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## Garmon Award Goes to Laina Meyerowitz; Nisenbaum Award to Bradley Schwartz and Fink Scholarship to Elana Wagner for Their Leadership

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

With 123 teens participating in BBYO this year, this program can attribute a large part of its success to a devoted cadre of teen leaders who plan engaging programs, strive to make all members feel included and important and ensure Jewish content is a key to what they do. Each spring, BBYO honors the best of these leaders – who execute their responsibilities well and inspire others to follow their examples.

This year, the Ellen Faye Garmon Award will go to Laina Meyerowitz, the Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award will



Laina Meyerowitz



Bradley Schwartz



Elana Wagner

go to Bradley Schwartz and the Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship will go to Elana Wagner. The Stuart Pressma Leadership Award winners and the Tony Levitan Award winners will be announced in the May 22 edition of

Community.

All these awards will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The community is invited.

*Ellen Faye Garmon Award – Laina Meyerowitz*

Laina Meyerowitz, 16, is a sophomore at Ballard High School and a leader in Jay Levine BBG. A native Louisvillian who has been involved in the Jewish community since she was little, she is the first in her family to be involved in BBYO.

This year's Ellen Faye Garmon Award winner joined the chapter two years ago. Since she already knew most of her Jewish peers in her grade, she joined because she saw BBYO as "an opportunity to be with them and see them more."

"It turned into so much more," she continued, "because I had the opportunity to meet new people – not only from Louisville, but across our region, across the country, and even some other countries."

In addition, BBYO gave Meyerowitz valuable leadership experiences. Since see **TEEN AWARDS** page 24



Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award Winner Jessica Goldstein

## Goldstein to Receive Julie E. Linker Award

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

The phrase *tikkun olam*, the repair of the world is often heard in the Jewish world as something to which we should all aspire. When it comes to Jessica Goldstein, this year's Julie E. Linker Community Relations Award winner see **GOLDSTEIN** page 8



Elsie P. Judah Award Winner Rosita Kaplin

## Kaplin Tapped for Elsie P. Judah Award

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

For Rosita Kaplin, the Jewish Community Center is a special place. It is the place where she met her husband, when it was called the YMHA and located on Second Street. "We used to play ping pong," she said.

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## Finke Named Bronfman Fellow

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor



Jacob Finke

Each year, the Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel accepts just 26 outstanding North American teenagers to participate in its prestigious yearlong program. This year, Jacob Finke was chosen for this honor, only the third Louisvillian to make the cut. The two prior fellows were Abraham Levitan and Jacob Emont.

Bronfman Youth Fellows participate in a rigorous academic year of seminars including a free, five-week trip to Israel between the summer of their junior and see **FINKE** page 14

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# JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director  
*Jewish Community Relations Council*

## Israel Advocacy Two Ways

Israel advocacy comes in many forms, and this past month I had the privilege of participating in two very different but equally important forms of it.

## Meeting with Rep. John Yarmuth

In light of recent activities of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, both in Washington and back in Israel, we felt it important to reach out to our local Congressional leadership to discuss Iran, Israel and our concerns that an agreement to curb Iran's nuclear program and prevent it from obtaining the ability to produce a nuclear weapon is comprehensive and absolute.

As many of us know, Rep. John Yarmuth was highly critical of the Prime Minister's appearance before Congress and did not attend his speech.

A group of us met with Rep. Yarmuth in his office for just such a discussion. In our conversation, we expressed our expectation that a deal with Iran contain necessary safeguards and checks to verify compliance with a deal to limit their nuclear program. Rep. Yarmuth expressed his confidence that the deal currently under discussion will accomplish all the goals we share ... that Iran will not be in a position to weaponize their nuclear program.

He further expressed his dismay that relations between Israel and the U.S. have become a bit strained and politicized in light of Netanyahu's visit to Congress, and he is confident that relations between our two countries are, and will be, strong.

Rep. Yarmuth also expressed his regret for a statement he made regarding any undue influence AIPAC may have



Israeli artist Ada Flor worked with JCC ELC student Ethan Reynolds on a cardboard dove.

over Congress.

While we may not always agree with our elected leaders, particularly on Israel, our JCRC will continue our dialogue with them, hold them accountable when we feel their words and actions are incongruent with the views and values of the Jewish community, and express our support and thanks to them when we feel they are acting in our community's best interests.

## Israeli Artist in Louisville

This past month, we were honored to host Ada Flor, an artist from Kibbutz Ein HaMifratz in our Partnership2Gether region of Israel, the Western Galilee. This kibbutz is very special because of its unique industry – the production of cardboard.

As an artist, one of Ada's specialties

is transforming some of the cardboard produced on the kibbutz and tailoring it for art projects. Ada took these projects to our JCC Early Learning Center and worked with the kids on producing cardboard doves, which the children then colored and decorated. It was a great experience for the preschoolers to be exposed to Israel, Israelis and art. It was also great for Ada to meet with our children.

Israel advocacy is not just about traditional lobbying efforts (as when we meet with our elected leaders), political discourses and persuasion or op-eds in newspapers. It is also about people-to-people contact, not colored by politics, exposing as many average Louisvilleans to average Israelis as possible, to learn about our many differences and our many more similarities.

This is the wonderful thing about our participation with Partnership, the connections we make and the often time lifelong friendship that come of it.

## Terry Taylor Retires

This month, a longtime friend of the Jewish community and our Louisville interfaith community, Terry Taylor, has retired from his position as executive director of Interfaith Paths to Peace, a Louisville peacemaking organization with which we have worked on many initiatives, most notably, the annual Hunger Walk. He also played an integral role in the Dalai Lama's appearance here in Louisville three years ago.

It is quite evident that peacemaking and interfaith understanding are not just a job for Terry, but a passion and a life mission. Terry has always been a friend of the Jewish community, and we were thrilled that we were able to honor him with an award and gift at our most recent Interfaith Chanukah party. I hope our paths cross again.

We will miss him profoundly, but we wish him many more years of happiness and success in whatever he chooses to fill his time.

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# JFCS Food Pantry Receives Dare to Care Award

On March 24, Dare to Care Food Bank recognized its network of over 300 partner agencies, including food pantries, shelters, emergency kitchens and other organizations, at its annual Partner Appreciation Dinner.

At the event, it was announced that Jewish Family & Career Services' Food Pantry received the Bobby Ellis Award for Closed Pantry of the Year.

In their application for the award, JFCS Volunteer Coordinator Kim Toebe wrote:

Jewish Family & Career Services is an exemplary partner to Dare to Care, devoted to the mutual vision of a hunger-free Kentuckiana. The agency is dedicated to helping the whole person in whatever way is needed. Thousands of pounds of food from the JFCS food pantry have helped approximately 150 clients per month keep hunger at bay as they struggle with myriad personal and social problems.

As a small human services agency, JFCS is able to provide more than 9,000 services to clients with only 37 full-time staff. More than 400 volunteers (40 of whom comprise the very active Food

Pantry Committee) are essential to delivering high quality services with dignity and compassion.

The following client story is one of the most difficult situations the agency has seen. For more than a year, a young woman with three young children from the Democratic Republic of Congo has received entrepreneurial assistance from The Navigate Enterprise Center at JFCS. She hopes to realize her dream of owning and operating a small business, which may one day enable her to be self-sufficient.

The client had never asked about food or mentioned anything about how hungry she and her family were until late 2014. Consequently, JFCS added her and her family as food pantry clients.

The Democratic Republic of Congo is a very dangerous place, especially for women. Her parents and brothers were murdered when she was 15, and she and her younger sisters were repeatedly sexually and physically abused by numerous brutal rebel soldiers. The client, who lived until recently in a refugee camp, miraculously escaped and survived a perilous journey to safety in the United



Dare to Care Executive Director Brian Riendeau and Cooking Matters Intern Lillian Slaughter and JFCS representatives Janet Meyer and John Proffitt

States.

Upon her arrival, she started right away to work hard and to do as well as she could to be successful in her studies. She is a law-abiding person and now an entrepreneur on her way to independence and citizenship.

Thanks to Dare to Care, along with the Janet & Sonny Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund and the JFCS Food Pantry, this client and hundreds more JFCS clients are closer to reaching a state of human flourishing; the antithesis of human misery. JFCS volunteers, the agency and I are extremely proud of Dare to Care and the work it does, providing food, staff and volunteers who give their love and their time to make this world a better place.

Now in its fifth year, this award was named after Bobby Ellis, the 9-year-old Louisville child who died of malnutrition on Thanksgiving eve in 1969. He weighed just 20 pounds when he was found dead on a bed in his home. His parents said they couldn't afford to feed him and his five sisters and were charged with neglect. Community outrage over his death and the fact that no one did anything to prevent it led to the creation of Dare to Care.

# Subaru Share the Love Grant Goes to JCC Senior Adult Meals Program

Subaru of America is providing grants from their annual Share the Love Campaign. During its campaign, Subaru donated \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle or leased to the customers' choice of AS-PCA®, Make-A-Wish, Meals On Wheels Association of America®, and National Park Foundation.

The Jewish Community Center's Senior Adult Nutrition Program is the beneficiary of some of the company's largesse. In January, Meals on Wheels of America/Subaru Share the Love event gave the program \$800, and this month, they announced a \$900 for the program.

The JCC's Senior Adult Nutrition program offers hot kosher congregate meals in the Senior Adult lounge five days a week, asking only a small donation, usually \$3 per meal or whatever participants can afford, to help cover the cost of the meal.

When people are homebound and cannot come to the JCC to eat, the Senior Adult Nutrition program delivers the meals to them through the Meals on Wheels program. Currently 32-35 people are receiving home delivered meals each day.

Not only do these home delivered meals ensure that the senior who receive them have a hot nutritious meal at least once a day, five days a week, the volunteers who deliver the meals also provide regular human contact for the recipients, ensuring that they do not become isolated in their homes.

The Subaru Share the Love grant makes it possible for the JCC to continue this service.

# Penner Selected for U.S. Holocaust Museum Regional Education Corps

Daniel Penner was among 10 people nationwide selected to join the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Regional Education Corps this year.

Corps members will work in tandem with the Museum's Levine Institute for Holocaust Education to bring a wide variety of Holocaust education initiatives to local communities, a critical part of the Museum's ongoing effort to foster greater understanding of the relevance of Holocaust history today.

"The Museum is a national institution, and the Regional Education Corps plays a vital role in bringing the lessons of the Holocaust to communities around the country," says Pete Fredlake, director of the Museum's teacher education and special programs for the Levine Institute. "Teaching students the causes of and the responses to the Holocaust will not only build a foundation for understanding this history but will also help them connect to the legacy of the Holocaust today."

Members of the REC must first complete the Museum Teacher Fellowship

program, an intensive seminar that provides advanced training in Holocaust history and education, introduces them to the Museum and its broad network of educators around the country, and prepares them to support the educational work of the Museum.

Since 1996, the Museum has trained 340 Teacher Fellows, 50 of whom have been selected for the REC.

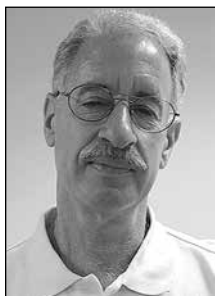
A teacher at Atherton High School and Bellarmine University, Penner attended both undergraduate and graduate school at Western Kentucky University. He began a full-year course in the Holocaust in 1996, likely the first such course in the state. He began teaching a Holocaust seminar at Bellarmine in 2006.

Penner and Shannon Kederis, who teaches about the Holocaust at DuPont Manual High School, bring their classes to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum every year.

Striving to make the lessons relevant, Penner doesn't just teach the Holocaust as history. "Whenever anything comes up, whether it's the ISIS massacres, homophobia, anything with racism, bullying or even compassion for those who go through ... natural or political disasters or atrocities," he connects them with the lessons of the Holocaust.

Lessons about the Holocaust also include opportunities for Penner's students to do hands-on projects in the

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Dan Penner

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# Republic Bank Players Challenge Offers Golf, Tennis, Maj, Bridge, Canasta

by Lisa Hornung  
Communications Specialist

This year's Republic Bank Players Challenge promises to be as fun and successful as those in past years, with a few extra surprises.

Event co-chair Bruce Blue is a top sponsor of the event, and above that, he donated a foursome to enable younger adults who wouldn't normally be able to afford it to play. "It's a chance to help them get involved, meet people and network," said Doug Roemer, event co-chair.

Kindred Healthcare's CEO Ben Breier also donated a foursome to be played by local television media personalities. Kindred is an Eagle-level sponsor, too. The foursome is designed to garner more potential media coverage as well as bring an added level of fun with local celebrities.

The Republic Bank Players Challenge is an annual event that raises money for Jewish Family and Career Services and the Jewish Community Center. The funds raised help provide scholarships for more than 175 families and individuals who can't afford JCC membership and subsidizes counseling for more than 2,400 individuals to help improve their lives.

"It's just a fantastic event," Roemer said. "People who play a lot of golf tournaments say that this is the best tournament of the year in Louisville. It's a very enjoyable event."

There are already 14 foursomes registered, and registration forms haven't been sent out yet. The forms will go out soon after the Kentucky Derby.

The Challenge will be Monday, June 22, at the Standard Club, 8208 Standard Club Lane, off of Brownsboro Road, and will include a golf scramble, tennis tour-

namment, and bridge, canasta and mahjong tournaments.

"We are continuing and hoping to grow the tennis tournament," Roemer said. "(The Challenge) is a family event for me – my father-in-law and brother play golf with me, my wife plays tennis and my mother-in-law plays bridge."

The day includes lunch and dinner, and this year, the dinner will be a bit less formal, Roemer said. "We want people to be a bit more relaxed," he said.

There will be a silent auction all day, said Beverly Bromley, director of marketing and development at JFCS, as well as hole-in-one contests and a free bour-

bon tasting at 4 p.m. sponsored by Heaven Hill Distilleries.

Tennis sign-in is 8:30 a.m. and the fee is \$60, which includes lunch.

Golf check-in is 10:30, and there will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Golf fees, which are \$275, include lunch and dinner.

The driving range opens at 11 a.m.

Bridge, canasta and mahjong tournaments begin at 1 p.m.

Republic Bank Players Challenge committee members are Ed Cohen, Debbie Friedman, David Fuchs, Larry Kass, Jay Klempner, Stephanie Mutchnick, Dan Streit and Reed Weinberg.

Sponsors include Republic Bank, Kindred Healthcare, Mutual of America, Sam Swope Auto Group, Crowe Horwath, Papercone Corporation, Welenken CPAs, Jay Klempner, Schwartz and Associates Insurance, PayLogic, The Nautilus Group, Willis Klein and Seth Gladstein.

There are still sponsorship opportunities available. For sponsorship and general information, contact JFCS Director of Development and Marketing Beverly Bromley, 502-452-6341 or bbromley@jfcslouisville.org, ext. 223; to register to play, contact JFCS Administrator Kathryn Fetter, 452-6341, ext. 258.

## PENNER

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real world. "We do a thing in my classes called Change for Change," he said, which is an exercise in compassion. "Every day, I collect nickels, dimes, quarters" – whatever his students bring in – and it accumulates throughout the year. The highest total collected to date is \$1,200, Penner reported, but his students this year have already surpassed that.

Near the end of the term, the students help Penner compile a long list of charities they identify as possible recipients of the class largesse. Eventually they narrow the list down to four organizations. Popular recipients have been the Red Cross, Kosair Charities and the Humane Society. Last year, a portion of the money went to help an impoverished, crime-ridden neighborhood in Miami.

Sometimes the classes respond to a natural disaster when it happens and don't wait until the end of the year to allocate a portion of their funds. "It's their

decision," he said.

It is activities like this that make the lessons of the Holocaust relevant, Penner explained. "If you just talk about the Holocaust, it's just something that happened in the 1930's and 40's – it has no legs. Students can't see what's important about it other than just to say this is terrible."

In making the lessons relevant, Penner teaches about issues of abuse of power, use of propaganda and peer pressure, and he explores the thought processes that went into the choices that were made then and how it relates to making choices today.

Penner became a Museum Teacher Fellow in 2003, which led him to participate in the Jewish Resistance program in Poland and Israel, a collaborative teaching program in Poland through its embassy and the Checkpoint Charlie Holocaust Program in Berlin.

As a Museum Teacher Fellow, Dan has helped run teacher workshops in Atlanta and Indianapolis. He annually serves on the Jewish Community Relations Coun-

cil Yom HaShoah Committee. (See story, page 10.)

The Regional Education Corps is a trained, flexible and responsive group of master teachers. They assist the Museum in implementing educational programming on a national level. This includes creating and participating in workshops, conferences, forums and traveling exhibition, as well as coordinating the Museum's outreach at professional conferences, such as the National Council for Social Studies and the National Council of Teachers of English.

Penner is looking forward to the experience.

### About the Museum

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Ukraine has been wrecked by conflict for more than a year, and the resulting economic and political instability have profoundly affected the country's more than 350,000 Jews. Thousands have been forced to flee their homes in eastern Ukraine—the first time Jews have been refugees in Europe since World War II. Others remain trapped in the battle-torn region.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL 25 and 26 Seussical, Jr.

7 p.m. JCC. \$12 adults, \$7 children 10 and under. CenterStage Academy brings favorite Dr. Seuss characters to life in this musical extravaganza. Call 502-459-0669 for tickets. See CenterPiece, page 3.

### APRIL 26

#### Goldstein Ga-Ga Tournament

1-2 p.m., Elementary School Tournament; 2-3 p.m., Middle School Tournament; 3-4 p.m., High School Tournament. \$5 per player. Prizes each round, grand prize for overall winner. Money raised will support Teen Connection and BBOY as part of Drew Goldstein's bar mitzvah project. Register at [www.jewishlouisville.org/ga-ga\\_tournament](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/ga-ga_tournament) or call 459-0660. See CenterPiece, page 2.

### APRIL 26

#### J-Forty Fivers

12:30-3 p.m. Drop off, JCC; pick up, Ten Pins Lanes. Free. Third and fourth graders start the afternoon with pizza, then enjoy bowling with friends.

### MAY 3-JUNE 2

#### Patio Gallery Exhibit

Louisville Area Fiber & Textile Artists (LAFTA) exhibit. Reception Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m.

### MAY 3 and 17

#### How I Became a Pirate

2 p.m. JCC. \$12 adults, \$7 children 10 and under. Acting Out, CenterStage's professional children's theatre troupe will perform this musical based on the book by Melinda Long. Call 502-459-0669 for tickets. See CenterPiece, page 3.

### MAY 10

#### Nothing Like a Dame: Mother's Day Brunch with Author Eddie Shapiro

1-3 p.m. JCC. \$35 per person; \$28, JCC members. Elegant catered brunch and a mimosa from Café Fraiche and stories about great women of musical theater told by author Eddie Shapiro. Vaad-approved option available upon request before May 1. Register at [www.jewishlouisville.org/event/mothers-day-brunch/](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/event/mothers-day-brunch/). See CenterPiece, page 1.

### MAY 17

#### An Evening of Music and Magic

4-7:30 p.m. Temple Shalom. \$18, adults; \$5, children 3-10. Features the Louisville Leopard Percussionists and magician David Garrard. Dinner catered by Mark's Feed Store. RSVP by May 8. Mail checks to Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Rd., Louisville, KY 40220; or online at [templeshalom.ticketleap.com/menu](http://templeshalom.ticketleap.com/menu). See story, page 6.

### MAY 19

#### School's Out Days at the JCC

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, swimming, arts and crafts. Theme: Messy Olympics. More information and register, at [www.jewishlouisville.org/event/schools-out-day-messy-olympics/](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/event/schools-out-day-messy-olympics/). See CenterPiece, page 2.

### MAY 21

#### JFCS MOSAIC Awards

5 p.m. Reception/Micro Business Showcase; 6:30 p.m. dinner and program. Louisville Marriott Downtown, \$125 per person; \$1,500 per table. Honorees: Dr. George Digenis, Luis David Fuentes, John Rosenberg, Lalit Sarin, Van Tran. For reservations, contact Beverly Bromley, 502-452-7341, ext. 223, or [bbromley@jfcslouisville.org](mailto:bbromley@jfcslouisville.org). See story, this page.

### May 24 and 25

#### Shavuot

Begins sundown May 23. Check with the congregation of your choice for service and late night study information. See story, page 6 for Confirmation information.

### MAY 26

#### JFCS Annual Meeting

7:30 p.m. JFCS. The community is invited.

### MAY 31

#### Melton Graduation

11:30 a.m. Adath Jeshurun. Celebrate two years of Jewish learning at the 2015 Melton graduation. RSVP to Deborah Slosberg, 502-458-5359 or [dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com).

### MAY 31

#### Red, White and Blue Bash

6 p.m. Keneseth Israel. \$54. KI honors veterans and active duty service members. Cocktail hour, silent auction, dinner, dancing, music and more. Email [gala@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:gala@kenesethisrael.com) or call 502-459-2780.

# Reserve Your Table at the 2015 MOSAIC Awards

On Thursday, May 21, Jewish Family & Career Services' MOSAIC Awards will mark 10 years of honoring refugees, immigrants and first-generation Americans whose remarkable contributions have enriched our community locally, in Kentucky, in the U.S. and, in some cases, even around the world.

This year's event, to be held at the Louisville Downtown Marriot, will honor Dr. George Digenis, Luis David Fuentes, John Rosenberg, Lalit Sarin and Van Tran.

The evening starts at 5 p.m. with a cocktail reception and a showcase of new micro-businesses established by individuals who received training and financial assistance from the JFCS Navigate Enterprise Center. The dinner and awards program will begin at 6:30.

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.

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.

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.

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. He 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.

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. Tran has dedicated her life to volunteering in and improving the Vietnamese community in Louisville and to supporting Vietnam War vets.

More detailed profiles of these honorees are available at <https://jewishlouisville.org/jfcs-2015-mosaic-awards-honorees>.

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](mailto:bbromley@jfcslouisville.org).

## Festival of Faiths Celebrates "Sacred Journeys," Merton Legacy

The Center for Interfaith Relations will present the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Faiths from Tuesday, May 12, through Sunday, May 17. This year's program, Sacred Journeys and the Legacy of Thomas Merton, will be a five-day celebration of music, spoken word poetry, film, theatre, photography and dialogue with internationally renowned spiritual leaders, practitioners and teachers.

The Festival is a celebration inspired by the life and legacy of Thomas Merton (1915-1968) – poet, hermit, author, activist, artist and interfaith pioneer – whose life continues to inspire millions.

It is also an opportunity to engage with global thought leaders and spiritual travelers from the great faith traditions of the world on a journey devoted

to spiritual practice and human transformation.

Each day will begin with guided spiritual practice led by practitioners of diverse faith traditions.

The mornings will be filled with seven-minute sacred stories and 25-minute sacred journeys presentations based on this quote from Thomas Merton: "If you want to identify me, ask me not where I live, or what I like to eat, or how I comb my hair, but ask me what I am living for, in detail ask me what I think is keeping me from living fully for the thing I want to live for."

Its themes include Merton and His Legacy, East and West, Abrahamic Faiths and Engaging the World with Compassion.

## KI Honors Vets with Red, White and Blue Bash

by Lisa Hornung  
Communications Specialist

It is important to honor veterans for their service. Keneseth Israel is taking it a few steps further – by focusing on Kentucky's Jewish veterans with a bash and a book.

KI will host its first Red, White and Blue Bash on May 31 to celebrate all Kentucky Jewish veterans, said committee chair Rhonda Reskin.

"While our focus is on veterans of U.S. armed services, we want to include those who have served in other countries' militaries, too," she said, adding that many in our community have served in the military in Israel and other countries.

The committee has a big job between now and the Bash. It has to research the histories of Jewish military veterans in Kentucky. "We have found one Jewish war veteran who fought in the Civil War," she said.

Speaking at the bash will be Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and Chief of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps; Lt. Col. Michael Steinberg of Fort Knox, distinctive faith group leader at Fort Knox; and Col. Michael Fuenfer, MD, originally from Louisville.

KI asks people in the community to submit information about their military service as well as their ancestors'. Once

the research is finished and the information compiled, the committee plans to create a commemorative book celebrating Kentucky's Jewish veterans to be given out at the Bash. Eventually, Reskin said she'd like to create a memorial.

"We really encourage people to send in names of themselves and loved ones," Reskin said. "We're trying to get a true history of Kentucky's Jewish veterans."

So far, there are about 160 names listed in the book, and they hope more information will come in. Submitters can pay to have a story and photos in the book, or the group will list names and service dates of veterans for free.

On Memorial Day, the group plans to place flags on the graves of Jewish veterans all over the area, Reskin said.

The Red, White and Blue Bash will be Sunday, May 31, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$54, and hors d'oeuvres, dinner and drinks are included. There will be a silent auction and a band, Kudmani, one of Louisville's most popular event bands. There will also be a traveling exhibit from the National Museum of American Jewish Military History, which highlights the 15 Jewish recipients of the Medal of Honor.

If you have a family member or friend who served in the military, please send photos and information to Reskin at [gala@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:gala@kenesethisrael.com), or Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com).



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# Local Congregations Announce Confirmation Plans

Traditionally, 10th grade religious school students in Louisville are confirmed on or near Shavuot. The following information has been provided by the congregations.

## Congregation Adath Jeshurun

Saturday, May 23, 9:30 a.m.

### Confirmands

Talia Miriam Blue  
Ethan Cole Evans  
Spencer Robert Geer  
Isabelle Elyse Geller  
Abigail Fran Goldberg  
Ethan Isaac Goldberg  
Marnina Rose Goldberg  
Alexander Radman Kobay

## Keneseth Israel

Confirmation TBA

### Confirmation Class Members

Justin Bass  
Lauren Figa  
Whitney Haines

## The Temple

Erev Shavuot, Saturday, May 23, 7 p.m.

### Confirmands

Ruthie Dworin  
Benjamin Gould  
David Hemmer  
Lori Joels  
Lauren Kasdan  
Tim Morrison  
Skylar Silberman  
Joshua VanNort

## Temple Shalom

Sunday, May 24, 10:30 a.m.

### Confirmands

Nathan Cohen  
Ally Doctrow  
Bailey Doctrow  
Drew Frey  
Jordan Gould  
Ashley Waller

## Check Out the JCC's Pegasus Parade Float

Having a float in the Pegasus Parade has become a CenterStage tradition for the Jewish Community Center, and every year, their entry has brought home an award.

This year, CenterStage is spearheading the effort and a small army of volunteers and staff have been working on the float which focuses on the Jewish Community Center's 125th anniversary.

As an added feature this year, CenterStage has partnered with Mommy's Best Games for the Pegasus Parade Preview on Tuesday, April 28. The company re-

cently launched a Derby-themed game, Finger Derpy, which features a CenterStage cameo! The game, free to download, is a comical twist on horse racing with innovative controls, in which players steer and race their horses with two fingers tapping like hooves. Bring the whole family to see the float and play Finger Derby on April 28.

Volunteers will be finishing up the float tonight and tomorrow. Come help if you can. Then watch for the float in the Pegasus Parade on Thursday, April 30.

## Temple Shalom Brings on the Music and Magic

Temple Shalom's annual celebration takes a new twist this year with performances by the Louisville Leopard Percussionists and magician David Garrard, as well as dinner from Mark's Feed Store.

The upbeat tempo of the Louisville Leopard Percussionists will start the event at 4 p.m. The performing ensemble of more than 60 student musicians, ages 7-14, brings together participants of diverse backgrounds to create lively music on marimbas, xylophones, drum sets, bongos, the piano and other instruments.

The students live in about 25 different zip codes and attend almost 50 different schools. The vision of founder and artistic director Diane Downs, the Louisville Leopard Percussionists helps participants develop performance, musical and related skills, as the group nurtures self-confidence and positive values.

The percussionists are featured in an HBO Documentary, "The Leopards Take Manhattan: The Little Band That Roared," and the group also has performed nationally.

A dinner catered by Mark's Feed Store will be served at 5, followed by desserts.

Those attending may purchase tickets for drawings for gift baskets.

Master magician David Garrard will start the evening's final act at 6:30. During his 30 years on stage, Garrard has performed at Thunder Over Louisville, the Kentucky State Fair and the International Magic Convention.

He got hooked on magic at age 12, and has perfected a wide repertoire of tricks and illusions – all designed to wrap up the evening with a healthy dose of fun and many laughs.

The cost is \$18 for adults and \$5 for children, ages 3-10. Children under 3 are free. Sponsorships from \$50 to \$500 also are available.

RSVP to Temple Shalom, 502-458-4739, to reserve tickets. Checks mailed to Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Rd., Louisville, KY 40220, by May 8 will confirm your reservation. Tickets may also be purchased online at [templeshalom.ticketleap.com/menu](http://templeshalom.ticketleap.com/menu). Visit the Temple Shalom website, [www.templeshalomky.org](http://www.templeshalomky.org) for more information.

This event is made possible by a generous grant from the Temple Shalom Endowment Fund.

## JFCS Helps Clients Become Entrepreneurs

by Bob Tiell

JFCS Director of Career Services and Workforce Development

Did you know that JFCS embodies a strong spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation? How, you might ask?

Over the years, JFCS created many new programs and services, including counseling services to individuals and families, services to senior adults, and services to the international community.

Career and Workforce Development services include career management, college and educational advisement, employment, business start-ups, employer services, workforce development, and special projects.

The department helps individuals make sound career and employment decisions and enhance their career satisfaction and economic self-sufficiency. A variety of packages at different price points are available.

Years ago, JFCS created the Navigate Enterprise Center to focus on small business start-ups, geared to special populations. It has steadily grown, presenting self-employment as another career option.

Last year, JFCS' Navigate Enterprise Center helped start more than 50 new businesses. JFCS has been in the forefront of metro Louisville's current focus on entrepreneurship and job creation. The annual MOSAIC Awards on Thursday, May 21, will include a Business Showcase, featuring displays by several of those businesses. (See story, page 5.)

JFCS uses the Strengths Finder as part of its career metrics system. Along with other assessment tools, this metric helps clients assess their major strengths in order to gauge which personal skills and talents can best be leveraged for optimal career and work satisfaction.

Strengths Finder is also used in leadership development and entrepreneurship workshops JFCS conducts. JFCS' Entrepreneurial Discovery Workshops help both actual and aspiring entrepreneurs convert business concepts and ideas into productive action. Moreover, given that today many employers increasingly expect their employees to function more like entrepreneurs, this workshop is also beneficial for the "intra-preneurial" mindset.

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## Honoring Annette Sagerman



Annette Sagerman, center, and her cousins



Carol Behr visits with Annette.



John Leffert and the cast of Fiddler.



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# JCC Marks 125 Years and Honors Annette Sagerman

by Lisa Hornung  
Communications Specialist

The Jewish Community Center is celebrating 125 years in the community this year, and on March 29, members and guests celebrated with a party and birthday cake.

The event also honored beloved retired staff member, Annette Sagerman, with a tribute to her legacy including the final performance of CenterStage's *Fiddler on the Roof*. Sagerman worked at the JCC for 65 years.

Before the show, Sara Wagner, senior vice-president and COO, spoke to the audience about the history of the JCC and its importance to the community. A birthday cake was wheeled into the auditorium and participants sang "Happy Birthday."

After the show, the real festivities began.

Rabbi Robert Slosberg of Congregation Adath Jeshurun said that Sagerman, who was known to many as "Aunt" or "Auntie," is a treasure to the Louisville JCC and the community.

"You are amazing and one of the wisest people I've ever met," Slosberg said to Sagerman. "You are full of wisdom and depth and we all pray for your continued health."

Slosberg then led the audience in the prayer Shehecheyanu, (a prayer said at special occasions).

John Leffert, CenterStage director, said that Sagerman was a mentor to him from the time she was membership director at the JCC. "People like Annette make the world a better place," he said.

The cast of *Fiddler* came to the stage and sang "Sentimental Journey" by Les Brown, Ben Homer and Bud Green.

Wagner took the stage and said that

Sagerman is the matriarch of the JCC. "As a kid, you couldn't pass by her office without getting a Tootsie Roll and a hug," she said. "She's a surrogate mother, aunt, sister and mentor to a lot of people. Hers are large footsteps to follow."

Wagner presented Sagerman with a Mayor's Proclamation declaring March 29, 2015, as Annette Sagerman Day in Louisville.

Phyllis Green and Marcy Rosengarten presented Sagerman with a memory book, to which members and friends had contributed, and read some of the highlights for the audience.

They said that Sagerman "lives, loves and breathes the JCC." And that she's famous for the "Annette Scoop." She was the editor of the JCC's Centerpiece and wrote most speeches given by the JCC directors at the time.

The ladies of the *Fiddler* cast sang "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," by the Andrews sisters.

Wagner and Leffert presented Sagerman with a giant key to the JCC as a token of appreciation.

Frankye Gordon, development director, also shared some of her memories of Sagerman.

"Yeah, she was all those things, but I shared an office with her for many years and it wasn't all peaches and cream!" she said with a laugh. "Most people don't know this, but she didn't intend to work here that long. After high school, she took a temporary job at the YMHA, but nobody ever told her that her temporary job had ended, so she just stayed."

Gordon also mentioned that Sagerman was a grammarian and loved to argue about grammar. One of her favorites was that there may be many "options" but only one "alternative."

Sagerman's niece Jaye Bittner joined the tribute. "The love of her life was Da-



Annette Sagerman



Annette, Bob Bittner and John Leffert



Kris Wilkes and Shari Cohen



Phyllis Green and Beth Branson



Sara Wagner and Annette



Jaye Bittner and Bob Kohn



Margie Kohn, Annette and Marlene Gordon



Frankye Gordon



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Beverly Weinberg and Marsha Bornstein



Annette and Cantor David Lipp





# West Highlighted Several Health Issues in Keynote at Senior University

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor

When The Temple's Senior University 2015 convened on Thursday, April 16, Louisville television personality and long-time WAVE3-TV reporter started off the day with a keynote address that brought her audience up to date on changes in her personal life and provided updates on current hot topics in health.

"Sixty is the new 40," West told her audience, "and 100 is the new 80." The medical breakthroughs that make things like this possible are the kinds of stories she reported on during her 22-year career with WAVE.

In 2007, she left the station to drive her teenage son around after his older siblings were gone. The time in the car, she explained was time he spent talking to her, and she enjoyed every minute.

When he went to college, West wanted to resume her medical reporting. She developed her own independent production company and produced her own half hour show. She also did some stories for WLKY.

Now, West said, she is back at WAVE and does some consulting work. She travels the world and is focused on what is trending in medicine today.

Hip replacements are big she said, and talked about her own procedure. The wave of the future, she said, is anterior hip replacement, which is the kind of procedure she had. Since it requires only a small incision, West said she was walking two hours after the surgery, off the walker in two weeks and the only pain was from the surgery and not the hip.

She also talked about the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes. Defects on these genes are indicators of the most deadly forms of cancer. Some doctors are recommending prophylactic mastectomies, but West advises getting second and third opinions before making a decision.

Another significant issue West identified is adolescent eating disorders. There is currently a surge in eating disorders in teen, tweens and children as young as 8 and 9. This needs to be treated like an addiction, she contends, with residential programs. She described it as a most fatal illness among young people because by the time the problem is discovered, the victims are in critical condition. There is a shortage of residential treatment programs for adolescent eating disorders in Louisville, she reported, forcing many families to leave the city to find help for their children.

## GOLDSTEIN

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tions Young Leadership Award Winner, *tikkun olam* truly defines her life today.

When she and her husband, Matthew Whitworth, both Louisville natives, returned to their hometown in 2005 after 17 years of studying and working in a variety of locations, they brought their San Francisco jobs with them.

As a technical publishing industry telecommuter, Goldstein was in close contact with her colleagues around the country, but didn't connect to her community here.

When her son, Simon, started kindergarten, Goldstein was ready to get involved. "I had left my publishing career," she said, "and a friend invited me to join the JCRC [Jewish Community Relations Council] – it was a perfect fit."

Goldstein didn't have a clear idea of what the JCRC does, but when she met with JCRC Director Matt Goldberg, "the more we talked, the more excited I got. So many of the areas they're involved with – fair housing, fair pay, civil rights, environmental issues, hunger, women's reproductive freedoms, higher education – all of which I think represent core

HIV infections, West warned, are not just a problem happening in southern Indiana. Drug abuse is prevalent in Louisville as well, and needles are being found in Louisville parks. The number of cases of HIV being diagnosed in nursing homes is also on the rise, she said, because the senior residents of such facilities often don't see the need to take precautions for safe sex.

Alzheimer's Disease is in the news a lot. West reported that Dr. Robert P. Friedland, a neurologist and neurological researcher and the University of Louisville and KentuckyOne is focusing

on the impact what you eat has on neurologic disease.

She says he contends we can fix Alzheimer's Disease in the kitchen because the wrong bacteria in the intestines can impede the folding of a critical protein in the brain. Through diet, however, it is possible to change the balance of bacteria in the intestines and control the balance of bacteria. Eat more fruit, vegetables and fiber and less meat, she said, adding that the Mediterranean diet is better than the typical American diet.

The rest of the day included a series of workshops and a healthy lunch.

Jewish values – are causes near and dear to my heart."

Joining the JCRC gave her an opportunity to pursue justice with the Jewish community, reconnect with people she had known during her school years, and make new connections with others.

Most of her activity has been with food security issues. She participated in the Food Stamp Challenge, during which she and others subsisted on a weekly food budget of \$33 – just \$3.51 a day – the amount the average individual gets through SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

"I knew it wasn't going to be easy," she said. "I had no idea how hard it would be." As a vegetarian focused on eating healthy, she found she could only afford about 1,100 calories a day – less than the minimum needed to sustain her normal activities. Her thinking became muddled and she was always focused on the next meal.

The experience made a big impression on her and inspired her to deepen her commitment to anti-hunger advocacy.

She's now working with Brian Riendeau, the executive director of Dare to Care Food Bank, and Matt Goldberg, the JCRC director, to plan a Hunger Seder.

"The Hunger Seder is a hunger awareness project of MAZON: The Jewish Response to Hunger," she explained. "This year, the theme is childhood hunger because the next Congress will be asked to reauthorize the limits for WIC." (WIC is a Federal supplemental nutrition program Women, Infants and Children that provides grants to states.)

To increase the impact, Goldstein explained, the JCRC decided to host the event at the Dare to Care warehouse. "The size of the Dare to Care facility gives you an idea of the scope of hunger in our community. ... One in six Louisville residents doesn't get enough food to eat to live a healthy life," she stated.

Since Dare to Care's shelves aren't always fully stocked, the empty places will help "get across that as much as our community supports Dare to Care today, our responsibility and response needs to grow," she said.

In carrying out MAZON's hunger awareness initiative, Goldstein is also striving to "increase Louisville's faith communities' support for Dare to Care" and hopes it will carry over to increased recruitment and support for next fall's Hunger Walk.

The Hunger Seder will be May 20, and participation will be limited to leaders of Louisville's faith communities with a goal of empowering them to become advocates for addressing the issues of hunger. Goldstein also hopes it will encourage more people to become Dare to Care sustaining members or to volunteer time to help the agency.

In addition, she explained, "the JCRC received a Community Impact Grant from the Israel Action Network to develop or strengthen ties with parts of the community where we don't have connections or where connections have faded. This program can serve that purpose, ... enabling us to build bridges around a shared cause."

The JCRC is reaching out to Interfaith Paths to Peace, the Center for Interfaith Relations, and a number of congregations affiliated with a wide cross-section of faith communities. From the Jewish community, Rabbi Michael Wolk and Cantor Sharon Hordes from Keneseth Israel are involved with the project.

Holding the Hunger Seder in late May has another advantage. It comes right before Shavuot, the spring pilgrimage festival that marks both the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai and the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. Goldstein is excited about the natural tie-ins, and Cantor Hordes told her she hopes the Hunger Seder will also help raise awareness about Shavuot.

In addition to the Hunger Seder, Goldstein chaired the Jewish Louisville team for the Hunger Walk and is pushing the JCRC to look at other poverty issues – clothing and shelter.

She worked with Project Warm Executive Director Frank Schwartz to organize a JCRC Project Warm Blitz last fall, recruiting volunteers to help weatherize homes of low-income seniors and those who are permanently disabled. "I hope this will be the first of an annual service project that the JCRC will spearhead," she added.

For a number of years, the JCRC has hosted an interfaith Chanukah party as an opportunity to share Jewish traditions with our non-Jewish neighbors. This year, Goldstein pressed to incorporate a winter clothing drive into the event. "We ended up with eight bankers boxes filled with mostly new mittens, gloves and hats," she said. The items were donated to the 15th District PTA Clothing Assistance Program "to make sure needy children have proper clothing to withstand the elements" while waiting for their school buses.

Currently, Goldstein works part time at the Keneseth Israel Preschool and takes on occasional freelance editing projects. She also does volunteer work with the Brandeis Elementary School PTA and is the Director of the Sudanese Refugee Education Fund.

On learning that she will receive the Linker Award, Goldstein had a twofold reaction. "On the one hand," she said, "it is gratifying, flattering and somewhat humbling when I read the list of the people who won the Linker Award before me. On the other hand, it means I must keep going forward and keep building on the work I've done so far. It is a call to action not to take my foot off the gas pedal."

Julie E. Linker was a young leader in the Louisville Jewish community with a passion for community relations work. When she died, the Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award was established to perpetuate her name and to encourage young people who share her passion and give them the opportunity to attend the JCPA Plenum.

The Linker Award will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The community is invited.



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## Home Hospitality Hosts Needed

# Shlicha Noga Peled Will Work at JCC Camp This Summer

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Summer Camp at the Jewish Community Center is a wonderful, exciting place for children every year. With this year's theme, Let Your Child's Summer Story Begin ..., there are endless possibilities for children to have transformative experiences and they grow and learn within the supportive, safe environment.

One opportunity campers have to add to their unique summer story, is to meet and learn from a shlichah, an Israeli counselor, who will be part of the staff all summer. This summer's shlichah is Noga Peled, a 21 year old from Haifa.

Peled will share the joy of Israel with campers and staff alike. For three years, she was a counselor in a youth movement and is so knowledgeable that she

taught others how to lead trips in Israel, incorporating Zionism and Israeli culture into the program. She has also completed her service with the IDF.

Here in Louisville, she will infuse the JCC Summer Camp with a rich variety of programming that will include Israeli music, dancing, sports, food and Hebrew language. Campers will experience the latest Israeli trends and get the inside scoop on Israeli life.

Peled will be in Louisville from May 24 until the week of August 10. While camp will fill most of her time during the day, she wants to use her off time to get to know Louisville and members of the community.

To give her the best possible experience, the JCC is looking for host families to welcome her into their home over the summer for a minimum of two weeks. If you are looking for the opportunity to



Shlichah Noga Peled

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## Yom HaZikaron: My Brothers, Heroes of Glory

by Moshe Ben David  
Special to Community

Ever since I moved to the U.S., I visited Israel, my homeland, about twice a year. Over the years, I've managed to experience every Jewish holiday in Israel, but for some reason I always missed Israel Independence Day.

Finally, due to a family simcha, I landed in Israel a few days before Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day, which follows Memorial Day for the fallen in Israel Defense.

When in Israel, I usually stay with my older brother in Tel Aviv. His wife Shoshana has a brother and sister. Both are bereaved parents who each lost a son, and when my brother asked if I'd like to join them for the memorial service for fallen IDF soldiers held in Hertzelia where his brother-in-law lives, I agreed.

Such ceremonies take place throughout the country, in cities, towns and kibbutzim. It begins with a mourning siren at 8 p.m. precisely. As we traveled from Tel Aviv, I had no concept how powerful an emotional experience I was about to have.

My brother parked the car and we marched toward an expansive vista. Simple chairs stood in long rows in front of the stage. It was 7:40 p.m. and the place filled up quickly. I looked around, checking out the crowd. This was not the audience I might see at the symphony orchestra, nor the gathering I'd find at a cantorial concert and not the crowd that reverently applauds popular singers. The crowd assembled was of diverse background: Ashkenazi, Sephardi, secular, Orthodox, etc. The common denominator was bereavement.

The atmosphere was different from other get-togethers. I searched my brain for a word that could define it: Restraint. A shared atmosphere of restraint and mutual respect reigned in this place. Everyone conversed quietly. Two minutes before 8, those in attendance began to rise. The conversations stopped. A complete silence fell on the place. The quiet was palpable.

Even though I was ready for the siren, I was jolted. Whether because of the special occasion, the perfect silence that preceded, and perhaps because it was my first time after many years – the siren sounded different to me. It made me shiver, permeating every pore, every organ of my body.

Slowly I looked around. Some stood in a tense silence, others downcast. Some murmured Psalms and others stood straight with eyes shut or gazing straight ahead. I noted tears in some eyes, and suddenly a woman in the row in front

of me burst out in a choked sob. The siren itself sounded suddenly like the wail of the bereaved mother. I shivered with goose bumps all over.

The siren died down and the assembled sat. As the moment came for the reading of the names of those who had fallen in Israel's wars, there appeared on two screens on either side of us, pictures of the soldiers, beneath the dates of their births and deaths. Most were young with bright smiles.

The image of a handsome youngster with shining black eyes and a wide smile revealing pure white teeth, appeared on the screen and from behind me burst out a cry, "My baby, Oh my baby." I turned around slowly and two rows behind me I saw an elderly Yemenite woman striking her palms and shaking forward and back. According to the dates, her son fell in the Yom Kippur War. He was 23 when he died. Had he lived, he could already be a grandpa. And here his elderly mother still wails for the son taken in his prime. Tears welled in my eyes.

Name followed name; picture chased picture. Suddenly a bitter gasp followed by an anguished cry, as a young woman called the name of the deceased again and again and an elderly man sitting next to her, held her tight.

New tears welled in my eyes pushing out the earlier ones. A lump rose in my throat. I managed to swallow it. I went through this over and over again during the ceremony. Image chased image as I continued to cry. My brother, who sat next to me, looked over at me but didn't comment.

The picture of my sister-in-law's nephew appeared. I didn't know him well, but I well remembered the words of my brother when he spoke to me on the telephone after the funeral. He told me that at the funeral the grandmother yelled out bitterly: "Why, God? Why do you take my grandchildren? Take me!" The pictures of the two cousins, the Hertzelian and the Jerusalemite both hang in the bereaved families homes. Unlike the picture of Dorian Gray, their pictures will never age.

I started weeping quietly and my back was trembling. A kind person behind me noticed it and placed a consoling hand on my shoulder. I didn't know a single one of the fallen whose pictures continued to appear, but I knew who they were. They were my friends from the neighborhood, from school, from Boy Scouts, from the army. They were my fathers, uncles, cousins, my brothers, heroes of glory.

The ceremony ended. I got up from my place and walked among the crowd. I didn't stand out. I wasn't the only one see **YOM HAZIKARON** page 12



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## Jewish Louisville History Project

# Can you identify the people in this picture?

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## Join the Fun!

**Jewish Louisville History Project Meeting**  
**Date & Time:** May 17, 2015, 2 p.m. • Senior Adult Lounge  
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Frank Weisberg, Chair





Cantor David Lipp



Rabbi Michael Wolk



Holocaust survivor Fred Gross



Rabbi Gaylia Rooks presented a certificate for a cherry tree to teacher Shannon Kederis.



Kathy and Matthew Karr

## With Gentle Humor Weiner Shares Story of Survival

by Lisa Hornung  
Communications Specialist

Conrad Weiner has endured more than most of us can imagine. He spent four years of his early childhood in a concentration camp, walked for two weeks in a Ukrainian winter and saw his grandmother and aunt shot to death just for hiding from Nazis. But despite all this hardship, he endures to tell his story with humor and zeal to a new generation of students.

Weiner was the guest speaker at the Jewish Community Relations Council's annual community-wide Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance) commemoration, held April 16 at Keneseth Israel Congregation. About 450 people attended the event, including students from several local schools, lighting candles and paying tribute to Holocaust victims.

"I was very pleased with both the quantity of the people there, and the quality of the program," JCRC Director Matt Goldberg said. "Conrad Weiner is a remarkable individual who has seen the worst of mankind, and yet still thinks positively and is optimistic about the future."

Rabbi Michael Wolk of Keneseth Israel, the host congregation, introduced the program. "We want to eradicate anti-Semitism in the world," he said. "We gather to remember those viciously murdered just because they were Jewish."

The event began with what has become the traditional candle lighting ceremony. Holocaust survivors, the widow of a liberator, descendants of survivors who have passed away and educators who teach the Holocaust lit 11 memorial candles in honor of the 11 million Holocaust victims – 6 million Jews and 5 million others persecuted and murdered by the Nazis. Students from area schools who had studied the Holocaust in a special Anne Frank educational program with the Louisville Orchestra (see story, page 12) helped with the candle lighting and read the dedications, explaining which groups were remembered with each candle.

Rabbi Stanley Miles of Temple Shalom said, "We are all survivors. We must bear witness and be a coalition of the humane. We must be ever cognizant that it could happen again only with silence."

Fred Gross, a local victim of the Holocaust, spoke about the need for remembrance. "We mourn our martyrs and honor our survivors," Gross said. "Every survivor has an amazing story. If not, there would be no stories. ..."

"Today, our people are in danger once more. Some believe our only hope is

Israel. Not only Israel, but the United States, France, Belgium. Our home is the world. But we need young people to keep our stories alive."

He noted the difference between what happened during the Holocaust is the existence of the State of Israel as a homeland and refuge for the Jewish people. He encouraged everyone to attend the JCC Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration the following Wednesday.

Adath Jeshurun Rabbi Robert Slosberg introduced Conrad Weiner.

### Sharing His Story

Conrad Weiner was just 3-1/2 years old when he and his family were forced to leave their home. He doesn't remember much, but years later his mother and sister in Cincinnati would sit down on Friday nights after Shabbat dinner and tell him the stories, reminding him repeatedly, "Do not forget."

While he never forgot, he didn't share the story publicly until a particular incident illustrated the need. After he retired, he became a substitute teacher because he enjoyed working with youth.

"Young people – you are the last to see a survivor talk," Weiner said. "I count on you to make a better world for my granddaughters."

One day at a high school, a student asked if Weiner had lived in Europe during World War II. When he said, yes, the student asked, "Did you meet Hitler?"

Once he was able to gather himself, he joked that he and Hitler didn't travel in the same social circles.

The teen asked what he did during the war, and Weiner answered, "I spent four years in a concentration camp."

He responded: "What were you concentrating on?"

He was serious. The boy had no idea what a concentration camp was. "It pains me to tell you that we have not learned from history," Weiner said to the audience.

It was then that he knew he had to spread the word, and he began telling his story to students at schools all over the Cincinnati area.

### Leaving Home

Weiner grew up in Storozhynets, now part of Ukraine, living happily with his family until Hitler came to power. In 1940 and '41, there were pogroms carried out against the Jews all over Romania. Near his home, a synagogue full of Jews attending Yom Kippur services was locked from the outside and set afire. Three hundred people inside were burned alive.

One day, soldiers came with orders see **YOM HASHOAH** page 11



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# YOM HASHOAH

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to leave in a hurry and only pack what they could carry. They had to stand outside for a very long time and Weiner's grandmother and aunt got tired. They went back inside to rest when the Nazis decided to search the houses for those who tried to hide. The soldiers found the women, thought they were hiding and shot them in front of everyone to make an example of them.

Weiner and the remainder of his family were crowded onto a cattle car with friends and neighbors and taken from their homes. "In a sense, we were lucky to go by train," he said. "Others were lined up and killed, then thrown into the river."

When the train stopped several days later, people rushed out of the cattle car, begging for water. Soldiers dumped buckets of water onto the ground, laughing at the people who tried to get what few drops they could from the mud puddles to stay alive.

Those who survived the train ride walked for two weeks to the forced labor camp Budi, in Transnistria, which is between Moldova and Ukraine. Weiner was fortunate to have his uncle with him on the march. That uncle, who had trained in the military and was in good shape, was able to carry him and his young cousin, Kurt Pakur, in turn enabling the children to keep up the grueling pace.

"We arranged to sleep in shifts," Weiner said. "Some people leaned against trees and froze to death. We saw things that looked like branches, but they were dead people."

At Budi, they slept in the stalls in the barns. Those who were strong worked cutting timbers for the Nazis. His family found a barrel and made a stove out of it and bartered with a Ukrainian woman for food.

Then Weiner became ill. He couldn't hold any food down, and his mother struggled to get him nutrition. Others in the camp told her, "Don't torture him – just let him die in peace."

But his mother, Adela, refused. She climbed a cherry tree to get branches with which to make a tea. Once, she thought she heard someone coming, so she jumped from the tree and injured her leg, which got infected. She had a scar the rest of her life, but thanks to the tea she risked her life to make, Weiner recovered and was able to eat again.

"I remember always being hungry and always being cold," he said. "I was one of those kids starving in Europe that your parents told you about," he joked.

## Liberation

After the war, the family went back to Romania, which was then a part of the Soviet Union. The family applied to emigrate to the United States but were denied 14 times. Weiner wanted to go

to college but was unable to because of Jewish quotas, so he learned a trade and worked in a factory.

The director at the factory was "the nicest man you'd ever want to meet," Weiner said. One day, Weiner was called into the director's office, where two men were waiting – one from the Red Army, the other, he later learned, from the Secret Service. The director berated Weiner, calling him a traitor and a disgrace, and said that from now on he is to sweep the factory floor.

Without understanding what was going on or what he had done wrong, Weiner, did as he was told. A few hours later, he was called back into the office, and the director was alone. The man threw his arms around Weiner and said, "You lucky dog! You're going to the United States!"

"Uncle Sam was good to me," Weiner said. "He gave me a full year to learn the language before he drafted me into the Army." The Army soon learned he spoke several languages and decided to take advantage of his skills, sending him to Germany.

"It sounds terrible, but I knew their language, I read their literature," he said. "I formed some of the longest lasting friendships there."

He said holding grudges against the Germans isn't healthy. "Do not hate: If you hate, they win!" he said.

With his GI Bill, Weiner was able to get two degrees, and had two sons who earned degrees and now has two granddaughters he adores. "After 51 years, I have only one wife. You can't have two of everything," he joked.

"Let's celebrate life," he said, "while we remember those that have passed."

## Something Extra

As cherry trees were responsible for Weiner's survival, on behalf of the JCRC, Rabbi Gaylia Rooks from The Temple presented certificates, each good for one cherry tree, to teachers from local schools who teach the Holocaust and their classes.

Cantor David Lipp from Congregation Adath Jeshurun sang Dremle Feygl: Dreaming Birds by L. Durnitski, Cantor Sharon Hordes from Keneseth Israel Congregation sang the memorial prayer *Eil Malei Rachamim*, and Rabbi Joshua Golding of Congregation Anshei Sfard introduced Holocaust survivor John Rothschild, who led the mourner's *Kaddish*.

Matthew and Kathy Karr performed flute and bassoon duets during the program.

Members of the Yom HaShoah Committee were Dan Streit, Cantor David Lipp, Rabbi Michael Wolk, Jeff Slyn, Fred Gross, Fred Whittaker, Jeffrey Jamner, Shannon Kederis, Thelma Marx, Jeff Barr. Becky Swansburg is the JCRC chair and Matt Goldberg is the JCRC director.



Rabbi Stanley Miles



Cantor Sharon Hordes



Holocaust survivors John and Renée Rothschild



## ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

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This special lecture is open to the entire community and light refreshments will be served. Staff will be on site to escort all guests to the Basement Conference Room and parking will be available in the lot behind the Kentucky Lions Eye Center. Seating is limited.

## TO RSVP:

Contact Cynthia Brock at [cynthia.brock@louisville.edu](mailto:cynthia.brock@louisville.edu) or at 502-852-3716 to reserve a seat.





# Kentucky Center Helps Make *The Diary of Anne Frank* Relevant Today



Jaelyn McBroom and Fiona Morgan



Anastasia Chapman, singing, surrounded by Noe Middle School chorus members.



Lydia Bramley and Fiona Morgan

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KENTUCKY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

**H**ow do you get young people to read and really engage with a story? How do you get them to stretch and explore what that story means to them? How do you draw out their creativity and empower them to share their experiences with others?

For students in Kim Joiner's Noe Middle School classes, Tiffany Lavoie's Jefferson County Traditional Middle School classes, Roger Thomas' Western Middle School classes and Fred Whitaker's St. Francis of Assisi classes, the answer this year was the Kentucky Center for the Arts Anne Frank: Bearing Witness project.

Funded by a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and conducted in partnership with Brown University's ArtsLiteracy Project, the University of Louisville, Stage One Family Theatre and the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, the teachers participated in a two-day retreat to train in the arts-integrated approach to literature studies and best practices in Holocaust education.

In January they brought it into their classrooms and by March, the classes were ready to share the results of their work.

Using *The Diary of Anne Frank* as a primary source, members of the participating classes read and discussed the book. Not every student read the entire diary, but all of them read at least part.

Then their teachers challenged them. What does it mean to you? How can you connect with it? How can you convey that connection to others? How do its themes relate to your life today?

A visit to Noe Middle School for the

final production of the project, "Humanity's Footprint," revealed that each student had grasped onto at least one idea and made it his/her own. Together, they wove together themes first articulated by Anne Frank during the Holocaust that still have meaning today. And each student contributed in a unique way.

The production was truly multimedia. It included readings from the Diary, a variety of video images, visual art, prose, headlines and poetry readings – both original and drawn from other sources, music – both instrumental and vocal – and modern dance.

Students also had the opportunity to express their own feelings about what they learned and how they felt about it. Their responses were all different, yet together, they painted a broad picture of many of the Franks' themes. It's important to make a difference. We have to study the past so we won't repeat it. It is important to coexist and to overcome our differences. Depression. A community footprint. Live respectfully.

There were many moving moments including a personal story a girl told about being told to kill herself and how she found the strength to go on and, with great difficulty came to realize that she had self worth.

The program included Ernestine Johnson's powerful poem, "The Aver-



Hailey Bishop as Anne Frank

age Black Girl," and Martin Niemoller's poem, "First They Came."

After the performance, one of the students, Maddie Goldstein, stayed behind for a few minutes to explain her take on the project. Bringing history into context is important, she said, so we don't repeat it. We have to keep the story of the Holocaust alive for the next generation.

The Kentucky Center's Senior Director of School Programs Jeffrey Jamner and Senior Director of Brand Marketing and Communications Rob Thomas were instrumental in the success of the overall program.

The teachers named at the beginning of this story were the lead teachers at their schools. They collaborated with social studies, English and drama teachers on the project.

## Dr. Omer-Sherman's Book on Kibbutzim Is Published

Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman

*Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Chair of  
Judaic Studies, University of Louisville*

I'm delighted to share my excitement about the publication this month of my latest book, "Imagining the Kibbutz. Visions of Utopia in Literature and Film" (Pennsylvania State University Press) was a long exploratory journey that glances back at my own kibbutz days but offers a much wider survey of some of the most exciting literary and cinematic representations of the socialist experiment that became history's most successfully sustained communal enterprise.

Inspired in part by the kibbutz movement's recent commemoration of its centennial, my book addresses novels, short fiction, memoirs and cinematic portrayals of the kibbutz by both kibbutz "insiders" (including those born and raised there, as well as those who joined the

kibbutz as immigrants or migrants from the city) and "outsiders," including Jewish immigrants from North Africa and even Palestinians.

For these artists, the kibbutz is a crucial microcosm for understanding Israeli values and identity. The central drama explored in their works is the monumental tension between the individual and the collective, between individual aspiration and ideological rigor, between self-sacrifice and self-fulfillment.

Portraying kibbutz life honestly demands retaining at least two oppositional things in mind at once—the absolute necessity of euphoric dreaming and the mellowing inevitability of disillusionment. As such, these artists' imaginative witnessing of the fraught relation between the collective and the citizen-soldier is the story of Israel itself.

*Editor's note: Prof. Omer-Sherman's books are available for purchase on Amazon.*

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with red eyes.

Suddenly I noticed a startling phenomenon. On my right and left I saw bereaved families greeting with joy and love friends in sorrow. They exchanged hugs and asked one another how their year went.

It dawned on me that they met each year at this ceremony every year like a school reunion. The atmosphere turned upbeat and freer as people were laughing and sharing stories.

My brother popped next to me. "I see that the years in the diaspora haven't corrupted your sense of solidarity and identity." I nodded without speaking and he continued, "May the memory of the fallen be for a blessing. Yet, we should not forget that the total number of IDF fallen in all Israel's wars, equals approximately the number of martyrs in the Holocaust that were led to the gas chambers of Auschwitz every two to three days."

A siren concluded the observance of the Memorial Day the next day at 11 a.m. Unlike the one that opened Memorial Day, this one sounded to me a little more soothing.

I was on Jeremiah Street in Tel Aviv.

Merchants stood at the doors of their stores, drivers by their cars and pedestrians on the sidewalks. They all stood at attention, honoring those who are no longer with us.

Later I walked the length of the boardwalk. An ultra orthodox man was walking toward me; black hat, black coat, peyes and beard. Among the Haredim, there are many who do not honor the Day of Independence. Still emotional, my impulse overcame my sense of restraint "Say, did you stand at attention when the siren sounded?" He stopped and gave me a piercing look. With a strong and confident voice he asked me: "How long did you serve in the IDF?"

"Me? Well, like everybody else, the regular military service."

"Just to let you know, I served in the Golani Brigade and I lost comrades in arms. After 16 years, I retired at the rank of colonel. Of course I did, during the siren!"

Embarrassed, I jumped to attention and my hand snapped to my forehead. "Sir, I salute you!"

What irony! Of all the tens of thousands of ultra-orthodox Jews, I fell upon a Golani commander who had become religious. A fighter who gave of himself many times what I had given.

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# Annual Meeting

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*See stories about Jessica Goldstein, Rosita Kaplin, Lana Meyerowitz,  
Bradley Schwartz and Elana Wagner in this issue.*

Check the May 22 edition of *Community* for more winners.

Board members and officers will be elected.



# NCJW Marks 120 Years of Service with Judy Chicago Events

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, celebrated 120 years of service to women, children and families on April 13 and 14 with two major events featuring world-famous artist, feminist and philanthropist Judy Chicago.

## Patrons Reception

At a Patrons Reception hosted by Jewish Hospital in the Conference Center of the Rudd Heart and Lung Center, Section President Sue Paul began the festivities by welcoming everyone, and later shared a letter from Rep. John Yarmuth and two proclamations from Mayor Greg Fischer making the day both National Council of Jewish Women 120th Anniversary Day and Judy Chicago Day.

She also thanked NCJW's partners in these events, Jewish Hospital, Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and Heaven Hill Distilleries, noting that the latter created a special drink for the evening: the Judy Chicago Sparkle.

KentuckyOne's Chief Operating Officer Lisa Shannon said Jewish Hospital remembers its history and joins in celebrating NCJW.

Jewish Hospital President Joseph Gilene pointed out the NCJW's goals align with Jewish Hospital's. He paid tribute to NCJW's rich tradition and significant impact on the community.

Judy Chicago spoke only briefly at the reception, saving her main talk for the next evening. Noting that she has spent her 50-year career creating art and making sure that women's art is seen, that women are part of art history and making a difference for women.

Her most famous work, The Dinner Party, drew large crowds when it was first exhibited, but other museums refused to book it. It was displayed in other communities because of grassroots efforts to arrange for display space and secure funding.

She also spoke briefly about the International Honor Quilt, a collaborative feminist art project she initiated and gifted to the Hite Art Institute at the University from the Through The Flower Foundation and credited Shelly Zegart for making it happen. It will be at the Zegart Quilt Center.

Kentucky One Health's Vice President of Mission Rabbi Nadia Siritsky brought the formal part of the evening to a close recognizing Chicago's inspiration, vision and dedication and asking the blessing that she should live to be 120 years old as if she were a 20 year old and then asking everyone to join in the *Shehecheyanu*.

## At the Kentucky Center

NCJW's main celebration took place May 14 in the Kentucky Center's Bomhard Theater. There, John Begley, coordinator of the International Honor Quilt Project for the Hite Art Institute, introduced Judy Chicago as the "greatest woman's change agent in the last century, an artist, educator and writer whose large scale work generated power, history and transformation.

In the next hour, Chicago presented her body of work decade by decade, fielding a few questions at the end.

Chicago began drawing at age 3 and by age 5 was taking lessons at the Art Institute. At 17, she went to the University of California, Los Angeles where she earned her bachelor's degree in art and master's degrees in painting.

By 1964, she was already exhibiting her work, but she found most places would not take women seriously. Although she had graduated with a number of women artists, she found that they soon gave up and disappeared. She was told there were no great women artists.

She did her own self-guided study and easily found books about women's history and art in used bookstores. There had been many great women artists, she said, and they had all been erased. She set out to change that.

In 1970, she went to California State University in Fresno and began her first feminist art program. With 15 students in her program, nine of them went on to become professional artists. In Fresno, she also dropped her maiden name, Cohen, in favor of Chicago, she quipped, because of her heavy accent.

She began work on The Dinner Party, her most famous work, in 1974. She was looking to tell the story of women's history in Western Civilization and experimented with a number of different formats before she settled on dinner plates. The work, much of it in collaboration and others took 5 years to complete.

Over 100,000 people saw the popular exhibit in San Francisco, but despite its success, she had trouble finding other venues that would display it. It was only through grassroots efforts by people determined to see her work that venues were arranged and funds raised.

Today, it is on permanent display in the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art at the Brooklyn Museum, where it generates 20 percent of the museum's traffic.

The International Honor Quilt Project grew out of it, and today there are almost 600 two-foot quilts put together by Susan Hill – a testament that honors and recognizes women around the world.

After creating The Dinner Party, Chicago said she lost everything and began again. She generated over 150 images of birth as she rebuilt her life.

Later in her life she was having difficulty getting work displayed in museums and found that this was a widespread problem for women artists. She began gifting small groups of her work

to museums. Later she went back to see if and how it was being displayed and was pleasantly surprised to find that much of it was still on display.

Throughout her career, she experimented with different media, studying each time to master it. She worked in all kinds of paint, using a variety of techniques. She worked in lights, glass and fireworks. She worked in needlework, wood and metals.

There was a period of time when she produced Jewish art – a matzah cover, women of valor, a Haggadah, a Seder plate and a Miriam and Elijah cup.

For the last 10 years she was working with glass experimenting with the many different ways to use one hand gesture or one head.

Today, at 75, she continues to create and experiment and encourages others to do so, too.



Judy Chicago spoke briefly at the Patrons Event.



Jewish Community of Louisville

## REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LOUISVILLE, INC.

### JCL Board Slate Announced

David Kaplan, Chair of the Governance Committee of the Jewish Community of Louisville, Inc., announces the following slates for election at the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community of Louisville, to be held

**Sunday, June 14, 2015 • 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
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#### NOMINATED TO SERVE 3-YEAR TERMS COMMENCING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2016:

Keren Benabou  
Dr. Jon Klein  
Ariel Kronenberg  
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#### RENOMINATED TO SERVE 3-YEAR TERMS COMMENCING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2016:

Sarah Harlan  
Amy Wisotsky

#### NOMINATED TO SERVE AS OFFICERS OF THE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016:

Jay Klempner - Chair  
Leon Wahba - Vice Chair  
Jon Fleischaker - Vice Chair  
Bruce Blue - Treasurer  
Dr. Jeff Tuvlin - Secretary  
Dr. Karen Abrams - Immediate Past Chair

Additional nominations may be submitted by petition to the JCL secretary with a minimum of 36 signatures by JCL members in good standing at least 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

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# Miller Moderated Lively Debate at Brandeis Medal Event

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Every year, the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law honors a leader in the legal profession with the Brandeis Medal and invites the honoree to Louisville to make a speech. That individual's work exemplifies the values espoused by the school's namesake, Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

This year's honoree, New York University Law School Professor Arthur Miller, is known for his work in civil procedure, privacy and other issues for which Justice Brandeis was an advocate, but he is also known for hosting and facilitating public debates on current ethical issues.

Law School Dean Susan Duncan welcomed everyone and recognized the members of the Brandeis Society who were present at the event and Professor Laura Rothstein introduced Miller and the format for the evening's program.

This style of debate was co-created by Fred Friendly and Edward R. Murrow, and Miller was a frequent host on the PBS series. To further honor Miller and the art form he helped shape, this year's presentation was a Fred Friendly-style debate.

The panelists included Betty Bayé, whose 27-year career with *The Courier-Journal* is best remembered for op-ed pieces on race, politics and social justice interspersed with personal stories and insights on African-American history; Hon. Denise Clayton, the first black woman to serve on the Kentucky Court of Appeals; Greg Haynes, a lawyer with Wyatt Tarrant & Combs whose practice focuses on commercial and business litigation; David Jones Jr., president of the Jefferson County School Board and founder of Chrysalis Ventures; and Bill Stone, president of Louisville Plate Glass Co., and a regular participant in civic

matters.

Miller, an accomplished artist in this style of presentation, emceed the debate, starting by posing a hypothetical situation. Mr. Goodheart and his family, wonderful people and professionals have moved to our community and Mr. Goodheart is one of the greatest little league coaches in the region. In this day and age of concern for the safety of children, a demand has been made that all little league coaches be fingerprinted.

Judge Clayton said it was unreasonable and irrational, and Stone declared it to be ludicrous. Haynes observed that it is likely that all of us have a file on us somewhere, and Bayé pointed out that in these litigious times, in the wake of the scandals involving priests, schools and institutions are just trying to protect themselves. Jones declared fingerprinting is irrelevant. "We can use our social media savvy and other available data" to determine if an individual is a risk, he said.

As discussion continued, Miller suggested that maybe fingerprinting wouldn't be enough – what about getting DNA samples, and Stone raised the ante jesting that perhaps people should get identification chips like dogs. Jones pointed out that we already carry the chip with our cell phones.

Bayé got to the root of the dilemma: we want the government to protect us, but how much government monitoring do we want? Drug tests for welfare mothers? How about for immigrants? And Judge Clayton pointed out that the government already collects a lot of data and doesn't know how to use it effectively.

This led into a discussion of data bases, surveillance and profiling.

When profiling came up, Miller reset the underlying scenario, telling panelists you are now the trustees of a university and are worried about the students'

safety. There is a proposal to issue every student an ID with a chip that will allow the administration to monitor where a student is and what his/her alcohol and drug levels are.

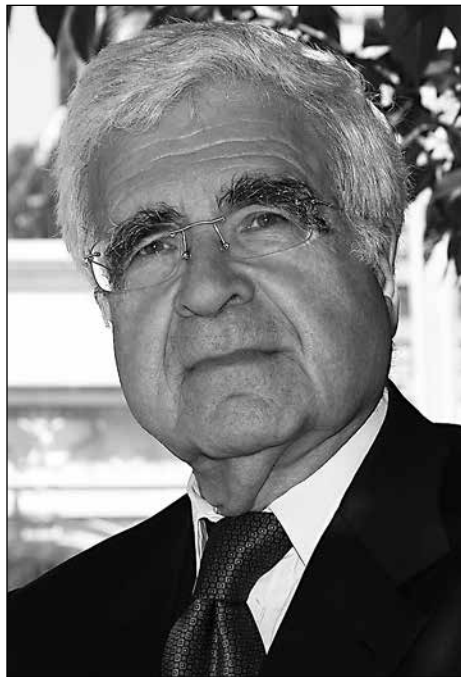
Again, the panelists, egged on by Miller's often provocative interjections considered the pros and cons of good intentions with unintended consequences and the ramifications of too much coddling even if done with the students' best interests in mind.

There was an acknowledgement that the ability to collect all kinds of information on people already exists and defining the limits between limiting risk and honoring privacy, if privacy even exists at all today, is a very difficult task.

Again Miller reset the scenario, telling the panelists that they are judges and jurors and someone has developed a complex program and website called celebrity and neighbor stalker. For a \$50 fee, anyone can sign up to spy on anyone else, and 10,000 people signed up.

Someone who is being stalked reports it to the police, and the police can't do anything about it. The stalker broke into the victim's house and still no help. Only after the stalker attacks the victim is the perpetrator caught. Now the victim isn't interested in the stalker. The victim wants the website shut down.

The discussion focused on prior re-



Professor Arthur Miller

straint versus suing for damages with a realization that this is an international issue and different countries will deal with the issue differently.

When Miller brought the discussions to an end, Dean Duncan formally presented him with the Brandeis Medal.

## FINKE

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senior years of high school. Participants come from diverse backgrounds and the program helps them grow into leaders grounded in Jewish identity and committed to social change.

During the program's seminars, Fellows meet with leading intellectuals, religious and political leaders, and educators, such as Etgar Keret, A.B. Yehoshua, Sayed Kashua, and Rabbah Tamar Applebaum. The Fellows then participate in study and dialogue with our diverse faculty, which is made up of Rabbis and educators, associated with different movements and perspectives within Judaism.

Finke is a 17-year-old Manual High School junior in the High School University Program, who enjoys chemistry and getting into a good argument. Recently, he's gotten very interested in government and politics and is considering pursuing that in college.

In March, he made a presentation at the JCPS Idea Festival "about campaign finance and money in politics and how it affects our political system," he said.

In addition to his classes, Finke is a member of Manual's Key Club, the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society and he earns volunteer hours with all of those groups. He particularly enjoys working with the children of Churchill Downs stable workers in the Backside Learning Center. Once a week, he tutors second and third graders and helps them with their homework.

He also runs track. His rare spare time is spent reading and sleeping.

An active member of Drew Corson AZA, Finke is the BBYO Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio regional vice president. In that capacity, he helps plan programs at regional conventions and oversees the chapter's ganim (vice presidents). He monitors their performance, answers their questions and helps them fulfill their duties.

Prior to that, he served two terms as chapter godol (president), one term as s'gan and one term as mazkir (communications vice president). He has also attended numerous conventions and conferences, including an 18-day Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC) at Camp Beber and International Leadership Training Camp (ILTC) at Camp

Perlman in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Last year, Finke was the recipient of the Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award, which enabled him to attend ILTC.

Finke enjoys planning programs. About a year and a half ago, he did one that stands out for him. "We split everyone into groups and had them draw pictures," he explained, "and we gave them restrictions on how they could communicate to simulate special needs and living with disabilities."

He described it as a disability advocacy designed to raise awareness of the issue. "It went over really well and achieved its purpose. It has personal meaning to me," he added, "because my little brother has special needs."

Finke learned about the Bronfman Youth Fellowship Program from JCC Assistant Director of Youth Services and BBYO Director Mike Steklof and was intrigued by the program. "I've never been to Israel before," he said, "so five weeks in Israel is mind-blowing. That is one of the things I'm looking forward to a lot."

He is also excited about "the opportunity to learn about Judaism and how it relates to me," he observed. "Spending five weeks with educators and other fellows who will challenge me and push me to discover and see how it all fits for me" will be rewarding.

"Hopefully," he added, "I will come back with a new sense of Jewish identity."

Upon returning home from the summer in Israel, Bronfman Fellows are asked to devise and lead local Jewish or social action projects.

Finke plans to keep a journal throughout the experience and from time to time will share his thoughts about the experience with *Community*.

He is the son of David and Helene Finke. His older brother, Cole, is a freshman at Cornell University, and his younger brother, Max, attends Bluegrass Center for Autism. The family belongs to The Temple.

The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel program was founded and is funded by Edgar M. Bronfman, z"l, formerly CEO of the Seagram Company Ltd. and a visionary Jewish philanthropist.

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# KAPLIN

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Today, Kaplin is an active senior who not only enjoys many of the programs the JCC offers, but she volunteers to help ensure others have great experiences in the Senior Adult Program. In fact, she is such a great volunteer that she has been chosen as the 2015 Elsie P. Judah Award winner.

While she has been coming to the JCC throughout her adult life, about five years ago, while her husband, Phil "Pinky" Kaplin, z"l, was on dialysis, she explained, the couple began coming to the Senior Adult Program for lunch three days a week. "Since then," Kaplin said, "I've been coming regularly."

Kaplin's parents were from Russia, but she was born in Cuba. "My mother and her younger sister were standing in line to get passports to the United States," she said. "The line was very long, so they decided to go shopping. By they time they got back, the quota had been met and their only choices were Cuba or Mexico. They decided Cuba was closer to the United States."

Her father died in Cuba when Kaplin was just 13. Since the rest of the family was now in the U.S., the part of the family that was in Cuba kept trying to come to this country. Finally, in 1944, they arrived in Louisville. "I couldn't speak English," she said. In Cuba she had attended a Jewish school where she spoke Spanish, Yiddish and Hebrew.

A teenager when she arrived, she was enrolled in Louisville Girls High. "I didn't want to be different," she continued, "so I listened to TV" to help develop her language skills.

The family joined Anshei Sfard and became very active members. When it was time to get married, Rabbi Solomon Roodman conducted the ceremony; and their children attended Sunday School there.

The Kaplin family was active at the JCC, too. Their daughter, Jackie (now Posnansky), was a member of the teen club Modern Fems, and their son, Cary, was in Mu Sigma.

Kaplin said, "I used to do aerobics here, but I was getting older and they were getting younger," and she could no longer keep up. So she started coming to the seniors exercise classes and enjoyed the slower pace. Today she continues to exercise here and even teaches the chair exercise class.

She also enjoys needlework. "I used to do sewing and embroidery," she noted. "Now, I'm taking a beading class here with the seniors."

Participating in the Senior Adult pro-

gram also gives Kaplin the opportunity to travel. In Washington, D.C., she and her friends had the opportunity to visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Capitol building, the Smithsonian Museum and the Vietnam Museum.

The group also visited the JCC in Cincinnati and made trips to Frankfort, Nashville and Atlanta. "I also saw the Israeli Symphony Orchestra," she added. "I would not have gone on all these trips it if wasn't for Diane [Sadle], Slava [Nelson] and Natalie [Kusyo]. They go out of their way to do things with us and they are wonderful."

In addition to leading the chair exercise, Kaplin is a member of the Senior Adult Committee and she helps set the table for the daily senior adult congregational lunch.

Volunteering has been an important part of her life. Kaplin tutored Eliahu Academy students in reading and arithmetic when the school was located on Bardstown Road. She also worked with four-year-olds at the Keneseth Israel Preschool.

In the general community, she volunteered with Jefferson County Public School's Teenage Parent Program (TAPP). "It was very interesting," she said. The girls go to school and earn their high school diplomas while their babies are cared for nearby. When they graduate, some of them go on to college.

Today, Kaplin's family includes her children and their spouses, Jackie and Mark Posnansky and Cary and Laurie Kaplin; six grandchildren, Nikki and Ted King, Dr. Brian and Becca Posnansky, Ben Kaplin and Nathan Kaplin; and two great-grandchildren, Lilly King and Seth Posnansky.

The Judah Award will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The community is invited.

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# Audience Traveled through Time with Abrams at Naamani Lecture

by Cynthia Canada  
Special to Community

**A**ttendees of this year's Naamani Lecture were treated to a journey at the speed of sound through Jewish history with tour guide Teddy Abrams, music director of the Louisville Orchestra. Beginning with the first Temple in Jerusalem and moving in about 90 minutes to modern times, Abrams traced the history of Jewish music and discussed several Jewish musicians influential on the world's musical landscape.



Teddy Abrams

An energetic and engaging educator as well as a conductor, Abrams didn't stand still for long. He gravitated between podium and piano, where he took frequent breaks from talking to demonstrate what he was talking about, whether it was the array of music used in the Temple in Jerusalem or the music of Yiddish theater in the early 20th century.

Abrams explained that a broad confluence of cultures – particularly Sumerian/Babylonian, Egyptian, and Greek – were emerging at the same time as Jewish history began to come into its own identity, and they all left artistic records of their intellectual and spiritual development. While many cultures left expressions in sculpture and other physical imagery, the Jewish prohibition of graven images led instead to poetic and musical outlets. While it was several centuries before a system of written musical notation began to develop, the “DNA” of

Jewish music has carried forward from the earliest times through worship in the Temple, and later through other religious and secular musical traditions spanning more than 3,500 years.

Based on the earliest records, we now can confirm that the chants we use in worship in the 20th century C.E. are almost certainly the same as those sung in Temple worship when it was first constructed. It's not an anachronistic dramatic device when an actor in a historical drama about Massadah sings the Sh'ma to a child in the same way we teach it to our children; if the character were real, she would have sung it just so. Musical tradition is at the core of Jewish society and identity, and the sounds and songs of earliest traditions continue to show up – just like the DNA triggers that give us straight or curly hair, short or long legs, and other physical attributes.

But other than historical touch points, what is it that makes our music identifiable as Jewish? What is Jewish musical DNA?

As biological DNA is the set of building blocks with which the physical world is constructed, musical DNA is the building block set for constructing music – the traditional ways of dividing scales into notes. In Western music, the scale is the well-known “do-re-mi” octave, modified by two half-notes to achieve a minor key. Eastern music uses different scales, and Jewish music in particular uses one of three scales, each with its own variations and each traditionally assigned to types of prayers, times of day, and specific services. While the details are technical and involved, two points become clear in listening to these scales: First, they cannot be broken down into simple “major” (happy) or “minor” (sad) scales; rather, the notes slide between the two, evoking a richer sense of mixed emo-

tion. Second, while just the basic technicalities require three printed pages of text, it all becomes simpler when you hear the scales; they are immediately recognizable as Jewish liturgical music.

Historically, the first and second Temples were full of music. Unlike some modern worship, where instrumental music is absent or minimal, the Temple had orchestras of lyres, cymbals, harps, and even a pipe organ and a water organ, as well as men's and women's choirs.

To become a Temple musician required a minimum of five years of training. Music permeated worship and daily life. While notation methods did not yet exist at the time of the first Temple, the continuous presence of music essentially recorded our scales, melodies, and songs in the minds of early Jews and allowed them to be passed down over generations as surely as though they were printed sheet music. Scribes began adding tropes – musical notation markings – to Hebrew texts much later, so that those who never heard the chants in the Temple could still read and replicate the music.

After the destruction of the first Temple came a period in which many psalms were written; they were meant to be played and sung by smaller groups or even soloists, since there was no large venue for an orchestra or choir. The second Temple again expanded musical worship, but its destruction changed the paths of Jewish life and Jewish music forever.

When the second Temple was destroyed, the restrictions made on cultural expression were devastating. Secular music was banned, large gatherings for worship were forbidden, and there was no place in Israel, literally or figuratively, for making a joyful noise.

As Jews struck out for parts unknown, looking for safe places to put down roots, they began to integrate the musical traditions of the new homes they found.

The Diaspora was not only centuries of wandering, but also of enriching Jewish folk traditions, as Jews took in and began to use elements drawn from Byzantine and Florentine cultures, as well as those of Turkey, Bulgaria and others.

Over time, two distinct styles of Jewish music emerged, paralleling the two strains of Judaism in different parts of the world. Sephardic traditions and Ladino music evolved in Spain, northern Africa and Turkey, while Ashkenazi traditions – particularly klezmer music – developed in non-Mediterranean parts of Europe.

Spending most of the second half of his lecture at the piano, Abrams left behind the formal history lesson and traced the evolution of modern Jewish music from Salamone Rossi, a late Renaissance/early Baroque period Italian Jew who wrote in the style of the day (17th century C.E.) but used original Hebrew texts, unlike other Baroque composers.

Abrams spoke at length about Felix Mendelssohn, who composed all his work in his head and wrote it down only after he knew how it would go (and who was known to have written it down while carrying on a conversation); Jacques Offenbach, a contemporary of Mendelssohn, who wrote almost 100 operettas, including “The Tales of Hoffman,” which is still performed; and Gustav Mahler, who said that “a symphony should create an entire world.” A brief sampling of the third movement of Mahler's first symphony made clear to listeners that Yiddish music can turn up in unexpected places.

Abrams also told about Joel Engel, who is not as well known to the public, but who is revered as the person who instigated the revival of Jewish music. Engel studied at the Moscow Conservatory under Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky and became interested in Yiddish music only after completing his education, when he was encouraged to look to his own cultural experience for inspiration, rather than emulating the standard Russian nationalist style of the time. He began collecting Yiddish folk melodies, lecturing and performing them to encourage others to take interest, and was instrumental in founding the Society for Jewish Folk Music. He eventually immigrated to Berlin and then to Palestine, where he died in 1927. Engel wrote many songs and short instrumental pieces; his only large-scale work was the incidental music for S. Ansky's play, “The Dybbuk.”

Perhaps the most prominent 20th century Jewish composer is Aaron Copland, whose music is not just Jewish but also very American. Early in his career, Copland's music was easily categorized as modernist, but on a visit to Mexico, he realized that music that has a sense of place and that is connected to the people of that place is the music that people remember. The experience caused him to redefine his identity as a composer, resulting in film scores (“Of Mice and Men” and “Our Town”), a uniquely American ballet, “Billy the Kid,” and rousing symphonic works like “Fanfare for the Common Man.”

During the Q&A segment of the program, a member of the audience asked Abrams how he felt about performing the music of anti-Semitic composers. Abrams responded first that we can't have true art in a closed society. We must be open to all avenues of expression, or honesty goes missing and art dies. He then noted that he could think of only two reputedly anti-Semitic composers in modern history, and he told a little about each of them.

Richard Strauss, he said, was not actually anti-Semitic, but was as much as anything a victim of Nazi manipulation.

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# Counting the Omer Has Relevance Today

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky  
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The period between Passover and Shavuot is an important time for the Jewish people. While Passover marked the start of liberation, the Torah describes the journey from bondage to freedom as a lengthy process: the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years.



Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky

years to shift to trust, accountability and compassion. The underlying message is that beliefs and habits can enslave us or free us; they are often unconscious, but they hold tremendous power.

This is also an important reminder that change does not happen overnight. We are often impatient when change does not happen as quickly as we expect, and we begin to believe that it won't happen. But change happens in stages, and every stage is an important step that can lead us to true transformation.

Rabbinic tradition understands these years as a necessary time of transition and preparation – one of discarding old beliefs and shedding old habits. The years of bondage had taught a culture of blame, fear and resentment. It would take

For many, the next several weeks is a time to reflect on old habits – to let go of those that do not help us and work on building new ones. The period between Passover and Shavuot, corresponds to the seven weeks between the exodus from Egypt and the giving of revelation on Mt. Sinai. During this time, many Jews engage in a process called “counting the Omer” which has an ancient Biblical and agricultural basis, but also a spiritual one. It is a time to reflect on the habits and beliefs that keep us from being our best selves.

We frequently speak about the devastating consequences of unhealthy habits such as smoking or addiction. But beliefs can be just as powerful, and like any habit, they can be learned or unlearned. The tendency to find the negative or the positive in any situation is one such “cognition habit.” Can we develop a habit of gratitude? What about our self-talk? Is it compassionate? How often do we tell ourselves: “I am so stupid!” if we make a mistake? What would it look like if we embraced our mistakes as opportunities to learn and grow?

One powerful way to reframe old beliefs, and to acquire a more positive and compassionate outlook, is to venture outside of our comfort zone in order to connect with someone else. Compassion is a habit that our world desperately needs. This month, our mayor has encouraged us as a city to practice compassion by participating in a week of service.

Jewish Hospital was given the opportunity to join the mayor in two exciting

initiatives that are part of his Week of Service initiative. As part of KentuckyOne Health, we had the opportunity to partner with two wonderful local organizations that do tremendously sacred work, and that share our mission and core values.

Surgery on Sunday, Inc., is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that was started in Lexington, but that, thanks to the leadership and vision of Dr. Erica Sutton and her dedicated board members and volunteers, has been able to expand its services into the Louisville market, creating a network of partnering hospitals working together to provide essential outpatient surgical services to low-income patients. Patients are referred from other existing organizations in the community, and all services and supplies are provided at no charge to the patient.

Supplies Over Seas is a Louisville-based nonprofit organization that meets critical health care needs in medically impoverished communities around the world by collecting and distributing surplus medical supplies and equipment. By partnering with this organization, we at KentuckyOne Health and Jewish Hospital are able to fulfill our mandate of bringing healing, not only into our local community, but throughout the world. This is truly tikkun olam (the healing of the universe).

May this period of time between Passover and Shavuot usher in a time for us to be filled with more kindness toward ourselves and each other. May our beliefs and habits help us, not hinder us. May we find new ways each day to become ever more compassionate and may the knowledge that our community is striving to do the same give us hope and courage.

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As Hitler was coming to power, Strauss used his influence to protect his Jewish daughter-in-law and grandsons from the concentration camps.

He was appointed president of the Reichsmusikkammer, the State Music Bureau, without his consent, and he accepted the post in part to try to prevent weakening Germany's strong musical heritage (including the contributions of Jewish composers like Mahler and Mendelssohn), as well as to shield his family from persecution. (Written records indicate that he was appointed to the post at least in part to keep him from speaking too freely against the Nazi regime, while retaining his expertise for as long as it was useful.)

The second composer Abrams identified as anti-Semitic was Richard Wagner, who, as Abrams pointed out, wasn't an anti-Semite at all – he was just a really nasty guy who hated just about everyone, Jews included. Abrams said that Wagner the man was a dreadful person; the composer was frequently bombastic,

often overblown, and sometimes actually brilliant – and if the occasion arose to perform one of his brilliant works, Abrams said he would have no problem doing so.

The 2015-16 season of the Louisville Orchestra includes performances of several works by Jewish composers: Leonard Bernstein's “Mass,” Richard Strauss's “Don Juan,” Philip Glass's “Violin Concerto,” and Aaron Copland's “Fanfare for the Common Man,” among others. For a schedule, a downloadable season brochure, and tickets, visit LouisvilleOrchestra.org, click “Concerts,” and select “2015-16 Season.”

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**Breier, Berryman Recognized as Health Care Leaders**

by Lisa Hornung  
*Communications Specialist*

Benjamin Breier was named 2015 Health Care Leader and Joanne Berryman was named 2015 Health Care Pioneer by Louisville's *Business First*.

Breier, 44, is the new CEO of Kindred Healthcare, said. "I am proud of the successful integration efforts following several acquisitions over the years ... These strategic additions increase our ability to improve the lives of the patients we serve throughout the country."

Breier is proud of the work he and his team do to give back to the community. "My leadership team and I feel that we each have a responsibility to give back to the Greater Louisville community," he said. "It's more than just a financial investment. It's also about giving of our

time and volunteering for those issues that are important to us."

Berryman, 66, began as a nurse in 1969 and rose through the ranks to top hospital positions, with most of her career spent at Jewish Hospital, including president and CEO of Frazier Rehab and senior vice president of JHHS. After retirement, she began another career at Spalding University as Dean of Kosair Charities College of Health and Natural Science.

Berryman cited the development of the Outpatient Care Center at Jewish Hospital in the 1980s as one of the pivotal moments in her career.

"My years in health care administration taught me the value of self-confidence," she said. "I often achieved self-confidence by building relationships with others."

**Four JCC Staff Members Attend Professional Development Conference**

Jewish Community Center staff members Tara Stone, Norma Cahen, Angie Hiland, and Mike Steklof attended the



Angie Hiland, Mike Steklof, Tara Stone and Norma Cahen attended the JCC Professionals Conference.

JCC Professionals Conference in Orlando, FL, in March where they learned about current JCC trends and best practices, which they brought back to the Louisville JCC.

Assistant Director of Membership and Wellness Tara Stone said, "When I was told that as the recipient of the Arthur S. Kling Memorial Award for 2014 I would receive funds for professional development, I immediately knew that I wanted to attend the JCC Professional Conference. This conference brings together professionals from JCCs across North America and makes you realize that you are part of something much bigger than your JCC alone."

"During the conference, we were provided with multiple opportunities to network with other JCC professionals within our own job track as well as others throughout the sessions," she continued. "I attended most of my sessions with other health and wellness professionals."

"Beyond bringing back a lot of great programming ideas that have worked at other JCCs to incorporate within health, wellness and membership, I came back reenergized and motivated to continue to improve our members' experiences as well as to build our community through engagement of all ages," she added.

"I was able to gain new insight by listening to the perspectives of directors from other JCCs in regards to the challenges we face every day and ways to improve," Stone explained. "I really enjoyed the customer service and membership onboarding sessions presented by experts in the field. It was also a wonderful learning experience to spend time with the JCCA professionals and to hear about their professional journeys through their JCCs."

"I am very grateful to have been able to attend this most valuable professional conference," she concluded. "The experience is invaluable and I came back with my head full of ideas!"

Early Learning Center Director Norma Cahen said, "Throughout my over 30 years in the early childhood field, I have been fortunate enough to have attended many, many professional conferences. This past March it was my honor to attend my first Jewish Community Center of America's conference."

"What an extraordinary opportunity for me, as I was part of the SHEVA curriculum framework cohort," she stated. "With over 100 professionals, we explored this curriculum with national educators Mark Horowitz and Allison Pepper. Our shared vision of bringing high quality experiences enhances our program in every way possible."

"What I learned will help us stay strong, current, vibrant and relevant," she continued. "The Jewish Community Center of Louisville's Early Learning Center is already the central address for excellence in early childhood education. It is my honor and pleasure to strengthen the Judaic component as well."

Early Childhood Assistant Director Angie Hiland reported, "I had a great time reconnecting with Early Childhood professionals I met on the trip I took to Israel last year. I learned with Norma about the SHEVA curriculum we will be implementing in our early childhood program. I always enjoy connecting with professionals in similar positions to mine so we can brainstorm solutions to similar challenges we may be having."

Assistant Youth Services Director Mike Steklof explained, "When I was told that I would be in the ninth cohort of the Merrin Fellowship, I was especially excited for the opportunity to attend the JCC Professionals conference and I tried to take advantage of every moment."

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# Capiluto Encourages Jewish Teens to Choose UK

by Lisa Hornung  
Communications Specialist

University of Kentucky President Eli Capiluto visited the home of Mark and Tammy Switow on Tuesday, April 14, to talk about the university to local Jewish high school students and their parents.

Capiluto, who is Jewish, brought along a freshman from Long Island, NY, Alex Rosenzweig, to describe campus life. Rosenzweig is double-majoring in mechanical engineering and Jewish studies, and is active in Hillel at UK.

Capiluto said he believes that it's important for students to have a spiritual home on campus, and he even hosted a

group of students who wanted to light candles for Chanukah in December. Rosenzweig said that while everyone else was cramming for finals, a few Jewish students wanted to commemorate the holiday, but for safety reasons weren't allowed to light candles in their dorms. So Capiluto hosted them at his home in the center of campus.

Capiluto stressed that UK strives to be welcoming to people of all faiths and the faithless. He ended the program with a message to students that the choice of where to attend college should be about which school is the best fit for the individual. "I'd love to see you at UK, but I want you to choose what's best for you."



UK student Alex Rosenzweig, UK Admissions Counselor Becky Poskin, UK President Eli Capiluto and event host Mark Switow



Alex Rosenzweig spoke about his experiences at UK



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## STAFF

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"During the conference," he continued, "I enjoyed learning more about best practices around working with teens in a JCC setting, but I especially enjoyed connecting informally with my peers. Every moment during the conference, I enjoyed learning new things about working with teens and am so excited to implement these ideas in Louisville."



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Contact Naomi Malka, ext. 249

### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups

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

### Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group

Second Thursday of the month, 1 p.m.  
Contact Connie Austin, ext. 305

### Spouses Caregiver Support Group

Third Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.  
Contact Edie Mahaffey, ext. 220

Edie returns to JFCS as a Certified Social Worker and a Marriage and Family Therapy Associate. She helps spouses deal with the difficulties of being a caregiver to their partner.

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



# TEEN TOPICS

## Jay Levine BBG

by Abby Balkin

To begin this April we had a long break for Passover and spring break! Then we immediately jumped into our J-Serve program, along with a chapter meeting, and a chapter program.

During J-Serve, we worked as a chapter in different groups in order to help out in our community. We then had a fabulous chapter meeting and ended with our "Bigs & Littles" program. In "Bigs & Littles" we pair up each of our new members with an older member to show them the ropes and to be a friend throughout all of their years left in BBYO.

The next day we had an AIT/MIT (Alef-in-Training/Member-in-Training) Prep meeting in order to get our new members ready for their first regional convention called AIT/MIT. At this meeting, we had our MITs come together and ask any questions about their first convention, we also gave them advice and let them know what they should expect.

This past weekend was the AIT/MIT convention and I am sure that everyone who went had an amazing time. AIT/MIT is a great experience and one of the best ways to start of being a BBG.

For the rest of this month, we have some activities planned with some visiting Israeli teens who are coming to Louisville, such as a dinner and a volunteering opportunity.

Later this month we also have a meeting called MIT Board Prep, where we explain to our new members what a MIT board is, how to run for it, and what each board position is really in charge of.

We are so excited to see what the rest of this term has in store.



Jay Levine BBG Delegation at AIT/MIT



## JCC Takes 15 Area High School Students to U.S Holocaust Museum

by Michael Steklof

Assistant Director of Youth Services

Jewish Community Center

On Sunday, March 8, 15 high school students from 10 area high schools visited the United States Memorial Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., on a trip funded by the Ida and Bernhard Behr Holocaust Memorial Education Second Century Fund.

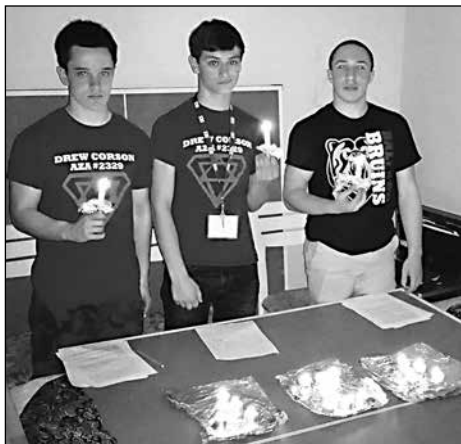
The trip was led by local Holocaust educator Fred Whittaker, who teaches Holocaust education at St. Francis of Assisi, and was chaperoned by Solange Minstein, a member of the Louisville Jewish community and Nina Sanchez-Flores, an ESL teacher at the International

Academy at Iroquois High School.

Participants attended an education session with Whittaker before the trip to prepare them for what they would see at the museum. Many participants, however, did not expect the emotional reaction they had to displays.

One participant reported that the trip was meaningful for her because it showed "how quickly your life can change." She further stated, "the trip changed me for the best."

After the trip, the participants again met with Whittaker to discuss how best to share their experience with their friends, so the lessons they learned on this trip would resonate beyond the 15 students selected.



Charles Bessen, Alex Koby and Just Bass Inducting AITs

ducted into the region. Sadly, we will have to say goodbye to our seniors soon as they tell about their lives and give away their favorite items they received through BBYO.

## Drew Corson AZA

by Joey Schuster

Drew Corson had a busy month as members started by attending the regional convention called Kallah. We said goodbye to our favorite seniors and got to see all of our friends from around the region.

Then the board had a sleepover with the new members inducting them into our chapter and teaching them all about our traditions and customs. The rest of the members had a dodge ball tournament and watched the Louisville basketball game together.

Recently the new members went to their first convention called AIT/MIT, where they met new people and got in-

## ENTREPRENEURS

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my. The historical employer-employee contract has been dramatically altered. We've seen the emergence of the contingent workforce, also referred to as the freelance economy, which now approximates one third of the workforce. This trend typically equates to self-employment, project management, consulting, and more entrepreneurial driven efforts.

Career management and entrepreneurship often require and embrace similar behavioral dynamics including a clearly defined mission and vision, strategizing, branding, marketing, business networking and adaptability.

The next Entrepreneurial Discovery Workshop is set for Wednesday and Thursday, May 13 and 14, 5:30-8:30 p.m. both evenings at JFCS, 2821 Klempner Way. Participants will address 10 different talents that can be leveraged for business success.

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# NEWSMAKERS

**Lyle Sussman, Cathy Fyock** and **Kevin Williamson** are the Kentucky authors of a new book, *Hallelujah: An Anthem for Purposeful Work*. Fyock is Christian; Sussman, Jewish; and Williamson is not quite either.

The book takes business parables in a different direction. The narrative is wrapped up by a series of Testaments, or statements of principle, aimed at helping readers to bring purpose into their own work and lives.

**Louis Waterman** has been hired by Goldberg Simpson LLC as a partner.

**21C Hotels** will develop a historic area of downtown Indianapolis, *Business First* reported. **Craig Greenberg**, president of the museum and hotel company, said the project will be developed through a public-private partnership

with the city.

GLI honored **21c Museum Hotels** as a high-growth company, *Business First* reported on March 27.

**Drs. Divya Cantor** and **Vasily Abramov** have created a device to help predict premature births, *Business First* reported. The two are testing the device prototype now.

A private equity firm, Patoka Capital LLC, will invest an undisclosed amount in **Wild Eggs**, *Business First* reported. Eggheadz LLC owners are **Shane Hall** and **J.D. Rothberg**.

**Steve Trager**, chairman and CEO of Republic Bank & Trust Co., was quoted in *Business First*, saying that home mortgages for new purchases are up from a year ago. Trager said he expects the trend to continue.

**Debra Osoffsky** has been awarded the 2015 Green Spark award for Individual Leadership. She is the coordinator of the STAR Center Family Resource Center serving Stonestreet and Sanders elementary schools, and she installed wetland areas, garden beds and butterfly gardens at each school, as well as secured funding through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to build a multi-use path to connect the Stonestreet campus with the neighborhood and built two rain gardens to mitigate storm water runoff and erosion issues.

**Heaven Hill** released Raven's Lacey PeachBerry whiskey, billed as "a one-of-a-kind whiskey with a vibrant attitude and feminine touch with the juxtaposition of a darker side."

**Ed Balleisen**, Duke University associate professor of history and public policy, whose research has led to collaborations with faculty from law, business,

environment and other units, has been named vice provost for interdisciplinary studies.

Balleisen is director of the Kenan Institute of Ethics' "Rethinking Regulation" project and a leading participant in the Tobin Project, a national network of social scientists who examine pressing public policy dilemmas.

**Michah Jorrich** was named director of professional development for the Young Professionals Association of Louisville.

## Correction

A listing in the 2015 Guide to Jewish Louisville for Bonnie Cohen, Realtor, is incorrect. The name of the company is Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Parks & Weisberg Realtors. The website is [bcohen.bhhsparcswisberg.com](http://bcohen.bhhsparcswisberg.com), and her e-mail address is [bcohen@bhhsparcswisberg.com](mailto:bcohen@bhhsparcswisberg.com). We apologize for the error.

## Israeli Athlete, Guy Abend, Plays for Louisville City FC

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

When the Louisville City FC was established late last year, Israeli midfielder Guy Abend was one of the first three players signed by the soccer club, which is currently tied for fifth in the United Soccer League's 12-team Eastern Conference and calls Slugger Field home.

A quiet 24-year-old with a ready smile, Abend explained that he was born in Israel, but spent the first six years of his life in Washington, D.C., where his father was the regional manager of El Al Israel Airlines.

"I started playing soccer at the JCC [Jewish Community Center] in Washington," he said. Although he was only 6 when his family returned to Israel, Abend's love of soccer had already taken root.

Back in Netanya, Abend grew up playing for a local team, and, at age 14, moved to a premier league club, Maccabi Netanya. At age 17, he signed his first seniors contract and started playing for Israel's national under 21s team. He played three years in Netanya, a year in Kfar Saba. Then he played three years in Rishon L'Tzion, where he was made captain of the team at age 21. He also served three years in the IDF.

"Last year, I almost signed in Ashdod FC from first division in Israel," he said, "but things didn't go the way I wanted."

That disappointment soon became a new opportunity. Abend spoke with an agent who encouraged him to try out for the new squad here because Louisville City Coach James O'Connor had seen him on YouTube.

This is the first year for the team in the USL league, and, while most of the

players are Americans, the roster is truly international. In addition to Israel, Louisville City FC players come from Britain, Denmark, Serbia and Ireland. Two of the league's teams are based in Canada and the rest in the U.S. from St. Louis east.

This year's 28-game season, split evenly between home and away games began March 28, continues through October and will be followed by the playoffs. With 13 new league teams this year, Abend believes soccer's popularity will grow rapidly.

As a professional athlete, most of his time is spent training, traveling and playing, but Abend is looking to use his limited spare time well. "I am planning to study here," he said, with the intent

of pursuing a degree in business. "I will have to find a program that will let me do both soccer and study," he added.

"Soccer is all-consuming," he said, yet Abend wants to be part of Louisville's Jewish community. He's looking to make connections in the city and hopes to teach children soccer and become a Hebrew tutor.

He also spends part of his downtime in the kitchen. "I like to cook, and I'm starting to cook new things here." He likes to read. "I have to start reading English books because I need to improve my English."

Abend is the youngest of three children. His father, Arie, had a 30-year executive career with El Al and now works for Amiel Tours, specializing in all types

of Israel trips, including for JCCs and Jewish Federations. His mother, Tali, is a clinical psychologist, his brother, Rany, is completing his Ph.D. in psychology and next year will start post-doctoral study at the NIH. His sister, Dafna is an elementary school English teacher.

The team set Abend and the other players up in nice apartments. Abend adds "Louis Waterman helped me a lot settling down. He is really helpful for everything."

Going forward, he says, "I would like to help as much as I can. When I served in the Army, I was recognized as an athlete, so my service wasn't typical. I contributed to the community, and I can give a hand here."

## New Chavurat Shalom Director Is Allison Schwartz

by Lisa Hornung  
Communications Specialist

Allison Schwartz is excited to take on a new challenge as director of Chavurat Shalom, working with older adults to give them a program that actively engages them and encourages them to stay active and enjoy life.



Allison Schwartz

She is no stranger to working with people and making sure their needs are being met. With a master's degree in mental health counseling and community service, she brings great experience, empathy and energy to her new job.

"I always had an interest in working with older adults," Schwartz said. "But I've worked with all populations."

When she recently found herself between jobs, she applied and was hired to direct the group, whose goal is to "To provide a weekly space for seniors to be entertained and socialize," she said. "To provide stimulating conversation in an easy fashion, within a Jewish mission."

She wants to do more outreach to other seniors within the community from different congregations to broaden the group to include those who "are playing Canasta and golf three times a week." The program is open to Jewish seniors ages 60 and older. "We want to keep them active and engage them in lively discussions," she said. "Seniors can often become isolated, and we want to prevent that by keeping it interesting."

Schwartz said she's working to try to organize more day trips with the group and possibly take them to see some CenterStage productions and other outings. Schwartz grew up in Louisville and

attended Indiana University. She moved to Chicago to get her master's degree from Roosevelt University and lived there for 15 years. She is married to Ari Schwartz, and has two sons, Alex, 10, and Matthew, 8.

"My favorite thing about the job is working and engaging with older adults," Schwartz said. "I have a great deal of respect for them, and I feel they deserve that respect. We can learn a lot from them. They live with grace and humility, and a lot of authenticity. It's refreshing to be around people who are that honest. And they are very, very funny!"

"They don't care. If they don't like the soup, they will tell you, and you'd better get it out of the way fast!"



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 30

Bingo with Derby prizes.

### May 7

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will discuss Mitzvah: The Abiding Value of Judaism. The group will also celebrate May birthdays and Mother's Day.

### May 14

The program features the amazing dancing of Ruric-Amari Fusion Belly Dance, Tahitian and Bollywood Dance. Lunch and performance in The Temple's Heideman Auditorium.

### May 21

Eric Russ, Ph.D., assistant professor, U of L Department of Psychiatry, will present "Tips and Tools for Coping

with Stress: Learn Strategies to Improve Your Ability to Cope with Everything from Daily Life to Traumatic Events

### May 28

Cantor Sharon Hordes from Keneseth Israel Congregation will perform songs from her newest Ladino CD. CDs will be on sale

A healthy and nutritious lunch is available at noon for a cost of \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Kosher meals and transportation are available for \$5 upon request in advance. Call 423-1818 for reservations or, if you have questions, call Allison at 502-423-1818 or email [alischwartz@me.com](mailto:alischwartz@me.com).

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# AROUND TOWN

## Study Torah with Rabbi David Saturdays Year-Round

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

## Study Texts with Rabbi David

The Temple holds a text study Monday nights at 7 p.m. with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel. "From Torah to Midrash – What is the Backbone of Jewish Sacred Texts?" covers questions such as: Are we Biblical Jews or Rabbinical Jews? Why and how did Genesis become Genesis Rabba? Participants will discover in their journey, through the magic of Rabbinical texts, an unorthodox tradition, and they will witness Judaism's theological and unorthodox theology.

## Jews and Brews with Rabbi Wolk

Rabbi Michael Wolk hosts Jews and Brews, a one-hour class in which participants study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary while enjoying a cup (or cups?) of coffee. The event is free and open to the public. Jews and Brews meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at the JCC library. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Race Over to AJ's Derby Shabbat

While the rest of the city is at Churchill Downs, Adath Jeshurun will celebrate Shabbat on Saturday, May 2 at 9:30 a.m. Wear Derby hats and enjoy cool air-conditioned facilities, rain or shine. There will be Shabbat services followed by special Derby-inspired desserts.

## High-Energy Family Shabbat Service at KI

Dr. Yonatan Yussman and Sara Robinson lead a high-energy family Shabbat service with stories, singing, prayers, Torah and learning. Services conclude with a Kiddush over challah and juice, and the group will join the whole congregation in the main sanctuary for prayers to lead *Ein Keloheinu* and *Adon Olam*. The service is on May 2 and 16 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## Stepping Up/Down to Judaism Offered at AJ

For those who strive to deepen their understanding and connection to Judaism, Adath Jeshurun offers a discussion class on Monday evenings with Rabbi Laura Metzger from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at [dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com) or 502-458-5359. The class dates for May are May 4, 11 and 18.

## Chabad, JLI Offer Judaism Decoded Class

Beginning May 4, the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute will present Judaism Decoded: The Origins and Evolution of Jewish Tradition, a new six-week spring course which will uncover the unique formula that has sustained Jewish tradition for millennia.

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin of Chabad of Kentucky will conduct the six sessions at 7 p.m. on Mondays at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Circle.

Judaism Decoded is designed to appeal to people at all levels of Jewish knowledge. All JLI courses are open to the public. Interested students may call 502-235-5770 or visit [MyJLI.com](http://MyJLI.com) for registration and other information. JLI courses are presented in Louisville in conjunction Chabad of Kentucky.

## Temple Shalom Adult Education Focuses on Feminism, Judaism

Temple Shalom's First Monday Series of adult education continues on Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m., with Dr. Natalie Polzer, who will discuss feminism and Judaism.

Polzer is an associate professor of religious studies in the Humanities Department at the University of Louisville and a member of Anshei Sfard congregation. Her academic interests and research include the history of religions and the Bible, as well as the Talmud, and specifically feminism.

Refreshments will be served following the program, which is free. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to the Temple Shalom office, 502-458-4739.

## Watch Vintage Films at AJ

Enjoy vintage films and television shows at Adath Jeshurun. The shows are free and open to the community. The next showings are *Humoresque* on May 5 and *Driving Miss Daisy* on May 12. Both showings are at 3 p.m.

## Chabad Has Coffee and Kabbalah Meditation

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin has developed a series of guided meditations based on the classic work of Rabbi Sholom Dovber Schneerson (1860-1920) known as the Rebbe RaShab. Rabbi Litvin leads a meditation class on Wednesdays May 6 and 20 from 8:15-9 a.m. at Chabad House, 1654 Almara Circle. The topic on May 6 will be Lag b'Omer, and the topic on May 20 will be Shavout. These classes include a relaxation exercise before and after each meditation. Coffee and refreshments are served. For more information, call Chabad at 502-459-1770. All are welcome.

## Wednesday Torah Study Continues with Rabbi Rapport

Rabbi Joe Rooks-Rapport's Torah Study will continue with ongoing summer sessions after Temple Scholars concludes on May 6. Beginning at 10:45 a.m. each Wednesday, the group will delve into the lives of more fascinating Jews as he continues with "The Torah of Lives Well Lived." This class traces the lives of famous Jewish figures throughout history and the lessons of Torah their lives can teach. Each session stands alone and unfolds a life of meaning and many lessons to be shared from men and women who changed the world, whose lives are a chapter of Torah. No registration is required. The class meets in The Temple Klein Center.

## AJ Offers Lunch & Learn Mishneh Torah Study

Adath Jeshurun offers a weekly class in Mishneh Torah held 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 at 500 W. Jefferson St., on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. The May classes will meet on May 8, 15, 22 and 29.

## KI Celebrates a Birthday Shabbat at Big Rock

Keneseth Israel will have a Kabbalat Shabbat birthday celebration on May 8 at 6 p.m. at Big Rock in Cherokee Park. Bring your own picnic blanket, dairy and veggie food, drinks and games for a picnic dinner after Kabbalat Shabbat. Some seating is available at the park. Save room for ice cream and birthday cake to celebrate the May KI birthdays. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman

at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## The Temple Has Alef-Style Shabbat

The Temple will hold an Alef-style Shabbat Service May 8, at 7 p.m. Steven Stuhlbarg will play guitar and Irina Bernadsky will play Ukrainian mandolin. There will be anniversary blessings.

## AJ Has Mother's Day Shabbat

Fulfill the mitzvah of Kibud Eim, honoring your mother, at Adath Jeshurun. Salute your mother, mother-in-law, sister, daughter or any other special woman in your life. Bring the whole family for Mother's Day Shabbat on May 9 at 9:30 a.m. at AJ.

## Keneseth Israel Has Mother's Day Brunch

Keneseth Israel will host a Mother's Day Brunch May 10 at 11:30 a.m. There will be food prepared by the KI Sisterhood. The cost is \$15 for each adult and \$8 for each child ages 4-11, younger than 3 eat free. Reservations must be made to KI Sisterhood and sent by May 1 to Beth Haines, 2907 Summerfield Dr., Louisville, KY 40220.

## Israel Briefing with Rabbi Wolk

Rabbi Michael Wolk will host a discussion of current events in Israel on May 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Keneseth Israel. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## The Temple Plans Bernheim Classical Shabbat Service

The Temple will be holding a Bernheim Classical Shabbat Service, May 15, at 7 p.m. It will be led from the Union Prayer Book I, Sinai Edition, in honor of Isaac Bernheim, who was a member of The Temple and whose legacy includes his gift of Bernheim Forest to the people of Kentucky.

## Hadassah Has Bundt Cake Baking Party

Do you know the connection between Hadassah and bundt cakes? Hadaassah will teach some history along with a bundt-baking demonstration, and will include a taste-test. The event is Sunday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Keneseth Israel Congregation, 4531 Taylorsville Rd. To RSVP, send an e-mail to [louisvillehadassahchapter@gmail.com](mailto:louisvillehadassahchapter@gmail.com) or visit its Facebook page by May 14. There's no cost for this event, but donations toward Hadassah's Israel programs will be accepted.

## Jewish Yoga Offered at KI

Keneseth Israel offers a Jewish yoga class May 17 at 1:45 p.m. This is an in-depth, comparative look at the Jewish

and yogic traditions. The class looks at ways in which these two traditions support each other and share many commonalities. In addition to discussion, the workshops offer an experiential component, such as yoga, meditation and breathing practices. The class is taught by Cantor Sharon Hordes and Katey Brichto. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## AJ Hosts 'Tea for You' and a Kitchen Shower

Adath Jeshurun is inviting the community to "Tea for You," a spring afternoon tea party and kitchen shower on Sunday, May 17, at 1-4 p.m. A tea expert from Teavana will teach participants about the vast selections of teas available world-wide. Participants will have the opportunity to taste a variety of different tea flavors. The event is free and open to the community. The AJ kitchen has a gift registry at Bed, Bath and Beyond and at Williams-Sonoma. The purpose of these registries is to help replenish kitchen items in need of replacement. Donations would be very much appreciated. To register online, please visit: [www.adathjeshurun.com/kitchen-shower](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/kitchen-shower).

## NCJW Meeting Hosts Hargens, Sexton Smith

NCJW is having its closing meeting on May 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Vincenzo's.

Speakers will be Dr. Donna Hargens, superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools, and Barbara Sexton Smith, chief liaison at University of Virginia, Curry School of Education's Compassionate School Project. This program is in collaboration with JCPS and the University of Virginia.

The luncheon is \$30 per person in advance. Please call 502-458-5566 for reservations or mail a check to NCJW, Louisville Section, 1250 Bardstown Road, Suite 26, Louisville, KY 40204. All reservations must be received by May 11.

## The Temple Offers Rabbi's Shabbat Dinner for Shavuot

The Temple will hold a Rabbi's Shabbat Dinner – Shavuot, May 22, at 6 p.m. Enjoy a high-quality Shabbat meal served in an intimate setting in the Klein Center. All ages are welcome to join in this Shabbat dinner in celebration of the holiday of Shavuot. A fun art project for children will be available. Chef Z of Personal Touch Catering will create a delicious dairy meal featuring quiche and blintzes along with plenty of side dishes, as well as Israeli wines and our signature cocktail, the Rabbi's Elixir of Eden. Because of to the generosity of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, all this is being offered for only \$5 per see **AROUND TOWN** page 24

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person; no charge for children younger than 13. Reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, May 19, 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 website.

## Community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot Held at KI

There will be a community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot Program Saturday, May 23, 8:30 p.m.-midnight at Keneseth Israel. The event is sponsored by Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel Congregation and Temple Shalom, and is free and open to the community. There will be dinner, a panel discussion with rabbis Stanley Miles, Michael Wolk and Robert Slosberg on what Judaism means to them, along with several classes.

## The Temple Hosts Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Come and study into the night at The Temple on Saturday, May 23 beginning at 9 p.m. Rabbi David Ariel-Joel's topic will be, "Were There Women in Sinai?" The group will study the role of women

receiving the Torah. All are welcome.

## Shavuot Night, Study all Night with Chabad

Chabad invites all to a special all-night learning session on Saturday, May 23, honoring commitment to the Torah as we prepare to receive the Torah on Shavuot. Coffee and dairy refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Chabad at 502-459-1770.

## AJ Has Shavuot Services

Traditional Shavuot services will be at 9:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, and Monday, May 25. Yizkor will be recited during morning worship services on May 25.

## Temple Day at Bernheim Forest

The third-annual Temple Day at Bernheim Forest, sponsored by The Temple Brotherhood, will take place on Sunday, May 31 at the Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest. Bernheim Forest was given to the people of Kentucky in trust by The Temple member Isaac W. Bernheim in 1950. It is the largest privately owned natural area in the state. Events are from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

RSVP by May 25 to The Temple office, 502-423-1818. More information about Bernheim Forest can be found on its website, Bernheim.org.

## The Temple To Have Great-Grandparent and Grandparent Shabbat Service

Join The Temple for the Great-Grandparent and Grandparent Shabbat on Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. Enjoy a special service honoring great-grandparents and grandparents, led by the Religious School students in Kindergarten through eighth grade, followed by a joyous Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Doing Committee. Plan to join The Temple for a Congregational Dinner at 6 p.m.

# JFCS Annual Meeting Set for May 26

Jewish Family & Career Services will hold its 107th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. at its Roth Family Center building. The organization will celebrate its award-winning Food Pantry (see story, page 3); the tenure of its current Board chair, Debbie Friedman; the 10th anniversary of the MO-SAIC Awards; and the agency's strategic plan for the future.

Board members and officers for the coming year will be elected at that time.

Adults' meals are \$5, and there is no charge for children. RSVP to The Temple Office at 502-423-1818 by Wednesday, June 3. The 7 p.m. time is a special time for this summer Shabbat service only. Yahrzeit service will still be held at the regular summer service time of 6 p.m.

## Sign Up for Every Step Counts

Hadassah is taking sign-ups for Every Step Counts, a walking program to simulate walking from Hadassah's headquarters in New York to its hospitals in Jerusalem. Track your steps on a pedometer and help increase your fitness. There are three challenge levels. For more information or to register online, visit Hadassah.org/everystepcounts.

The slate includes Stephanie Mutchnick, president; Peter Resnik, vice president; Marc Charnas, treasurer; Debbie Friedman, immediate past president; and Jay Klempner, Marty Margulis and Mark Ament, at-large members of the Executive Committee.

Desserts and coffee will be served. The event is free and open to the public; however, JFCS requests that those planning to attend make reservations by calling 502-452-6341.

# TEEN AWARDS

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joining, she has served two six-month terms as *mazkirah* (vice president of communication) and is the chapter's current *morah* (recruitment vice president).

As an officer and Executive Board member, Meyerowitz helps plan chapter activities. She is also regional quack chair, responsible for writing articles to be distributed during conventions. She also served as administrative assistant for the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio Kallah in March.

Conventions are a big part of BBYO, and she has attended almost every one she has been eligible for since she joined the chapter. "I've probably been to 10 regional conventions and one international convention," she said, "and I will be going to the Perlman Summer Experience this summer." That is a six-week program that includes ILTC (International Leadership Training Conference) and International Kallah, a study program that focuses on Jewish identity.

BBYO is important to Meyerowitz because, "I really connect with people who are Jewish because the values I hold are strongly tied to my religion." In addition, she says her BBYO friends are "people who truly want to be leaders in their community and all of my closest relationships are through BBYO."

At Ballard, Meyerowitz is a member of Beta Club, Chemistry Club and Spanish Club. She's also an athlete, and in the past, she danced for a studio team and swam competitively.

As a bat mitzvah present, she visited Israel in 2011. She feels a strong connection to the Jewish homeland. She has family members who live there and would like to spend some time living there.

She hasn't made many decisions about the future yet, but she knows that she wants to use the things she's learned in BBYO to make a difference in the world.

She is the daughter of Sandra and Victor Meyerowitz, and has a younger brother, Zev.

"I was very surprised" to receive the Garmon award, she said. "I know a lot of people apply for it. I'm excited because it will allow me to spend more time in BBYO and further the experiences I've had so far." The award includes a scholarship that will help offset the expense

of a future BBYO convention.

"I'm proud that my work has been recognized," she added.

She also expressed gratitude to the Garmon family and all those who support the award.

Ellen Faye Garmon was involved in Jewish life through BBYO, the Jewish Community Center and in the general community. The daughter of Estelle and Selwyn Garmon, Ellen died in a tragic accident July 1968. At the time, the Gamma Kappa Social Club, of which she was a member, established an annual award in her memory to help further the work of high school students who shared her spirit and the ideals that were important to her. The award is given annually and is funded through the sale of all-occasion cards.

## Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award – Bradley Schwartz

Bradley Schwartz, 17, is a junior at Ballard, who adds that he used to go to Kentucky Country Day School.

While he quickly points out that he was much more active in his chapter, Drew Corson AZA, during his freshman and sophomore years, this year's Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award winner likes to come to BBYO whenever he can because he enjoys hanging out with his fellow chapter members, including the younger members.

Schwartz has served his chapter as *s'gan* (vice president) and *moreh* (recruitment vice president). In those roles, he helped plan a lot of programs.

The one that was most well received, he said, was an AIT (Alef in training) sleepover for new members. The group did an exercise that involved creating shakes from a wide assortment of ingredients and for their partners to drink, and at the last minute learning that they had to drink their own concoctions instead. It was about learning to respect others.

Schwartz has gone to several BBYO conventions. Earlier this year, he attended International Convention, and this summer, he's signed up for International Kallah. "Kallah focuses on spiritualism," he explained, "and I want to understand more of that."

"What I get in BBYO," he said, "is connections. I get to meet people in the region, and now, all over the world." He plans to use the Nisenbaum Award to attend International Convention next year.

The Louisville native is a member of The Temple, where he works as a tutor for the fifth grade on Wednesdays and Sundays. He also enjoys playing guitar in services.

Schwartz also enjoys public speaking. Earlier this month, he competed in the American Legion Speech Contest. He won the local, regional and state competitions, advancing to the nationals; however, that was as far as he was able to go.

He is starting to look at colleges, but the only decision he has made so far is that he wants to study engineering.

He is son of Matt and Cindy Schwartz, and has a younger sister, Carly.

"I was surprised" to receive the Nisenbaum Award, he said, "because I was not super active" this year, although he was the year before.

"One of the reasons I got active is I looked up to Eli Gould and Ben Kobay. I hope I can be that kind of leader for the younger guys."

Schwartz is appreciative of receiving the award, calling it a great thing this gives "people the opportunity to use it to better the community and themselves."

Stacy Marks Nisenbaum loved BBYO and was an active member of her BBG chapter growing up in Louisville. When she passed away a number of years ago, three of her close friends, Stacy Gordon-Funk, Wendy Snow and Sally Weinberg, established a scholarship program to honor her BBYO legacy. Originally begun as a BBG award, in recent years the award's creators have given permission for recipients also to be young men who have been active in BBYO.

## Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship – Elana Wagner

At 18, Elana Wagner, the recipient of the 2015 Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship, is finishing her senior year at Ballard High School, and will graduate in a few weeks as class valedictorian.

She will be attending the University of Maryland in the fall, where she will probably major in psychology.

At Ballard, she worked on the newspaper for three years and served as editor during her senior year.

Wagner is also an athlete. She played field hockey from third grade through her junior year, including on a club team, on the Ballard junior varsity team during her freshman year, and two years on the varsity squad.

The Fink Scholarship is reserved for those with extensive community service records, and Wagner's accomplishments show why she merits this honor.

At Ballard, she is in Beta Club, where she serves as secretary. It is her job to track members' service hours and come up with new projects. Mostly, she said, she connects tutors with students who need help. She, herself, is a peer tutor in math.

Wagner has been a BBYO member since eighth grade and enjoys spending time with other Jewish teens. Here, too, her passion for tikkun olam, the repair of the world, predominated.

Teaming up with Daniela Reuter, the pair planned J-Serve during their sophomore and junior years. "We changed it up," Wagner explained. BBYO had done food drives and similar projects in the past. "We created a carnival with the theme Hunger is Not a Game. You have to donate a can of food to attend."

They saw this as "an event more teens would be interested in and, at the end of the day, they could see tangible results." The food that was collected was donated to the Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry.

For Wagner, summertime means Camp Livingston. This summer, her 11th at Livingston, she will be a counselor. Last year she participated in the Hadracha Program to prepare her for the responsibilities she is taking on this year. The summer before that, she traveled to Israel with the Camp Livingston program.

With all of this, Wagner still finds time to work at the JCC. She has helped with Summer Camp and works Spring and Winter Camp, in the J-Play program and at JCC birthday parties.

A member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, she is also a Hebrew teacher, and in her spare time, she loves to read.

She is the daughter of Sara and Howard Wagner, and has an older sister, Talia, and a younger sister, Yael.

"I know this is an honorable award," she said, "and I'm very excited to receive it."

The Joseph Fink Scholarship honors the memory of a man who devoted his life to coaching, counseling and helping teens. He was always available at the Jewish Community Center to listen, advise and encourage young people.



# LIFECYCLE

## B'nai Mitzvah

### Lindsay Elaine Endicott

Lindsay Elaine Endicott, daughter of Jill and Mark Endicott and sister of Jonathan, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 9, at 6 p.m., at The Temple.



Lindsay is the granddaughter of Ethel and the late Stanley Lowenbraun and Judy and Ronald Endicott.

She is in the seventh grade at Kentucky Country Day, where she is a member of the lacrosse team. Lindsay attended Camp Livingston for the past two years. She loves figure skating and gymnastics, spending time with her friends, listening to music and teaching her dogs new tricks. Lindsay is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 by volunteering at JDRE, which raises funds for medical research to cure Type 1 diabetes.

Lindsay and her family invite the community to celebrate her havdalah Bat Mitzvah.

### Danielle Brooke Evans

Danielle Brooke Evans, daughter of Barbie and Howie Evans and sister of Ethan, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m. at Congregation

Adath Jeshurun.

Danielle is the granddaughter of Steve and Gerry Evans and the late Myles and Elaine Davidson.

Danielle is a seventh-grader in the Gifted and Talented program at Noe Middle School, where she also pursues her love of dance. Danielle is a member of the Beta Club and is on her school's dance team. Outside of school, Danielle competes in jazz, lyrical and contemporary dance in regional and national dance competitions for Elite Academy of Dance and Performing Arts, where she has danced for nine years. In her spare time, she enjoys drawing, knitting, baking and spending time with her friends and family.

Danielle participated in the Jewish Family and Career Services' Pledge 13 program; however, as an ongoing mitzvah project, she will continue volunteering with the Donate Life Ambassadors in spreading awareness for the gift of life that has touched her family firsthand. In honor of April being national "Donate Life Month," she'd like to ask members of the community who haven't already done so to consider registering on the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry at [www.donatelifeky.org](http://www.donatelifeky.org).

Danielle and her family invite the community to celebrate her bat mitzvah and join them for a Kiddush luncheon following services.

### Drew Joshua Goldstein

Drew Joshua Goldstein, son of Elise and Craig Goldstein and brother of Arianna and Maraya, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, May 23 at 10:30

a.m. at The Temple.

Drew is the grandson of Betty and Francis Wolff and Sandy and Ronnie

Goldstein of Moultrie, GA.

He is a seventh-grader at Meyzeek Middle School, where he plays on both the basketball and soccer teams. Drew also enjoys playing Ga-Ga, Ultimate Frisbee and spending his summers at Camp Livingston.

For his bar mitzvah project, Drew is hosting a Ga-Ga tournament as a fundraiser for the JCL at the JCC on April 26.

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



### Elizabeth Stacy Hemmer

Elizabeth Stacy Hemmer, daughter of Caryl and Todd Hemmer and sister of Daniel and David Hemmer will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah

on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple.

Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Lois and Ivan Marks, Lana and the late Jim Susemichel. Elizabeth is a seventh-grader at Kentucky Country Day who cherishes her family and friends. She plays field hockey, lacrosse and loves to sing, laugh and spend her summers at Camp Livingston.

Elizabeth put together a lemonade stand in March to raise money for her mitzvah project. All proceeds supported Kosair Children's Hospital. She wants to continue to raise awareness and donations for this important cause.

Elizabeth and her family invite the community to celebrate her bat mitzvah and attend the Kiddush luncheon following the service.

### Rachel Lily Silberman

Rachel Lily Silberman, daughter of Alison and Stuart Silberman, will be called to the Torah on Saturday, May 30.



Rachel is the granddaughter of Sybil and the late Seymour Silberman, and Burt and the late Gail Schack.

She is in the seventh grade at The St. Francis School in Goshen. In addition to her academic studies at St. Francis, she learned and developed a love of knitting and crocheting. She used these skills to participate in "Operation Gratitude," a program designed to bring joy to men and women serving in our military by sending them handmade scarves in the winter. It was a very rewarding bat mitzvah project.

Rachel enjoys singing and performing. She is in the cast of "Oliver" at her school. She likes any kind of art project, using her new sewing machine, reading, helping her dad build and fix things around the house, board games and cooking. Rachel also enjoys spending time with her older sister Skylar and taking trips with the family.

## Obituaries

### Margot Bensinger Barr

Margot Bensinger Barr, 85, died peacefully on March 22.

She was born in Germany and came to this country with her family as a child. She was



the secretary of The Temple before her retirement. She was a star bridge player who acquired life master status and an avid mahjong player. She was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, The Temple and the Jewish Community Center.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 51 years, Larry Barr; and her parents, Fred and Judith Bensinger.

She is survived by her children, Jeff Barr, Jan Burke (Rob) and Sandy Hammond (Mark); her grandchildren, Jamie Burke, Jeremy Burke, Joshua Burke, Lauren Hammond (Ryan Rosenthal) and Kenny Hammond (Liz); her great-grandchild, Sophie Hammond; her brother, Carl Bensinger; her sister, Ann Schaffer (Sam); her cousin, Hans Bensinger; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Burial was in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Contributions, in her memory, may be made to the Judith Bensinger Fund at the Jewish Community Center, The Temple or Congregation Adath Jeshurun.



### Reva F. Frank

Reva F. Frank, 75, died Sunday, March 22, at her home.

She was a retired medical claims processor and a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Frank; and her parents, Samuel and Celia Collector Fine.

She is survived by her children, Jeffrey Frank (Susie) of McHenry, IL, Richard Frank, Sharon Whitis and Marci Koby (Steve); a sister, Ruthie Smelson; a brother, Norman Fine of Wichita, KS; and her grandchildren, Nathan and Trevor Frank, Hailey Whitis, Ethan and Levi Koby.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation or Hosparus.

### Elaine G. Frank

Elaine G. Frank, 89, died peacefully March 23 surrounded by her loving family.

She was a member of The Temple, NCJW - Louisville Section and Hadassah.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Frank; her parents, Louis and Sarah Farber Glazer; and a sister, Ada Flamm.

She is survived by her children, Joanne Stein (Bob) of Englewood, NJ, Norton Frank (Marcia) and Julie Ensign (James); her sister, Evelyn Smith; her grandchildren, Jeffrey Stein (Esti), Margaret Levy (Andrew), Emily Lichtman (David), Daniel Ensign and Sarah Ensign; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Caring For You and especially her caregivers, Debra McConico,



Alvina Wilson, Portia Jackson and Juanita Carmichael.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple, Hosparus or the donor's favorite charity.

### Dorothy Krinsky

Dorothy Krinsky, age 96, died peacefully on March 25, surrounded by her family.

She is survived by Seymour Krinsky, her sweetheart for 71 glorious years. Family was her pride and joy. Dorothy left a legacy of three children, Paula Broder, Judy Kadetz (Michael) of Cincinnati, and Lester Krinsky, in addition to five grandchildren: Andrew (Lisa), Todd (Dana), Jessica (Mike), Allyson, Alex, and two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Blake, and her nephew and niece, Jerry and Teresa. Loving thanks to her wonderful caregivers, especially Pat and Barbara.

Dorothy was born in 1918 in Chicago, IL. After moving to Louisville, she became a lifetime member of Hadassah see **LIFECYCLE** page 26



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# LIFECYCLE

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and founding member of Temple Shalom, where she was the rabbi's first secretary. Dorothy was a lady in every sense of the word, and will be greatly missed by all.

Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Donations to Temple Shalom would be appreciated.



## Alan Nathan Leibson

Alan Nathan Leibson, 86, of Louisville, passed away peacefully on March 25.

Alan was born on June 14 (Flag Day) 1928 in Louisville to the late Charles and Hallie

Leibson. He graduated from Louisville Male High School and the University of Louisville with a bachelor's degree in pre-law. He then obtained his Juris Doctorate from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving his country proudly and with distinction during the Korean War.

Alan had a very successful career in law as a plaintiff's malpractice attorney, which lasted more than six decades. In 1969, he served as the president of the Kentucky Bar Association. In 2006, he was awarded a lifetime membership award from KATA, the Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys.

Alan was an active member of the Jewish community in Louisville, serving in numerous capacities over the years with the Jewish Federation, the Standard Country Club and The Temple Brotherhood. He was a lifelong member of Adath Israel B'rith Shalom (The Temple).

Alan was a loving and devoted husband, father and friend. He truly cared about his fellow man and rarely met a stranger. Alan had a wonderful smile and sense of humor, living every day of his life to the fullest. His legacy will be remembered by all and surpassed by few.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Joseph C. Leibson; and two nieces, Lori Leibson and Susan Leibson Graham.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Carol A. Leibson; his son, Aaron Charles Leibson; his daughter, Andrea Leibson Richardson; and his two grandchildren, Jacob F. Richardson and Lindsay Richardson.

The family would like to thank Caring Excellence, LLC, and his devoted doctors for the loving care they provided.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project or Adath Israel B'rith Shalom (The Temple) Brotherhood.



## Reggie Malya Lloyd

Mrs. Reggie Malya Lloyd, 67, of Louisville, passed away surrounded by loved ones on March 27. Mrs. Lloyd was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and

friend.

Mrs. Lloyd was born in Milwaukee, WI, on October 5, 1947. She graduated from Purdue University and worked as a pharmacist before entering into a 35-year photography business with her husband at Darwin's Photography. She spent her last several years practicing pharmacy. Reggie enjoyed being with her family and her four young grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in death include, her parents, Herbert and Isabelle Goldstein, and her grandson, August White.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband of 44 years, Darwin Lloyd; her three children, Jason Lloyd (Hye-Mi), Kourtlee Gravit (James) and Kylene White (Terry Jr.); grandchildren, Avery Lloyd, Beckham Gravit, Owen Lloyd and Vera Lillian Gravit; her devoted siblings, Marcia Shaffer (Fred) of Carefree, AZ, Elon Brown (Gene) of St. Louis, MO, Scott Goldstein (Sara) of Leawood, KS, and Evan Goldstein (Dana) of Phoenix, AZ; her best friend, Barbara Gardner and a host of nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Brookland Cemetery. Schoppenhorst, Underwood and Brooks Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the James Graham Brown Cancer Center, Grace on Wings or Hosparus.



## Gary Weisenthal

Gary Weisenthal, 101, died peacefully on Easter morning in Tamarac, FL, where he had been living for several years.

In 1950, Gary

built a home on Eastview Avenue in the Louisville Highlands and another, on Lakeside Drive, in the 1980s, which he owned until his death.

A former world record holder in Master's swimming, Gary continued to compete in rough water ocean swimming races at distances of 10 miles in his 70's, three miles in his 80's and one mile at age 90, in addition to long course pool competitions in his mid-90's. He swam regularly until just a few weeks before he died. He was actively involved for many decades at the Lakeside Swim Club in Louisville as a competitor, board member and stockholder.

Gary worked as a heavy truck design engineer in Detroit and Louisville, retiring from the Ford Motor Company in 1978. Gary loved learning, earning B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Louisville, the former in his 50's and the latter following his retirement from Ford. He was proud of earning his Kentucky Professional Engineer (P.E.) license while in his 50's.

A man of strong convictions, Gary made his way, at age 60, to Israel at the outbreak of the 1973 Yom Kippur war and served as a volunteer supply truck driver. He received an official discharge certificate from the Israeli Army as well as a letter of congratulations from Ford Motor Company President, Henry Ford II, upon his return to work.

Gary loved performing as a singer and actor in community theater. He appeared in dozens of stage productions with Louisville's Catholic Theatre Guild, the Clarksville Little Theater, Mummer's and Minstrels, the Jewish Community Center and with theater groups in Florida. Continuing into his late 90's, Gary often visited retirement homes, entertaining residents who, in many cases, were 10 and 20 years his junior.

Born in Detroit, MI, on September 6, 1913, at a time when horses and buggies were more common on city streets than automobiles, Gary embraced technology throughout his life. He loved computers and spent hours each day trading stocks online on several brokerage accounts until only three weeks before his death. Gary was also a gifted writer. Friends and family fortunate enough to receive his emails invariably saved them as collector's items.

Brilliant and funny, always smiling, upbeat and loquacious Gary remained, until the very end of his days, the life every party, including those that sprung up spontaneously as a result of his presence. An extraordinary extemporaneous orator, his toasts and speeches were the stuff of legends. Within the past 20 months, at age 100, Gary traveled to Boston, Denver and Los Angeles to attend the weddings of three granddaughters where, in true form, he earned instant celebrity status with his personality and eloquent, highly memorable speeches.

He was preceded in death by his previous wife, Alice Rosenberg Weisenthal, and his daughter, Sandra Weisenthal Gomez, M.D.

Gary is survived by his wife, Dolores Seidon, of Tamarac, FL; his brother, Charles Weisenthal, M.D.; his sons, Larry Weisenthal M.D. and David Weisenthal; daughter-in-law, Connie Weisenthal; grandchildren, Anthony Gomez, Juliana Nicolic, Amy Weisenthal Kradolfer, Laurin Weisenthal-Christianos, M.D., and Karrin Weisenthal; by three great-grandchildren, Dessi, Maya, and A.J.; and by his adopted family, whom he loved deeply: sons and daughter, Keith Seidon, Bill Matthewman and Diane Matthewman, and their children, David, Scott and Kelly Matthewman.

Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the University of Louisville Varsity Swim Team, at [www.tinyurl.com/garyswim](http://www.tinyurl.com/garyswim). Please designate the contribution to go to the varsity swim team and enter "in memorial to Gary Weisenthal" in the drop-down menu.

## Elise Lapp Sales

Elise Lapp Sales, born March 15, 1924, died April 7.

Elise grew to become a beautiful woman who married her husband, Raymond, during World War II. As a younger woman, Elise was an avid and accomplished golfer who won several state-wide golf tournaments. Taking a cue from her father, who was a master bridge player, Elise played bridge all of her life with her many friends.

As her children started to go to college she decided that she would not be the only person in the family without a college degree, so at age 48, Elise went to college and earned her B.A. degree at the University of Louisville. Later she continued her education by attending classes at Bellarmine University in the Veritas program, which she enjoyed for many years with her husband.

Elise blossomed into a woman of great style and grace. Her attire was always impeccable. When she walked into a St. Johns establishment the stock surged. She and her husband Raymond were extraordinary hosts to many parties where Elise displayed her wonderful cooking skills.

Always interested in the social fabric of the community, Elise could cite long histories of many families going back to the mid-1800s when her forbears emigrated from Germany to Louisville. After Raymond's death in January of 2014, Elise, at 89, didn't sit in the proverbial rocking chair. She drove her many close friends out to dinner and other events sometimes five or seven nights. Despite needing a walker, she tirelessly relished life and was always keenly interested in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities.

Elise was known for her kindness to everyone she met, her grace under intense pressure as she cared for her ailing husband in his final years though weakened herself by infirmities about which she refused to complain, and her many friends who were attracted to her by her sweetness and courage. An only child, Elise learned to rely upon herself, and though in pain for many years, she refused help until it became an absolute necessity. Though her body was failing, Elise drove until almost a month before her death. Her mind remained sharp, and her wit ever-present. In the end, she chose to let go and spoke of joining her mother, "big Elise," and Raymond.

She was predeceased by her parents, Walter Scott Lapp and Elise Grauman Lapp, and her husband of 71 years, Raymond L. Sales.

Elise is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Walter Lapp Sales (Susan), Kenneth Lawrence Sales (Karen), and John Scott Sales (Susan); five grandchildren, Emily Sales (Brandon Taylor), Stephanie Smith (Craig), Savannah Sales, Ethan Sales and Emma Sales; and five great-grandchildren, Kenidee, Jack, Aaron, Benjamin and Nora, and countless nieces, nephews, friends and acquaintances all of whom mourn her passing and remember her as a sweet lady who saw the good in everyone she met.

The family would like to thank Scott McWilliams, Dorothy Bullock and the wonderful staff at Norton Hospital Brownsboro for the care and support they provided to Elise in her final days.

The funeral was April 12 at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave.



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## D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Chaim Litvin

This week, we read my favorite portion of the Torah. It is not the Ten Commandments, or the account from Exodus of our ancestors' miraculous escape from Egypt. It is not the story of Abraham or even the Jews entering Israel. My favorite portion is where G-d tells us to be like Him by keeping the laws of kosher. Allow me to explain:



Rabbi Chaim Litvin

I have lived in Louisville all of my life except for my school years, when I studied to become a rabbi. I have worked in many different areas within the Jewish community, but the position that I most enjoy is with Kentucky Kosher, which promotes and encourages kosher observance within the state of Kentucky and beyond.

In the writings of the Kabbalah, kosher is not specifically about being healthy or any type of original hygiene regulations. Instead, kosher is a spiritual diet aimed at keeping our souls in good health and spiritually sensitive to G-d. Just as fatty foods are bad for cholesterol levels in our bodies, non-kosher food is bad for the spiritual levels of our souls. As saturated fat may clog our arteries and not allow our blood to circulate, so too, non-kosher food can clog our spiritual arteries and prevent healthy Jewish feelings from growing within us. Many diets can build healthy bodies. A kosher diet builds a healthy soul.

Kosher animals must have split hooves and chew their cud. Kosher birds must have a "tradition" of being known to be kosher. Kosher fish must have scales and fins.

These concepts are explained from a deeper perspective in the Kabbalah. The bottom of an animal's foot has a hoof. It is what separates the foot from the ground, sort of like a shoe for a person. The kosher hoof must be split. Every step must contain at least a little spirituality as we make our way through life.

Chewing the cud reminds us to think before we act. We must not do whatever

feels best at the moment, but think and rethink and think again. The Kabbalah calls this concept having our minds rule over our hearts and only then may we do that which the mind determines to be best.

There are signs of a kosher bird, but signs are not enough. It must be known to be kosher. In other words, logic is not always enough. We must stay connected to tradition and the lessons of our history.

In regard to fish the Torah tells us there are two signs – scales and fins. But the Talmud teaches a most interesting lesson: "All fish that have scales also have fins and are kosher, but there are fish that have fins and no scales. Those are not kosher" (Nida 51b).

Here again, the Kabbalah lets us in on the deeper understanding of this law. Namely, scales represent integrity that protects us as we "swim" through life. Fins represent ambition that propels us forward. Ambition without integrity is not kosher. But if we maintain a sense of integrity at all times, then ambition and success will surely follow.

By keeping kosher, we can become holy, not only during prayer or when involved in some spiritual act, but even in

the most basic human endeavor of eating food.

If anyone would like more information about kosher or help in koshering their kitchen or on kosher products available at various locations throughout our state, feel free to contact me at rabbichaim@kentuckykosher.com.

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