closest relatives.

Scholars who understand Biblical texts as literary expressions from different eras tend to place both the Song of Moses and the Song of Deborah, which we will chant in the Torah and Haftarah respectively on Shabbat on January 31, in the very earliest strata of our sacred writings.

But even those in our community who are 'Torah-True,' believing that every word was written by Moses and dictated by God, might agree there's nothing obvious about the Prince of Egypt being a singer or poet. After all, Moses describes himself as heavy of mouth and lips. Whether Moses had an actual physical defect or was simply not psychologically prepared for verbal combat, we should be somewhat surprised that Moses re-

acts to the great escape at the Sea of Reeds with song. Regardless of the royal kindergarten tutor assigned to Moses in Pharaoh's palace, our beloved prophet and teacher seems to have overcome that hurdle.

So let this Shabbat be an opportunity for all of us to find a place to sing. If you've not been scarred by Mrs. Not-So-Pitch-Perfect, then join a choir. Singing in harmony with others builds community and creates beauty in the world, making sad times bearable and extending the experiences of joy in our hearts and souls.

If you're not a likely contestant on *The Voice*, *The X Factor* or *America's Got Talent*, find a congregation to sing with. Every congregation in town has communal singing in which individual voices can take part and not be exposed. Even synagogues that pray primarily in Hebrew often include transliteration in their prayer books.

Remember, I'm still wearing the borrowed lab coat: Many scientists have found that singing is GOOD for you. Not just emotionally but physically.

Now, let me take off the lab coat and don the Cantor's Kippah.

This Sabbath of Song, January 30 and 31, in Louisville is a particularly appropriate one to visit your congregation. In four of our shuls, members of the Jewish a cappella groups from Indiana

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Editor's note: Cantor David Lipp, the cantor of Congregation Adath Jeshurun (Conservative), has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

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