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Mollie and Michael Weisberg got into the swing at the 1920's themed YAD Campaign Event on January 24. Nearly 100 YAD members turned out for the fun and were generous in their support of the 2015 Federation Campaign. See story and additional photos on page 6.

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Louisville to Host Partnership 2Gether Meetings in March

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

After months of planning, Louisville is ready to host visitors from Israel's Western Galilee and the Partnership 2Gether Central Consortium that includes the Jewish communities in Canton, Dayton, Toledo and Youngstown, OH; Indianapolis, Northwest Indiana and South Bend, IN; Des Moines, IA; Omaha, NE; and Austin, Fort Worth and San Antonio TX; and Budapest, Romania.

They're all coming to Louisville for the annual 2015 Partnership 2Gether Steering Committee meetings, March 15-17, during which collaborative projects for the coming year will be chosen.

"We're very happy that Louisville is hosting this regional meeting of communities that are partnered with the Western Galilee," said Louisville Partnership Co-Chair Jon Klein.

The Israeli delegation will be arriving several days before the meetings begin, and several of them will be speaking during Shabbat services on Friday and see **PARTNERSHIP** page 4

ISRAELI GUESTS TO SPEAK AT LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

MARCH 13

The Temple, Services begin at 7 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. Ohad Ronen, senior physician/surgeon in the Department of Otolaryngology at the Western Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, Israel
Topic: Dr. Ronen's experience treating wounded Syrian refugees

Adath Jeshurun, Services begin at 5:45 p.m.
Greetings from Orit Assayag, the head of Akko Municipality's Education Department

Temple Shalom, Services begin at 6:15 p.m.
Speaker: Efrat Srerbo, Director of the Musical Kindergarten in Akko
Topic: Mashav – Israel's activities in developing countries

MARCH 14

Anshei Sfard, Services begin at 9 a.m.
Speaker: David Ravitch, co-chair of Partnership 2Gether from the U.S.

Adath Jeshurun, Services begin at 9:30 a.m.
Speaker: Dr. Michael Aaronson, co-chair of Partnership 2Gether from Western Galilee

Keneseith Israel, Services begin at 9:30 a.m.
Speaker: Judy Yuda, the director of three Jewish Agency for Israel Partnerships

Jewish Foundation Continues to Make Community Impact Grants

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Last year, the Jewish Foundation of Louisville launched the Community Impact Grants program to make funding from the unrestricted endowment available to Jewish community agencies to provide support for programmatic needs.

Peter Resnik, chair of the Foundation Committee, announced that a number of grants have been made, many of which focus on education. In evaluating grant requests, he explained, "the Foundation Committee considered an array of criteria including purpose, reach, extent of collaboration with other organizations

and overall benefit."

Grants have been made to:

- Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad for a technology enhancement project;
- The High School of Jewish Studies for a website;
- The Temple to provide assistance for learning disabled b'nai mitzvah students;
- The Jewish Community Center for J Forty-Fivers, a community-wide leadership development program for 4th- and 5th-grade students;
- The Temple to upgrade the sound system for Chavurat Shalom participants; and
- The JCC for an intergenerational garage see **GRANTS** page 3

Woman Leaves Bequests of Over \$1 Million to JFCS, Jewish Federation

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Often, in talking about the Annual Federation Campaign, I write, "Together, we do extraordinary things," and I truly believe that this is true. At the Jewish Community of Louisville Board meeting earlier this month, a guest speaker told the story of a woman who was so moved by the help she had received from the Jewish community when she and her family came to Louisville in the late 1940's that she left bequests of over \$1 million each to Jewish Family and Career Services and the Jewish Community of Louisville.

Born in Germany, the woman and her family fled to China by way of India in 1939, where they stayed for several years. In 1947, the family made their way to California. Jewish agencies that were helping them come to this country asked them where they would like to settle. The family chose Louisville from the list that was presented because the patriarch's name was the German equivalent of Louis.

Like many immigrants at the time, they moved into a small apartment and scrimped to make ends meet. The Jewish community was there to help ease the transition every step of the way.

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Matanot L'Evyonim

One of the many purposes tasked to JCRCs throughout the country is *tikun olam*, social justice, and it is something that we take very seriously here in Louisville. Our Jewish values inform us on so many worthwhile causes it is often difficult to know where to expend our limited resources and time, but one of the most important areas for us is poverty relief.

On a global level, our partner organizations like the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency For Israel provide services for the less fortunate of the Jewish communities in Israel and Eastern Europe.

Of course, the Jewish community helps ALL who need it, as evidenced by groups such as the American Jewish World Service, the American Jewish Society for Service, and Avodah, groups that become part of poorer communities helping them break the cycle of poverty. And our own Jewish Family and Career Services has been doing this kind of work for many years, helping both Jews and non-Jews alike.

Here in Louisville we have a particularly proud tradition of hunger relief. As an example, every year we make contributions (both financial and participatory) well beyond our numbers to the annual Hunger Walk (an event the Jewish Community helped start), which benefits the Dare to Care Food Bank.

Well, this year we are going to formalize our connection to the greater cause by declaring 2015 the Year of Hunger Relief for the Jewish Community Relations Council of Louisville. Over the course of the year, we will be participating in and conducting various programs

designed to advance this cause, our first being the traditional Purim donation to charity, *matanot le'evyonim*.

This year, we have chosen the JFCS Food Bank as our designated recipient, and they are worthy. As a Dare to Care-affiliated food bank, they are part of the largest network of food relief in the area. In the seven counties, one in four children are food insecure, and the JFCS Food Bank works to blunt those numbers even as the needs of the hungry grow year after year.

Please consider the *Matanot L'Evyonim* insert in this issue, and please consider making a donation to this most worthy endeavor.

Muslims Murdered in North Carolina

The JCRC of Louisville is shocked and saddened by the brutal murders of Yusor Muhammad Abu-Salha, Reza Mohammad Abu-Salha, and Deah Barakat, three Muslim students at the University of North Carolina. The motivation for this crime is still unclear, but whenever a family that is clearly and visibly of a particular faith are murdered, an investigation into a possible hate crime must be considered. Our thoughts are with the family of the victims with our hope that civility and tolerance will always prevail.

Copenhagen Deja Vu

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Louisville is shocked and saddened by the brutal attacks against Jewish and political targets in Copenhagen, Denmark. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families, and our hope is that those injured will recover speedily.

Once again we are forced to grapple with a horrible anti-Semitic attack in Europe, once again an attack at a dis-

tingtively Jewish institution, and once again, the worldwide Jewish community is left searching for answers. Again, Prime Minister Netanyahu has warned the Jews of Europe that the only safe future for them is in Israel.

It cannot be that there is no future for Jews in Europe; that Israel waits for them as a result of a mass exodus. But there needs to be a concerted effort in Europe, by the governments and citizenry, to both protect the Jewish community and fight radicalism. Increased police presence, increased intelligence, must combine with education and tolerance.

Let's hope the leaders of Europe make all the necessary steps to both protect their Jewish communities and their own tolerant societies. They should know that Jewish communities in America and around the world hold them accountable.

LETTER

Dear Jewish Community,

An international campaign, "Education is Not a Crime," is being launched this month. This campaign is in support of education for all. It is particularly important to local citizens whose right to an education has been denied because of where they lived or what they believe in.

It features Maziar Bahari's new documentary film, *To Light a Candle*, which was produced by Off Centre Productions, a company owned by Maziar Bahari, a noted Iranian-Canadian journalist, filmmaker and human rights activist who was recently the subject of a feature film, "Rosewater."

The campaign website, educationis-not-a-crime.me, features voices of support from citizens around the world, and tells a comprehensive story of the Baha'is in Iran, a religious minority that has overcome severe persecution to build solidarity, fortitude and hope among its people through its passion for education.

Since the Islamic Revolution of 1979, the Baha'i community has been the target of systematic state-sponsored repression. Forbidden from attending or teaching at universities, the community established the Baha'i Institute for Higher Education (BIHE) in 1987. Through BIHE, the community has championed equality and non-violence, garnering support from educators around the world. Yet, its students and teachers still face enormous obstacles: classes are held in people's homes and the threat of arrest is part of daily life.

The film and campaign are aimed at exposing social injustice and religious intolerance through personal stories and rare footage – often smuggled out of Iran at great personal risk. Education Is Not a Crime is a powerful statement – not only about the spirit and determination of the Baha'is of Iran, but also about the vital role of education in building communities and sustaining hope.

I invite you to go to the website and click on the What Can I Do button. It is important that our voices be heard.

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JCL Earns 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator

For the fourth consecutive year, the Jewish Community of Louisville has been awarded Charity Navigator's top four-star rating in recognition of its sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency, according to the letter the charity-rating group sent to the JCL on February 1. This puts the JCL among the top tier of all non-profit organizations evaluated by this online watchdog agency.

"The staff and volunteers of the Jewish Community of Louisville have worked very hard to ensure that our organization is a responsible steward of community funds, that the dollars we raise are used to build and support our local, national and international Jewish community in accordance with our

mission, and that all of our transactions are transparent," said JCL President and CEO Stu Silberman. "This four-star recognition from Charity Navigator validates the success of that hard work."

Ken Berger, Charity Navigator's president and CEO, wrote in the letter, "As the nonprofit sector continues to grow at an unprecedented pace, savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they choose to support with their hard-earned dollars. In this competitive philanthropic marketplace, Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, highlights the fine work of efficient, ethical and open charities."

"Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization

adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way," Berger added.

Only a quarter of the charities Charity Navigator rates receive four-star evaluations, and even fewer maintain that rating over the years. Berger stated, "Jewish Community of Louisville outperforms most other charities in America. This 'exceptional' designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Jewish Community of Louisville from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Check out Charity Navigator's evaluation of the JCL at <http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=10095>.

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den for seniors and the Early Learning Center, the produce from which will be donated to the Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry.

The Jewish Foundation of Louisville and the Jewish Federation of Louisville are also offering scholarships for Jewish experiences this summer, including summer camp and trips to Israel.

An earlier round of grants, first announced in August provided safe storage shelving for the JFCS Food Pantry, scholarships for students in Louisville's Melton program, funding to Keneseth Israel for its Big Rock Shabbat and a subsidy for Temple Shalom's Shabbaton weekend.

"The committee's expectations are being met by restarting these grants for the benefit of the broad community," Resnik added.

While all the funding for the originally announced Community Impact Grants program came from the unrestricted endowment, the Foundation is also reviewing existing designated funds to ensure that the allocable dollars from each fund are being used as the donors intended.

When it is determined that the purpose for which the original fund was

established no longer exists, the fund is repurposed, with the intent of continuing to use the allocable dollars for the same kind of program for which it was created to support.

One such fund is the Rose Hansen Eliahu Academy Fund. Since Eliahu Academy closed, no allocations had been made from the fund. Since Eliahu Academy was a Jewish educational institution, the fund was repurposed to support Jewish educational experiences for children. The grants to Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad, the High School of Jewish Studies, The Temple for assistance for the learning disabled and the JCC for the J Forty-Fivers were made possible by the Rose Hansen Fund.

The fund review process is ongoing. Whenever possible, the people who established the funds or their families are consulted before the fund is repurposed. Everyone who establishes a fund has the opportunity to specify how the fund should be repurposed if the original intent can no longer be fulfilled.

The Jewish Foundation of Louisville Community Impact Grants program is ongoing, and grants are reviewed on a rolling basis. Requests for grants may be submitted to Jewish Community of Louisville President and CEO Stu Silberman at ssilberman@jewishlouisville.org.

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Summer Camp Is Just Around the Corner

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

With the ground outside covered with snow and the frigid temperatures keeping us huddled inside, warm thoughts of summer and dreams of JCC Summer Camp may be just what we need.

JCC Camp is the special place where every child can succeed and every child can make a friend. "Everything we do is imbued with Jewish tradition and values," said Camp Director Betsy Schwartz. It's just part of camp.

What Jewish values? The first one Schwartz names is "everybody should be kind."

Every school-age child will have swimming lessons every day as well as time for free swim. Schwartz pointed out, "Jewish law says you must teach your children to swim."

Jewish values also teach us to take care of the earth and to do things for others. Campers will have opportunities to work in the community garden where they will learn how to take care of plants and harvest vegetables. They will also be able to participate in mitzvah projects all summer long.

With this summer's theme, Camp Tales, campers will explore their creativity through stories. Each week focuses on a different story and has a special dress-up day to go along with the theme.

Throughout the summer, they will learn the importance of social action and how they can make positive social change. Camp will foster self-esteem and help campers develop their understanding of, and an appreciation for, the world in which they live at camp, at home and in the greater community.

Campers will also get a taste of Israel as camp once again welcomes a shaliach or shlichah – an emissary from Israel – who will teach Israeli songs and games, providing a sampling of Israeli experiences throughout the summer.

As a special treat, the Tzofim – Israeli scouts – will stop at camp in July to put on a music- and dance-filled show for campers during the day and for the entire community in the evening.

Many of the specialty camps are back this summer including Lego, travel, sports, arts and science camps and many more. A special new addition this year is Gaga Galore for campers who love the Israeli game. They'll have plenty of opportunities to play and even make their own gaga balls. JCC Camp is even adding another gaga pit in time for camp.

The JCC Camp program for 7th-9th graders has been expanded as well. Now, these older campers can participate in the Young Leaders program for nine weeks.



This summer, there is a specialty Gaga Camp for those who love the sport.

Horizons are also broader for these campers when they sign up for Road Rulz. For nine days, these campers will travel to JCCs and Jewish communities within a four-hour radius of Louisville. Once there, they'll meet Jewish youngsters in the host communities and join forces to do service projects. They'll be staying at Jewish overnight camps, JCCs and campgrounds and doing a little Jewish sightseeing along the way.

Learn more about camp this Sunday at the JCC Summer Camp Open House. From 1-4 p.m., you can tour the JCC facility, meet the year-round camp staff, get answers to all your camp questions and register your child for the sessions he or she wants.

All the JCC Summer Camp information, including registration packets, is available online at JCCLouisvilleCamp.org.

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Saturday, March 13 and 14 at Louisville's congregations.

Efrat Srerbo, director of the Musical Kindergarten in Akko, has been bringing her imaginative curriculum, "Music that Counts," to communities around the world. She also moderates Hava Nagila Gan, an internet kibbutz that is a virtual community for 200 educators in Israel and the Central Consortium, where they can share educational ideas.

Srerbo will be speaking about Mashav, Israel's activities in developing countries, from a personal perspective at Temple Shalom on Friday at Temple Shalom during the 6:15 p.m. service.

She will also lead a workshop about the "Music that Counts" program for teachers in all of Louisville's Jewish preschool teachers on Thursday, March 12.

Dr. Ohad Ronen is a senior physician/surgeon in the Department of Otolaryngology at the Western Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, Israel. He specializes in head and neck cancer surgery.

Dr. Ronen will speak at The Temple on Friday at 7 p.m. about his experience treating wounded Syrian refugees.

Orit Assayag, the head of Akko Municipality's Education Department, will bring greetings to Adath Jeshurun on Friday evening and Dr. Michael Aaronson, co-chair of Partnership 2Gether

from the Western Galilee, will speak to the congregation during the 9:30 a.m. service on Saturday.

Judy Yehuda, the director of three Partnerships, including the Western Galilee/Central Consortium for the Jewish Agency for Israel, will speak at Keneseth Israel during the 9:30 a.m. service on Saturday.

Dr. Ronen will also be speaking with community physicians at Adath Jeshurun on Sunday morning about how the hospital in Nahariya is helping the wounded from Syria. Dr. Phil Rosenbloom is chairing this program. He is also coordinating meetings about mass casualty and disaster training for Dr. Ronen and his colleague, Dr. Arie Eisenman, with local physicians and hospital administrators.

The community is also invited to attend the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience with the Israeli delegation on Saturday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. The cost for this event is \$40 per person or \$50 for those who want to take the tour.

There will be an open community dinner in the Patio Gallery at the Jewish Community Center with a cabaret style show put on by the CenterStage company on Sunday, March 15, at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person.

There will be a charge for these two events and space is limited at both. At the time *Community* went to press, not all the details were available. If you

are interested in either of these events, please contact Mary Jean Timmel, 238-2722 or Sara Wagner, 238-2779.

"Our community has long history of leadership in the Partnership," Klein said, "and we hope those who have been involved in the past will come to the public events to meet old friends and new from both Israel and our U.S. Consortium communities."

Louisville has been an active participant and leader in the Partnership initiative since its inception in 1997. Over the years, the program has resulted in exchanges in medicine, education and the arts. In addition, many personal friendships have developed among Louisvillians, Israelis and people from other consortium communities.

The Western Galilee includes Akko, Western Galilee Hospital and the Matte Asher region. Michael Aaronson is the Partnership 2Gether Central Consortium co-chair from the Western Galilee and David Ravitch is the co-chair from the U.S.

Partnership with Israel receives support from the Jewish Community of Louisville's Federation Campaign.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Louisville's Partnership Co-Chairs Jon and Laura Klein, or Jewish Community of Louisville Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Sara Klein Wagner, 238-2779 or swagner@jewishlouisville.org.



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2015 Naamani Lecture Event Features Teddy Abrams

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

When Teddy Abrams was named conductor of the Louisville Orchestra, excitement bubbled up throughout the arts community. Outgoing, energetic



Teddy Abrams

and innovative, he has generated a buzz of support throughout Louisville.

Now the University of Louisville Humanities and Jewish Studies Programs have tapped Abrams as the featured guest for the 2015 Naamani Memorial Lecture Event. The event, "Jewish Music and Jews in Music," will be Sunday, March 29, 2-4 p.m. at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts.

Abrams is a widely acclaimed conductor, pianist, clarinetist and composer. Prior to coming to Louisville, he served as assistant conductor of the Detroit Orchestra. The maestro also served as resident conductor of the MAV Symphony Orchestra in Budapest, which he first conducted in 2011.

Abrams has appeared as a soloist with a number of orchestras, including the

Jacksonville Symphony, where he played and conducted the Ravel Piano Concerto in fall 2013. He also performed chamber music with the St. Petersburg String Quartet, Menahem Pressler, Gilbert Kalish, Time for Three and John Adams, and has made annual appearances at the Olympic Music Festival.

Dedicated to exploring new and engaging ways to communicate with a diverse range of audiences, Abrams co-founded the Sixth Floor Trio in 2008. The Trio has performed around the country, establishing residencies in communities in North Carolina, Philadelphia, New York and South Florida.

Abrams studied conducting with Michael Tilson Thomas, Otto-Werner Mueller and Ford Lallerstedt at the Curtis Institute of Music, and with David

Zinman at the Aspen Music Festival; he was the youngest conducting student ever accepted at both institutions.

Abrams is also an award-winning composer and a passionate educator – he has taught at numerous schools throughout the United States. His 2009 Education Concerts with the New World Symphony (featuring the world premiere of one of Abrams' own orchestral works) were webcast to hundreds of schools throughout South Florida.

The Naamani Lecture Event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Limited garage parking is available for \$6. Online reservations are recommended at www.jewish-music.eventbrite.com. For additional information or to make phone reservations, call 402-852-0457.

The Naamani Memorial Lecture Series was established in 1979 to honor the memory of Professor Israel T. Naamani, key educational figure, scholar and teacher at the University of Louisville, and beloved Jewish community member. The series is supported by donations to the Naamani Memorial Lecture Fund.

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Jewish Film Festival *The Jewish Cardinal*

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Making a Difference in Health Care in Kentucky

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

Several years ago, I had the opportunity to work in hospice in Philadelphia. One of the most tragic and painful things to which I bore witness was the number of people who had no access to health insurance. As a result, they wound up being placed on our hospice service for diagnoses that might not have become fatal, had they had the privilege of having access to care earlier. They had treatable illnesses, but they could not afford the care that they needed until it was too late.

We just recently read, in Parashat Mishpatim [the weekly Torah portion called rules or ordinances], that our Torah commands us not to exploit the poor nor the stranger. Our Torah asks us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to choose life and to pursue justice. For those of us who live in the United States, we should ask ourselves how we apply these principles when it comes to health care.

The Talmud tells us that if we save the life of one person, it is as if we have saved the life of a whole world. Sadly, there are still worlds upon worlds that need to be saved. Not everyone has access to health care, nor the ability to receive the care that they need. As Jews, we are commanded to advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves, and to do whatever we can to help those in need.

This is why I was deeply moved when I learned about KentuckyOne Health's close partnership with Surgery on Sunday, Inc., which is a non-profit, volunteer organization that provides essential surgical services to low-income patients for free. Immediately, I was flooded by memories of all of the patients who I had watched pass away, who might still be

alive, had they been able to get the care that they needed earlier.

Coming up on March 22 at Medical Center Jewish East, Jewish Hospital surgeons and staff will be participating in our next Surgery on Sunday event. Over 60 individuals from across our city will be able to receive the surgery that they need. Several of these include colorectal surgeries for individuals to help treat and prevent colon cancer.

This is just one of our many initiatives to try to go outside of our hospital walls to care for our community—especially the underserved amongst us. If you are interested in learning more about this, or some of our other community health initiatives, please contact me at Jewish Hospital.

Kentucky has some of the worst health measures in the nation. If we look at a map of Kentucky, those with the worst health outcomes also tend to live in the poorest parts of our state. The co-relation between poverty and health outcomes is well documented, and, as such, our mission to care for all, including the underserved, means that our community outreach and advocacy efforts emphasize a comprehensive approach to wellness and equity. Healing the body is not enough—we must commit to healing and hope, education, access and opportunity for everyone.

We do this with programs such as our Health Connections Initiative which provides community based support to low-income individuals who deal with chronic illness or our partnership with the Network Center for Community Change that works to improve the health status of residents in Louisville's urban core neighborhoods.

Cancer continues to be a critical issue for many of us living in this state. While Kentucky's colon cancer rates have decreased over the last decade, we continue to have amongst the highest rates in

the nation.

I am grateful that Jewish Hospital, as a part of KentuckyOne Health, is able to advocate on a statewide level for policies that can help to save lives. Just this past week, some of our physicians and policy advocates were able to help pass Senate Bill 61 which seeks to expand insurance coverage for procedures related to fecal tests to screen for colon cancer.

These are just a few of our population health initiatives to make a difference in our city and in our state.

The Talmud reminds us: "Kol Yisrael arevim zeh lazeh" – we are all responsible for one another. We are one human family, created in the Divine image. When we work together to save lives, we are saving worlds upon worlds. May the time come soon and speedily when health outcomes no longer depend on socioeconomic status.



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YAD Campaign Is a Swingin' Success

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

When members of the Young Adult Division gathered for their annual Federation Campaign event on January 24, they stepped off the streets of downtown Louisville and backward in time into a 1920's cocktail party. Feathers and fringes abounded as people enjoyed drinks, courtesy of Heaven Hill, and enjoyed an elegant evening that included dinner and dancing.

The evening turned serious as YAD Co-Chair Laurence Nibur, Event Co-Chair Seth Gladstein and Campaign Chair Doug Gordon all called on those in attendance to demonstrate their community leadership by supporting the 2015 Federation Campaign.

Nibur said the younger generation is coming of age. They are represented in leadership positions and their level of giving is increasing.

"YAD is not our future," Gordon said. The time for YAD is now. It is the young

leaders of today who must shape our future.

Excited to see many new faces among the nearly 100 people at the event, Gladstein challenged those present to raise more than they did last year to support programs like Hillel, the Early Learning Center, PJ Library, the Hebrew schools and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

He asked people to look inside themselves and ask what being Jewish means to them, and then to be generous.

To date, YAD has raised \$105,428 for the 2015 Federation Campaign, and as of Tuesday, February 17, the total raised for the Campaign is \$1.9 million.

Seth Gladstein and Hunter Weinberg were the event co-chairs. Keren Benabou and Laurence Nibur are the YAD co-chairs and Beth and Michael Salamon are the Ben Gurion Society co-chairs. Ben Gurion Society members are young adults who make leadership gifts of at least \$1,000 to the Annual Federation Campaign.



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Four Films Yet to Be Shown

2015 Film Festival Special Events Draw Crowds

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

This year's Louisville Jewish Film Festival is well underway, and there have been several exciting events. Four films remain to be shown, so make your plans now.

Zero Motivation, a zany, cynical comedy about three young women doing their mandatory service in the IDF, will be shown on Saturday, February 22, at 7:30 at the Village 8. *The Jewish Cardinal*, a drama based on the true story of Jean-Marie Lustiger who remained culturally a Jew after converting to Catholicism at a young age, will be shown on Sunday, February 22, at 2 p.m. at The Village 8.

Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem, had to be rescheduled due to heavy snow on Monday, February 16. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 7, at 7:30

p.m. at The Temple. The film, which won Best Feature at the Jerusalem Film Festival, tells the story of an Israeli woman seeking a divorce from her estranged husband and the trials she undergoes when her husband refuses her request. This presentation will be followed by a dessert reception.

24 Days, was scheduled to be shown Thursday night, but had to be cancelled due to the extreme cold. It will be rescheduled, but information was not yet available when *Community Weekly Update* for more information.

Tickets for each of the remaining shows are \$8.50 in advance or \$10 at the door. Student tickets are \$6. Tickets can be purchased at JCC or at the venue one hour prior to the film.

On Saturday, February 7, the Louisville Jewish Film Festival teamed up see **FILM FEST** page 8



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JCL BRIEFING

by Stu Silberman
President and CEO
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This month, there have been two emotionally moving events that I would like to share with you.

1. Last week, my wife and I watched a live stream of the BBYO International Convention opening plenary from Atlanta. It was fun listening with high schoolers from all around the world who participate in BBYO assembled together to celebrate their Jewish heritage. They were joined by peers in USY, NFTY, Young Judea and other Jewish youth groups.

Collaboration was the buzzword. Israeli President Shimon Perez addressed the group through video. Other guest speakers present included the CEO of Nieman Marcus Karen Katz, Lynn Schusterman, founder of Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, and from the U.K., Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, who addressed us at JFNA's General Assembly just a few months ago. What made it emotionally moving for Alison and me was that our daughter, Skylar, was there in Atlanta with a great delegation from the Drew Corson AZA

and Jay Levine BBG Chapters from our own community and friends they have made from the KIO (Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio) region and across the country.

Why so much high-powered attention for these high schoolers? Because they have already embraced their roles as Jewish leaders and will be us in a few years – adult leaders of their Jewish communities, which we hope for many of our own delegates will be in Louisville.

What can we do to help ensure that happens? We can continue providing quality leadership development and social experiences for them while they grow here, for example through our own Campaign-funded BBYO program. We can support them in their Jewish education through the Campaign-funded High School of Jewish Studies. For those who join Hillels or travel to Israel on Birthright, we send your Campaign donations to support them.

Campaign is the means by which we continue building and sustaining Jewish identity, and only through your support can we do so. Together, we really do extraordinary things.

2. I get a lot of mail at work, and today

I opened an item containing something I had not recalled seeing before – an Annual Report from the Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland.

I receive many annual reports and other items of interest that I just don't have the time to read. But I took the time to look through this 24-page document and, well, was emotionally moved.

I learned of their efforts to protect Jewish monuments of religious or historical significance, revitalize of the Zamosc synagogue where more than 9,000 people participated in one year in this modern cultural venue, and to inform the Polish public about the history of the Jews, whose contributions to Poland's cultural heritage spans several centuries.

I learned that anti-Semitism is a constant threat, interfaith relations is high on their priority list and that the Foundation runs a Polish-Jewish youth education program that connects Israeli high schoolers with Polish high schoolers. Was it just a coincidence that I chose this document to read and on page 21 learned about Polish high schoolers just 12 hours after I watched my own Louis-

ville high schooler's conference online?

Maybe it was, but it only serves to reinforce that we are part of the world Jewish community and the work that we do here is critical to our future. While I would like to suggest to our Planning and Allocations committee that we send funding to support the work of this foundation and the many others performing work on behalf of Klal Yisrael – Jews everywhere – the reality is our Federation Campaign struggles to meet even our most basic local needs here in Louisville. So, we must pass.

I look forward to the day when we can meet our local needs and still make allocations, even small ones, to support necessary and sometimes innovative work being done around the world to further our common objective of building and sustaining Jewish identity for current and future generations.

Because, whether in Atlanta or Warsaw, the next generation is depending on us.

There is still time to make or increase your donation to the 2015 Federation Campaign. Donate online at www.jewishlouisville.org/donate or call 502-238-2739 today.

FILM FEST

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with CenterStage for a gala celebration of CenterStage's 100th anniversary and the Jewish Community Center's 125th anniversary.

The sold-out crowd of more than 250 enjoyed a decadent dessert reception in the JCC lobby then filled the auditorium for audio and visual treats. CenterStage Artistic Director John Leffert announced the lineup for the 2015-16 season then emceed as six popular members of the CenterStage company took the stage to present some of their favorite pieces from seasons past. Melissa Shepherd reprised "I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy" from *South Pacific*; Jason Cooper sang "A Corner of the Sky" from *Pippin*; Emily Fields did "Children Will Listen" from *Into the Woods*, and was then joined by her husband, Monty Fields for "Our Children" from *Ragtime*. Jordan Price previewed "Fight the Dragon" from *Big Fish* and Pete Lay rounded out the live performance with "Willkommen" from *Cabaret*.

The evening wrapped up with the Film Festival showing of *Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy*, which detailed how Jewish artists successfully built the genre.

Other highlights of the festival included the showing of *Dancing Arabs*, based on the book of the same name by Sayed Kashua. Kashua was in Louisville earlier that week to speak as part of the Jewish/Israeli Author Series. The film was presented by The Eye Care Institute and Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman, the Jewish

Heritage Fund for Excellence Chair of Judaic Studies at the University of Louisville, introduced the film and led a discussion afterward.

The Temple hosted a showing of two short student films from the Maale School of Television, Film and Arts and a dessert reception on February 9, and Rabbi David Ariel-Joel was the moderator. Adath Jeshurun hosted a showing of *Above and Beyond*, a documentary by Nancy Spielberg about establishment of the Israeli Air Force in 1948, and a dessert reception on February 15.

This year's festival also included special private showings of two films, one for the High School of Jewish Studies and the other for Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad students.

The Jewish Film Festival is made possible by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, The Eye Care Institute, The Ann and Coleman Friedman Fund for Judaic Activities, the Robert I. Lerman Family Fund and The Temple.

Moderators at other films were Keren Benabou, Lee Shai Weissbach and Rabbi Michael Wolk.

Keiley Caster is chair of the 2015 Film Festival Committee, and committee members are Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, Michael Furey, Janice Glaubinger, Angeline Golden, Meryl Kasdan, Louis Levy, Cantor David Lipp, Janet Naamani, Pami, Mark Prussian, Shelly Rifkin and Susan Waterman.

Marsha Bornstein, the Louisville Jewish Film Festival director, can be contacted at mbornstein@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2731.

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Kashua Speaks on Challenges of Being Palestinian Israeli

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

In Israel, Sayed Kashua is a well-known novelist, newspaper columnist and writer and creator of the popular television series *Arab Labor*. Drawing on his own experiences, he draws attention to the challenges facing minority groups in Israel, particularly Arab or Palestinian Israeli citizens.

Kashua spoke at the University of Louisville on Thursday, February 12, and at The Temple during Shabbat services on Friday, February 13, as part of the Jewish/Israeli Author Series with support from the Jewish Federation of Louisville and the University of Louisville.

In introducing Kashua, Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman, the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Chair of Judaic Studies at the University of Louisville, said, "His works remind Israelis about the dangers of xenophobia and hatred" and they are a "call for respect."

Kashua told his own life story, interspersing accounts of challenges he and his family faced with bits of humor. Born in the Arab village of Tira. His parents worked very hard, and his grandmother, who lived with them, helped raise him.

He described her as illiterate, but a wonderful storyteller who taught him Israel's history as she experienced it. Her husband was killed during Israel's War of Independence, and when the war was over, her family's fields were confiscated. Kashua said that even though the family still lived in their home in the village, losing the fields made them feel like ref-

ugees. The town was also very poor.

Kashua's grandmother believed that education was the key to escaping Tira, so she sent her son, Kashua's father, to Hebrew University. While he was a student there, a bomb exploded in the cafeteria, killing nine and injuring around 100. Although his father was not politically active, he was among those arrested at the time. He was held for two and a half years in administrative detention without charges before being released.

In most cases, Arab Israelis live their entire lives in the towns in which they are born. They have few opportunities to live elsewhere.

Kashua himself was an excellent student, and at age 16, he was accepted into a program for talented students at a Jewish boarding school in Jerusalem. It was 1990 and it was the first time he had ever met Jewish Israelis.

At first he encountered many difficulties. He dressed differently from his fellow students, had a mustache and Arabic, not Hebrew, was his native tongue. In traveling home from the school, he was stopped by an Israeli soldier and asked for an ID, which he didn't yet have and was detained briefly. He was also unfamiliar with the buses and felt like a stranger in the country.

After shaving his mustache and donning clothes like his fellow students, he had no further trouble traveling between his home and school.

The first time he saw a library was at the school, and the first Hebrew book he read was *Catcher in the Rye*. "It was the first time I knew I could read in He-

brew," Kashua said, "and more importantly, I enjoyed reading it."

As he grew more proficient in Hebrew, Kashua began to read Israeli history and started to understand some of his grandmother's stories and the significance of being a minority in the Jewish national homeland.

He came to appreciate the minority voice in literature and soon realized that he, too, had a story to tell about his own experiences. As a Palestinian citizen of Israel, he has experienced discrimination and privation, but he also attended a Jewish school and has connections in the Jewish community. Because he writes in Hebrew, he also feels disconnected from the Arab community, and has been subject to their accusations of betrayal.

He turned to humor hoping it would help, and it seemed to for a while. He made his home in East Jerusalem, and later moved to West Jerusalem. When war broke out last summer, his feelings of not being accepted anywhere turned to fear for his safety and for that of his family.

Today, he is teaching at the University of Illinois, and he doesn't know if he will ever be able to return to Israel. For now, he has lost hope of an Israeli society where the Arab minority enjoys full citizenship, he said.

Kashua says despite all difficulties, if you ask the people of East Jerusalem if they want to be Palestinian or Israeli, they say Israeli because life in Israel is still better than life in the West Bank.



Above, Dr. Ronen Omer-Sherman with Sayed Kashua. Below, Dr. Omer-Sherman with University of Louisville Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. Kimberly Kempf-Leonard



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Vocal Harmonies Dominate AJ Music Fest

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

Music lovers enjoyed an evening of vocal harmonies at Congregation Adath Jeshurun on January 31 at AJ's 2015 Music Festival, "J-Harmony!"

Performers included two college a cappella groups, the Louisville Jewish Community Choir, the Louisville Jewish Children's Choir and Cantors David Lipp, Sharon Hordes and Paula Pepperstone.

Cantor Pepperstone, formerly the cantor for Keneseth Israel, came back to Louisville from her new home in Syracuse, NY, and performed with Cantors Lipp and Hordes. Pepperstone is the director of the Rabbi Jacob Epstein High School of Jewish Studies in Syracuse.

"It was great to sing with colleagues again and the community choir," she said.

The evening opened with Havdalah led by Cantor Hordes who was joined by both the adult and children's community choirs directed by Lipp. The groups also performed Jonathan Wolff's "Hiney Ma Tov" with the cantors.

Staam, the a cappella group from Washington University, followed by Hooshir, the group from Indiana University, performed several songs to the delight of the nearly sold-out audience. Both a cappella groups sang a mixture of traditional Jewish music in Hebrew and pop songs.

Marisa Shrell, 22, the director of Hooshir, is a senior Journalism major at IU. She has been with the group since her freshman year and will be graduating this spring. She said this event was one of the first times that Hooshir was booked by someone outside the group. Usually, members work to get gigs on their own, but this was entirely planned by Cantor Lipp. "He contacted us and

arranged for the host families and everything," she said.

Shrell said the group travels to perform about five times a semester, and that's not easy when you're taking a full course load. They rehearse for two hours, three times a week. "It's hard, but it's a great outlet," she said. "When I need a break from studying, it's great."

Being in the group helped her adjust to school more easily, she said. "It made a big school feel small. They're like a family. We love to be together, and to sing together."

She said she really enjoyed the AJ Music Festival. "It's surreal to work on something, put it together and to see the audience respond to it," she said.

Pepperstone said she enjoyed seeing Hooshir and Staam sing, "and their great love of Jewish music."

Pepperstone, Hordes and Lipp rehearsed via Facetime. While rehearsals didn't go very well due to Internet lag, it didn't show during the performance. "He chose wonderful but challenging pieces," Pepperstone said with a laugh.

"I appreciate Cantor Lipp inviting me to participate," she added. "It was wonderful making music in Louisville again."

Lipp was also pleased with the show.

"I had a great time," he said right after the show. "It exceeded my expectations. It's such a pleasure to work with colleagues. It felt as good as anything!"



Cantor David Lipp, concert producer extraordinaire



Cantors Sharon Hordes, David Lipp and Paula Pepperstone



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New Orleans Group Honors Jon and Laura Klein and Family

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Throughout our history as a people, the Jewish community has made taking care of those in need a priority. Often that means providing refuge and support for those fleeing persecution in other lands.

In 1934, two brothers, Elias and Ike Broniatowski, ages 10 and 11, were among only 1,000 Jewish children permitted to enter the United States from pre-World War II Nazi Germany. They left their Polish Jewish parents and seven-year-old brother, Sasha, never to see them again, and set sail for America.

Sponsored by Jewish organizations, the brothers stayed with several sets of foster parents, first in Atlanta, then in New Orleans. Their first foster mother decided that the boys needed a simpler last name, so Elias and Ike became Kleins.

Finally, a good match was found for the boys, and they joined the family of Leslie and Lillian Greenwald. The Greenwalds had grown up in the former Jewish Children's Home of New Orleans, and Lillian, for a few years, had been forced to place her own children there. With that background, they understood the needs of children who had been separated from their parents and nurtured the two boys.

In the early 40's, the brothers graduated high school, and Elias attended Louisiana State University for three semesters on a scholarship provided by the New Orleans Jewish Federation. Both enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces. Elias was a member of the First Army Division that landed in Normandy on D-Day

and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

After the war, the brothers returned home and married their high school sweethearts. Ike married Vera Barton in 1943 and Elias married Beverly Aronowitz in 1948.

After working as a traveling salesman, Elias enrolled in Tulane University in 1950 and completed B.S., Masters and Ph.D. degrees in chemistry within four years and then embarked on his career as an industrial and research chemist. For the next 27 years, he held executive positions in laboratory science in New Orleans and Mobile, AL, culminating in 1981 with his appointment as a professor of medicine at the University of Louisville Medical School.

In 1994, in recognition of the care and love that the Klein brothers received from the New Orleans Jewish Community, Elias and Beverly created the Klein/Broniatowski College Assistance Fund for Refugee Children at the Jewish Children's Regional Service (JCRS). The inspiration to create a fund that would assist in higher education came from Elias's childhood social worker, Ruth Levy, who secured his LSU scholarship.

In the past 20 years, dozens of Jewish college students from Eastern European and Central and South American families have received financial aid through the fund the Kleins created at JCRS.

The Kleins have three children, Jon (Laura), a Louisville nephrologist, Jerrold, a New York-based financial advisor, and Meryl (Barbara) a gerontology consultant living in Memphis; and two grandchildren, Rachel and Sarah Klein. All of them are involved with and supportive of the JCRS scholarship program.

"Laura and I and Rachel and Sarah have all become involved," said Jon Klein, "as have my brother, Jerrold, and my sister, Meryl, in contributing to the fund which provides scholarship money for young Jewish adults in need."

On Saturday evening, March 7, the JCRS will celebrate its 160th anniversary with a special program, The Jewish Roots of Music, at which they will honor the Klein family along with the Goldring family, Malcolm Woldenberg, the Cahn family and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, all of which have provided significant support for the agency.

"A large number from my extended family in New Orleans are attending," Klein added. "When my father came to this country at the age of 10, Jewish communal organizations helped him at every step along the way, from the time he came as a foster child in 1934 until he



Laura and Jon Klein

was a young adult.

"It makes our family very aware of how important these organizations are, even today," he stated.

Information about Elias Klein was provided by the Jewish Children's Regional Service.

Ruttenberg Looks at Jewish Texts Dealing with Parenting

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Is there a *halachik* way (in accordance with Jewish law) to respond when you are reciting the *amidah* (the central prayers of a Jewish worship service) and a child demands your attention? Is there a blessing for nursing a baby or changing a diaper?

These are some of the questions Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg considered when she spoke at a community Shabbat dinner on Friday, January 23, at the Jewish Community Center.

While there are several volumes of Torah dealing with women's issues, Rabbi Ruttenberg said, there is no tractate dealing with children. Questions like where do you put the Shabbat candles so young children do not upend them are just not addressed.

She attributes this dearth to the fact that most of the men who wrote the commentaries were scholars who left

the child rearing to their spouses and had very little contact with the little ones. There are some places where tradition gives women their own voice, but they are limited.

Ruttenberg, the author of *Holy Frustration and Radical Amazement: Parenting as a Spiritual Discussion*, said, that sometimes all that is required is building a little bridge to find something relevant in existing tradition.

She also noted that there is precedent for the creation of new traditions. Citing Abraham Joshua Heschel, Ruttenberg said the revelation of Torah is ongoing therefore our generation has to receive it anew.

Rabbi Ruttenberg came to Louisville as part of the Jewish/Israeli Author Series. This dinner was sponsored by the Jewish Community Center and Keneseth Israel. She also spoke the next day at Keneseth Israel at a program sponsored by that congregation.

CHAVURAT SHALOM



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

February 26

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March 26

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

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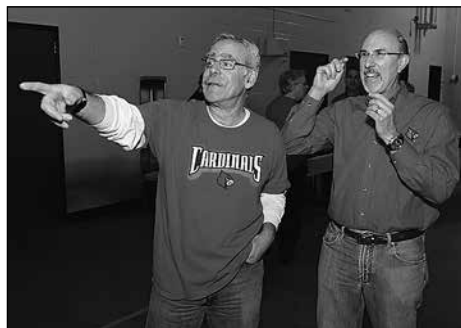
This scholarship provides funding for a program that takes teens to Auschwitz/Birkenau, Dachau, Majdanek and other Holocaust sites in Poland, accompanied by a Holocaust survivor, and then to Israel.

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Visit www.jewishlouisville.org/apply-now-scholarships/ for details.

Additional scholarships for Israel trips and Jewish summer camp may be available from different sources through the Jewish Foundation of Louisville.



Tip-Off Event Launches Year-Long Celebration of JCC@125

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

The JCC 125 Celebration had its Tip-Off event on January 25, which brought 90 community members of several generations to watch the UofL game, look at old photos and reminisce.

The event is the first of the year's 125th Anniversary celebration.

The Tip-Off brought together old friends who enjoyed catching up, watching the game on a screen the size of the entire wall of the Upper Gym and noshing on deli food on comfy couches. The atmosphere was festive, fun and comfortable.

"We have one of the oldest Jewish community centers in the country, with a long, rich history, said Ralph Green, committee co-chair. "Many of those in the Jewish community who have been active here grew up at the JCC."

The festive Tip-Off event even got some people to join the JCC again, said

JCC Senior Vice President and COO Sara Wagner.

"I am really looking forward to this year," Wagner said. "There is so much to celebrate and so many great reasons to bring people together."

Green said he's excited about the year-long celebration. "I'm most excited for the opportunity to have members of the Jewish Community who may have not been active in a while to come back and rediscover it and add to the vitality of the Jewish community," he said.

The JCC 125 Tip-Off chairs were Green and Craig Lustig, and the event was hosted by Mark Behr, Mark Eichen-green, Doug Gordon, Guy Lerner, Glenn Levine, Mark Perelmutter, Hunt Schuster, Scott Trager and Robin Miller. The JCC 125 chairs are Shellie Branson and Ralph Green, Joanie and Craig Lustig, and Michelle and Aaron Tasman.

Look for more JCC 125 events coming soon so you can join in the celebration of this unique milestone.



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Deborah Slosberg Receives Award at Melton Conference in Israel; Melton Mission Planned

by Deborah Slosberg
Melton School Director

In January, I attended the weeklong International Directors Conference of the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning in Jerusalem, Israel. At the opening dinner, I was one of two Melton directors awarded "International Director Certification – Recognition of Achievement" for growth in enrollment between the first and second years of a local Melton program.

The highlight of the conference for me was visiting The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, which concretized the connection between what we do as Melton directors for adult Jewish learning in our communities throughout the world and The Hebrew University itself, which created and continues to develop the curricula we use.

Professor Asher Cohen, rector of The Hebrew University acknowledged the importance of the local Florence Melton Schools to the mission of The Hebrew University, which is "to be the University of the Jewish People." The conference included model teaching by Hebrew U.'s top professors of education, Dr. Howard Deitcher and Professor Jonathan Cohen.

Aryeh Ben David, the founder of Ayeka, Center for Soulful Education, demonstrated exciting new methods of combining the study of Jewish texts with enabling students to more deeply engage and personalize their learning and to explore their spiritual identities. We will be experimenting with this new approach in our teaching at Louisville Melton in the fall of 2015.

Haim Aronovitz, who is leading the Louisville Melton Israel Seminar with Rabbi Bob Slosberg and me this June, is the Melton Director of Israel Seminars,

including the newest seminars to Spain and Poland. Aronovitz gave us a "taste" of an Israel Seminar with a culinary tour of Jerusalem's outdoor market, Machaneh Yehudah, and an amazing visit to the Israel Museum.

He is able to stand in front of an archeological find or work of art and magically create the world and reality of that object.

The trip, June 8-18, will include the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, investigating "Why was Jerusalem Destroyed," exploration of Tel Aviv: "A City Rises from the Dunes," travel up the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, then inland to mystical Tsfat and the Golan Heights, retracing "the Last Two of Six Days."

There will also be optional rafting on the Jordan River, beautiful hotels, a Kibbutz Guest House on the Sea of Galilee, and fantastic food everywhere we go.

Louisville's Melton program was chosen as the core group for this trip because of its rapid growth. Please contact Rabbi Robert Slosberg at rabbi@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359 for additional information.

My trip to the International Directors Conference is part of the Louisville Melton budget, which covers faculty development. Louisville Melton is sponsored by Congregation Adath Jeshurun in collaboration with the Jewish Community Center and with support from Congregation Anshei Sfard, Keneseth Israel Congregation, Temple Shalom and The Temple. This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the Jewish Foundation of Louisville and the Dorothy Levy Memorial Fund. Scholarships are provided by the Jewish Federation of Louisville.

Roth Captivates PJ Library Group

Marsha Roth sure can tell a story! And, it is even better when she and Assistant Director Michele Ruby have 24 helpers under the age of seven.

On Sunday, February 8, PJ Library presented lunch and Story Stage, an interactive experience for the entire family. Roth, PJ Library co-chair, read the classic PJ Library book, "Bone Borscht Soup," a Jewish interpretation of Stone Soup, which teaches children about kindness and helping others.

Once the children heard the story they went to work dressing as a beggar, a rabbi and townspeople from Eastern Europe who come together and learn to become a community.

Roth and Ruby both had grandchildren attending the event.

PJ Library is unique in that not only does it provide excellent, high-quality Jewish books for children 8 years of age



and younger, but the programs are designed for the entire family, including grandparents and extended family. PJ Library has programs approximately every other month and attendance at each event has been growing.

If you know of a child who is under 8, being raised Jewish and does not yet receive PJ Library books as a gift from the Louisville JCC, please contact jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org.

community for help, and lived out the remainder of her life at Four Courts (today Signature at Cherokee Park).

A very private person, the woman never let anyone other than her lawyer know she had significant personal resources or that she was determined that after her death her fortune would go to the Jewish agencies that helped her family when they first came to Louisville. She swore her lawyer to secrecy, insisting that no one know anything about the gifts during her lifetime; and she regularly asked him if anyone knew of her planned generosity.

Today, both JFCS and the Jewish Federation continue their mission of helping those in need. The agencies are grateful for the woman's generosity, and out of respect for her desire for anonymity, have withheld her name.

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While no one can find specific records today, the Jewish Social Service Agency and Jewish Vocational Service, today known as Jewish Family and Career Services, and the Jewish Federation assisted the family when they arrived in Louisville. Immigrants at the time were helped with apartments, English language skills and jobs. There were scholarships for school and camp for the children and general guidance in how to negotiate life in America.

The woman and her family were integrated into the community. They kept a kosher home and lived frugally. When her parents passed away, the woman maintained her lifestyle until she found she needed help with her personal needs. Once again, she turned to the Jewish

Hertzberg's *The French Enlightenment and the Jews* Provides Inspiration

by Lee Shai Weissbach

University of Louisville History Professor

Asked about a book that had inspired my life and my work as a scholar, one volume that immediately came to mind was Arthur Hertzberg's *The French Enlightenment and the Jews*, published in 1968. In this book, Hertzberg argues that the 18th-century Enlightenment that brought with it the social and political emancipation of the Jews also contained within it the origins of modern, secular anti-Semitism.

For me, the impact of Hertzberg's book came not so much from its specific content, but rather from the way it brought home how much one could learn about the modern Jewish experience by studying the way French history and Jewish history were intertwined. In other words, Hertzberg's book confirmed for me that my developing interest in French history and my long-standing interest in Jewish history were not only compatible, but were actually extremely complementary.

When my wife (Sharon) and I moved to Massachusetts for graduate school in the fall of 1969, one of the first lectures we attended was a presentation by Arthur Hertzberg at Brandeis University in which he spoke about his then recently-published book.

It was, of course, a treat to hear the author speak about his work, but Hertzberg's talk had the added dimension of serving as something of an inspiration for me just as I was beginning my graduate training as a historian. Hertzberg spoke eloquently and behaved graciously, and this only reinforced my desire to become a professor of history.

At the time he wrote his book on the Enlightenment and the Jews, Hertzberg was the rabbi of a Conservative congregation in Englewood, NJ, and also a lec-

turer in history at Columbia University. A social activist involved in many progressive causes, Hertzberg would later go on to teach at Rutgers, Dartmouth, and the Hebrew University, among other schools.

The more I learned of Hertzberg's work over the years, the more my admiration for him grew. Here, some 45 years later, I recall with pleasure my first read-

ing of *The French Enlightenment and the Jews* and my attendance at its author's lecture on that topic so early in my career.

Editor's Note: Lee Shai Weissbach is professor of history at the University of Louisville, where he has also served as chair of his department and as associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. He has received both the college's career

achievement award for distinguished service and its career achievement award for outstanding scholarship. His publications include *Child Labor Reform in Nineteenth-Century France*, *The Synagogues of Kentucky: Architecture and History*, *Jewish Life in Small-Town America: A History*, and his edited and annotated translation of his grandfather's memoir, *A Jewish Life on Three Continents*.

Wolff Tells Students about Music Business and His Success

by Shielie Steinman Wallace

Editor

As part of Indiana University Southeast's homecoming celebration and a music performance class, Jonathan Wolff, the award-winning composer most often cited for the Seinfeld theme, presented a lecture about his experiences in the music business.



Jonathan Wolff

Wolff described years of hard work both at learning the craft of music and developing a viable music business. He said that during his first 10 years in the business, "I was a musical utility tool," doing whatever was needed. He was a musician, a recording engineer and an early adopter of electronic music.

He built a studio in his home and expanded his range of services to arranging, producing and recording. "The job I wanted didn't exist," he said, "so I created that space for myself." When the Writers Guild went on strike in 1988, he reinvented himself and went on tour

with people like Diana Ross, Tom Jones and George Wallace.

"I began writing music for George," Wolff said, "and it turns out Jerry Seinfeld had a good friend named George." So George Wallace referred him to Seinfeld. Eventually, he wound up writing music for 75 steady prime time TV shows.

Wolff described himself as an astute businessman. "I was not the guest composer in LA," he said, but I was probably the best closer." He knew how to get into the room with the decision makers, got to know all the people on the set, did favors for people and guarded his client list.

He gave the students several pieces of advice. Do the research, he said. Read the trade magazines so you know what's going on and analyze the data so you can predict where the work will be and

make the connections.

He also told them not to give their work away. It is common practice for producers to ask composers to make demo CDs to show what they can come up with for a theme for a show, but once Wolff decided he was no longer going to do that and told producers if they hire him, he will produce what they want, he began getting more work.

In the best working relationships, he said, the composer meets with the producer or director, they discuss what is needed for the project in question and then the composer goes off and does his job.

Wolff said he walked away from Hollywood because he wanted to have time with his wife and children and he has no plans to go back. "My next career," he said, "is talking to students, in particular music students."

Louisville Ex-pats Meet Up in D.C.

In January, a group of Jewish young professionals from Louisville now living in Washington, D.C., gathered to welcome Jerry Abramson to the nation's capitol and celebrate his appointment to the White House staff. The group plans to get together once every few months and looks forward to including more Jewish Louisville transplants going forward. Back row, left to right, Corey Schuster, Josh Bornstein, Jerry Abramson, Ian Shapira, Sheila Berman, Aaron Ament and Andrew Wishnia. Front row, Jonathan Frank, Emily Benovitz, Jamie Glick, Caryn Marks and Deborah Topcik.



REVIEW

Once on This Island: A Review

by David Wallace

Special to Community

Once on This Island is the current offering at Center Stage. The island referred to in the title is the "Jewel of the Antilles," now known as Haiti. References in the play to Napoleon Bonaparte place the setting sometime after an uprising of slaves in the early 19th century begun by Toussaint L'Ouverture and ended by Jean-Jacques Dessaline.

This is a story that rivals any ancient Greek tragedy with a Caribbean twist at the end. It tells of Ti Moune, an orphan rescued from a storm and adopted into a peasant family on the island, and Daniel, a pampered son of an aristocrat.

Papa Ge, the Sly Demon of Death, played by Alonzo Richmond with evil laugh and leer to match; Asaka, Mother of the Earth, played by Tymika Prince; Agwe, God of Water, played by Aundrey Ligon, Jr.; and Erzulie, Goddess of Love, played by Tamika McDonald play four gods to Ti Moune's Job and bring together Ti Moune and Daniel via a car wreck

where Daniel is doomed to die until Ti Moune trades her life to Papa Ge for Daniel's. The bargain is struck and the play winds to its inevitable conclusion.

In the end, Ti Moune, played dynamically by Cierra Richmond, is the heart and soul of this tale and shines brighter than the talented Alfred Jones Jr., who plays Daniel. Daniel comes off as a spoiled brat who toys with Ti Moune as he might with any bright bauble before he marries Andrea, played by Frances Lewis.

Ti Moune is the one with the powerful voice and the love and devotion that lasts longer than life itself. In the end, Daniel is a fading footnote in the island's history while Ti Moune follows the mythological footsteps of Toussaint L'Ouverture and Jean-Jacques Dessaline. Daniel fades from view while Ti Moune's tale is told over and over always beginning with "Once on this island..."

This fine play ends on Sunday, February 22, so rush to get tickets if you done so haven't already.

Fiddler on the Roof ends the season March 12-29. *The Who's Tommy* opens the 1915-16 season on July 9 so gets your season tickets now. See story, Center-Piece, page 1, for the full list of next season's offerings.

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Eva Kor Talks about the Power of Forgiveness at IU Southeast

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

More than 1,000 people showed up at Indiana University Southeast to hear Holocaust survivor Eva Mozes Kor of Terre Haute, IN, speak on February 10. So many people showed up, the lecture had to be broadcast to a second auditorium at the Ogle Center and to the students' dining hall to accommodate the crowd. After the lecture, it was announced that it was the largest audience in the history of the IUS campus.



Eva Kor

The lecture was part of IUS' commemoration of the liberation of Auschwitz on January 27, 1945. On February 4, Dr. Angelika Hoelger of IUS gave a lecture on Understanding the Holocaust and on January 28, IUS showed Kor's documentary film, *Forgiving Dr. Mengele*.

Kor and her twin sister Miriam were born in Romania in 1934. At the age of 10, the twins were transported to Auschwitz, where they became subjects of Nazi doctor Josef Mengele, who made them into human guinea pigs. The two were subjected to many unknown experiments. Because of some of these experiments, Miriam's kidneys never grew beyond the size they were at age 10, and later Eva gave her sister a kidney. "I had two kidneys and only one sister," she said.

Her sister still struggled with physical ailments, and Eva decided to search for

Mengele's records to try to find out what they had been injected with, but she still hasn't found an answer. Miriam died of cancer in 1993.

"It is a human right to find out what was injected into your body," Kor said.

After the war, Eva and Miriam moved back to Romania, but still struggled with persecution for being Jewish. After a few years, they moved to Israel where they went to school. Eva rose to the rank of Sergeant Major in the Israeli Defense Force. In Israel, she met another Holocaust survivor, Michael Kor, whom she married, and the two settled in Terre Haute.

Kor has since traveled to Auschwitz several times with other Mengele twins, and even once, at the 50th anniversary of the Auschwitz liberation, with a former Nazi doctor, Dr. Hans Münch. Münch had served at Auschwitz and

knew Mengele, but never worked directly with him. Kor asked Münch to go to Auschwitz and sign a document stating what he did and saw there so that she could prove to Holocaust deniers that it was true.

At IUS, Kor said she once gave a lecture at a prison in Terre Haute, and a group of Muslims stood up and told her that they didn't believe a word she had said. Her answer: "I wish that was true. Then it would have meant that my family was alive. I know I had a mother and father and two older sisters. They disappeared. If you think it didn't happen, then tell me where they are!"

During the visit to Auschwitz with Dr. Münch, Kor announced to all there that in her name alone, she forgave the Nazis. Since then, she has worked to spread the word of forgiveness. Forgiveness is "life changing," she said. "I have the power to forgive. No one can give it to you and no one can take it away. I was free of Auschwitz, free of Dr. Mengele."

She said that one Rabbi told her that in Jewish tradition, one cannot forgive unless the perpetrator has repented. Her response was, "Where does that leave me? I have to remain a victim for the rest of my life? I refuse to be a victim."

Kor founded the CANDLES Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute. CANDLES is an acronym for Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments Survivors.

She encourages those who hold on to anger in their lives to write a letter to the person who harmed him or her and at the end, write, "I forgive you."

"Forgiveness is a seed of peace," Kor said. "I want to sow the seed of peace throughout the world."

For more information on Eva Kor, visit Candlesholocaustmuseum.org.

Shuckman's Now Sells Kosher Lox

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

Fans of kosher nova lox now have a local source to buy it, thanks to Shuckman's Fish Company and Smokery in downtown Louisville.

The company has been making and selling nova lox for about 15 years, Lewis Shuckman said. But it recently teamed up with Rabbi Avrohom Litvin of Chabad and Kentucky Kosher to make the lox a local kosher offering.

"Nova salmon is a really old-school product," Shuckman said. It's cured with salt and brine, and it's smoked with applewood. The process takes a couple of days, he said, then it's hand-sliced. "But it's not salty!" he added.

Caterers in Indianapolis and Cincin-

nati wanted fresh kosher lox but weren't able to get it until now, Shuckman said. "When people think of Kentucky, they don't think of salmon," he said with a laugh.

Shuckman said the response so far has been excellent. He said the product is "flying off of the shelves" at ValuMarket. "People can get local lox and not have to order it by the truckload."

The salmon is brought in fresh, and by the time it gets into the Louisville plant, it hasn't been out of the water for 48 hours and is never frozen.

Shuckman said the company is thrilled to offer this product in Louisville. "We are very honored to be a part of it," he said. "We participate in lots of special events and fundraisers, and we just want to give back to the community."

Shuckman said he is proud of the artisan lox and has been pleased with the work of the Litvins. "They are just great people, and they really know the kosher laws," he said.

"Now (customers) can get their kosher lox, find a good bagel, get some cream cheese and make themselves a Dagwood," he said. "It's really a dynamite product."

The kosher smoked nova lox is available at ValuMarket at Mid-City Mall and at Whittington Parkway, and at Garden Gate at the corner of Bardstown Road and Breckenridge Lane. It is also available to caterers and for special events. The public is also welcome to come directly to the Smokery outlet at 3001 W. Main St. to purchase the lox or any other of Shuckman's products.

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B'nai Mitzvah Section

Teens in B'nai Tzedek Program Learn to How Be Philanthropists

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

How do you teach a young person the value of tzedakah and the skills he/she will need to become a philanthropist? The Jewish Federation of Louisville's B'nai Tzedek program is designed to do just that in a way that makes it relevant and engaging for today's young people.

The B'nai Tzedek program enables young people to experience what it means to be philanthropists by taking them through the process of evaluating

projects and choosing which to fund from a pool of dollars to which they contribute.

A one-hour informational meeting for those interested in participating in the group is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m.

To participate in the program, b'nai mizvah candidates and those who have recently celebrated their b'nai mitzvah donate some of the money they receive as gifts for their milestone celebration. That money will be matched, creating principal for an endowment. Some of the funding from the match will come

from the Lewis D. Cole Youth Initiative and some from other donors, to be named later.

The money each candidate contributes is added to the principal of the existing B'nai Tzedek Fund that was created by past program participants, and the amount of money available to be allocated is determined by the same formula that governs the allocation of all endowment funds administered by the Jewish Foundation of Louisville.

Using a curriculum developed by the Jewish Teen Funders Network, participants will work as a group to decide how available dollars should be allocated. They will engage in meaningful discussions and hands-on experiences.

Approaching the project methodically, they will develop a mission statement and answer questions including what's the purpose of being a Jewish group and what values are important. Once they have determined what they want to accomplish, they will solicit proposals from groups seeking funding for projects

or programs that match the B'nai Tzedekers' goals.

As those proposals come in, the participants will review them, ask questions and, in some cases, even make site visits. Once all the information has been gathered, the participants will hold discussions, build a consensus and decide which proposals they can fund.

The participants will be the decision makers. They will decide what kinds of projects or programs they want to fund, will craft the RFP (request for proposal), evaluate the submissions, ask the tough questions and make the final choices. Once they complete the program, they will have the skills they will need to make informed decisions about their charitable giving throughout their lives.

Along the way, they may be able to earn community service hours for some of their activities.

For additional information, contact B'nai Tzedek Program Director Glenn Sadle, gsadle@jewishlouisville.org or 238-2701.

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At 83, Levy Celebrates His Bar Mitzvah

by Wilma Probst Levy
Special to Community

Ask Louis Levy what motivated him to be bar mitzvahed at age 83, and he responds. "In my day, young men in the Reform movement did not become a bar mitzvah. So, when the opportunity recently arose, I took it.

"While our temple, the Washington Hebrew Congregation (WHC), in Washington, D.C. traditionally celebrates the bar mitzvah of a man who reaches age 83 in the current year, whether or not he was previously bar mitzvahed," Levy continued, "this practice is not unique to WHC."

It is based on a growing belief in the Jewish community that if a man has lived the "normal" life span of 70 years past the age of 13 (when he was first eligible to be called to the Torah), he should celebrate a bar mitzvah.

Since Louis had never studied Hebrew, I helped him learn the words through transliteration. We also solicited the assistance of the teacher at the

temple who prepares adults of all ages for a bar/bat mitzvah. At the Yom Kippur service on October 4, 2014, Louis, surrounded by family and friends, proudly walked to the bima and recited the blessings. He has since received a bar mitzvah certificate, which he happily displays in his office.



Louis Levy

Although Louis has lived in the Washington, D.C. area for many years, he has never forgotten his Jewish roots in Louisville. Having grown up in the Highlands, Louis is still a member of The Temple where, in honor of his parents, he established the Louis, Evelyn and Markham Levy Audio Visual Fund. He also donated the Levy Great Hall in the Klein Center at The Temple.

In addition, Louis is a member of the Jewish Community Center (JCC), where he established the Louis Levy Film and Theatre Arts Fund. In 2006, Louis received the JCC President's Award for unique contributions to the JCC and the community.

When asked what Louis considers to be his greatest legacy in the Louisville Jewish community, he enthusiastically and unequivocally replies, "the Louisville Jewish Film Festival!" Louis spearheaded the establishment of this festival 17 years ago, and provided its initial funding.

This festival has grown considerably and is highly recognized. Directed by Marsha Bornstein of the JCC and Film Festival Committee Chair Keiley Caster, a committee consisting of about a dozen members reviews a wide array of films (this year the committee reviewed more than 50 films) and selects those which it feels will be of greatest interest to the entire Louisville community. Various venues are selected for viewing.

This year's festival began February 5 and will conclude this Sunday, February 22. Louis regularly participates in the planning meetings for the festival, and also returns to Louisville to attend it. Before the 2015 festival began, he said, "this year's festival will be the biggest

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May 16 (Cont.)
Alexandra Polur-Gold
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Drew Goldstein
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May 30
Rachel Silberman
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June 6
Emily Renco
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June 20
Hayley Gould
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June 27
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August 1
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Jewish Louisville History Project Meeting
Date & Time: March 8, 2015, 2 p.m. • JCC Board Room
Next meeting will be April 12, 2015, 2 p.m. • Senior Adult Lounge

Frank Weisberg, Chair

LEVY

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and best ever."

As if Louis does not have enough to do, he remains involved in acting, voiceovers and cabaret singing. A member of SAG-AFTRA, Louis has appeared in numerous plays in the Washington, D.C. area, including a production in the Page-to-Stage Festival at the Kennedy Center. Louis also appeared as the rabbi on Broadway in the play, *Bernie's Bar Mitzvah*, and then reprised the role in Louisville at the JCC's CenterStage a number of years ago.

Additionally, he has appeared in more than 30 feature films. His voice-over experience includes narrations for an exhibit at the National Archives, and in 2010, Louis received the Peer Award from the Television, Internet and Video Association for his Public Service Announcement on Motorcycle Safety. He also regularly performs cabaret at different locations in the Washington area, and has appeared at the Smithsonian Museum's "Steinway Series."

Louis and I have lived in Alexandria, Virginia since we married nearly 11 years ago and remain active members of the Jewish community in the area. In addition to belonging to The Washington Hebrew Congregation, we are involved in the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, where I serve on the Board of Directors and am cochair of the Program Committee.

In past years, Louis volunteered for the Jewish Federation, and both of us were involved in the early stages of the Washington Jewish Film Festival. Louis is the kind of person who is always encouraging other folks to get involved in community service.

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JFCS FOOD PANTRY

Suggestions for March

Canned fruit, spaghetti and sauce, crackers and cookies, shampoo, soap & toilet paper.

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

FAMILY MITZVAH PASSOVER EVENT

Sunday, March 29, 2015
2:00-3:00 pm
Louis & Lee Roth Family Center
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Mitzvah Project:

Help organize Passover food baskets, which will be distributed to those in need. Please bring non-Passover food donations for the JFCS Food Pantry.



Passover Arts and Crafts & Snacks will be provided by the Family Mitzvah Committee

Please RSVP to Kim Toebbe by Friday, March 27th
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Funding provided by the Carole & Larry Goldberg Family Mitzvah Fund

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JFCS will be the host of a fundraising dinner event at The Village Anchor, 11507 Park Road in Anchorage. We need at least 100 people to dine with us on March 8, from 5 - 9 pm, to receive ten percent of the sales of food and drink!

The Village Anchor is housed on two floors of the historic Anchorage train station. The restaurant and bar have become instant destinations for both outdoor and indoor dining.

It is very important to call for a reservation at 502.708.1850 and mention JFCS when booking your reservation. Or if you just arrive at the door, please tell the host or server that you are there to support JFCS.



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Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
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Contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103

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

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

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

Spouses Caregiver Support Group
Third Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.
Contact Mauri Malka, ext. 250

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

TEEN TOPICS



Left, Jacob Finke addresses the convention body. Right, the KIO Delegation at the opening ceremony.

20 Louisville Teens Attend BBYO International Convention

by Mike Stekloff

Assistant Director of Youth Services

February 12-16, 20 Louisville teens and I attended BBYO International Convention in Atlanta, GA. BBYO International Convention (IC) is an annual event that began 90 years ago as a way for BBYO members to connect once a year, but has now grown to be a setting for individuals across the Jewish community to learn, lead and work together toward ensuring a strong Jewish future, spearheaded by the next generation.

This year, more than 2,200 Jewish teens (a 24 percent increase from 2014) and 1,100 Jewish adults – including some of the community's top educators, professionals and philanthropists – from 20 countries joined in Atlanta for this unprecedented moment.

For the first time ever, The Jim Joseph Foundation, The Marcus Foundation, The Schusterman Family Foundation and The Paul E. Singer Foundation hosted the Summit on Jewish Teens during the first 24 hours of IC 2015. Two hundred and fifty of the Jewish community's most influential thought leaders and philanthropists attended to converse with each other, and with teens, about how to engage this age group in Jewish life now and in the future.

IC 2015 was also host to the Coalition of Jewish Teens (CJT). Teen leadership from the five major youth movements (BBYO, NCSY, NFTY, USY and Young Judeaea) met for 24 hours concurrently to the Summit on Jewish Teens to strategically plan ways Jewish teens everywhere can work across organizational borders to build a stronger, united Jewish community.

They drafted a mission statement for their work moving forward: "We, the Coalition of Jewish Teens, stand united to shape the Jewish future through shared Jewish values."

"BBYO's leadership, both teen and adult, realize that the future of the Jewish community is brighter when we all come together," said Matthew Grossman, BBYO Chief Executive Officer. "IC 2015 was an exciting step in making that happen and we're looking forward to continuing this collaboration."

Shimon Peres, Michael Steinhardt and Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks were all a part of IC 2015.

Highlights of BBYO IC included:

- Surprise Welcome Video by Former President of Israel Shimon Peres: During IC opening ceremonies, attendees were surprised by a welcome video from Shimon Peres, in which he encouraged the IC body to "continue to learn, because we are a people that's main name is *tikkun olam*, to improve the world ... to bring peace to Israel, to love Israel, to support Israel and to come to Israel as well."

Opening Ceremonies also includ-

ed remarks by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, former chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth; Lynn Schusterman, founder and co-chair of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation; and Karen Katz, CEO of Neiman Marcus and BBYO alumna.

- BBYO Leads Plenary: A morning of guest speakers inspired IC participants to continue building their leadership skills and make an impact on the world. Speakers included Barak Raz, former Israel Defense Forces spokesperson; Kat Graham, Jewish actress known for her role in *The Vampire Diaries* and activism work; Noa Tishby, Israeli actress and co-founder of Act For Israel; Michael Skolnik, political director for Def Jam Records and President of Global-Grind.com; Trudy Album, Holocaust survivor; and Michael Steinhardt, Chair of The Steinhardt Foundation for Jewish Life.

- BBYO Leadership Labs: BBYO offered 20 Leadership Labs across Atlanta for teens to learn about advocacy, globalization, Israel, leadership, marketing and communications, philanthropy, political engagement, relationship building, service, chapter and program development, event management and design, and more.

They gained real-world insight from experts across industries at organizations and companies including the American Cancer Society, Center for Civil and Human Rights, CNN, Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and The World of Coca-Cola.

- A Pluralistic Shabbat: Participants chose from 25 pluralistic teen-led Shabbat services, allowing them to celebrate Shabbat in the way that most resonated with them.

- BBYO Limmud: Nearly 200 Limmud learning sessions were led by program educators, guest speakers and leaders in the thought and business worlds.

Another thousand NFTY members joined BBYO for this day of learning, bringing more than 3,000 Jewish teens together to recognize the strength of the Jewish community. The highlight was the teen-led text study and keynote address by Rabbi Jonah Pesner, director of the Religious Action Center.

Saturday night, the more than 2,200 teens heard from their current leaders, Grand Aleph Godol Sam Perlen (Nashville, TN) and International N'siah Amanda Freedman (Toronto, ON), followed on Sunday by the election of the next International Board: Colin Silverman of Chicago, IL.; Cole Pergament of Long Island, NY; Jake Davis of Columbus, OH; Matthew Rabinowitz of Charlotte, NC; Hunter Cohn of Columbus OH; Lauren Keats of Scarsdale, NY; Ellie Bodker of Overland Park, KS; Stephanie Hausman of Stamford, CT; Meredith Galanti of Atlanta, GA; and Deena

Notowich of Memphis, TN.

The International Board helps chart the organization's vision for the coming year, and provides leadership and support to teen leaders in local communities throughout the BBYO system. They work to strengthen regions and chapters by enhancing the Judaic, social, educational and community service programming throughout the network.

On Sunday night, the convention body closed out an incredible week of fun and learning with BBYO: Stronger Together, a celebration of all that they accomplished and all to look forward to. The event featured performances by rap, reggae, pop and indie rock band Aer; hip hop and rap artist Flo Rida and electronic DJ and producer Kap Slap.

Louisville's Jacob Finke served as one of the steering committee members for International Convention and led several programs including a program he wrote entitled "Making Disabilities Real." Also, both Drew Corson AZA and Jay Levine BBG received International Chapter Excellence Awards.

Jay Levine BBG

by Abby Balkin

The past two months for Jay Levine BBG have been very eventful. It has been the beginning of our Spring 2015 term, which is also our recruitment term. We started the term off by installing our new board, and then had a really fun Super Bowl party with both our chapter and Drew Corson AZA. It was a great event with lots of desserts, pizza, friends, and fun.

Recently, we also had a tacky tourist Tuesday chapter meeting where we talked about our Stand Up cause and all of our goals for this term.

Spring term is also our recruitment term, which is why we decided to have

a Shabbat Dinner and invite all of our MITS (Members In Training)! We had about 12 prospective new members show up and we introduced everyone, had a very nice service, and ended the night with a movie. It was a great way to introduce the MITS to our chapter, and it was a great way to spend Shabbat.

Jay Levine BBG is so excited about this new term, not only to connect with each other more and strengthen our bond, but to help the community and learn more about our Jewish identities.

Drew Corson AZA

by Joey Schuster

During the past month, we held a Super Bowl party and a chapter meeting. At the chapter meeting, we came up with ideas for our standup cause. We decided to select leukemia and lymphoma as the Stand Up cause that we will raise money for and learn about during the term. We are also currently planning events to welcome 8th graders into our chapter.

J-Forty Fivers

A lot of exciting things are happening for the J-Forty-Fivers, the new youth group for fourth and fifth graders. The next event is a Shabbat Dinner with Bricks 4 Kidz on Friday, February 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the JCC.

Other upcoming events are:

Sunday, March 22 – Chocolate Seder

Sunday, April 26 – Bowling with the third and fourth graders

Teen Connection

The next Teen Connection event will be a late night on Saturday, March 14, 6-11 p.m. at the JCC. Pinot's Palette and a video game truck will come in to do activities. There will also be a pizza dinner and a Havdallah service.

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Hadassah Plans Louisville Jewish Film Fest Movie and Dinner Event

The Louisville Chapter of Hadassah is a sponsor of the Louisville Film Festival and invites the community to join them for dinner and an Israeli movie on Saturday, February 21. The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Red Lobster on Breckenridge Lane for dinner and then attend the 7:30 p.m. showing of *Zero Motivation*, at the Village 8 Theaters. This

movie is a perfect fit for Hadassah: "A zany, dark and comedic portrait of everyday life for a unit of young, female Israeli soldiers." RSVP to Michelle Elisburg, meehadassah@gmail.com by February 20 to ensure a place at the table. Significant others welcome.

AJ 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 take place at AJ on March 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.

Temple Shalom Has One-Day Jewish Book Sale

Temple Shalom is having a one-day Jewish Book Sale on Sunday, February 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will take place in the Temple Shalom library, 4615 Lowe Road. Only \$5 per bag (cash only please). Thousands of books, including fiction, non-fiction, biographies, children's books, coffee table books and cook books are available.

Study Jewish Texts at The Temple

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? Why and how did Genesis become Genesis Rabba? Participants will discover in their journey, through the magic of Rabbinical texts, an unorthodox tradition, as they witness Judaism's unorthodox

theology.

Beginners' Hebrew Class Offered

The Temple offers a beginner's Hebrew class on Monday evenings at 7 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. For more information, contact Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks at 502-212-2035.

The Temple Basic Judaism Class

The Temple has a Basic Judaism class each Monday at 8 p.m. at The Temple. The current lesson 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.

Temple Scholars Meet Weekly

The Temple holds Temple Scholars classes on Wednesday mornings. There are two classes from which to choose, or you may attend both.

"A Time for War, A Time for Peace" begins at 9:30 a.m. with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel and requires registration. This class 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 is "The Torah of Lives Well Lived" with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport 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. Each session stands alone and unfolds a life of meaning and many lessons to be shared from men and women who changed the world, whose lives are a chapter of Torah.

Jews and Brews with Rabbi Wolk

Join Rabbi Michael Wolk for Jews and Brews, a one-hour class in which participants study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary while enjoying a cup (or cups?) of coffee. Free and open to the public. Jews and Brews meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. at the JCC library.

For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

The Temple Hosts Learner's Shabbat

The Temple Outreach Committee will host a Learner's Shabbat Service Friday, February 27, at 7 p.m. in the Waller Chapel. Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks will teach about Shabbat worship and ritual.

Hadassah Hosts Havdalah Service

Join the Louisville Chapter of Hadassah in celebrating the end of Shabbat Zachor with a special Havdalah service on February 28. Shabbat Zachor, the Shabbat preceding Purim, holds particular importance as Hadassah was founded during Purim, and Hadassah was Esther's Hebrew name. The group will meet at the Westport Whiskey & Wine in Westport Village from 7-9 pm for dessert and a unique cocktail. Experience myrtle using all five senses.

Spouses and significant others are welcome. Receive a 10 percent discount on all purchases that evening. RSVP to meehadassah@gmail.com by February 25.

The Temple Hosts Adult Purim Party

Enjoy an evening of fun and celebration in The Temple's Klein Center for the Not Quite Whole Megillah - a Purim Party for adults on February 28 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy costumes and masks, gambling and groggers, hamantashan, tzedakah, food and drink. Extra credit for costumes (but not really required).

Check The Temple website, thetemplelouky.org, or contact Tammy Nettro at 502-407-8119 for more details.

Help with Blankets and Blessings

The Blankets and Blessings group will be on Sunday, March 1, at 12:30 p.m. in The Temple's Heideman Auditorium. Fulfill a mitzvah and create a blanket for one of the babies at the Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter. Healing shawls are also created for Temple members in the hospital or nursing homes. Fabric, tools and instruction are provided. Learn to make no-sew blankets or bring two yards of fleece and your own scissors. Please RSVP to Marlene Schaffer 502-423-8420

KI Has Purim Carnival

The entire community is invited to a fun Purim carnival at Keneseth Israel on Sunday, March 1, 1-3 p.m. There will be bounce houses, slides, inflatables, face painting and tons more games, prizes, food and drinks. \$10 wristband for all the fun. Food and drinks sold separately. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

92Y Event Looks at America and Israel: The Way Forward

"Live from New York's 92nd Street Y" is Sunday, March 1 at 7 p.m. DVD-showing of "America and Israel: The Way Forward." Join Dalia Rabin and Aaron David Miller with Ethan Bronner for a discussion on the future of Israel. Free and open to the community.

Watch Movies and More at AJ

Enjoy vintage films and television shows beginning at 3 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun. The shows are free and open to the community. The next showings are: "Mama's Family: Mama's Favorites from Season One" on March 3, and "Love that Bob" on March 24.

Join the Fun at Knit & Qvell

The Knit & Qvell Circle at Anshei Sfard will meet on Wednesday, March 4, at 1 p.m. in the Shul Library. All knitters and wannabe knitters are welcome to attend. All knitted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet.

For more information, contact Toby Horvitz at 502-458-7108 or Fran Winchell at 502-426-4660.

Celebrate Purim at Anshei Sfard

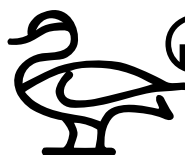
All are invited to come to Anshei Sfard, Wednesday, March 4, for a Purim celebration at 7 p.m. with evening services and Megillah reading followed by a light buffet dinner and musical talk and performance by harpist, Devon Oser. The event is free but reservations are required by March 2 by calling 502-451-3122 ext. 0.

Russian School of Mathematics Hosts Math Olympiad

The Russian School of Mathematics will host a Mathematical Olympiad on Friday, March 6 at RSM-Louisville, 113 South Hubbards Ln. Open to novice and veteran competitors in Grades 2-9, the competition allows participants to demonstrate their mathematical ingenuity and creative problem solving abilities. The event is free and open to the public. To register online, please visit www.russianschool.com/olympiad or contact Leonid Madorsky at 502-427-2231 for more information.

Study Mishneh Torah 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. Prior knowledge of Jewish texts and He-



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brew is not required. This lively discussion is free and open to the community. Classes take place in the office of Steve Berger located at 500 W. Jefferson St. on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. The classes will meet on March 6, 13, 20 and 27.

The Temple celebrates Shabbat on Broadway with Alef Service

Experience The Temple's most popular Alef Service on March 6, at 7 p.m. with Rabbis Gaylia R. Rooks and Joe Rooks Rapport, along with Steven Stuhlbarg on guitar and Irina Bernadsky on Ukrainian mandolin. The service themes will be prayed through the music and lyrics of Broadway. The vast majority of Broadway musicals were written by Jews and often reflect their experiences, as well as those of other immigrants. Their stories take on a new meaning when contrasted with the lost world of East European Jewry. The Temple invites the community to come pray, sing and celebrate.

Dr. Goldin Is Shabbat Scholar

Dr. Al Goldin will be AJ's Shabbat Scholar on March 7 following the Kiddush lunch. The topic is "Yiddish – Past, Present and Future."

KI Family Shabbat Service

Keneseth Israel's family Shabbat Service is held the first and third Saturday of the month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Rachel Goldman will lead younger children (preschool to lower school) in MiniMinyan: a warm, interactive family Shabbat experience with singing, stories, prayers, arts and crafts, Torah, games and movement.

Dr. Yonatan Yussman will lead older youth (middle and high school) in Teen Services: a high-energy service with stories, singing, prayers, Torah and learning. Both services conclude with a Kiddush over challah and juice, and will join the whole congregation in the main sanctuary to lead Ein Keloheinu and Adon Olam.

For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Sunday Night at the Movies

The Temple presents Sunday Night at the Movies featuring *The Story of the Jews* March 8 at 7 p.m. In the PBS film series' fourth episode, "Over the Rainbow," historian Simon Schama plunges viewers into the lost world of the shtetl, the Jewish towns and villages sewn across the hinterlands of Eastern Europe, which became the seedbed of a uniquely Jewish culture. Shtetl culture would make its mark on the modern world, from the revolutionary politics of the Soviet Union to the mass culture of Tin Pan Alley and Hollywood.

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport is moderator of this series which not only presents a chronological history, but also a common narrative of what unifies and fortifies the Jewish people. Drawing on original scholarship and Schama's own family history, this is a story that is at once deeply historical and utterly contemporary, taking viewers on a journey from the Biblical past to tomorrow's front pages.

The showing will be followed by desserts, coffee, and discussion.

Chabad Invites Jewish Women to Experience Making Challah

Chabad invites all Jewish women to two free classes and demonstrations on Challah shaping and baking. Classes will be at the Chabad House, 1654 Almaria Cir., at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays March 11 and 25. All women are welcome to attend this hands-on program.

Israel Briefing with Rabbi Wolk

Join Rabbi Michael Wolk for a discussion of current events in Israel. These discussions will take place at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at KI. Free and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Chabad Invites Community to a Free Shabbat Service and Dinner

Chabad invites the entire community to TGIS Thank G-d It's Shabbat Introductory Shabbat Service followed by Shabbat Dinner. The service will include singing, explanations and lots of fun. The dinner will include Kiddush wine, Challah, gefilte fish, salads, chicken soup, veggies, dessert and just the right dose of Torah.

TGIS will take place at the Chabad House located at 1654 Almaria Cir. on Friday March 13 and 27 at 7 p.m. Dinner will follow at 8 p.m.

Reservations are appreciated by calling 502-235-5770 or leaving your reservation at TGIS@Chabadky.com. All are welcome.

AJ Announces Shabbat Remix, Jazz Edition Service

On Friday, March 13, Adath Jeshurun will hold a Kabbalat Shabbat service with musical instruments featuring the music of guitarist, Pat Lentz and his trio. Representatives from Louisville's Western Galilee Partnership region will be in attendance.

Following the service, there will be a catered Kiddush supper. The dinner is available by reservation only, and must be prepaid by March 6. Reservations may be made online at www.adathjeshurun.com/jazzremix.

For questions, please contact Molly Evancho at mevancho@adathjeshurun.com.

Happy Birthday Shabbat at KI

Keneseth Israel will have a Kabbalat Shabbat birthday celebration on March 13 starting at 5:45 p.m. The event will celebrate all of the March KI birthdays with decadent desserts. Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Dr. Omer-Sherman Is Guest Speaker at The Temple

On Saturday, March 14, at 9 a.m., The Temple will host Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman, who holds the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Chair of Judaic Studies at the University of Louisville, to lead Torah study. Dr. Sherman's topic will be, Jewish History, Urban Others and Empathy in the Poetry of Charles Reznikoff.

KI Offers Jewish Yoga

This is an in-depth, comparative look at the Jewish and yogic traditions. Participants look at ways in which these two traditions support each other and share many commonalities.

In addition to discussion, the workshops always offer an experiential component, such as yoga, meditation and breathing practices.

The instructors are Cantor Sharon Hordes and Swann Lander. Meeting dates are March 15, April 19 and May 17, 1:45 p.m. at Keneseth Israel. Free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Chabad Hosts BLT – Bagels Lox and Torah – Brunch

Chabad invites the community to a

free BLT (bagels, lox and Torah) brunch. The program will take place at Chabad House, 1654 Almaria Cir., on March 15, at 11:30 a.m. It will be led by Rabbi Boruch Susman.

Reservations are appreciated by e-mail at BLT@chabdky.com. All are welcome.

Chabad Offers Free Happiness Meditation

Chabad invites the community to a free happiness meditation. The class will take place at the Chabad House, 1654 Almaria Cir., on Wednesday, March 18, at 8:15-9 a.m.

Coffee and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

WRJ/Sisterhood Shabbat at The Temple Is March 20

The Temple will honor the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ)/Sisterhood with a special Shabbat service on March 20 at 7 p.m. in gratitude for all the things they do for The Temple. The Shir Chadash Choir will perform.

The Temple Launches the Book of Leviticus Readings

The first reading from the Book of Leviticus will be celebrated by The Temple Brotherhood at the Shabbat Morning Service on March 21 at 10:30 a.m. The Brotherhood choir will perform.

A special oneg will follow the service and will feature the Brotherhood's handmade Sinai Matzo, gravlax and Heaven Hill bourbon.

Learn to Leyn Class at KI

The goal for students of this class is to master the various Torah tropes so that they are able to chant from the Torah scroll on a Shabbat morning or afternoon. Beginners as well as those who want to brush up on their Torah reading skills are welcome.

Participants must be able to read, but not necessarily fluently translate, the Hebrew text. If there is demand, this class will include learning to chant the Haftarah trope.

Please contact Keneseth Israel if you are interested in private lessons or would like to help form a class. Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

KI Wants Your Veterans' Stories, Photos

Keneseth Israel is searching for stories and photos of Jewish veterans in Kentucky for its first Keneseth Israel Presents Honoring Our Veterans on May 31.

If you are or know of a Jewish veteran in Kentucky living or dead, please contact Rhonda Reskin at gala@kenesethisrael.com or Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com.

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Travel to Israel on the Melton Trip Next June

The Adath Jeshurun Melton Israel Trip will take place 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.

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

AJ Raising Money to Aid Sudanese Family

Adath Jeshurun is working to raise funds to help reunite a Sudanese man living in Louisville with his wife and three daughters who are stuck in Uganda and cannot afford the cost to immigrate to the United States.

Martin Nhial was one of the original "Lost Boys of Sudan" and made his way to Louisville where he now works for Jewish Hospital. The hospital has generously pledged to donate 50 percent of the amount needed to bring Martin's wife and daughters to Louisville, and Adath Jeshurun hopes to be able to raise the other half.

If you'd like to participate in this mitzvah, please send your donation to AJ with the notation "Operation Bring Them Home" on your check. Donations can be sent to Adath Jeshurun, 2401 Woodbourne Ave., Louisville, KY 40205, or can be made online at www.adathjeshurun.com/bringthemhome.



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Bar Mitzvah

Samuel Robert Haines

Samuel Robert Haines, son of Richard and Beth Haines and brother of Whitney, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, February 21 at 9:30 a.m. at Keneseth Israel Congregation.



Sam is the grandson of Anita and the late Harold Frankel and Holly and the late William (Skip) Haines.

Sam is a seventh-grader at Noe Middle School where he plays tennis and baseball. He likes to play basketball, baseball, tennis and football and hanging out with friends and family.

Sam and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and Kiddush luncheon following service.

Obituaries

Andrew Schiller

Andrew Schiller, 45, left us on January 21.

He was the beloved son of Denise Schiller and the late Dr. Sheldon Schiller. Andrew was a casino host with Horseshoe Casino and a former volunteer firefighter with Harrods Creek Fire Department.

He leaves behind his brother, Robert

(Debby); his sister, Pamela (Brian); and his niece and nephews, Jonah, Kevin, Samuel, Katie and Ethan.

He loved them and they loved him, with all the love of the life that he possessed. The family mourns the loss of a life unfilled and celebrates the years they had with him.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

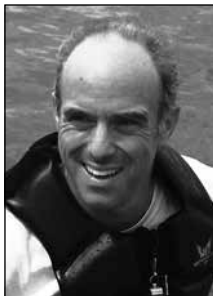
Expressions of sympathy may be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun or the Angelman Syndrome Foundation, 75 Executive Drive, Aurora, IL, 60504.

Regina Firstenberg Sivak

Regina Firstenberg Sivak, 89, passed away February 2 at Norton Brownsboro Hospital.

Born June 26, 1925, in Antwerp Belgium, she was the daughter of the late Morris and Gussie Firstenberg. While she was visiting the Catskill Mountains resort, she met the love her life, her husband of 71 years, Dr. George Sivak.

The Sivaks lived in Montgomery, AL;



Ansonia, CT; Columbus, GA; Cincinnati, OH; and settled in Louisville, where Dr. Sivak was in practice, specializing in Urology. Gina worked at her husband's practice, was in the insurance industry and sold jewelry for years at Buschmeyer's. She did her finest work as a wife, homemaker and mother to her three children. She was a member of The Temple, an actor with Heritage Theatre at JCC and Anchorage Little Playhouse, and a reader at the Kentucky School for the Blind.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her granddaughter, Rebecca; and her brother, Donald (Dodge) Firstenberg.

She is survived by her loving husband, Dr. George Sivak; her children, Cheryl Sivak, Dr. Gary (Kordrice) Sivak of Cleveland and Dr. Denis (Barbara) Sivak of CT; her sister, Beatrice Kirjner of Paris, France; her grandchildren, Colin, Lara and Bryan; and six great-grandchildren.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Jewish Family & Career



Services Food Pantry Fund.

Mark Tarbis

Mark Tarbis, 47, of Louisville, passed away February 5.

Born March 4, 1967, he was a native of Champaign, IL. He was a former dispatcher for emergency services.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm and Paula Tarbis.

He is survived by his sons, Aaron and Noah Tarbis; his sister, Laurel Tarbis Brandt of Sunbury, OH; and several other extended family members.

Graveside services were at Anshei Sfard Cemetery, 721 Locust Lane.

Herman Meyer & Son Handled the arrangements.

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

Philip Lassman

Philip Lassman, 61, of Louisville, died February 11, at Hosparus Inpatient Care Center.

He was born October 21, 1953, in New York, NY, to the late Max and Gertrude Kellner Lassman. He was a cab driver and once served in the Israeli Defense Force.

He is survived by his daughter, Michele Lassman of London, England; his sister, Denise Torve of Connecticut; and a cousin, Michael Evans of Australia.

Arrangements were handled by Herman Meyer & Son.

NEWSMAKERS

Jared Rouben, son of David and Maxine Rouben, was featured January 22 in Chicago's DNAinfo website. The article said that Jared Rouben's beer, Moody Tongue, will soon be available in bottles. The food-centric beer will be available in restaurants and stores.

Amy Gilbert received the prestigious Joan Baldwin award for her volunteer services to Guardia Care and the success of its Chocolate Dreams fundraising events.

Signature Healthcare of Cherokee Park has received a five-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the federal government agency tasked with oversight of nursing home quality.

The Louisville Urban League will present its highest recognition to **Ruth Brinkley**, president and CEO of KentuckyOne Health Inc. and senior vice pres-

ident of operations of KentuckyOne's parent, Catholic Health Initiatives.

The Arthur M. Walters Champion of Diversity Award will be formally presented to Brinkley at the Louisville Urban League's 2015 Mardi Gras Bash — Celebrating Diversity on Saturday, March 7, at The Henry Clay in downtown Louisville. The Champion of Diversity Award recognizes outstanding achievement by an individual, business or organization in the promotion of diversity in the Louisville community.

Jacob Ioffe, a student at Meyzeek Middle School, helped develop a cell phone app with four other students who won the school \$20,000. The five students also got new tablets and will work with an expert to make their concept a real app. The students were one of eight national teams who won the Verizon Innovative App Challenge.

Heaven Hill filled its 7 millionth barrel of Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. The barrel was "banged off" by Master Distiller Emeritus Parker Beam, Co-Master Distiller Denny Potter and Artisanal Distiller Charlie Downs in a brief ceremony at Heaven Hill's cistern room attended by company executives and local dignitaries. Participants toast-

ed with a glass of vintage Heaven Hill Bourbon made within a year of the company's founding in 1935.

Circuit Court Judge Barry Willett participated in the 2015 Circuit Judges Winter College that took place Jan. 25-28 in Louisville. The Administrative Office of the Courts provided the education program for the state's circuit judges. The judges attended courses on domestic violence, science and the law, computer forensics in court, alternative ways to resolve disputes in cases, personal jurisdiction, judicial writing for trial judges, evolving areas of law and recently published cases, and court technology, including eFiling.

Insider Louisville reported that **Michael Trager-Kusman**, owner of Rye on Market, has signed a letter of intent seeking to lease the former location of La Coop and the entire first floor of the Green Building, including the back patio.

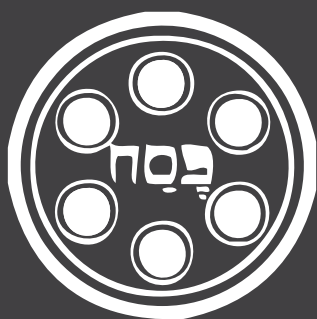
He told *Insider Louisville* that if the lease can be negotiated, a restaurant with a lower price point than Rye would go in the space.

Sidney Abramson, son of Jerry and Madeline Abramson, has been named digital content coordinator in the Marketing and Communications Department at the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Courier-Journal reported.

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D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Yosef Levy

The month that was reversed for them from grief to joy. – Esther 9:22

When the month of Adar enters, we increase in joy. – Talmud, Taanit 29a

There are many joyous dates on the Jewish calendar, but besides Purim, none of them affect the *entire* month, causing it to be auspicious and joyous. What is the intrinsic connection between Purim and Adar? Perhaps a comprehension of the unique nature of Purim will allow us to understand why its joy extends throughout the entire month of Adar. Haman thought to take advantage of the Jews when they were at their lowest point. After nearly a millennium of freedom, independence and constant reliance on miracles, they were now banished from their land, helpless and seemingly at the mercy of the laws of nature.

This was a completely new experience for the Jewish nation. Their spiritual status was also significantly affected. The Temple in Jerusalem where G-d's presence was manifest, a symbol of the special relationship He shares with His chosen nation, laid in ruins.

As for the prospects of its reconstruc-

tion – even the gentiles were aware of Jeremiah's prophesy that after seventy years of exile G-d would return the Jews to their land and rebuild the Temple. Seventy years had elapsed (or so everyone thought, due to erroneous calculations), and the awaited redemption had not arrived.

"The timing has never been better," Tractate Megillah in the Talmud says Haman thought. "Surely the Chosen People have lost their exalted status. Now is the perfect moment to implement the Final Solution."

Haman, however, was not yet satisfied. He needed one more sign indicating the Jews' vulnerability. The lottery would have the final say. And indeed, the lottery provided the exact sign he anxiously awaited.

The lottery designated Adar to be the month when his nefarious plan would be put into motion. The Talmud tells us that Haman was overjoyed by this favorable omen. "My lottery fell on the month when Moses died," he exclaimed, according to the Talmud. The demise of Moses, the "head" of the Jewish nation, was surely a metaphor for the demise of the entire nation!

Haman successfully pinpointed the moment when the Jews were at their lowest point – historically as well as calendar-wise – to implement his plan, but his plan still did not succeed.

The history of our nation is very much compared to the human lifespan. Through the course of a lifetime every person undergoes drastic changes; fluctuation being the most consistent feature of life. The helpless newborn has virtually nothing in common with the independent, talented personality that will emerge years down the line. Adulthood, too, has ups and downs, happy days and depressing days, fulfilling days and seemingly wasted days. There is, however, one constant: the very identity and essence of the person. John Doe remains John Doe from the day he is born until the day he dies.

The same is true with our nation. We have ups and downs, both spiritually and materially, but our very identity, the fact that we are G-d's chosen nation, is never affected.

It can actually be argued that, in a certain sense, our perpetual relationship with G-d is more evident when we are exiled and downtrodden due to our sins, and G-d still interferes on our behalf, as was demonstrated by the Purim miracle. This phenomenon demonstrates the durability of our relationship; the ability of our essential identity to survive no matter our external state.

Other holidays celebrate the "highs" of our nation, and therefore their joy is limited, because highs don't last. Purim celebrates a time when we were at a low

point in our history – but our relationship with G-d remained intact. Its joy is therefore greater than the joy of any other holiday, because it demonstrates the essential nature of our relationship with G-d – and that is a constant.

The month of Adar, the month that Haman understood to be the most inauspicious month for the Jews, is the happiest month of the year—the month when we bear in mind that "inauspicious" has absolutely no bearing on our relationship with G-d.

Shabbat candles should be lit Fridays, February 20 at 6:08 p.m., February 27 at 6:15 p.m., March 6 at 5:52 p.m., March 13 at 7:29 p.m., and March 20 at 7:36 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi Yosef Levy, a Chabad rabbi and the OU Kosher expert and rabbinic field representative for the states of Kentucky and Indiana, has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

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Whether you're sick or need a wellness check-up, KentuckyOne Health has more primary care options. Your primary care physician is your first choice when you're sick, and for annual visits. Express Care at Walgreens is close-by for minor illnesses and injuries. Anywhere Care is a live 24/7 phone or video chat service. Workplace Care partners with employers to promote a healthier workforce. Emergency Care is where you turn for immediate emergency treatment.

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