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JCL Hosts Partnership Meetings

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

This week, the Jewish Community of Louisville hosted the Partnership2Gether Central Consortium Steering Committee meetings. Not only did our community roll out the welcome mat for visitors from the Western Galilee in Israel and representatives from 12 other Consortium communities in the United States, as well as Budapest, Hungary; but our Israeli visitors visited every congregation last Shabbat to connect with Louisvilleans and to share personal stories.

The Partnership meetings also provided an opportunity for outreach to Louisville's medical community. Dr. Arie Eisenman, head of the Medical Emergency Department and Dr. Ohad Ronen, a senior physician/surgeon in the Department of Otolaryngology at Western Galilee Hospital/Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, spoke with 20 local physicians about emergency preparedness and handling mass casualty events.

Dr. Ronen, who specializes in head and neck cancer surgery, has been pressed into service this year treating Syrians injured in that country's internal war. The situation presents many unique challenges that Dr. Ronen shared not only with his fellow doctors, but at The Temple on Friday night and with steering committee members on Sunday. (See story, page 10.)

Another conference participant who made several presentations to outside groups as well as to the steering committee was Efrat Srebo. On Friday night, see **PARTNERSHIP** page 11



Ramping Up

Construction has begun on the JCC's new ADA-compliant handicap- and stroller-friendly ramp. The work should be completed within six weeks. This project is funded by community contributions to Meet the Challenge and a matching grant from Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. The JCL still has nearly \$5,000 to raise to complete this \$120,000 challenge by March 31. Your help is needed. Please go to www.jewishlouisville.org/meet-challenge/.

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The honorees at Jewish Family & Career Services 2015 MOSAIC Awards include an industrial entrepreneur, a pharmaceutical pioneer, a civil rights attorney and activist, a publisher and a business and community builder, see **MOSAICS** page 9

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Price Goes to Israel; Returns with Lots of Program Ideas

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

A trip to Israel can be educational, inspiring and life-changing. When CenterStage Development and Outreach Manager Lenae McKee Price participated in the JCC Association's Israel Enhancement program in early February, it proved to be all that and more. She came back to energized and full of ideas about how to incorporate more about Israel into many aspects of programming at Louisville's Jewish Community Center.

As the only non-Jewish participant in the mission, Price brought a unique perspective, and the other participants "were delighted that our JCC was forward-thinking enough to send someone non-Jewish for this program," she said. "I didn't come with the cultural background and preconceived notions" of many of the others and "I was one of only three people who had never been to Israel before."

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While in Israel, Lenae Price, right, connected with Dafni Chen who was the shlichah last summer with the Louisville JCC's Summer Camp program.

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Crisis in Ukraine

The past year has been a trying time for Jews all over the world as crises have affected our community to such an extent that the whole world has taken notice. War last year in Israel; violence against Jewish communities throughout the world, including murder, directed at Jews in Belgium, France and Denmark; increased anti-Semitism worldwide, including here in the U.S.



Matt Goldberg

The crisis in the Ukraine has gone somewhat under the radar, because it is not a specifically Jewish story. Jews are not targeted specifically because they are Jewish (in fact, both sides in the conflict have accused the other of anti-Semitism).

But Jews are suffering on a massive scale nonetheless. Thousands of Jews are caught in the crossfire between Russia and Russian-backed Separatists and Ukrainian government forces, which have been fighting for over two years since the pro-Russian Prime Minister of Ukraine was sacked and a pro-Western Prime Minister took his place.

Thousands of seniors are suffering without food. An already poor community, some dependent on Jewish social services for the basics, is becoming desperate in light of the constant battle. They need our help now.

The Jewish Federations of North

America is now collecting funds directly for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to provide important relief and other services. The money raised will also be used to prepare the Jewish communities in the war zone to make aliyah to Israel. There appears to be no hope for a peaceful resolution to the conflict any time soon, and the JDC will need hundreds of thousands of dollars over the next several months to provide these services.

Please consider making a donation by visiting www.jewishlouisville.org/unrest-in-ukraine. For more detailed information, please see JDC CEO Alan Gill's op-ed piece on this page.

Election Update

It appears from the results of this week's Israeli elections that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu scored a decisive victory over his center-left rival, Isaac Herzog. Prime Minister Netanyahu's Likud party now has 30 seats in the 120 seat Knesset, a sharp increase over the 18 seats they had in the previous government. This puts him in prime position to form a government of other right wing parties elected this week.

We will not know the final makeup of the Knesset for several weeks, as negotiations will take place to determine who will get important positions in the government such as Defense Minister, Foreign Minister, and Justice Minister.

But as we look at the totality of the results, the real political makeup of the Knesset has not really changed. The huge increase for Likud seems to have come at the expense of other right wing parties.

The Center-Left Zionist Union, which earned 24 seats, also seems to have taken seats from other centrist or left wing parties. The religious parties seemed to

have maintained similar representation as well. There is much larger Arab representation, both in the Joint Arab list and in other parties, with 17 Arab members of the Knesset now.

For all the noise associated with this election, Israelis seemed to be satisfied generally with the status quo. No matter who the ministers are, we can expect policies on very important issues such as the peace process and economic inequality to remain virtually identical.

Op-Ed: For Ukraine Jews, Purim Merely a Respite

by Alan H. Gill

NEW YORK, March 5, 2015 (JTA) – Jewish perseverance, and more than a bit of chutzpah, lies at the heart of the Purim holiday. It is one of the reasons we are instructed to mark this raucous holiday with boundless joy and why thousands of Ukrainian Jews, despite the odds they face, joined together across their country for Purim spiels and hamantaschen and to enjoy a much-needed respite from a conflict now simmering under a tenuous cease-fire.

These celebrations were but a momentary break from conditions facing thousands of Jews who remain in separatist controlled regions of Ukraine or who are internally displaced.

For the displaced – now living in cities around the country like Kiev, Dnepropetrovsk, Kharkiv, and Odessa – concern for food, housing, medical care and jobs are overwhelming. Making matters worse, many face discrimination from potential employers or landlords who suspect them of loyalty to the separatists or worry these refugees will return home when peace sets in. Many of the displaced, especially the children, suffer from post-traumatic stress.

For those who remain in the Luhansk and Donetsk areas, conflict-related unemployment and general economic distress compound the bite of spiking prices for increasingly scarce goods and widespread devastation to property and industry. The elderly, many of them homebound, are not receiving their meager pensions and are experiencing acute fear and worry. Working- or middle-class families, who were just getting by before the conflict, now find themselves desperately in need, suffering a total reversal of the proud economic advancement they enjoyed in previous years.

Since the crisis began last year, 2,700 people have been added to the 69,000 Jews in Ukraine whom the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee already cared for through our network of Hesed social welfare centers. In January alone, 800 new people applied for aid. Our annual winter relief budget for Ukraine this year increased nearly sevenfold from the original planned budget, to \$1.7 million.

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Why do we have to
wait so long to eat?

Why do I have to sing?

Why do we have to
have **matzah**
the whole week?

Why do I have to sit
at the kids' table?

Why am I always
the youngest?

Why can't we just
help people?



On Passover, kids rarely stick to asking just the four questions. This year we're asking an extra question, too. Will you help us make a difference in the lives of Jewish children, here at home and around the world?

By giving to Federation you feed hungry children. You connect children to Judaism—through after-school programs, Jewish summer camp and Birthright. You provide counseling to troubled teens. You help children with special needs. And more.

So this Passover, our fifth question is, "Will you help make a difference in the lives of Jewish children?" Please answer "yes" and give as generously as you can. Donate at jewishlouisville.org/donate.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOW-MARCH 29

CenterStage and Hilliard Lyons Present *Fiddler on the Roof*

JCC. Adults, \$20 each in advance, \$22 at the door; Children, 10 and under, \$16. The classic story of Tevye, the father of five, as he tries to uphold tradition in an ever-changing political and social landscape. For tickets, call 502-459-0660 or go to www.CenterStageJCC.org.

MARCH 22

J Forty-Fivers Chocolate Seder

12:30-2:30 p.m. JCC. A Passover with a chocolate twist and pizza. Please bring a canned good for the JFCS Food Pantry. Sign up at jewishlouisville.org/event/j-forty-fivers-chocolate-seder/. For more information, contact Glenn at gsadle@jewishlouisville.org.

MARCH 29

PJ Library

Passover Grape Juice Tasting Party

10 a.m. JCC. \$5 per child; \$10 maximum per family. Children will decorate Elijah's cups, have snacks and read a PJ Library story. RSVP at jewishlouisville.org/event/pj-library-passover-grape-juice-tasting-party.

MARCH 29

JCC's 125th Birthday Party

4:30 p.m. JCC. Enjoy cake and cookies and a surprise party for an honored guest. Celebration starts after the final performance of *Fiddler*. For more information, go to jewishlouisville.org/event/jccs-125th-birthday-party/ or contact Mary Jean, 502-238-2779 or mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org.

APRIL 3

First Seder – Passover Begins

APRIL 4-11

Passover

APRIL 6-9

Spring Camp

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. JCC. Includes sports, swimming, arts and crafts. Camp theme: Symphony of Senses. Go to jewishlouisville.org/jcc/camp/spring-camp. See CenterPiece, page 3.

APRIL 12

J-Serve

2-4 p.m., JCC. Jewish teens from across the community join their peers around the globe in making the world a better place. Teens, grades 6-12, will do volunteer projects and fight hunger in the community. Admission: 1 can of food. Participants receive T-shirts. Register online at jewishlouisville.org/event/j-serve-2/. For more information, contact Mike Steklaf, msteklaf@jewishlouisville.org.

APRIL 12

Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

7 p.m. reception; 7:30 p.m. broadcast. Adath Jeshurun. "In the News with Jeff Greenfield: Barney Frank." Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

APRIL 14

NCJW, Louisville Section, 120th Anniversary with Judy Chicago

6 p.m., Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts, Bomhard Theatre. Artist, feminist, philanthropist Judy Chicago lecture: "Judy Chicago: Five Decades." Lecture tickets may be purchased through the Kentucky Center, 502-584-7777. On April 13, there will be a Patrons Party. See story, this page.

APRIL 16

Yom HaShoah Community-Wide Commemoration

At Keneseth Israel. 7 p.m. Featuring the testimony of survivor Conrad Weiner. Sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council. See story, page 7.

APRIL 22

Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

6-8:30 p.m., BBOY members and 10 teens from Partnership with Israel along with family and friends are invited to enjoy Israeli food for dinner, an Israeli shuk, family-friendly events and a musical performance by Simona Mizrahi. Dinner \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, free for children 2 and under. RSVP at jewishlouisville.org/event/yom-haatzmaut-community-celebration-2. See CenterPiece, page 4.

Judy Chicago Headlines NCJW 120th Celebration

by Phyllis Shaikun
Special to Community

Judy Chicago, world-famous artist, feminist and philanthropist, will be



Judy Chicago

in Louisville on Monday and Tuesday, April 13 and 14, to help National Council of Jewish Women kick-off a year-long celebration of the organization's 120th anniversary of service to women, children and families.

Chicago's passion for enhancing and improving women's lives through her art and philanthropy is legendary, and has been an inspiration to organizations such as NCJW, which, since 1894, has striven to answer community needs through the creation of award-winning educational, cultural and service projects.

Chicago will be guest of honor at NCJW's Patrons Party on Monday, April 13, from 6-8 p.m., hosted by Jewish Hospital at the Rudd Heart & Lung Conference Center, 201 Abraham Flexner Way.

On Tuesday, April 14, at 6 p.m., she will speak at a community-wide lecture, Judy Chicago: Five Decades, to be held at the Kentucky Center for the Arts, Bomhard Theater. Admission to the Patrons Party requires a minimum donation of \$120 to NCJW and includes a ticket to the lecture. Ticketing and information

about the lecture only is available at the Kentucky Center, 502-584-7777.

In the mid-1960's, Judy Chicago began creating geometric paintings and minimalist sculptures, and by the early 1970's, she was incorporating feminist representations into her art. Her best-known artwork, "The Dinner Party," widely considered the first epic feminist artwork, serves as a symbolic history of women in Western civilization. First shown in 1979, it has been viewed by an audience of more than 15 million worldwide and is now on permanent display at the Brooklyn Museum.

The founder of Through the Flower, a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring women's achievements become a permanent part of our cultural heritage, Judy Chicago has become a symbol to all people of the power of art and its potential to contribute to a more just world.

To make your gift and your reservation for the Patrons Party, contact the NCJW office at 502-458-5566 or mail your check to: 1250 Bardstown Road, Ste. 26, Louisville, KY 40204.

Brandeis Award to Be Presented to Prof. Arthur Miller April 8

On October 30, 1915, Ferdinand Friendly Wachenheim (the co-creator (with Edward R Murrow) of the television documentary concept in 1948) was born in New York City. Fred Friendly (his changed name) was also the president of CBS News (1964-66).

Almost 100 years later, this year's Brandeis Medal Recipient, Prof. Arthur Miller, carries on Friendly's legacy, using the technique of a lively interchange of ideas. In recognition of his commitment to issues of privacy, a value for which Justice Louis D. Brandeis was well known, Miller will receive the award on Wednesday, April 8, at the annual dinner at the Seelbach Hotel.

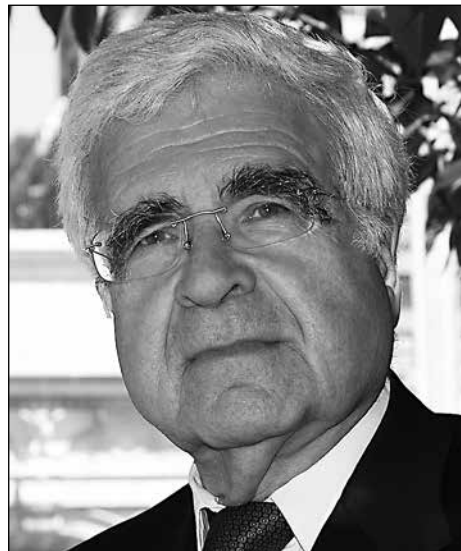
Instead of giving the traditional individual presentation, Miller will engage a panel in a policy debate about complex issues related to privacy that affect people in their daily lives, using the Fred Friendly-style seminar.

The participants will be presented with a hypothetical that encourages them, through Miller's probing, to wrestle with these issues. The panelists, who represent a wide spectrum of perspectives and experience, are Hon. Denise Clayton (Kentucky Court of Appeals); David Jones Jr. (president Jefferson County Public Schools Board of Education); Greg Haynes (Wyatt Tarrant & Combs); Betty Bayé (journalist and commentator); and Bill Stone (Louisville businessman and active participant in a range of civic affairs).

Stone and Jones are well known in the Jewish community. Jones received the Jewish Community Center's 2014 Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award, given to a leader who has made a difference, improving the life of Louisville, Kentucky and beyond. The recognition was given because of his commitment to education and his leadership within Jefferson County Public School System. Stone has been a longtime leader in within the Jewish Federation of Louisville, currently serving as a member of its Jewish Community Relations Council.

Members of the Jewish community know well the importance of free speech and association and the concerns that arose during the Red scare of the McCarthy era. Friendly may be most well known for a 1954 airing of the "See It Now" documentary that revealed the work of Sen. Joseph McCarthy and is credited as a catalyst for McCarthy's loss of power.

He created the concept of "Fred Friendly Seminars" in 1966 at the beginning of the public television era. In



Professor Arthur Miller

1988 he produced and hosted the PBS Series, "Ethics in America," which used the style of having leading thinkers address current ethical issues. In the 2005 movie, *Good Night, Good Luck*, George Clooney played Fred Friendly.

Miller has been a host and facilitator for many Fred Friendly-type televised programs and regularly plays that role for public events. These programs, which have been described as like "trying to juggle on a roller coaster," demonstrate Miller's ability to orchestrate a thoughtful and entertaining discussion among individuals who bring a range of perspectives and experiences to the table.

Miller is known for his early work on privacy, recognizing as early as 1971 the potential for technology and data banks to have adverse impact on individual privacy. His work on PBS and elsewhere as a "teacher of the law to the general public" reflects Justice Brandeis's beliefs in educating the public about legal matters.

Recipients of the Brandeis Medal, which honors individuals whose work reflects the justice's ideals of public service as well as his example of civility and professionalism, include Mel Urofsky (2010), Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (2003) and Associate Justice Stephen Breyer (2004).

The co-chairs of the Brandeis Medal Committee are Profs. Leslie Abramson and Laura Rothstein, both members of the faculty at the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville.

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Naamani Lecture Event Features Teddy Abrams

If you haven't gotten a chance to hear Louisville Orchestra conductor Teddy Abrams speak, here's your opportunity.

The young, innovative musical director has generated quite the buzz around Louisville, and you can see what the fuss is all about at the 2015 Naamani Memorial Lecture Event on 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 is also an award-winning composer and a passionate educator – he has taught at numerous schools throughout the United States. His 2009



Teddy Abrams

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.

Abrams has used his talents to reach people who normally wouldn't see an orchestra concert. He hosts impromptu jam sessions with other musicians in his home on Market Street during the First Friday Trolley Hop and has performed at ReSurfaced, a pop-up beer garden on Main Street.

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 502-852-0457.

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.

Jean West Is 2015 Senior University Keynote Speaker

Television personality Jean West, a long-time WAVE3-TV reporter, will be the keynote speaker at The Temple's 2015 Senior University program on Thursday, April 16, at The Temple.



Jean West

The daylong program begins with registration and a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m., followed by West, who will speak on "Can We Cure Alzheimer's in the Kitchen?"

The program also includes three sets of workshops, and participants can choose from nine offerings led by rabbis and community experts.

The 11 a.m. workshops include a presentation by Louisville Orchestra musicians Matt and Kathy Karr; "Trying to

Make Sense of Israel's Elections" with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel; and "Age-ing to Sage-ing" with Nadyne Lee.

The 12:50 p.m. workshops include "Hoops, Horses and Sports Mania" with Tim Sullivan; "Across the Sabbath River: The Jews of India" with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport; and "Alleviating Senior Stress" with Dr. Ora Frankel.

The 1:40 p.m. workshops include "Better Balance, Fewer Falls" with Joan Rickert; "A Jewish Understanding of Angels" with Rabbi Gaylia Rooks; and "Long Term Care Options" with Mauri Malka.

A healthful lunch will be served, and the day will end with a closing program and dessert.

All are welcome. Senior University is \$12 for the entire day, to be paid at the door, but preregistration is required. RSVP to The Temple office, 502-423-1818.

"Organic Torah" is Topic of Spalding's Keenan Lecture

Rabbi Natan Margalit, Ph.D., will deliver Spalding University's 34th Annual Keenan Lecture on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the Spalding University Egan Leadership Center Lectorium, at the corner Fourth and Breckinridge Streets. Rabbi Margalit will speak on the topic of "Organic Torah: Spirit, Systems and Sustainability."



Rabbi Natan Margalit

In his presentation, Rabbi Margalit's will discuss the premise put forth by many leading environmentalists that in order to overcome the present environmental crisis, and stop the rapid degradation of our life-sustaining natural systems, we

need more than scientific and technical fixes. We need a deeper shift in the way we think and feel about our place in this world.

This is where religions can make an important contribution, but for much of the modern era religion and science have been at odds.

Modern science has tried to understand the world by taking it apart. Not

discounting all the great benefits that it has brought the world, this reductionist approach has done much to de-legitimize religion and also to distance us from a sense of kinship with the natural world.

Recently, we have seen the beginnings of a shift in science and in culture toward a more ecological, complex systems approach which understands the world in terms of relationships and patterns. This shift opens up an exciting opportunity for dialogue between science and religion such as hasn't been seen in centuries.

Rabbi Margalit will talk about major themes in Jewish thought and practice that demonstrate an organic, holistic organization that has much in common with systems thinking.

When religious leaders and scientists are speaking the same language of systems, spirit and science can work together toward sustainability.

The 2015 Keenan Lecture is sponsored by the Spalding University School of Liberal Studies and the Bob and Felice Sachs Charitable Fund.

Parking is available in Spalding lots off of Third, Fourth and Breckinridge Streets. For more information, contact Dorina Miller Parmenter at dparmenter@spalding.edu or 502-873-4438.

Bunbury Theatre Presents Bonhoeffer

During the Holocaust, those who opposed Nazi actions against the Jews were as vulnerable to persecution as the Jews themselves, and many paid the ultimate price. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident, was among them.

The final days of his life are explored in this historical fiction play, *Bonhoeffer – The Last Encounter*, by Jeurgen K. Tossman, to be presented by Bunbury Theatre Company April 9-26.

Bonhoeffer was a key founding member of the Confessing Church. His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world have become widely influential, and his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, is regarded as a modern classic.

Apart from his theological writings, Bonhoeffer was known for his staunch resistance to the Nazi dictatorship, and was vocal in his opposition to Hitler's euthanasia program and genocidal per-

secution of the Jews.

He was arrested in April 1943 by the Gestapo and imprisoned at Tegel prison for a year and a half. Later, he was transferred to a Nazi concentration camp.

Accused of being associated with the plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler, Bonhoeffer was tried briefly along with other accused plotters including former members of the Abwehr, the German Military Intelligence Office.

He was hanged by the Nazis at Flossenbürg Concentration Camp on April 9, 1945, just two weeks before the camp was liberated by the Second U.S. Cavalry.

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Yom HaShoah Focuses on Stories to be Shared

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

A time to remember. A time to listen. A time to bear witness.

The annual Jewish Community Relations Council Community-Wide Yom HaShoah Commemoration, "The Story Has to Be Shared," will be Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at Keneseth Israel.

Each year, the number of Holocaust survivors able to stand up and present first-hand testimony grows smaller and smaller. Today's young people, who are old enough to understand, are among the last who will be able to hear the stories from those who lived through the horrors. They will be among the last to learn directly from those who endured through Nazi persecution and among the last to receive the survivors' charge to bear witness.

"For the past two years, we've broken away from the format of hearing a speaker and truly celebrated the coming of the next generation," said Yom HaShoah Chair Fred Whittaker. "There's been great participation of youth and teens."

During the planning for this year's program, he explained, the committee decided to return to having a survivor speak, but keeping the same sense of celebration of the next generation because "we are rapidly approaching the time when we will not have survivors with us," he added.

This year's speaker, Conrad Weiner, was a child survivor, Whittaker continued, "but he was old enough that he still retains memories that were personal to him. ... Conrad makes great effort to convey to the audience that we are not just listening, we are bearing witness."

Weiner was born in Storozhynetz, a

small town in Bucovina, once part of Romania and currently part of the Ukraine, in 1938. After a brief occupation of the region by the Soviet Army in 1941, Romanian authorities in alliance with German forces started a massive campaign of annihilation and deportation of Jews to Transnistria.

They were taken by cattle car, a journey of two days and one night, and then forced to walk for two weeks in snow and mud to the forced labor camp, Budi. He was 3-1/2 years old at the time, and, luckily, he had a strong uncle who carried him most of the journey.

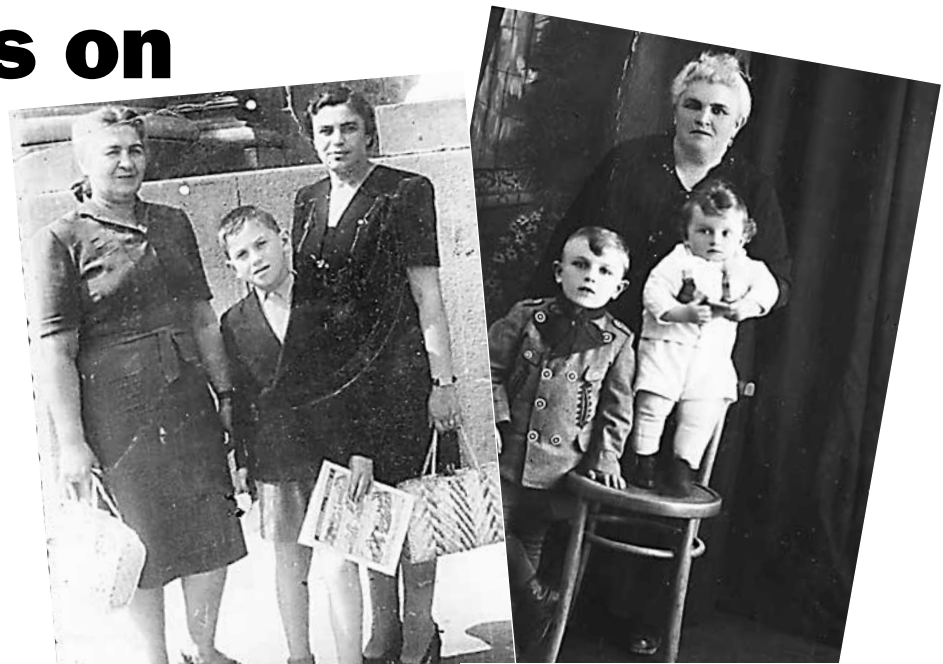
Weiner will share the story of how he survived until 1944 when, at the age of 6-1/2, he and the 300 surviving prisoners at Budi were liberated by the advancing Soviet Army and repatriated to Romania until he and his family were finally allowed to come to the U.S. in 1960.

Weiner is committed to educating the community about the Holocaust, his experience and the lessons, despite the difficulty of sometimes recounting it. "It must be done to keep our promise, 'Never Again,'" he states. "We must learn from history in order to not repeat it. We see many examples of intolerance everyday."

"It is unfortunate that today, in the 21st century, we still have wars, ethnic cleansing, poverty and hunger," he added. "Education and dialogue are key elements in sharing the world in peace and harmony."

"We have a great obligation not just to listen," Whittaker observed, "but to be changed by the words we hear."

Students from four public schools who have participated in a special Anne Frank educational program with the Louisville Orchestra will participate in the program, as well as representatives



from classes at Manual and Atherton High Schools and St. Francis of Assisi who have studied about the Holocaust will also participate.

As in years past, the program will honor the memories of those who perished during the Holocaust and will include the traditional candle lighting recalling the different groups that were persecuted and the recitation of Elie Wiesel's adaptation of the Kaddish.

"Becoming a witness doesn't mean being overwhelmed by the darkness of the Holocaust," Whittaker added. "It means being called into greater meaning and empowerment and connecting to the deep traditions of Yom Hashoah."

The entire community is invited to this commemoration.

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These critical needs, worsened by a plummeting local currency and an economy near collapse, will not disappear any time soon. And all the work done by Jewish groups on the ground to date, while laudable, remains unfinished, whether or not the cease-fire agreed on last month continues to hold. We predict that millions of dollars in aid will be needed in the next six months to continue to provide the relief needed by thousands of Jews in distress.

Jewish aid to Ukraine – provided by local Jewish communities, Chabad, the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, the Jewish Federations, World Jewish Relief, the Claims Conference and my organization, the JDC – has paid for a wide range of emergency services. Among them, the provision of extra food, medicine and medical care; crisis-related home repairs; extra winter items such as warm bedding, clothing, utility stipends and space heaters; and a full aid package, including trauma services and emergency housing, for displaced Jews.

The beneficiaries of this assistance are members of Jewish communities revived after the fall of Communism. This month Jewish community institutions in Donetsk have been holding Purim activities for the beleaguered Jews that remain. In places like Kharkiv, displaced Jews are receiving gift baskets delivered by local Jewish volunteers.

But these Jewish communities, and our ability to provide ongoing aid to them, are strained after more than a year of crisis management and aid distribution. And if Bloomberg News' recent ranking of Ukraine as the fourth most miserable economy in the world is any



A heavily damaged hotel near the airport in Donetsk, Ukraine, February 26. Jews still living in the embattled city have become enormously dependent on foreign assistance, according to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

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indication, we must redouble our efforts now to care for our people in Ukraine.

We must first educate and remind our Jewish communities about the challenges facing the Jews of Ukraine. And then we must put support in place to address current needs and ensure the future vitality of this community that has emerged from the ashes of history.

We have a track record of doing this together – in Argentina, when Jews faced economic ruin; in Europe, when the continent suffered through an enormous financial crisis; and today, in Ukraine, where war has given way to a humanitarian crisis of untold proportions.

So as we continue the legacy of Esther and Mordechai, of Jewish action in the face of insurmountable challenges, let us wish our Jewish brothers and sisters in Ukraine a hearty chag Purim sameach. May their brave resolve inspire our work on their behalf.

Editor's note: Alan H. Gill is the CEO of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The Jewish Federation of Louisville supports the JDC. To make a donation to help the Jews of Ukraine, go to www.jewishlouisville.org/unrest-in-ukraine.



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Please contact Rabbi Robert Slosberg at rabbi@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359 for additional information.

JCL BRIEFING

by Stu Silberman
President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville

Throughout the year there are specific events that serve as the best reminders for why we support the Jewish community, locally, around the world and especially in Israel. One of those events occurred this past weekend, as the Jewish Community of



Stu Silberman

Louisville hosted the Steering Committee for our Partnership2Gether region, a consortium of communities in the central region of the US and our Israeli counterparts in the Western Galilee.

At Shabbat dinner Friday evening at Adath Jeshurun, after being treated to a wonderful musical service, Alison and I had the opportunity to sit with our region's Israeli co-chair, Dr. Michael Aaronson. He has been Partnership co-chair for a year, and this is his first visit to the U.S. in that capacity.

For his day job, Aaronson travels on business. He uses his British passport because of the negative experiences he often has when visiting foreign countries using his Israeli one. And this is in 2015.

What was inspiring to us was when he talked about how emotionally moved he is when he visits Federation offices and upon walking in, being greeted with the sight of a U.S. flag and an Israeli flag, standing next to each other in solidarity. The conversation continued to explore how much positive impact our Partnership region has in educating Israelis in the Western Galilee that we are there to support them.

We expect this from all we have been told by our parents and Jewish community leaders, but to hear it directly from the voice of an Israeli is something entirely different. If you haven't had the chance to engage in P2G, how about making 2015 the year in which you experience the same prideful emotions we did, just from a simple conversation with an Israeli whom we support? (See story, page 1).

I reflected upon our Shabbat con-

versation Saturday evening as we took our children to CenterStage's absolutely wonderful performance of *Fiddler on the Roof* at your JCC. Times have changed since Tevye's family struggled to survive. Most of Louisville's Jewish community (though not all) generally can feed, clothe and shelter their families.

For those who cannot, Jewish Family & Career Services and other social service agencies provide needed support by channeling your contributions to those who need it the most. Living here in Louisville, we are blessed not to have to deal with the harshness of life in fictional Anatevka, though not all Jews are so blessed. What Michael told us about his experiences is exactly the same ostracism of the Jewish community Tevye's family faced.

And the ostracism continues. Look no further than France. Actually, France is pretty far away. Look no further than the U of L campus, where our Hillel students are faced with anti-Israel sentiment through the BDS (Boycott, Divest and Sanction movement) occurring on campuses nationwide. Near and far, our support is needed. Needed to advocate. Needed to connect.

No matter where a Jew needs help, Federation's role is to provide that help. No other organized Jewish agency has as broad a charge. How fortunate we are in Louisville to have a community that supports a Federation.

Help is not only needed for Jews experiencing ostracism. In the case of the Ukraine, that help is needed simply to get our fellow Jews out of a war zone to safety (see story page 2).

And finally, help is not only needed for problem resolution. It's needed equally as much for Jewish identity strengthening. Take for example, J Forty-Fivers, our brand new leadership development program for Jewish fourth and fifth graders. Yes, leadership development, in preparation for Teen Connection (6-8 grade), BBYO (9-12 grade), Hillel (college), ... see a pattern here?

Do you wonder where your contributions go? These are just examples. Helping. Saving. Building. Have you had a chance to lend your support? If yes, on behalf of Jews around the world, thank you. If not, please do so now by visiting www.jewishlouisville.org/donate.

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A Lesson from Purim on the Importance of Laughter

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky
Vice President of Mission
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In the book of Deuteronomy, it is written that the Holy One will “astir panim” and go into hiding. Our sages tell us that the word “astir” (I will hide) is related to the word “Esther” and that this references the book of Esther. If ever there was a holiday that seemed devoid of holiness, it



Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky

might be Purim. We are commanded to drink, play games, poke fun at authority figures and dress up in masks and costumes.

Yet, our Talmudic sages also teach “Yom Kippurim, Yom Ke-Purim” which means that Yom Kippur is like Purim. It is when we are able to laugh at ourselves that we are able to transcend ourselves and the limitations that keep us from reaching the holiness that we seek. Life may cause each of us to wear masks at different times, but beneath every role and label, is that same eternal spark of holiness that resides in every person.

This material world is filled with illusions that translate into very real and very unfortunate outcomes. The hierarchies of this world, the socio-economic

inequalities and the health disparities that afflict certain minority groups at disproportionate levels are just a few unfortunate examples of the countless ways in which our inherent equal standing, as children of one human family, has been distorted by the way we live in this world.

The story of Esther highlights the human frailties of those in power, and reminds us that no counsel or policy should ever go unquestioned. We are all imperfect, and the holiday of Purim invites us to think beyond the masks or blinders that we each wear. The holiday of Purim also reminds us that goodness is stronger than evil, and that love of our neighbor will ultimately win out over hatred and intolerance. Most importantly, when it seems like holiness is hidden, we are called to look deeper until we can recognize that spark and help it to shine brightly in our world.

Recently, patients, families and staff at Jewish Hospital, had an opportunity to learn about Purim and to celebrate together. This was also a chance for staff to come together to laugh and be re-centered in the positive energy that needs to guide every human interaction. As caregivers, it is vitally important to take time to recharge, in order to ensure that we can continue to provide compassionate care for those we serve.

Thanks to the generosity of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, hundreds of delicious hamentashen were tasted by staff. As the attached picture illustrates, our CEO, Ruth Brinkley, and our COO, Lisa



KentuckyOne Health CEO, Ruth Brinkley and COO, Lisa Shannon, celebrate Purim at Jewish Hospital for the first time.

Shannon, joined with our hospital president, Joe Gilene and the senior leadership of Jewish Hospital, to present a Purim Shpiel for staff, and even play some games at a Purim carnival that was held in the hospital lobby.

Part of the lesson that Purim teaches is the importance of laughter to help us to keep everything in balance. When we take ourselves too seriously, we can lose sight of what really matters. Being able to experience our humanity is an important component of ensuring that we can remain compassionate and live with integrity.

Purim and Yom Kippur are two important anchors in the way we live, throughout the year, that can help us to retain a valuable perspective. May we find laughter and forgiveness every day, and may this guide all of our relationships, so that we can bring healing and solace to this still broken world.

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all of whom have made their mark in our community.

Dr. George Digenis, Luis David Fuentes, John Rosenberg, Lalit Sarin and Van Tran will be honored at the annual MOSAIC Awards dinner on Thursday, May 21, at The Louisville Downtown Marriott.

“This year we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our event,” said Judy Freundlich Tiell, JFCS executive director. “To date, the event has honored 47 international Americans who make our community a richer and more interesting city, creating a mosaic of many colors and perspectives.”

The cocktail reception, start at 5 p.m., features a showcase of new micro-businesses that have received training and financial assistance from the JFCS Navigate Enterprise Center.

“Many new businesses only have a small budget for marketing,” comments Dan Heffernam, Navigate director. “By introducing our businesses to the people attending the MOSAIC Awards, we hope to generate interest in the products and services they provide and create new clients for them.”

Dr. George Digenis

Originally from Greece, Dr. Digenis is the retired chair/director of Medicinal Chemistry & Pharmaceuticals at UK. He is internationally known for tracking the efficacy of drugs as they are synthesized by our bodies.

Dr. Digenis holds 14 drug-related patents and continues to be published in more than 250 publications. He formulated many of the gel capsules we ingest today and he is best known in the industry for making drug formulations like the first vaginal gelatin capsule to offer protection against the transmission of AIDS.

After retirement, Dr. Digenis became the chief scientific officer and co-founder of US World Meds, which develops unique pharmaceuticals that address unmet medical needs or overcome limitations of existing products.

Dr. Digenis is active in Louisville's Greek Orthodox community and has an endowed chair at the UK School of Pharmacy.

Luis David Fuentes

Fuentes, from Cuba, has been an air quality engineer at the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection since 2009. He is also the owner and editor of the very successful publication, *El Kentubano*, for the Latin community of Louisville and Kentucky.

El Kentubano provides news, resources, stories and events for the Latin community and helps small businesses that are focused on the Spanish population. It has also sponsored several events that have had a positive impact and have ben-

efited the Latin community.

Fuentes supports many new and small Latin-owned businesses, promoting them through articles, free advertising and interviews.

Fuentes also created Peña Cultural, bringing together cultural artists and writers in Shively and Kentucky and rededicated an old bust of Jose Marti, a hero for Cuban independence.

John Rosenberg

In his native Germany, Rosenberg experienced Nazi persecution and internment before coming to America.

He started his career in this country working under Attorney General Robert Kennedy as a trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. He was part of the team that successfully prosecuted the Klansmen responsible for the disappearance and death of three civil rights activists, which ultimately led to the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Rosenberg served as director of AppalReD, the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund in rural Eastern Kentucky, for 28 years, where he assisted more than 6,000 clients in Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia annually in obtaining basic needs.

He took on corporations that exploited poor families, with such practices as illegal predatory lending schemes and selling defective mobile homes. He also started a mine safety project, which represents miners seeking reinstatement and damages from being fired unjustly or seeking black lung benefits.

Rosenberg has also served as a Special Justice for the Kentucky Supreme Court and on advisory boards for both the University of Kentucky Law School and the Appalachian School of Law and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Lalit Sarin

An immigrant from India, Lalit was part of the early teams at General Electric that implemented process controls not seen before at GE's Appliance Park. His greatest accomplishments have been in the areas of product quality and safety, entrepreneurship, manufacturing and small business leadership.

Lalit risked everything to acquire Shelby Industries to prevent its closure and the loss jobs for the Shelby County community. Since then the business has sustained profitability for more than 30 years.

With an interest in education, Lalit has established scholarships at the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville and Wisconsin University and serves or has served on the UofL Foundation Board and Overseers Board, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Board, Associated Industries of Kentucky Board, Louisville/Jefferson County Redevelopment Authority Board,

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Wounded Syrians Receive Treatment at Western Galilee Medical Center

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, *Editor*

Dr. Ohad Ronen, a senior physician/surgeon in the Department of Otolaryngology at Western Galilee Hospital/Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, has found himself in the challenging position of treating seriously injured Syrians even though Israel and Syria are technically at war and being in Israel at all poses as big a threat to his patients' survival as their injuries would, if left untreated.



Dr. Ohad Ronen

He shared his story three times while he was in Louisville—during Shabbat services at The Temple, at a meeting with 20 local physicians and during the Partnership Steering Committee meetings on Sunday at Adath Jeshurun.

Since the start of the Arab Spring four years ago, Dr. Ronen reported, there has been turmoil in Syria and other Arab countries. In Syria alone, over 200,000 have died and over 500,000 have been injured. The United Nations estimates that more than 3 million have fled the country and more than 9 million have been displaced internally.

Medical treatment within Syria has

deteriorated dramatically. More than 70 percent of medical personnel have fled the country, Dr. Ronen stated. Medical facilities have been damaged or destroyed. There is a shortage of medical supplies, and roads everywhere have been destroyed making delivery of new supplies difficult or impossible.

The Galilee Medical Center is located just 50 miles from the Syrian border, about an hour's drive, and it is the only level one trauma center in the region. To date, about 1,800 people have come to Israel for treatment, and about 1,500 were treated in Israeli hospitals.

About 700 of them were treated at Western Galilee Hospital, and Dr. Ronen reported that about a third of them were under age 18 and half were women and children.

Many, even the children, come without their families. Some are brought in unconscious and are surprised to find they are in Israel. "All they know is Israel is the enemy," Dr. Ronen said.

To protect these patients after their release, they are not asked their names and steps are taken to conceal the fact that they were treated in Israel because their lives would be in danger if it were known in Syria that they were in Israel at all.

Many of the wounds are grievous and require expensive, high tech treatment, yet Dr. Ronen explained, "the refugees receive the same treatment as a member of the IDF would."

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American Red Cross Board, Boy Scouts of America and many others.

Van Tran

As one of the surviving boat people who escaped Vietnam, Tran eventually came to Louisville and established the Van Tran Insurance Agency. She also became a realtor with S.G. Priest Realty. She is a top seller in real estate and insurance in the Kentucky area and regularly makes the Allstate's top five sellers list.

Tran has dedicated her life to volunteering in and improving the Vietnamese community in Louisville and to supporting Vietnam War vets. She is a board member for Crane House and is a founding board member of the Vietnam Community of Louisville, which is dedicated to raising the funds needed to build a Vietnam Warriors Memorial in Jeffersonton Park.

Tran is a member of the Iroquois Area Business Association and Louisville's Tibetan Buddhist Drepung Gomang Institute. She also is a volunteer manager at Saigon Broadcasting Television Net-

work (SBTN), which covers news in the Vietnamese community.

The MOSAIC Awards is a fundraising event that benefits JFCS. It honors international Americans who have made a significant contribution in their profession and in our local/global community. JFCS was founded to assist newcomers to Louisville, and this event honors its original mission.

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is the title sponsor, and WLKY 32 is the media sponsor with Rick Van Hoose acting as the master of ceremonies. Papercone Corporation, PharMerica and Kindred Healthcare are also major sponsors.

Dr. Diane Tobin and previous honoree, Claudia Peralta-Mudd, are the event chairs. "We are happy to have Jerry and Madeline Abramson as our honorary chairs this year. We hope that their participation during this anniversary celebration will generate a whole new level of interest for the event," says Dr. Tobin.

Tickets to the event are \$125/person, and table sponsorships begin at \$1,500. For reservations, contact Beverly Bromley, JFCS director of development, at 502-452-6341, ext. 223 or bbromley@jfcslouisville.org.

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she spoke to Temple Shalom about sharing her Music that Counts curriculum around the world, including in Nepal, Thailand and Ghana.

Srerbo also conducted a workshop for Louisville's preschool teachers and conducted a Kabbalat Shabbat program with every class of preschoolers in the JCC's Early Learning Center.

Louisville Partnership Co-Chairs Laura and Jon Klein are excited about a series of missions to Israel in the next year. "The Partnership concept is 20 years old next year," Jon Klein said. To celebrate the program's success, Partnership groups from across the United States are planning simultaneous trips to their partner regions and cities in Israel. After spending time in their individual regions, all the Partnership groups will come together for a very large Partnership birthday party.

"That promises to be a really good time," Klein said. "The planning is well underway for that mission, and we should have the final details by the end of April."

He's also excited about an upcoming Mega Teen trip that is being planned. Participating in this trip, he stated, will not preclude the teen from taking a Birthright Israel trip later.

In addition, Klein is helping create a bike trip from the Western Galilee to the South of Israel. Watch for details.

Watch for information about an Educators Conference in the Western Galilee as well.

The meetings included reports on a wide variety of Partnership activities. Anna Beckman, who works for the Jewish Agency for Israel in Budapest. She reported on that city's thriving Cultural Institute, where they offer lectures, classes, programs and projects, mostly aimed

at young adults. They currently have 180 students – not all Jewish – enrolled in 20 Ulpan-style Hebrew language classes. They also offer young adult leadership classes.

Many of those who come to the institute only discovered their Jewish heritage recently as adults. The Cultural Institute helps them fill in the gaps in their cultural background, encourages them to visit Israel continues to help them build stronger Jewish identities upon their return.

Bill Strickland Jr. and Steve Sarowitz, a pair of social entrepreneurs known for developing arts and technology vocational training schools for disadvantaged and at-risk youth, particularly in upper Midwest American cities, shared details of their projects and announced that, thanks to Steve Sarowitz' affinity for the city of Akko, plans are now being made to start the first program in this model outside of the United States in that Western Galilee city in Israel.

The pair is not looking for Partnership funding. Rather, they are looking to create a successful program and are eager to find ways to collaborate with the Partnership.

Other reports updated delegates on many more Central Regional Consortium Partnership programs and projects. The delegates also identified priority projects for the coming year and approved the budget for the coming year.

"Members of the partnership tell us that it was a very successful meeting," said Jon Klein, "and we feel really good about that. According to the staff from Israel, this was the largest Partnership meeting yet," he continued, "and we had the largest number of first-time attendees ever. That says good things about the future of the Partnership."

"We're really grateful to Sara Wagner, Mary Jean Timmel and Matt Goldberg for all the work that they did to make



Partnership2Gether delegates from Israel, the Central Consortium of American communities and Budapest listened to presentations at Adath Jeshurun during the Steering Committee meetings the JCL hosted in Louisville.

this a success," Klein said of the JCC staff members who handled most of the local arrangements.

Louisville has been part of the Central Area Consortium since the Partnership program was established in 1997. The consortium includes 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, Hungary.

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.

Over the years, the Partnership 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.

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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PRICE

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Designed to teach JCC staffers about Israel and ways to incorporate Israel into programming, this was not a sightseeing trip. Participants were busy from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. every day and Price brought home nine pages of notes about ideas for programs that could be implemented in Louisville.

She'd like to see some Israeli breakfast events at the JCC and an Israel exhibit that can be changed regularly and moved to different locations in the building. She also would like to help develop a presentation about Israel that can be tailored to the needs and interests of different groups like seniors, BBYOers, staff, Board members and others. This presentation would help increase understanding of the many facets of Israeli life and amazing things that are happening in the country.

Another possibility is to create a "Learn While You Burn" program to take advantage of the new high tech exercise equipment at the JCC to offer Israel programming and Hebrew language instruction to members as they work out.

Based on what she had read and heard before her trip, Price expected to see desert, bomb shelters and crumbling buildings, but found a very different place with a lot to see and felt totally safe the entire time.

During a visit to Sderot, the town in Southern Israel next to Gaza that is frequently the target of missile attacks, she visited the Peace Wall. She described it as "a giant wall with a mural. People are taking small pieces of concrete and plastering them to the wall with messages."

This art project lets the children experience art while distracting them from the harsh realities of daily life and giving them an outlet to express their

feelings. The Iron Dome protects Israeli cities and towns from sophisticated, powerful missiles, Price explained, but most of the munitions launched against Sderot are low tech projectiles – PVC pipe bombs.

When a launch is detected, a tzeva adom (code red) warning is sounded and people have 10 seconds to seek safety. Living next to Gaza, she explained, is not stopping them from living full lives.

In her travels through the country, Price always felt safe. She was also impressed with the landscape. "It was nothing like I expected," she said. "there were gorgeous, beautiful desert landscapes juxtaposed with lush countryside."

"The West Bank was interesting," she continued. "We could see the Green Line ... because Israel has made such progress in planting new trees. It speaks to their innovation. They are making the land as vibrant as possible." The Green Line is a political and geographic boundary that defined the State of Israel prior to the 1967 war. Today, it is also a visible green line thanks to the hundreds of thousands of trees that have been planted within Israel's boundaries.

Price described the Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research at Ben Gurion University as amazing. "They showed us all the experiments the scientists are doing" that result in advances in cosmetics, food production, water conservation and architecture. That facility attracts people from all over the world, and, she added, "it is the only desert research center in a desert."

Visiting the Western Wall for Shabbat services impressed Price. "It was a most powerful experience to see every kind of human being and hear every language. To see quiet prayer to singing and dancing spoke of the diversity of Israel from religious perspective. There were people who were as conservative as can be to people like me that just want to coexist."



Lenae Price, center back, with her group of JCC professionals at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Another program that impressed her was the Lone Soldier program that provides emotional support and surrogate family connections for those serving in the IDF who have no family in Israel. This group also includes soldiers whose families are very religious and oppose their service so strenuously that they disown their children who chose to go into the IDF.

Tel Aviv, Price said, "is like New York City meets Miami Beach. Tel Aviv is a Jewish city, and yet it is more diverse than any place I've ever been."

The group spent time in Jerusalem at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where they talked with Israeli leaders about Israel's image in the world. "They showed us some videos they produced to see if we would want and would be comfortable showing them." The Israelis also sought the visitors' opinions about Israel's image among North Americans.

Partnership2Gether was also a big part of the seminar.

Prior to this trip, Price struggled with



The Peace Wall in Sderot

Israel and all of its complexities, the negative publicity and its troubling image. After a week in Israel, seeing the country's wonders, learning about its history, feeling its spirituality and discussing its complexity, she discovered a land with which she can associate and of which she can be proud.

She brought back to Louisville an enthusiasm and excitement that she is eager to share.

This trip was subsidized by the JCCA.

REVIEW

Fiddler on the Roof

by David Wallace
Special to Community

F*iddler on the Roof* begins with the precarious positioned fiddler playing a poignant melody and with the song *Tradition*. By the end of the play, the fiddler has no roof, tradition has been shattered and the family of Tevye, a milkman in the Russian city Anatevka, has been scattered by the winds of change. The story in between is the heart of the beloved *Fiddler on the Roof*, and it is alive and well as presented by CenterStage at the Jewish Community Center.

Tevye, played by Monte Fields, as in

2006, is the heart and soul of the story. He is the man, the father, head of his Jewish family and has the last word in the "Court of Tradition."

The problem is that Tevye has a heart and sees both sides of the story. He is always saying "on the other hand" while in Jewish tradition in the small village of Anatevka in the Russia of the early 20th century there is no "other hand." There is only one way, the way it has always been done.

Fields, as Tevye, manages to convey the essence of the milkman and highlight his dilemma: How do you bend without breaking? The answer seems to be that you can't.

The set is bare bones, as it should be, and the costumes are traditional except for the wild Mardi Gras-like apparel of the dream sequence during which Tevye tricks his wife, Golde, played with panache by Carol Dines, into allowing



Tzeitel, played by Margo Wooldridge, to marry Motel, the penniless tailor, played by R. Wayne Hogue Jr., instead of Lazar Wolf, the wealthy butcher, played by George Robert Bailey.

After that, the dominoes begin to fall and marriages to outsiders undermine tradition, which, along with the tsar and his government, destroy the safe haven of conventionality in Anatevka.

Tevye's humorous, one-sided conversations with God and the old Rabbi's (played by Jason Cooper) fervent wish that the tsar stay very far away reflect the changing times. God is no longer the Deity that actively led the Jews to the Promised Land or slew their enemies. The Tsar is no longer content to leave the Jews alone. Times have changed and tradition bends to the breaking point when Tevye is willing to say "on the other hand." The religion of the Jews is intact when they leave their village of Anatevka but altered forever.

Fiddler on the Roof concludes CenterStage's 2014-15 season. Next year's season includes *The Who's Tommy*; Dolly Parton's *9 to 5 The Musical*; *Oliver!*; *Big Fish*; *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*; Melissa Shepherd's *Patsy Cline: A Life in Concert*; and *The Rocky Horror Show*. Get your tickets soon!

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*Birthright Trip Started the Process***Eric Gurevich Saves a Life with Bone Marrow Donation**

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

When Eric Gurevich went on a Birthright Israel trip six years ago, he never imagined it would lead to saving a life.

While in Israel, his group saw a presentation by Gift of Life, a bone marrow registry organization founded in response to a lack of Jewish bone marrow donors. After the presentation, Gurevich got his mouth swabbed to get on the registry.

Two years ago, Gurevich got a call from the organization saying he was a match for someone with a blood disorder, but after some testing that connec-

tion didn't work out, and he assumed it was because the patient wasn't able to take the donation.

On February 19 of this year, he got a call from Gift of Life and was told the same patient, a 53-year-old man with myelodysplastic syndrome, needed the transplant, and they couldn't stress enough that the need was urgent. Gurevich felt compelled to respond.

"I was on a plane to Washington, D.C., the next day," Gurevich said. "It's all voluntary, of course, but they were basically asking me to save a life."

He went to Washington for extensive testing, then was sent back home to await the next call. He had to take injections of Neupogen, a drug that stimulates the body to make stem cells. He said he had no serious side effects from the drug, other than being a little tired and achy.

On March 9, gave his donation. He was at the hospital at 7:30 a.m. and – 1.3 billion stem cells later – was free to go by lunchtime. He and his girlfriend went to lunch afterward, and then he took a nap.

"I was tired, but nothing too bad," he said.

A common misconception of bone marrow donation, Gurevich said, is that the donor has to endure a painful procedure in which doctors drill into the hip bone. The modern preferred method is to harvest stem cells from blood. Gurevich said he was hooked up to an apheresis machine, which separates stem cells from the patient's whole blood. The blood is then put back into the patient. Gurevich was back to work on Tuesday and was teaching a yoga class on Wednesday. One week later, he said he felt completely back to normal.

Gurevich said he has no contact with the man who received his stem cells, but

because the genetics have to be very similar, assumes that he is of Eastern European Jewish descent, like Gurevich. Gift of Life will give him periodic updates on the man's condition.

Gift of Life made the donation simple, he said. "It's such a seamless, easy process," he said. "Only about one in 500 people will be a match."

Throughout the process, he was with a coordinator who "was really kind and demonstrated the quality of the organization." The coordinator brought him gifts and was with him through the donation, booking his travel and hotel stays.

Gurevich said he hopes his donation will inspire others to get tested. "I was going to keep this quiet and not tell anyone about it, but I decided that it was a unique opportunity to be an advocate for donation."

Gift of Life is an organization founded by Jay Feinberg, who was diagnosed with Luekemia. He was told he'd never find a match because a patient's best chance of finding a genetic match lies with those of similar ethnic background. However, the worldwide registry was not representative of all ethnic groups, and Feinberg was Jewish.

Feinberg and his family organized donor drives to find a match and registered tens of thousands of potential donors. Feinberg found a donor in May 1995, four years after efforts began. The organization he founded now has more than 240,000 registered donors, has found more than 11,000 matches and facilitated 2,841 donations.

Those interested in bone marrow donation should visit Giftoflife.org or Bethematch.org.



Eric Gurevich

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.

April 2

Pre-Passover – Share recipes, photos and memories of past Passovers

April 9

Rabbi Joe Rapport will share "An Afikomen for Passover: Little-Known Traditions for Passover Week"

April 16

Senior University featuring Jean West. \$12. Begins at 9:30 a.m. (See page 6.)

April 23

Israeli Independence Day with Rabbi

David Ariel-Joel

April 30

Bingo with Derby Prizes

A healthy and nutritious lunch is available at noon for a cost of \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Kosher meals and transportation are available for \$5 upon request in advance. Call 423-1818 for reservations. For more information, contact Chavurat Shalom Director Allison Schwartz, 502-609-5091.

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A winter storm struck Louisville on the eve of Purim, yet Chabad maintained its holiday programming and over 70 people, including members of many of our local synagogues and temples braved the elements to join the celebration.

The storm continued through the night, however, forcing the postponement of the "Purim in Israel" dinner and celebration. Since the entire Jewish month of Adar is supposed to be joyous, Chabad rescheduled its gala at the Olmstead until the following Sunday night, March 8.

Over 140 people turned out for the kosher dinner that included Israeli falafel, schnitzel and Israeli borekas, prepared by the Olmstead supervised by Kentucky Kosher. A wide variety of Kosher Israeli wines were imported to Louisville for the evening as well, and there was live Jewish music, much singing and dancing.

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, regional director of Chabad of Kentucky explained, "This was our 30th anniversary in Louisville and so many people wanted to celebrate this important community milestone. We thank each and every one for all of their good wishes, and commit to increase our programs and activities throughout this celebratory year."

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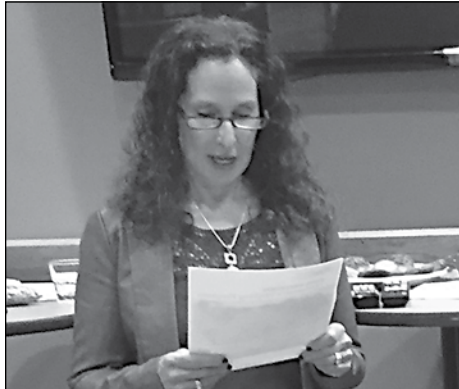
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Hadassah Marks the End of Shabbat Zachor with Havdalah



Rabbi Michael Wolk and Lewis Rowe lead Havdalah



Robin Wolff



Rob and Deb Amchin

On February 28, the Louisville Hadassah Chapter celebrated Shabbat Zachor with a Havdalah service at Westport Wine and Whiskey in Westport Village featuring myrtle (Hadas in Hebrew).

Shabbat Zachor, the Shabbat preceding Purim, holds particular importance as Hadassah was founded during Purim and was Esther's Hebrew name. Earlier in the morning, Board Members, Deb Amchin and Robin Wolff read a D'var Torah at their congregations. They spoke about Hadassah's mission to be the anti-Amalek and provide medical care to anyone who seeks it, both in Israel and during emergencies around the world.



Lewis and Ilean Rowe

As Shabbat ended, Rabbi Michael Wolk led the participants in a Havdalah service, using myrtle leaves for the spice fragrance. Everyone had a taste of myrtle berry liquor, described by some as tasting as delicious as cough syrup.

Money was collected to purchase items for a Shalach Manot "basket" to donate to the JFCS Food Pantry.

Members were also encouraged to sign up for Hadassah's new heart healthy walking program, Every Step Counts, and take a virtual walk to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem over the next few months. Interested participants can join at www.hadassah.org/everystepcounts.



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LBSY celebrated Purim by performing a musical comedy that told the story of the holiday on Sunday, March 8. The Purim Shpiel, was held at Anshei Sfard that morning since the Purim celebration on the holiday itself had to be cancelled due to snow.

The play, starring 20 LBSY students was received with lots of laughter and excitement. The audience was won over by King Ahasuerus played by Benjamin Greenberg and Queen Esther played by Lauren Goldberg.

The King began the play by singing *Let Her Go* (sung to *Let it Go* from the movie *Frozen*) to Queen Vashti played by Jenna Shaps. Haman, played by Michael Evans, was booed by everyone every

time his name was spoken.

The finale sung to the tune of *We are the Champions* written by Queen was sung by the whole cast: Miriam Bird, Jenna Catapano, Anna Cohen, Michael Evans, Orli Feder, West Franklin, Julia Geer, Lauren Goldberg, Maddie Greenbaum, Benjamin Greenberg, Nate Kaplan, Nicki Kaplan, Gabi Kronenberg, Lauren Rowe, Brady Salmon, Carly, Schramko, Leah Schuhmann, Jenna Shaps, Clara Weiss, Owen Weiss and Isaac Weiss.

Hillary Reskin wrote and directed the play, and Michael Evans and Isaac Weiss, LBSY graduates, returned to Sunday School just to perform and help with the play.

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Five Takeaways from This Week's Israeli Election

by Uriel Heilman

March 18, 2015 (JTA) – In the United States, the magic number on Election Day is 270, the number of Electoral College votes needed to win the presidency. In Israel, it's 61, the number of seats needed to capture a majority in the 120-seat Knesset – and with it, the premiership.

With Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party at 30 seats, far ahead of Isaac Herzog's Zionist Union (24 seats), the question now is who will join Netanyahu in the coalition? There are a few things to consider as the next Israeli government takes shape.

1. Netanyahu is in a stronger position than before.

The prime minister acquired several advantages in the election. First, he can extend his premiership for another four years, possibly to become Israel's longest-serving prime minister: David Ben-Gurion served for a total of 13 years; Netanyahu has nine.

Second, by soundly defeating Herzog and significantly improving Likud's position in the Knesset from 18 to 30, Netanyahu can claim a fresh mandate.

Third, the prime minister can build a more stable coalition than last time. With just the Orthodox and right-wing parties – Jewish Home (8), Shas (7), Yisrael Beiteinu (6) and United Torah Judaism (6) – Netanyahu gets to 57 seats. Kulanu, the center-right party led by ex-Likudnik Moshe Kachlon and the winner of 10 seats, easily could complete the coalition. Netanyahu no longer needs Yesh Atid's Yair Lapid, with whom friction ultimately prompted the prime minister to dissolve his government and call for new elections. Yesh Atid slipped to 11 seats from 19.

2. The left wing failed to gain ground.

Herzog has emerged to become the face of the left, but the left wing isn't really in a better position than before. The left's share of Knesset seats remains relatively unchanged – 28 compared to 29 in the current Knesset – but the party labels have changed. Now Zionist Union has 24 seats and Meretz four, whereas before the left wing's 29 seats were distributed among Labor, Hatnuah, Kadima and Meretz.

If you throw the Joint Arab List (14) in with the left-wingers (Netanyahu does), that brings the left to 42 seats in the new Knesset, up from 40 last time around.

3. The kingmakers will be the centrists.

The Knesset's two centrist parties together won 21 seats on Election Day – 11 for Yesh Atid and 10 for Kulanu. Barring the unlikely event of a unity government, one or both of them will be a must-have to reach the magic number of 61.

Given Netanyahu's problems with Yesh Atid and the composition of Kulanu's list, Kulanu is the clear favorite. The party boasts a number of veterans of right-wing parties, including Kachlon (ex-Likud), Michael Oren (served as Israel's ambassador to Washington under Netanyahu) and Tali Floskob (mayor



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu celebrating his Election Day victory at his Tel Aviv headquarters, March 18, 2015.

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of Arad and a former Yisrael Beiteinu member). Two deputies to Jerusalem's right-wing mayor, Nir Barkat, also are on the Kulanu list.

The enduring strength of the centrist parties – even though much of it came at Yesh Atid's expense – also demonstrates the seriousness with which Israeli voters consider the socioeconomic issues that Kulanu and Yesh Atid made the centerpiece of their campaigns. Israeli elections are no longer just about security, particularly at a time when few Israelis see a viable way to overcome the morass with the Palestinians and the threats posed by upheaval in the Arab world.

4. The Arabs are a force to be reckoned with.

The forced combination of the Knesset's Arab parties into the Joint Arab List – prompted by a new rule raising the minimum threshold for entry into the Knesset to 3.5 percent of votes cast – has strengthened their hand. Even though Arab-Israeli turnout was lower than Jewish-Israeli turnout, it was still higher than usual. Now the Arabs control three additional Knesset seats and have a more unified voice.

5. Netanyahu showed his true colors.

The prime minister did two things in the final hours of Israel's election campaign that make it difficult to see how he will repair Israel's image overseas and its frayed relationship with the United States.

One was his open acknowledgment in an interview published Monday that he opposes Palestinian statehood.

"I think anyone who is going to establish a Palestinian state and to evacuate territory is giving radical Islam a staging ground against the State of Israel," Netanyahu told the Israeli website NRG. "This is the reality that has been created here in recent years. Anyone who ignores it has his head in the sand."

When asked point blank "If you are a prime minister, there will be no Palestinian state?" Netanyahu responded, "Indeed."

The second was Netanyahu's brazen warning on Election Day that Likud supporters ought to rush to the polls because Arab-Israelis were turning out in large numbers.

"Right-wing rule is in danger. The Arab voters are coming in huge numbers to the polls. The left-wing organizations are bringing them in buses," Netanyahu said in a message posted Tuesday on social media urging followers to vote for Likud. "With your help, and with God's help, we will establish a patriotic government that will safeguard the State of Israel."

Both remarks provide ample fodder for critics of Netanyahu, and of Israel: that he (and by extension Israel) is disingenuous about pursuing a peace deal with the Palestinians, and that he (and by extension Israel) is racist.

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For Passover: A Clergy Couple's Vegetarian Seder Menu

by Marshall Weiss

The Dayton Jewish Observer/JTA, March 13, 2015 – Vegetarian food brought Cantor Jenna Greenberg and Rabbi Josh Ginsberg together. The two met as students at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, when a classmate organized a singles dinner at a kosher vegetarian restaurant in Chinatown.

Greenberg had become a vegetarian in her teens, Ginsberg in his 20s.

Now married, the two settled in Dayton, OH, two years ago. Ginsberg is the rabbi at Beth Abraham Synagogue, Dayton's only Conservative congregation, while Greenberg leads the music program at Hillel Academy, the city's Jewish day school, and teaches high school Judaic classes at the Miami Valley School, a nondenominational private prep school.

Ginsberg says he neither encourages his congregants to become vegetarians nor discourages them from eating meat.

"People know I'm a vegetarian, but I don't engage in proselytizing vegetarianism," he says. "Jewish tradition allows that one can eat meat. I really applaud the trend of some who are trying to create ethical, eco-kashrut and small-scale slaughtering where animals are fed a better diet and treated better."

A few times a year, Greenberg and Ginsberg have prepared vegetarian entrees alongside meat dishes for Shabbat dinners at the synagogue. They've received rave reviews from congregants, many of whom hadn't tried tofu as a meat substitute before.

At home, they turn out creative vegetarian meals for their boys — ages 7, 5, and eight months. Jenna says their recipes come from experimentation, some guidance from cookbooks and online recipes, along with suggestions from friends and family.

Here, they offer a kosher-for-Passover Seder menu that suits their fast-paced, vegetarian lifestyle — and keeps their children happy. All recipes yield approximately 8-10 servings.

Roman Soup with Passover Dumplings

Developed by the couple's friend Susan K. Finston, author of *Dining in the Garden of Eden*.

This is a tasty spring alternative to the traditional matzah ball soup.

Ingredients

3-4 Tbs of extra-virgin olive oil or other vegetable oil
1 small onion, chopped
1 medium carrot, small dice
1 celery stalk, chopped
6 cups chopped mixed greens: Swiss chard, spinach, kale, butter lettuce, Savoy cabbage or other seasonally available greens
6 cups vegetable broth or water
salt and pepper to taste
parmesan cheese

Instructions

Sauté chopped onion in oil until translucent over medium-low heat. Add carrot and celery and cook until vegetables are softened, stirring occasionally.

Stir in 6 cups of mixed chopped greens (described above). When vegetables are wilted, add soup stock. Bring to a boil and then simmer for 45 minutes.

Add salt and pepper to taste. Add 1-2 tablespoons Passover dumplings per serving and serve with fresh grated parmesan cheese.

Passover soup dumplings

Ingredients

2 cups mashed potatoes
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1/4 cup Passover cake meal
Optional: 1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley or basil
Reserve: 1-2 teaspoons of extra-virgin olive oil

Instructions

Mix all ingredients, adding additional cake meal to form a dough that is pliable and not too sticky. Bring water to a boil in a 2 - 3 quart pot. Form small balls out of the dough and carefully slide them into the water to bring them to a boil.

Use a slotted spoon to remove the dumplings from the pot as they rise to the top and transfer to a container, adding 1-2 tsp of extra-virgin olive oil.

Caprese Salad

This preface to the main course tastes best when the tomatoes are ripe and sweet, and the basil is very fresh.

Ingredients

2 pounds vine-ripened tomatoes (about 4 large), sliced 1/4 inch thick
1 pound fresh mozzarella, sliced 1/4 inch thick
1/4 cup packed fresh basil
3-4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
fine sea salt to taste
freshly ground black pepper to taste

Instructions

On a large platter arrange tomato and mozzarella slices and basil leaves, alternating and overlapping them. Sprinkle salad with oregano and arugula, and drizzle with oil. Season salad with salt and pepper.

Potato Spinach Gnocchi

This delicious dish, also from Susan K. Finston, is a creative pasta alternative for Pesach.

Ingredients

2 pounds potatoes
1-1/2 cups potato starch
1 egg, lightly beaten
2 teaspoons salt
1 pound cooked, finely chopped spinach (frozen or fresh)
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
Optional: 1 Cup ricotta cheese for richer gnocchi
Reserve: 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Instructions

Peel, boil and mash potatoes. Add remaining ingredients to create the gnocchi dough, adding additional potato starch in case the dough is too sticky.

Fill a 4-6 quart pot with cold water and bring water to a boil. While the water is heating, form small patties out of the gnocchi and then carefully slide them one at a time into the boiling water.

When the gnocchi rise to the top of the pot, they are ready — use a slotted spoon to remove them from the pot and place them in an oiled baking dish.

Sprinkle with the parmesan cheese and bake at 375 degrees for 10 - 15 minutes to melt the cheese.

Tomato Sauce for Gnocchi

Ingredients

2-3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil or other cooking oil
1/2 cup chopped onion
1-2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped
1/4 cup of parsley, chopped
1 bay leaf
26-oz jar of crushed or stewed tomatoes
1 small can tomato paste

Instructions

Heat oil in saute pan, add onion and

garlic and cook on low heat until translucent. Add parsley, bay leaf, tomatoes and tomato paste. Bring to a low boil and then turn heat down and simmer for 20 - 30 minutes.

Eggplant Parmesan

This is a favorite dish year-round, even with matzah meal as the breading!

Ingredients

2 large eggplants, sliced lengthwise into 1/2-inch-thick pieces
salt, for sweating eggplants
4 eggs, beaten with a fork
3 cups matzah meal
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
26-oz jar pasta sauce (any variety)
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Instructions

Preheat oven 350°F. Sweat eggplant slices, sprinkling salt, allowing time for the moisture to come out; rinse and wipe the eggplant slices. Coat eggplant slices with beaten egg, then bread with matzah meal. Sauté coated eggplant slices in oil until lightly brown on both sides.

In a 9x11 ovenproof dish, layer pasta sauce, then eggplant and top with cheeses. Repeat, finishing with cheese. Bake until the cheese melts and turns golden in spots, about 30 minutes.

Mushroom Quinoa Pilaf

A hearty side dish for mushroom lovers that can be served either warm or cold.



Cantor Jenna Greenberg and Rabbi Josh Ginsberg

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Ingredients:

1 cup red, black, or mixed quinoa
2 cups water
vegetable soup broth OR salt to taste
medley of 3 varieties of fresh mushrooms: portabella, cremini, white mushrooms
olive oil for cooking
splash of balsamic vinegar
4 cloves of garlic, minced or pressed

Instructions

Rinse quinoa. Sauté quinoa in non-stick pan for 5 minutes, tossing regularly to avoid burning. Combine quinoa with water and broth in a medium saucepan.

Bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer until quinoa is tender, about 15 minutes. Set aside.

Heat the olive oil in a medium sauce-

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Litvin Creates Passover Guide

Everyone is familiar with the annual daunting task of preparing for Passover. Recently, Duby Litvin, a proud Louisvillian, created an all-encompassing Passover planning guide, filled with every possible organizational list and chart anyone might need to help them get organized and prepared for the holiday.

Having always had a knack and/or

obsession for making "To Do Lists," she created a series of lists for each and every aspect of the holiday. After using it for her own Passover preparations, she was inspired to help others in her community as well. In 2014, Litvin put together a small booklet and emailed it to a few neighbors and family members, hoping they would get some good use out of it.

Within the week her file had gone viral, viewed by over 35,000 women across the globe. From England, Israel, Australia, South Africa, Russia, Canada and all across the United States, emails poured in, even months after Passover had ended. Women expressed appreciation that Litvin understood small town Jewish living, and that holidays need advance planning and organization.

Encouraged, humbled and excited by the incredible response and positive feedback, she upgraded and enhanced all of her lists this past winter to make them more user-friendly.

Litvin's 2015 e-book now includes a Grand Shopping List, Cleaning Checklists, Menu Templates, Last Minute Reminders, and much more, all formatted in an organized and professional manner, with humorous jokes and cartoons interspersed to keep things fun and lighthearted.

No matter what your level of observance, this holiday planning guide can help a first timer, or a seasoned Passover maker feel organized and calm during the hectic holiday season.

The printable e-book is available for purchase on her website www.DubysPesachLists.com.

In Eastern Ukraine, a Unique Matzah Factory Puts Food on Jewish Tables

by Cnaan Liphshiz

DNEPROPETROVSK, Ukraine, February 25, 2015 (JTA) – With one eye on a digital countdown timer, Binyamin Vestrikov jumps up and down while slamming a heavy rolling pin into a piece of dough.

Aware of his comical appearance to the journalist watching, he exaggerates his movements to draw laughs from a dozen colleagues at the kneading station of Tiferet Hamatzot – a factory believed to be Europe's only permanently open bakery for handmade matzah, or shmurah matzah.

But Vestrikov's urgency is not just for entertainment.

Rather it is designed to meet the production standards that have allowed this unique bakery in eastern Ukraine to provide the Jewish world with a specialty product at affordable prices. The factory here also offers job security to about 50 Jews living in a war-ravaged region with a weakened economy and high unemployment.

Each time Vestrikov and his coworkers receive a new chunk of dough, the timers over their work stations give them only minutes to turn it into a 2-pound package of fully baked matzah – a constraint meant to satisfy even the strictest religious requirements for the unleavened crackers that Jews consume on Passover to commemorate their ancestors' hurried flight out of Egypt.

"The faster the process, the more certain we are that no extra water came into contact with the dough and that it did not have any chance of leavening," says Rabbi Shmuel Liberman, one of two kashrut supervisors who ensure that the factory's monthly production of approximately eight tons complies with kosher standards for shmurah matzah.

The time limitation means the entire production line has only 18 minutes to transform flour and water into fully baked and packaged matzah.

Still, the workers are not complaining. They are happy to have a steady, dollar-adjusted income in a country whose currency is now worth a third of its February 2014 value – the result of a civil war between government troops and pro-Russian separatists that has

paralyzed Ukraine's industrial heart and flooded the job market with hundreds of thousands of refugees from the battle zones.

"It's hard work, sure, but I am very happy to be doing it," Vestrikov says. "I don't need to worry about how to feed my family. There is very little hiring going on, and every job has dozens of takers because all the refugees from the east are here."

Rolling up a sleeve over a throbbing bicep, he adds, "Besides, this way I don't need to go to the gym."

Despite working under pressure in a hectic and overheated environment – the ovens at Tiferet Hamatzot remain heated for days, preventing the building from ever cooling off even at the height of the harsh Ukrainian winter – the factory's workers form a tight community whose social currency is made up of jokes and lively banter, mostly on cigarette breaks.

Workers like Vestrikov say they receive good wages, but production costs and taxes in Ukraine are so low that the factory can still afford to charge customers significantly less than its competitors in the West, said Stella Uman-skaya, a member of the Dnepropetrovsk Jewish community and the factory's administrative manager.

A 2-pound box of Tiferet Hamatzot costs approximately \$10 locally and \$15 abroad compared to more than double that price for shmurah matzah produced in bakeries in Western Europe, such as the Neymann matzah bakery in France, or those operating in Israel and the United States.

Shmura matzah, Hebrew for "guarded matzah," is more expensive than regular matzah because it requires manual labor by people whose task is to guard that it does not become leavened bread – a concept derived from a verse in the book of Exodus that states "You shall guard the matzot." Some consider it a mitzvah to consume shmura matzah because it upholds that commandment of devoting special attention or effort to guarding the matzah.

For this reason, traditional Jewish law requires that the handling of matzah and its ingredients be done by Jews only. But the factory also employs more than

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pan, add the garlic. Once the garlic is lightly browned, add the mushrooms and balsamic vinegar. Sauté until the mushrooms are well cooked.

Toss the sautéed mushrooms in with the quinoa and serve.

Melon Salad

This simple tossing of freshly diced ripe melons is inspired by the couple's cantaloupe and honeydew-loving sons!

1 honeydew and 1 cantaloupe: Dice the melons and toss together!

Lora Brody's Bête Noir

This recipe is inspired by the taste buds and by the baking artistry of the couple's mothers, Linda Greenberg and Tina Strauss-Hoder.

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 cups superfine sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 8 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 2 sticks unsalted butter at room temperature, cut into 10 chunks
- 6 large eggs, room temperature

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 9-inch round cake pan, line with parchment, lightly greased. Have a larger roasting pan available for a Bain Marie.

In a medium saucepan, place one cup of sugar and the 4 ounces of water in it. Heat to boil stirring to dissolve the sugar. Remove the pan from its heat source, melt the chocolate in the hot syrup, stirring to melt. Add the chunks of butter, stirring each chunk in before adding another.

Beat eggs together, with an electric beater until foamy and thickened. Stir eggs into cooled chocolate mixture, stirring until combined. Pour batter into prepared pan. Place a roasting pan on the middle oven rack, placing the cake in the middle of the roasting pan. Pour hot tap water into the roasting pan to a depth of one inch along the outside of the cake pan. Avoid splashing water on the cake batter. Gently push pan into the oven. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove the cake pan and cool cake. When ready to serve, run a butter knife along the edge of the cake. Unmold the cake onto serving plate. Chill.

Can be made one day ahead.

Passover Section



10 Ways to Add Some Girl Power to Your Passover Seder

by Avital Norman Nathman

Kveller, distributed via JTA, February 26, 2015 – Whether you weave in one, a few, or all 10 of these tips, consider honoring the matriarchal roots of Judaism this Passover with a little girl power fun at your seder this year.

1. Add an orange and coffee bean to your seder plate

The orange represents both inclusion and solidarity with women and the LGBT community. The new tradition was started by Professor Susannah Heschel, who was inspired by women at Oberlin College in 1984 who made space on their seder plate to represent all who were not explicitly present in the Passover story.

The coffee bean represents and honors both the bitterness and strength of juggling your work life and family life – something we're pretty sure you can relate to.

2. Miriam's Cup

In addition to the traditional cup of Elijah, include Miriam's Cup and begin your Seder by filling it up together. It serves as the symbol of Miriam's Well – the source of water for the Israelites in the desert. Pass the cup around the table and let each guest add a bit of water from his or her own cup, establishing that the Seder is an inclusive and participatory one. Remind your guests that while we may enjoy drinking our four cups of wine, water is just as important. Like Miriam's Well, water sustains and nourishes us (and prevents hangovers).

3. Lighting candles

Candle lighting has traditionally fallen to women in Jewish practice. Honor this by recognizing that the lighting of candles helps usher light into the darkness and allows us to begin our holidays peacefully. This poem, written by Hannah Senesch, is an excellent way to help usher in that feeling:

Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.

Blessed is the flame that burns in the secret fastness of the heart.

Blessed is the heart with the strength to stop its beating for honor's sake.

Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.

4. The four mothers

Speaking of those four cups of wine, you can note during your Seder that some scholars connect the four cups of wine with the four mothers: Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah. After all, the only thing better than one Jewish mother is four.

5. Honor the women in your life

The four cups of wine are also excellent opportunities to honor the women in your own life, both past and present. With each glass of wine, take a moment to dedicate it to a woman who has impacted your life in some way. (Pro tip: If your own mom is in attendance, you might want to go ahead and include her.)

6. The four daughters

While we're familiar with the story of the four sons from the traditional Haggadah, why not also give a nod to the four biblical daughters, a wonderful addition from *A Night To Remember: The Haggadah of Contemporary Voices*, by Mishaël and Noam Zion. The reading shares wisdom from Miriam, Tamar, Ruth and "The Beautiful Captive."

7. Four alternative questions

After reciting the Ma Nishtanah, the traditional Four Questions, take the time to ask four alternative questions, ones that feel relevant to you and your family and ignite discussion. Here's one

example to get you started: What still enslaves us as Jewish women today, and how do we seek freedom from our own Pharaohs (or Sheryl Sandbergs, if you will)?

8. Add to the story!

There are many women who play crucial roles in the Exodus story, yet they're usually left out of the retelling. Take some time to sing their praises:

Shifra and Puah: These two midwives were respected members of their community. Despite risk of punishment, they defied the Pharaoh's orders and continued to help deliver baby boys for Jewish women in Egypt.

Yocheved: Having gone into labor early, Yocheved kept her secret from the Egyptians, saving Moses' life. She then made the ultimate mother's sacrifice by sending him down the river – her only hope in saving him from otherwise certain death. Now there's a birth story to remember.

Batya: Pharaoh's daughter found Moses in the reeds of the Nile and decided to raise him as her own, knowingly going against her father's decree to kill all male Jewish babies. Without her defiance and bravery, our Passover story might have looked very different.

Miriam: One of the most well-known women in the Bible, Miriam was the brave young woman who ensured Moses was safe during his journey down the Nile River. She also was the one to bring Yocheved to Batya to be used as a nursemaid, ensuring that mother and son were never far apart. We don't hear much about Miriam again until the exodus from Egypt, but when we do, it is her strength and song that stick with us, which brings us to ...

9. Miriam's Song

One of Debbie Friedman's most joyful songs, "Miriam's Song" is rooted in the Exodus verse describing how Miriam led the Israelite women in song and dance after they crossed the Red Sea. "... Miriam the Prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand and all the women went after her with timbrels, dancing. And Miriam called to them: Sing to God ..."

10. Wise women

Many songs, poems and stories written by women are a perfect match for Passover; include them in your seder along the way. Some of my favorites:

- Marge Piercy's poem "Season of the Egg"

- Rabbi Rachel Berenblat (aka "The Velveteen Rabbi") has a poem about what happens after the Seder.

- Rabbi Jill Hammer's "Orah Hi," a feminist version of the traditional end of

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a dozen non-Jews who perform other tasks, including distribution.

To Rabbi Meir Stambler, the owner of Tiferet Hamatzot, this means the bakery "not only puts matzah shmurah on Jewish tables, but also helps build bridges and do mitzvot with non-Jews."

Stambler, an Israeli Chabad rabbi who lives in Dnepropetrovsk and opened the factory 12 years ago, said his father used to bake shmurah matzah in secrecy in Tashkent, when the Uzbek capital was still part of the Soviet Union and subject to its anti-religious policies.

"Back then, matzah used to be smuggled from Israel into the Soviet Union before its collapse in 1990," he said. "It's just unbelievable that now, some years later, we bake matzah in Ukraine and send it all over the whole world."



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seder song "Adir Hu."

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Taking a Look at the Lighter Side of the Passover Holiday

by Mark Mietkiewicz
Special to Community

Passover humor? Is this some kind of joke? Actually, yes. Although Passover is more associated with maror than mirth, today we are going to look at the lighter side of the holiday of liberation.

And what do we talk about when we talk about Jewish humor? Food, of course. David Bader has taken great strides in simplifying our religion with his "Yo-Yo Diet Guide to the Jewish Holidays." He postulates that the Jewish festivals are divided between days on which we must starve and days we must

eat. For example:

- Rosh Hashana – Feast
- Tzom Gedalia – Fast
- Yom Kippur – More fasting
- Sukkot – Feast
- Hoshanah Rabbah – More feasting
- Simchat Torah – Keep Feasting
- Purim – Eat pastry
- Passover – Do not eat pastry

That may sound concise but another wit has condensed the religion even further in the Short Summary of Every Jewish Holiday, certainly applicable to Passover:

They tried to kill us ...
We won ...
Let's eat!

Do you think you know everything about Passover? Then try the Passover Quiz. Here's a sample question from a huge humor site:

On Seder night, we are supposed to drink wine until ...

- a. Uncle Irving's jokes sound new to you
- b. you can no longer tell the difference between Pharaoh and Moses
- c. you don't miss bread

Another on the riddle front:

Question: Who was the best businesswoman in the Bible?

Answer: Pharaoh's daughter, she pulled a profit out of the water.

Or how about going a round of Passover Jeopardy (where you get the answer

and try to figure out the question)?

Answer: A classroom, a Passover ceremony and a latke

Question: What is a cheder, a seder, and a tater?

The Four Questions (revisited):

Can we eat?

Do we eat now?

When do we eat?

Will we ever eat?

Richard Lederer compiled these Biblical Bloopers – actual mistakes made by young scholars from around the world. Try reading these at your Seder and see who spots the errors first:

"Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make beds without straw. Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients.

"The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.

"The First Commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth Commandment is humor thy father and mother. The Seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

"Moses ate nothing but whales and manner for 40 years. Moses died before he ever reached Canada."

But we shouldn't be too hard on the kids, really. Especially when you watch this excerpt from the British game show, "Are You Smarter than a 10-year old?"

In this particular episode, adult contestant Sarah is asked, "What is the name of the flat unleavened bread Jews eat on Passover?" Unable to answer, Sarah elicits the help of 10 year old, Lisa who writes the answer "Matzah" in both English AND Hebrew (albeit with a small spelling mistake.)

I highly recommend watching this clip as Sarah wrestles with her doubts about Lisa's response even after her young helper pleads, "I'm Jewish."

And finally, this from the "Truth is Funnier than Fiction Department."

Back in 2003, Nabil Hilmy, dean of the faculty of law at Egypt's Zagazig University, reportedly told Al-Ahram that if the story of the Exodus is to be believed, Jews fleeing Egypt "stole from the Pharaonic Egyptians gold, jewelry, cooking utensils, silver ornaments, clothing, and more, leaving Egypt in the middle of the night with all this wealth, which today is priceless."

Calling the alleged heist the "greatest fraud history has ever known," Hilmy said that he and a number of Egyptian jurists will sue "the Jews of the world" for these lost treasures, the value of which Hilmy estimates in the trillions of dollars.

Was Hilmy's a lone, litigious voice in the Wilderness?

It seems not. Just last year Egyptian columnist Ahmad Al-Gamal, who writes for the daily Al-Yawm Al-Sabi', advocated suing Israel for not only those treasures but "compensation for the [Ten] Plagues that were inflicted upon [us] as a result of the curses that the Jews' ancient forefathers [cast] upon our ancient forefathers."

But hey, if this ever gets to court, we'll have interesting company. Al-Gamal also has a legal bone to pick with the Turkish for the Ottoman occupation, the French for the Napoleonic invasion, and the British for Colonialism.

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TEEN TOPICS

Drew Corson AZA

by Joey Shuster

Drew Corson AZA worked hard on recruitment in the past month. The board engaged in many activities with the AITs (new members) varying from ice skating with the Jay Levine's new members to explaining all the fun and amazing things that we have experienced through BBYO. We plan on more activities involving the AITs coming up soon including a sleepover where we will induct them in to this wonderful order.

On Wednesday, March 11, we had dinner and a meeting with the international godol/president of BBYO. Our region (Kentucky Indiana and Ohio) recently had two members elected to international board and we hope to see them have a great term and make BBYO a better organization.

Louisville BBYO will soon be giving out awards to teens who have stood out as leaders and made a big impact in this city. We will have a dodge ball tournament at the JCC for our members. Any Jewish teen wishing to join can come to events and contact any board member for information on upcoming events and meetings.



Jay Levine BBG

by Abby Balkin

Jay Levine BBG started this month off with a bang. We began with a MIT program to help ease our new members into our chapter and then had a fabulous Dinner/Shabbat that was "Night In Italy" themed. At our Night In Italy, we had a create-your-own pasta bar and

then ended the night by making beautiful macaroni art.

This month we also chose our new Stand-Up Cause (community service project). As a chapter, we chose to help Gilda's Club, we have so many ideas planned to really help make a difference in the community.

This month is not yet over and we still have so many things planned. Coming up very soon is our regional event, Kallah! We are so excited to be able to have a fun weekend with many other Jewish teens that live in this KIO BBYO region.

We will end this month with our six-folds sleepover, where we hope we can get the entire chapter together and have a great night learning about the BBG six folds. We are also hoping to celebrate Passover by having a Chocolate Seder for Jay Levine BBG.



Teen Connection

by Sophia Goldberg and Glenn Sadle

On Saturday, March 14, 12 middle schoolers attended the Teen Connection Game Craze Late Night. We had fun playing video games in the video game truck, eating pizza, making our own sundaes, doing a Havdalah service and playing games in the lower gym.

Eli Schramko, Ethan Tuvlin, David Bornstein, Sophia Goldberg and Abigail and Eliza Brodsky helped plan the event.

Our next event is a progressive dinner on Friday, April 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Glenn Sadle, gsadle@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2701.

J Forty Fivers

by Glenn Sadle

There are exciting things happening with the J Forty-Fivers. On Friday, February 20, we had a Shabbat dinner and an activity with Bricks 4 Kidz. Our next event will be a Chocolate Seder on Sunday, March 22, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the JCC.



Yehuda Amichai's Poem: I Studied Love

Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman

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I Studied Love

by Yehuda Amichai

Translated by Chana Bloch and Chana

Kronfeld

I studied love in my childhood in my childhood synagogue in the women's section with the help of the women behind the partition that locked up my mother with all the other women and girls.

But the partition that locked them up locked me up

on the other side. They were free in their love while I remained

locked up with all the men and boys in my love, my longing.

I wanted to be over there with them and to know their secrets

and say with them, "Blessed be He who has made me

according to his will." And the partition

a lace curtain white and soft as summer dresses, and that curtain

swaying to and fro with its rings and its loops,

lu-lu-lu loops, Lulu, lullings of love in the locked room.

And the faces of women like the face of the moon behind the clouds

or the full moon when the curtain parts: an enchanted

cosmic order. At night we said the blessing over the moon outside, and I thought about the women.

Perhaps the most quintessential mode of Jewish writing is poetry, yet for many of us it remains the most neglected genre. In the classroom, I rarely have seen a writer whose work so ani-

mates the moral imagination and aesthetic pleasure of my students as Yehuda Amichai (1924-2000), whose poem here playfully explores the institution of the mechitza, the partition that divided men and women in the synagogue of his childhood, the allure of the forbidden.

One of the greatest revelations of my reading life as a Jewish academic and poetry lover are his works in Hebrew, available in translation by Chana Bloch and Stephen Mitchell in *The Selected Poetry of Yehuda Amichai*.

Years after his death, Amichai is still an intensely felt presence in Jewish poetics, beloved as Israel's national poet, whose enduring revolution in Hebrew literature expresses with extraordinary lyrical as well as colloquial language that love and war are the tragically entwined and cyclical condition of humanity.

Many of the most indelible poems from these intrinsic polarities of his art interrogate the meaning of Jerusalem, in both its temporal and heavenly dimensions. Others offer exuberant explorations of the attraction between men and women, as illustrated here.

More tragically, much of his oeuvre is also devoted to the tragic consequences of war, which is hardly surprising as Amichai served in the Jewish Brigade in Egypt during WWII, fought as an infantryman during Israel's War of Independence and would serve again in the bloody wars of 1956, 1967, and 1973.

Throughout the portrayals of those conflicts, Jerusalem often stands out in his poetry as a sort of moral touchstone and representative symbol for the way the world's reality perpetually eludes all the faithful adherents of the three monotheisms' visionary preconceptions and longings.

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Suggestions for March

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Third Monday of the month, 12:45 p.m.
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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

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Adult Children of Aging Parents
Third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.
Contact Mauri Malka, ext. 250

**Alzheimer's Caregiver
Support Group**
Second Friday of the month, 2 p.m.
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Cahen Named Director of JCC's Early Learning Center

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

The already excellent Early Learning Center at the Jewish Community Center is now moving on to the next level, thanks to its new director, Norma Cahen.

"I'm so thrilled that we found Norma to lead our Early Learning Center, and I'm confident with her expertise, passion and talents she will take our wonderful program to new heights for many years to come," said Sara Wagner, senior vice-president and chief operations officer of the JCC.

Cahen unfortunately got her start in Louisville during the winter storms of February 16, but she didn't seem fazed by the chaos.

Cahen was born in Augusta, GA, and raised in Aiken, SC. She's spent most of her adult life in Fort Lauderdale, FL, and she recently spent a couple of years "on a mountain" near Waynesville, NC.

She started working in early childhood education 38 years ago with an associate's degree, but due to the demands of raising four boys, she didn't finish her bachelor's degree until she was 45 years old. For 23 years of her teaching career, she worked at a Reform temple in Fort Lauderdale, FL, though she was raised in an ultra-Orthodox family.

She then retired and began working for a government agency for which she coached preschools to better their quality of education. She has also spent many years teaching early childhood education at the college level.

While living in North Carolina, Cahen struggled to find a job teaching college, and she realized that she really missed the interaction with children and their parents. A friend sent her a link to the job listing at the JCC and she applied.

When she first talked on the phone to Wagner, she said, "I could feel the commitment and the excitement of the Jewish Community Center. It was such an exciting conversation, and I knew I wanted to work with her."

When the opportunity in Louisville arose, Cahen and her husband Howie considered it because they were already familiar with the community as they have cousins here. With their children grown and moved away with their own families, the pair decided to make the move.

Wagner is glad they did. "Our JCC is really fortunate that Norma and Howie decided to move here, and we welcome her to Louisville and the Jewish community," Wagner said.

Cahen has also served as the national president of the Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism, and says that teaching and Judaism are both very important to her. She plans to take the ELC into the future with more high quality Jewish early learning.

"The JCC's ELC provides outstanding opportunities for infant to 5-year-old children to learn through their play activities," Cahen said. "Using high-quality best practices found in early childhood learning today, my goal will be to bring more creative ideas to assist the educators. It is important that young children learn about the world around them, and it is equally important to learn about their world through the morals and ethical values of Judaism. It will be my



JCC ELC Director Norma Cahen

honor to expand upon this goal through holiday songs, art and celebrations."

Angie Hiland, ELC assistant director, said the changes have already become apparent at the center.

"She brings a wealth of early childhood knowledge," Hiland said. "She comes from the perspective of, 'When we play, we learn,' so she knows easy ways to hide academics in play. She teaches the kids Hebrew words and numbers and new Jewish songs, and she took our Purim celebration to the next level with a Megillah reading."

Cahen has very good reason to make those holiday celebrations extra fun.

"Research and experience tell us that to be effective with young children teaching practices need to be developmentally and age appropriate," she said. "Implementing Judaic holiday celebrations and assisting the educators will strengthen the bond of quality early childhood education for all of us here at the JCC."

Hiland said that under Cahen's direction, the school is increasing the education of the teachers, too.

"We're working with all our staff who don't have degrees to get CDA credentials, and Norma used to teach that," Hiland said. "She's helping them get continuing education and professional development to make them better educators, which will raise the quality of education offered to our ELC children."

Cahen said the education of teachers is an ongoing process: "I truly believe that one can never learn enough about how to care for young children! Jewish early childhood education can be done at a high level," she said. "It's my passion, my vocation, my avocation and my life. Judaism and early childhood education defined me."

Hiland added that Cahen is fitting in well and adjusting to life at the JCC.

"The kids enjoy her, and the parents enjoy her," Hiland said. "It's wonderful. It's so nice to have a partner again!"

Wagner said she is very pleased with the decision to hire Cahen and excited about the future of the ELC.

"Norma is the kind of professional that teachers, children and families will gravitate to, and she will be a major influence in their lives for years to come," Wagner said.

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KentuckyOne Health continues to expand its wellness initiatives with the opening of the newly renovated Healthy Lifestyle Center in downtown Louisville. Located in KentuckyOne Health Medical Plaza II at 250 E. Liberty St., the new location is the third Healthy Lifestyle Center in Louisville.

The Healthy Lifestyle Centers provide medically supervised exercise, nutrition counseling, stress management and more to help people get and stay healthy.

KentuckyOne Health has also launched a new program called Diabetes and Nutrition Care to help individuals self-manage diabetes. The program, which is available at KentuckyOne Health facilities throughout the state, is accredited through the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

As part of the program, the Healthy Lifestyle Centers at Jewish Hospital Medical Center Northeast, Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital and in downtown Louisville will offer outpatient diabetes self-management classes.

Business First on January 30 reported that **Dr. Eran Rosenberg** was hired by Kosair Children's Hospital Urology Specialists as a physician.

Pianist **Joanna Goldstein** was featured in the *Courier-Journal* March 1 in a story about her chamber music ensemble, the Kentucky Center Chamber Players, giving its final performance on March 8. Also mentioned were flute player **Kathleen Karr** and her husband, bassoon player **Matthew Karr**, both principal musicians with the Louisville Orchestra.

Rainbow Blossom owner **Summer Auerbach** was featured in the *Courier-Journal* on March 4 in a story about a foodie podcast she does with Steve Paradis called "Mighty Fine Farm & Food." It was picked up by WFPK.

The TAVR (transcatheter aortic-valve replacement) procedure, which repairs the heart valve in those not well enough to undergo open heart surgery, can now be done without general anesthesia, thanks to new advances available at **Jewish Hospital**, part of KentuckyOne Health.

The first TAVR in Kentucky using conscious sedation was performed at Jewish Hospital on December 11. The Heart Valve Team at Jewish Hospital performed the procedure on a 76-year old female patient. Conscious sedation, in lieu of general anesthesia, makes for quicker recovery times, shortened hospital stays and cost savings.

Hannah Rose Neuhauser, who graduated from Centre College in 2013, accepted a position at 826michigan, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping under-resourced students, ages 6-18, explore their creativity and improve their writing skills, according to Centre College's website. Part of a national network of writing and tutoring centers, 826 seeks to help more than 32,000 students reach their potential through writing workshops, after-school tutoring and more.

Neuhauser serves as a program assistant, planning writing workshops, editing student work, training volunteers and coordinating in-school residency programs several times a week. She is also developing a family literacy initiative, collaborating with local schools to launch Family Writing Nights.

Madeline's Cottage, which will provide housing and treatment space for 14 adolescent girls and is designed for youth with the highest therapeutic needs in Kentucky's child welfare system, hosted a sneak peek March 14 while still under construction. Maryhurst will operate the facility, named for **Madeline Abramson**, who is a longtime board member and advocate of Maryhurst.

Jewish Louisville History Project

Can you identify the people in this picture?

Contact Shiela Wallace at swallace@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2703 with identifications or information.



Join the Fun!

Jewish Louisville History Project Meeting
Date & Time: April 12, 2015, 2 p.m. • Senior Adult Lounge
Next meeting will be May 10, 2015, 2 p.m. • Senior Adult Lounge

Frank Weisberg, Chair

AROUND TOWN

the dinner menu includes: matzah ball soup, salad, fruit, roasted vegetable platter and a choice of entree – herb roasted salmon or garlic and rosemary roasted chicken. Cost for adult Temple members \$25; children (ages 5–12) \$12; adult non-members \$35. Your check made out to “The Temple” must accompany your reservation, or you may reserve and pay on The Temple’s website via credit card. Please include names and ages for children. Call The Temple office at 502-423-1818 for more information.

KI Hosts Family Shabbat Service

Dr. Yonatan Yussman and Sara Robinson lead a high-energy family Shabbat service at Keneseth Israel with stories, singing, prayers, Torah and learning. Services conclude with a kiddush over challah and juice, and participants will join the whole congregation in the main sanctuary for prayers and sing Ein Keloheinu and Adon Olam. The service is the first and third Saturday of the month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Israel Briefing with Rabbi Wolk

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

Planning Meeting Held for Mitzvah Day at The Temple

Plan to attend the next Tikkun Olam Volunteers meeting on Sunday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m. More details about Mitzvah Day projects can be found in The Temple weekly emails and on its website. To volunteer, contact David Bodine at davidgbodine@gmail.com.

AJ Book Club to Discuss Alice Hoffman Book

The next meeting of the Adath Jeshurun Book Club will take place on Sunday, April 12, at 2 p.m. *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman will be discussed. For more information, please contact Deborah Slosberg at 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

BBYO to Participate in J-Serve 2015 Day of Service

Across the globe, Jewish teens will join to make their communities better with the 2015 Day of Service. The Louisville BBYO will do a service project on April 12, 2-4 p.m. at the JCC. The event is open to all Louisville Jewish teens in grades 6-12. Cost of admission is one can of food. For more information, visit JewishLouisville.org/jserve or contact Mike Steklof at 502-238-2774 or msteklof@jewishlouisville.org.

Help Preserve the History of Jewish Louisville

On the second Sunday of every month, you’re invited to join the fun. Come to the JCC’s Senior Adult Lounge to help identify old photos from Louisville’s Jewish community and reminisce from 2-3 p.m. The next meeting will be April 12. Frank Weisberg is the chair of the Louisville Jewish History Project.

For more information, contact Community Editor Shiela Steinman Wallace, 502-238-2703.

92Y Event Features Barney Frank and His Journey

Barney Frank will discuss his journey from Bayonne, NJ, to the U.S. Congress, where he played a vital role in the strug-

gle for personal freedom and economic fairness. He’s the author of a new memoir, *Frank*. The broadcast is Sunday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun. A dessert reception will take place at 7 p.m. prior to the broadcast. This event is free and open to the community.

AJ Offers Stepping Up/Down Deep into Judaism Class

Those who strive to deepen their understanding and connection to Judaism, are invited to attend a discussion class on Monday evenings with Rabbi Laura Metzger from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359. The class dates are April 13, 20 and 27.

Watch Vintage Films at AJ’s Movies and More

Enjoy vintage films and television shows at Adath Jeshurun’s Movies and More at 3 p.m. The next showings are: *Best Foot Forward* on April 14 and *Her Husband’s Affairs* on April 28.

The shows are free and open to the community.

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 Hebrew is not required. This lively discussion is free and open to the community. Classes take place in the office of Steve Berger located at 500 W. Jefferson St. on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. The classes will meet on April 17 and 24.

AJ Has Short & Sweet Service for Children

Adath Jeshurun’s Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation will be Sunday, April 18 at 10 a.m.

This is a family service for students in grades K through 7, their parents and grandparents, led by Deborah Slosberg.

Ruth Sharone to Speak at AJ

Ruth Sharone will be Adath Jeshurun’s Shabbat Scholar on April 18 following the Kiddush lunch. Her topic will be “Minefields & Miracles: Why God and Allah Need to Talk, Stories of a Jewish Woman’s Global Adventure in Interfaith Engagement.”

Temple Shalom Plant Sale Set

Cure the winter blues at the Second Annual Temple Shalom Blooming Bazaar on Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Rd.

The plant sale will feature a wide variety of annuals, perennials, shrubs, tropical plants and houseplants. Master gardeners will be on hand to share professional landscaping information.

The event will take place rain or shine. For more information, contact Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739.

Learn to Bake Rugelach

Adath Jeshurun will host a hands-on Rugelach-Baking workshop on Sunday, April 19. Sue Ament will teach how to make the dough and how she gets her perfect pastries all the same size. The cost is \$8 per person, and participants can take home what they make. The workshop runs from 12:30-4 p.m. Reservations can be made at www.adathjeshurun.com/rugelach. For more information, contact Bonnie Shaikun at 502-458-5359 or bshaikun@adathjeshurun.com.

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 April 19 and May 17, 1:45 p.m. at Keneseth Israel. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Celebrate Yom Ha’atzmaut

Join the JCC in celebrating Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) at a Shuk Festival on April 22, 6-8:30 p.m. on the JCC campus. The BBYO-planned activities include an Israeli Shuk, or marketplace staffed by American and Israeli teens.

The fun, family festival will feature food, games, activities and songs by Israelis Simona Koren, Lee Koren and Metar Katz.

An Israeli dinner is available for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for ages 2 and younger.

The Temple Presents Dinner with Authentic Israeli Cuisine

Enjoy a high quality Shabbat meal served in an intimate setting in the Klein Center on Thursday, April 24, at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome to join in this celebration Shabbat honoring Israel Independence Day.

A fun art project for children will be available. A delicious meal of Mediterranean cuisine, including fresh pita, hummus, salad and chicken will be served, along with other Israeli delights, including desserts, Israeli wines and The Temple’s signature cocktail: The Rabbi’s Elixir of Eden.

Thanks to the generosity of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, all this is offered for only \$5 per person; no charge for children younger than 13. Reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, April 21, by calling 502-423-1818. Pre-payment is requested. Checks should be made payable to “The Temple” – Memo line: Rabbi’s Dinner, or you may register and pay on The Temple website with a credit card at TheTemplecontributions.org.

The Temple Has Mitzvah Day

The Temple is hosting Mitzvah Day 2015 on Sunday, April 26 noon-4 p.m. “One mitzvah leads to another.”

Mitzvah Day 2015 is a concerted effort, on a single day, to bring the entire congregation together to volunteer in the community and participate in the holy task of tikkun olam, repairing the world. A successful Mitzvah Day will strengthen the congregation’s commitment to social action and its identity as a caring community.

The Temple’s TOV Mitzvah Day

The Temple’s TOV (Tikkun Olam Volunteers) Network in conjunction with the Mayor’s Give-A-Day Program, is organizing its own Mitzvah Day on April 26, during which people of all ages can pitch in to help those in need. Some of the volunteer activities from which to choose include service projects for: Friends of Ostomates, Gilda’s Club, West End School, Volunteers of America/Tingley House Family Homeless Shelter, Jewish Family and Career Services.

The next TOV meeting is on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Meeting participants will plan and implement these projects. Plan now to attend the Social Action Shabbat Service on April 24 at 7 p.m., a prelude to Mitzvah Day.

More details about Mitzvah Day projects can be found in The Temple weekly

emails and on our website. To volunteer, contact David Bodine at davidgbodine@gmail.com.

Temple Shalom to Host ‘Music and Magic’

Temple Shalom will host “Music and Magic” on Sunday, May 17, beginning at 4 p.m. There will be performances by the Louisville Leopard Percussionists, magician and illusionist David Gar-rad, dinner and desserts. Sponsorship opportunities are available. This family-friendly event will be fun for all ages.

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.

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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Birth

Lily Eloise Epstein

Ryan and Stacy Epstein of Charlotte, NC, announce with great joy, the birth of their daughter, Lily Eloise Epstein, on February 16. Lily, sister of Raymond Parks Epstein, is the granddaughter of Lee and Lois Epstein and Larry and Marolyn Smith.

B'nai Mitzvah

Lauren Haley Lanzet

Lauren Haley Lanzet, daughter of Jeff and Lisa Lanzet, and sister of Jenna Lanzet, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m.

She is the granddaughter of Norman Goluskin, Judith Collier and the late Monroe and Judy Lanzet.

Lauren is in seventh grade at North Oldham Middle school, where she is a member of the NOMS Dance Team. Lauren's excellent academic achievements have placed her in the Beta Club and the Gifted and Talented Program. Lauren also participates in the school band playing percussion instruments. Lauren loves dance and is a member of the Dance Designs competitive dance team, where she has placed highly in national competitions in each of the last several years.

Lauren's compassion for others has motivated her to focus her mitzvah project on helping feed those who are unable to feed themselves. She will be working with Dare to Care to collect and distribute food to those most in need.

Lauren and her family invite the community to celebrate her Havdalah bat mitzvah service.



Elana Carrie Berger

Elana Carrie Berger, daughter of Dr. Michelle Elisburg and Dr. Nathan Berger, and sister of Abigail Berger, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, April 25, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple.

Elana is the granddaughter of Nancy and Donald Elisburg of Key Biscayne, FL, and Deborah and Alan Berger of Potomac, MD.

Elana is in the seventh grade at Highland Hills Middle School in Georgetown, IN, where she plays the violin in the school orchestra and performs with the Floyd County Youth Symphony. Elana enjoys snow skiing at Paoli Peaks and waterskiing and boating with her family at their lake cabin. For the past three summers she has also attended B'nai Brith Beber Camp in Wisconsin.

Elana is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program through several volunteer activities including playing the violin for children at the Visually Impaired Preschool and helping with community hunger, homelessness and animal rescue projects. She is also donating a portion of her gifts to the charity MusicRising, which gives replacement instruments to musicians who lose them in natural disasters. In her spare time she likes hanging out with friends and playing with her rescued dog, Captain Jack.

Elana and her family invite the com-

munity to join them in celebrating this joyous occasion.



Bradley Simon Margulis

Bradley Simon Margulis, son of Paul and Herlene Margulis, and older brother of Matthew, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, April

25, at 9:30 a.m., at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Bradley is the grandson of Martin and Judy Margulis, and Carol and the late Colin Kraines.

Bradley is a seventh-grader at Kammerer Middle School, is on the honor roll and plays the saxophone in the band. He also likes to play baseball and basketball and hang out with friends and family.

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

Obituaries

Bernard "Bunky" Silverman

Bernard "Bunky" Silverman, 88, died February 23, at Baptist Hospital. He was the founder of First Link Supermarket in 1943 and co-owner of Silverman Foods. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II in which he received a special commendation from President Harry Truman for deactivating bombs.

He is survived by his sons, Bruce (Robin) Silverman and Steve Silverman of Cincinnati; and six grandchildren.

Burial was in Anshei Sfarad Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Robin Silverman Renovation Fund at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.



Sandra "Sandi" Friedson

Sandra "Sandi" Friedson, 70, passed away February 26 at her residence. Sandi was a native of Indianapolis and a graduate of Indiana University, where she completed her undergraduate and master studies. She was an educator with the Indianapolis School System for 32 years, teaching elementary school levels and academically talented children.

Sandi was a past president of NCJW - Louisville Section and was a recipient of the 1999 Emerging Leader Award and 2014 Henrietta Herzfeld Award. She was co-chairperson and vice president of The Nearly New Shop. In 2009, she received the Mayor's Citation for distinguished community involvement and service. Sandi was a former chairperson of Children's Free Arts Program, where she helped develop a free arts program in Ireland. She was a current vice president of JFCS and a past board member of VIPs, the California Area Family Development Center, the LVAA and Family Place. Sandi was a 2009 recipient of The Bell Award and a member of The Temple.

She is survived by her husband, Barry Friedson; her brother, Bill Perk (Carol) of Eaton Center, NH; beloved stepmom to Jeff Friedson (Christine) of Aberdeen, NJ; Ilene Currier of Tampa, FL, and David Friedson (Debbie) of Collierville, TN; and step-grandmother to Jason Friedson.

Funeral services were at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave., with

burial in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Cemetery North. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hosparus or JFCS.

Donna Rae Craig Strauss

Donna Rae Craig Strauss, 67, passed away March 9 at her home.

Donna was a native of Vallejo, CA, born April 23, 1947, and spent her whole life fighting, not just for herself, but for others as well. She had muscular dystrophy from birth and polio as a child. She completed college at Indiana University and received her master's degree from Kent School of Social Work at University of Louisville. She worked as a neighbor social worker and worked with children at River Region Mental Health. Lastly, she worked at Seven Counties, where she was the head of the Crisis and Information Center. She served on many city and county boards and for 10 years, served on the Kentucky Development Disabilities Planning Commission, serving as chairperson for three years. Donna was a proud Kentucky Colonel.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Opal Craig; and a brother, Dickie Craig.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ronald Strauss; her son, Jeremy Charles Strauss (Ronnie); her brother, James Craig (Michelle) of New Albany; and her sister, Vaunie Gabhart.

Funeral services were at Herman Meyer & Son with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the USO, P.O. Box 96860, Washington D.C. 20077-7677.

Paula Ungerleider

Paula Ungerleider, 85, formerly of Toledo, OH, died peacefully March 10 at Episcopal Church Home. She was native of Bronx, NY, a member of The Temple and a founding member of ORT in Toledo.

She is survived by her loving husband of almost 65 years, Joel Ungerleider; her daughters, Cheryl Ungerleider (John Russ), Suzy Aukerman (Paul) and Robin McKelvey (James Pence); three grandchildren, Eric Russ, Greg Aukerman and Althea McKelvey; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave., with burial to follow in The Temple Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple, ORT, 1745 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10019, or Peace Education Program, 318 W. Kentucky St., Louisville, KY 40203.

Frances "Fran" O'Koon

Frances "Fran" O'Koon, 77, died peacefully at Norton Brownsboro Hospital on Tuesday, March 10, with family at her bedside.

She was a graduate of Atherton High School, a retired bookkeeper from Porter Paints and a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation and KI Sisterhood.

She is survived by Ivan S. "Sonny" O'Koon, her loving husband of 57 years, as well as her loving children, Neal O'Koon (Michelle), Marcy O'Koon Moss (Cowan) and Lori O'Koon Ford (Tim). Her grandchildren, the pride and sunshine of her life, were Gillian, Aaron, Evan, Joel and Adam.

The family would like to express its utmost gratitude for the nurses and staff at Norton Brownsboro Hospital for their unfailing generosity and kindness.

Funeral services were at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave., with burial in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation,



The Arthritis Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project or The Arrow Fund.

William A. Kidd

William A. Kidd, 87, passed away on March 12.

Bill was a graduate of du Pont Manual High School (1947). He served in the US Army at Fort Knox during the Korean War, received a B.A. degree in History from UofL and a M.A. degree in Education from UK. Bill, and his brother, Don, were both involved in sports at UofL. Don played football and Bill was a basketball player under Coach Peck Hickman. Bill was very proud of his height. He would laugh and joke and say he was 5'19" when people would ask, "How tall are you?"

His first teaching and coaching position was in Albany, KY. During his three years in Albany, Bill established a rapport and friendship with his students and players that has lasted a lifetime. They still called him Coach. Bill's love for fishing began at this time on Lake Cumberland. He was an avid fisherman and later spent summers in Canada fishing. Bill was a teacher and basketball coach at Southern High School for 30 years. He worked with the JCPS paint crew during the summer months. After his retirement, he painted and did wall-papering.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Esta Haughn Kidd; and a brother, Donald Kidd.

Bill will be greatly missed by his soulmate and wife of 27 years, Patti Soskins; his daughter, Karen Dixon (Pat); his son, Keith Kidd; and their mother, Betty Kidd; Patti's daughter, Katherine Abbott, (Paul); and four very special grandchildren.

The family gives thanks to Cressman Rehabilitation Center, especially to his physical therapist, Natalie. Lastly, thanks to family and friends for their love and support. Memorial gifts may be made to the charity of your choice.

Sidney "Sid" Perchik

Sidney "Sid" Perchik, 94, died March 13, at Hosparus Inpatient Care Center.

He was a native of Chicago, a US Army veteran of WWII, the former owner of the old Klondike Meat Market, a former sales associate with Dawahares (25 years) and a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun and Anshei Sfarad Congregation, where he was an active member of the men's club, for many years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Rose Perchik; and his wife, Shirley Goldberg Perchik.

He is survived by his sons, Jerry Perchik (Sherry) of Atlanta, GA, and Ronnie Perchik (Nicole) of Chicago, IL; and his grandchildren, Cameron Rose, David Joseph, Matthew Brian and Zachary Chase.

Funeral services were at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave., with burial in Anshei Sfarad Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Anshei Sfarad Congregation or Congregation Adath Jeshurun.



Howard "Zeke" Klein

Howard "Zeke" Klein, 88, died March 14 at Baptist Health.

He was a native of Cincinnati, OH, a World War II Navy veteran, was founder and owner

of Zeke's Pawn Shop from 1962-1969, 1980 to the present day, and Howard's Men & Boys Clothing from 1969-1979. Zeke was a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Max and Margaret Klein.

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D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi David Feder

Pesach has always been my favorite holiday: family, friends, food, ritual and stories. And as a teacher, I've always found that Pesach provides the model for the best and worst in Jewish education.

The Haggadah and the Seder experience provide amazing opportunities: an engaging story that is personally relevant with multiple points of access and modes of telling it. Often, however, that complexity and flexibility are wasted.

Too many times, the Seder is like a poorly taught class and the Haggadah a misused textbook. Participants, like students in the classroom, go through the Haggadah paragraph by paragraph reading aloud – each person concentrating more on counting ahead to see what they might read next, trying to figure who'll be the wicked child this year

and who'll be the wise child, rather than paying attention to or engaging with the text. Other times we see the table rushing through to see how quickly we can get through the ritual to say that we've done it and then on to the meal. As in many classrooms, there are wasted opportunities for engagement.

The Haggadah is designed to elicit conversation, to let us share our own stories as they mirror the story of our people. In fact, the Erfurt manuscript of the Mishnah tells us not only that "In every generation, a person is obligated to see himself or herself as if he or she came out of Egypt," but rather "a person is obligated to point to or demonstrate having come out of Egypt."

The text of the Haggadah gives us many opportunities to do just that. We can reflect upon our own stories of overcoming, the things that have bound us physically and spiritually, much like the stories of our people bound both in servitude to Pharaoh and servitude to false gods. When remembering the plagues of Egypt, we can reflect upon the plagues of our own day. To the ancient list of things that would have been sufficient, *dayenu*, we can add to that our own, reflecting what would be enough for Jewish life in the 21st Century.

The Haggadah also realizes that there are numerous ways of experiencing the story. For those who need physical sym-

bols to relate to the story, we have "Pesach, Matzah and Marror" and the other symbols on the Seder plate.

Others experience through song the story of liberations ancient and modern. Still other, auditory learners, want to hear the story of our liberation from Egypt. For those who want to see Pesach as a lens through which we can view Jewish history, we find the extended midrashic treatment of the text we would recite when we brought our first fruits to Jerusalem and the Temple, understanding the many persecutions we have faced and survived.

One or two nights each year, we become teachers, students, storytellers and listeners. We find ourselves in the text of our story of liberation and we find the text in the story of our own lives and ex-

periences. On Pesach, the real question is, how will we tell the story this year, how will we make our timeless tale new and meaningful to our lives today?

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Candles should be lit for Shabbat on Fridays, March 20 at 7:36 p.m. and March 27 at 7:43 p.m.; for Passover and Shabbat on Friday, April 3, at 7:50 p.m.; for Passover, on Saturday, April 4, after 8:48 p.m. and Thursday, April 9, at 7:55 p.m.; for Passover and Shabbat on Friday, April 10 at 7:56 p.m.; and for Shabbat on Fridays, April 17 at 8:03 p.m. and April 24, at 8:09 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi David Feder, the principal of Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad, has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.



Rabbi David Feder

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He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Sylvia Fine Klein; his children, Michael Klein (Ivy) of Chesterfield, MO, Steven Klein (Julie), Karen Levine (Howard) and Julie Barrett (John); a brother, George Klein; a sister, Fay Levin (Fred); his grandchildren, Mark Klein (Jamie), Jodie Klein, Kevin Klein and Clara

Klein; and two great-grandchildren, Liv and Miles Klein.

Funeral services were at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave., with burial in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation.

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