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Stu Silberman has announced his resignation from the JCL after five years as its president and CEO.

Under Silberman's leadership the JCL has transformed from an agency in crisis to a high performing integrated model of Jewish communal leadership that has become a framework upon which other communities are basing similar strategies.

Applying principles and best practices from the corporate sector, Silberman directed the restructuring of the JCL's basic operating procedures, staff development and recognition, see SILBERMAN page 7



2015 Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award Winner Christina (Christy) Brown

Ottenheimer **Award Goes** to Brown

JCL Annual Meeting Is June 14, 9:30 a.m.

by Shiela Steinman Wallace Editor

he Jewish Community of Louisville Annual Meeting is a time for the community to come together

to celebrate the volunteers who represent the very best in our community, to recognize the JCL's accomplishments and to elect JCL Board members for the coming year. This year's event will be Sunday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the JCC.

The highlight of the program is the presentation of the Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award to an individual who, through a lifetime of work, has made Louisville, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and even the nation, a better place. This year's honoree, Christina (Christy) Lee Brown certainly fills the bill.

Her lifelong commitment to social responsibility and community service includes activities in the realms of interfaith relations, ecology, sustainability and human health. She founded the Cen-ter for Interfaith Relations and launched the Festival of Faiths. (See Festival of Faiths story, page 19.)

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CRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director Jewish Community Relations Council

Yom Yerushalayim

This week in Israel and in Jewish communities around the world, Yom Yerushalayim is celebrated, commemorating the miraculous Israeli victory in the Six Day War. Prior to the war, Jews were forbidden from visiting their holy sites in the Old City and the Jewish quarter of the old city was destroyed following the Israeli independence war of 1948.

Following the war, Jews once again returned to the eastern part of the city, prayed at the Western wall, tearing down the barrier that separated the Western part of the city for 19 years. Every Israeli prime minister since has vowed that, in light of the historic return of Jewish sovereignty to Jerusalem, the city will remain under Jewish control and never again be divided.

As the capital city of the State of Israel and the historic capital of the Jewish people, we should all take pride when the city shines – and it is shining. It has become a modern city, with modern malls and trendy restaurants, world class shopping, beautiful parks and a new first-rate light rail system. It might not be growing as fast as Tel Aviv, but there is new construction visible in lots of places in Jerusalem.

But things are not perfect in our holy city. The Arab areas of East Jerusalem are often not high on the list of civic priorities. East Jerusalem does not see that fantastic growth and beauty that other areas of the city are accustomed to. The Arab citizens of East Jerusalem (and many of them are citizens of the state and all of them are at the very least permanent residents) often feel marginalized and discriminated against.

For Jerusalem to be a shining example of our national pride, ALL citizens need to share in its wonders – Arabs, Haredim, seculars and everyone else. While it might be too much to ask Arabs to celebrate Yom Yershalayim instead of lamenting it, our hope and prayer for our united, holy, eternal capital should be a city all of its residents can take pride in.

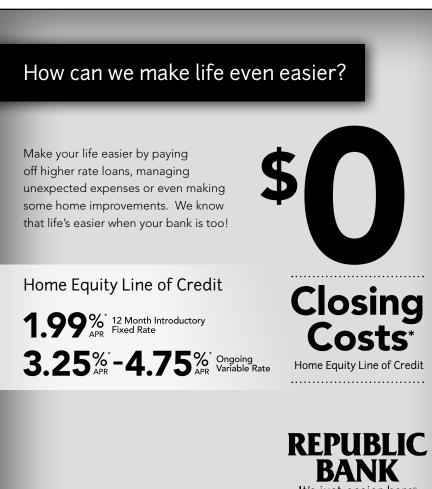
We Were Immigrants, Too

This month we saw horrible scenes on TV of tens of thousands of migrants from Africa risking their very lives in trying to get to Europe.

Men, women and children cram into small boats and cross the Mediterranean for the faint hope of freedom – a very tragic situation for all. It should remind us of the perilous journey our fellow Jews have taken throughout the ages in their own search for a better life.

This week, we honor five outstanding immigrants to our country and our city at JFCS's Mosaic awards and, considering our communal history, it is very Jewish to care for, about, and to honor immigrants. Jews have been kicked out of so many countries in our history. I believe that is why we make exemplary citizens of the countries that have given us a home.

JFCS's work with immigrants continues a long line of Jewish support for immigrants, with Jewish Federations and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society continuing their historic roles in helping immigrants, both Jewish and non-Jewish. We should continue to lend our time, finances and energy to these organizations, continuing the work of which our ancestors were most certainly thankful beneficiaries.



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Over 250 Israeli doctors and rescue personnel were sent to Nepal, setting up a field hospital with an emergency room, operating rooms and recovery rooms. As was the case when Israel dispatched an aid team to Haiti after their earthquake, several babies were born there.

Israel is a small country and does not have a lot of resources, but it has an expertise in this kind of work and an uncommon generosity to make every effort to alleviate suffering.

The Jewish Federations of North America, through the Joint Distribution Committee, have also sent teams and supplies. Much still needs to be done. If you would like to make a donation to help with the recovery work, please visit www.jewishlouisville.org.

LETTER

Volunteering in Sderot

Dear Members of the Jewish Louisville Community,

This summer, I plan to volunteer as a counselor at Camp Boston Sderot. This camp was organized by the Russian Jewish Community Foundation for the children of Sderot, Israel.

Sderot is a city in the Southern District of Israel that is a constant target of Qassam rockets from the Gaza Strip. The people of Sderot, particularly the children, live in constant fear of missile attacks and for the safety of their families, which has caused children, from a very young age, to experience and have to deal with extreme Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

The goal of this camp is to take about 65 children out of Sderot and give them a safe place to enjoy life, have fun and have the opportunity just to be kids again – even if for just a few weeks. At camp, the counselors plan and run daily activities for the children, including sports, dance, cooking, arts and crafts and even broaden their math and English language skills. Most importantly, hope is renewed in the children and they form lifelong bonds with each other and their American counselors – us.

In order to do this, I need your help to raise \$2,500. This money will go toward my transportation to Israel, living expenses and food for the duration of the camp. Because of my Jewish heritage, I feel it is my duty to help other Jews who are suffering. It's hard to imagine what it is like to live in Sderot, but I know that every moment these children spend away from fear makes a huge difference and positive impact on their lives.

To donate online, please visit http:// www.rjcf.com/donate, and under the note section, write my name, Liza Belenky. You can also donate by making a check out to the "RJCF Children of Sderot Fund, Russian Jewish Community Foundation, 200 Wells Ave., Newton, MA 02459.

Please write my name in the memo space. Any amount would be greatly appreciated, and all donations are tax deductible.

If you have questions for me about Camp Boston Sderot or my participation in the program, please feel free to reach out to me at liza.belenky@gmail. com or 502-744-8037.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

Liza Belenky

Young Leadership Awards Go to Cohen, Weinberg

by Shiela Steinman Wallace *Editor*

he Jewish Community of Louisville has announced that in 2015, the Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award will go to Ross Cohen and the Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award will go to Scott Weinberg. They will be presented at the JCL's Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m., at the JCC. The community is invited.

The awards, which recognize young adults who have been active in Louisville's Jewish community and have taken on leadership roles, include a scholarship for the Jewish Federations of North America's General Assembly. This gathering of several thousand Jewish leaders from across North America has a young leadership track designed to enhance their leadership skills.

Ross Cohen

"I was excited and a little surprised and humbled that Stu (Silberman) would consider me" for this award, Ross Cohen said. "I look forward to being able to work on my leadership skills and I look forward to the GA."

A Louisville native, Cohen is an attorney with Bingham Greenebaum Doll. He earned his undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Kentucky, his law degree from the University of Louisville, and a masters in tax law from New York University.

"I'm a partner in the firm now," he explained, "and I recently became the cochair of the federal tax team within the firm."

Cohen has also served as chair of the Louisville Bar Association's Tax Section and chair and an officer of the Kentucky Bar Association's Tax Section.

As a teen, Cohen and his family belonged to The Temple. He was involved in BBYO and attended the High School of Jewish Studies.

When he returned to Louisville, he began volunteering with the Jewish Federation. "I helped with the merger of the Federation and the Jewish Community Center," he said, "and was involved in all the legal aspects of it and preparing the documents."

He also worked on the JCL's bylaws, and continues to review the language whenever the Board amends the document. "It was a big job," he said, "but it was rewarding ... helping a great organization." Cohen also serves on the JCL's Finance and Foundation Committees.

Helping the JCL is really just an extension of what Cohen does in his job, where he works with many nonprofit organizations "trying to apply for tax exempt status with the IRS and I advise them on general best practices," he said. "It's a rewarding part of my job."

"I've done pro bono work for many nonprofits," he continued. "I helped form and get tax exempt status for a legal-medical partnership" that brings doctors and lawyers together to help the underserved.

Cohen and his wife, Shannon, have an 8-month-old daughter, Elin. His parents are Joe and Trish Cohen.

Scott Weinberg

"I was really surprised when Stu Silberman called" to tell Weinberg that he is the recipient of the Lewis W. Cole Young Leadership Award. "I certainly wasn't expecting to win any sort of award because I really haven't been all that connected recently with JCL. I've really focused my energy almost solely on KI."

Weinberg, like Cohen, is a native Louisvillian and an attorney. With his father, David Weinberg, who was a professional with the Jewish Federation, and his mother, Beverly Weinberg, an active community volunteer and KI Sunday School principal, he had excellent role models.

He also credits Peter Anik as being a significant role model in his life, and Alan Engel and Sara Wagner as being very supportive of his involvement in the community.

Scott Weinberg said, "I grew up at the JCC. I started off as a camper and I feel like I lived here during my teen years because I was so involved with BBYO." One year, he even served as Teen Topics editor for *Community*. "I got a lot out of BBYO," he added,

"I got a lot out of BBYO," he added, "and I credit a lot of my involvement in the Jewish community today to BBYO. I think it's essential to the wellbeing of the Jewish community here, and I'm glad to see that it seems to be on the uptick these days."

Weinberg also participated in the March of the Living, a teen trip to the death camps in Poland for Yom HaShoah and Israel for Yom Ha'atzmaut, while he was in high school. "I'm very grateful to the community for was sending me on the March of the Living," he said. "It was a seminal event in my life."

As a result, he continued, "I've always been involved in Holocaust remembrance events," including Yom HaShoah.

Weinberg attended Emory University, where he was very active with Hillel and served two terms as its president. While there, he "took a class with Deborah Lipstadt, who is a preeminent Holocaust educator." The story of Lipstadt's challenge to Holocaust denier David Irvine and his suit against her is now going to be made into a movie, Weinberg noted, and Hilary Swank will play Lipstadt.

He returned to Louisville for law school and then worked for Frost Brown Todd for five years. While here, he served as a BBYO advisor for over 10 years. He is still in touch on Facebook with many people who were active in BBYO at that time.

After a brief sojourn in Chicago, he and his wife, Hunter, returned to Louisville shortly after their first daughter was born so they could raise their daughter here. When they returned, he resumed his activity in the Jewish community, serving on "a lot of different committees and a lot of different Boards."

He previously served on the Jewish Community Center Board for several years, and, later, co-chaired the JCL's Young Leadership Development (YLD) program with Shannon Levine Benovitz. He also chaired the JCL's Strategic Planning Programming Committee.

Weinberg is also a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council and is very supportive of the outreach, education and advocacy work they do. In recent years, however, his other responsibilities have kept him from being an active member of the group.

He and his wife have attended many Young Adult Division events, and he has been a Super Sunday and YAD Campaign volunteer. One year Scott Wein-

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berg and Julie Strull planned an Olympics-style YAD event, and, for the 2015 Federation Campaign, Hunter Weinberg co-chaired the main event with Seth Gladstein.

Today his focus is on Keneseth Israel Congregation, where he is vice president of operations and is on the slate to be elected president at the shul's Annual Meeting next month.

"I'm really excited about and grateful for that opportunity," Weinberg said. "I like the direction that KI's heading." He knows that serving as a congregational president is going "to take a lot of time," he added, "but I feel it's the natural progression from BBYO to Hillel to additional involvement in the community."

He particularly enjoys KI's Family Mitzvah series. For the first program, "we went to the Glenview and put together Purim baskets for the Jewish residents," whatever their synagogue affiliation, Weinberg explained. "We did arts and crafts and had some of the residents of the Glenview come down to the party room and we sang some songs for them. For the residents who didn't come down to the room, the kids in the group hand delivered Purim baskets to them."

"We also just served dinner at the Volunteers of America Emergency Shelter a couple of weeks ago," he continued. "So, I'm really excited about that and a lot of people want to see that type of programming in the community."

With young daughters, he has served as the congregation's liaison to the preschool.

Weinberg is also very interested in starting a new community Jewish Day School in Louisville. Some initial surveys have been done and visits to other communities with Jewish day schools are underway.

There have also been meetings with parents of children who might attend and with the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. He is hopeful a school can be started with the first grade in the fall of 2016, and will continue adding a grade each year through elementary school.

"The response has been pretty positive," he said. "I'm very excited to see where that leads and I've been involved pretty significantly in trying to pull that together."

Professionally, when Weinberg returned to Louisville, he joined Lynch, Cox, Gilman & Mahan, now Lynch, Cox, Gilman and Goodman. Today, he is a partner in the firm and does estate planning, business organizations work and tax work. He is also licensed in Florida and is helping to grow the firm's practice there.

there. "It's been a great fit," he said. "Shelly [Gilman] has really been a true mentor and has been great to work with. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to work with him and Ed Weinberg, and I really enjoy the work."

The Weinbergs have three daughters: Anne Miriam, 7; Eloise, 4; and Beatrice, 2.

"I'm happy to be involved in the Jewish community and honored for the award," he said. "We'll see where it leads."

Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award

Lewis W. Cole was one of the organizers of the Conference of Jewish Organizations (the predecessor to the Jewish Federation) and a committed volunteer for the annual Federation Campaign. He devoted his life to the Louisville Jewish community.

Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award

Joseph J. Kaplan was a devoted member of the community who was a leader in Jewish education and the served as president of the Yount Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA), the predecessor of the Jewish Community Center, and was instrumental in its relocation to Dutchmans Lane. He often encouraged people to remember the Jewish community in their wills. The Award was established during his lifetime and continues today in honor of his memory.



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Price to Receive Arthur S. Kling Award

by Shiela Steinman Wallace. *Editor and* John Leffert, *CenterStage Artistic Director*

hen you talk with Lenae McKee Price about CenterStage and the Jewish Community Center, her whole face lights up and her energy and enthusiasm are contagious. She's eager to tell you what makes this place special. It is evident in the results she gets as CenterStage development and outreach manager.

That is why Price will receive the 2015 Arthur S. Kling Award at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m.

Price began working at the JCC in 2012, and has been making a difference ever since. She develops and implements comprehensive fundraising, marketing and outreach campaigns to engage program participants, community partners and donors for CenterStage's main stage



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shows and education programs.

During her tenure, CenterStage's corporate sponsorships have increased 733 percent; individual donations are up 1,174 percent; season subscriptions have increased by 271 percent and the number of Acting Out school performances is up by 400 percent.

These results, Price insists, are "the result of the collaborative efforts of the entire CenterStage staff and committee. ... We wouldn't see numbers like this without John's [Leffert] hard-lined commitment to producing professional quality productions and the dedication of the hardest working committee in Louisville, the CenterStage Board of Directors.

"I'm more emotional than I thought I would be," about receiving the Kling Award, she said. "Obviously I'm honored. To me it feels particularly special because it's just nice to know that the love and commitment that I have for the JCC as a whole is being reciprocated.

"I always feel welcomed and appreciated here," she continued, "and this is just a very significant sign of that. It's nice to know that when you put your heart fully into something, it shows."

Wherever she goes, Price talks up CenterStage and the JCC, and she loves bringing new people into the building. "You don't have to spin anything," she says because her experience is always so positive. "That makes the job easier."

She also likes working with other JCC staff members. "Everyone's always very welcoming to outside ideas," she said, "and it doesn't ever feel territorial."

Earlier this year, she also had the opportunity to participate in the JCC Association's Israel Enhancement program. She came back to energized and full of ideas about how to incorporate more about Israel into many aspects of programming at Louisville's JCC.

Price graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Tennessee in 2008. Her passion for the non-profit world began in college as she developed and managed various initiatives and lobbying efforts as the project coordinator for Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

After graduation Price moved to New York City where she worked for Long Island's most effective non-profit business advocacy organization, Action Long Island. Initially hired as director of development, she greatly increased membership, board participation, corporate sponsorship and brought the organization a surplus of media attention, new and renewed interest from the community and support from elected officials. Within one year, she was promoted to executive director of Action Long Island.

Price founded the Young Adult Alliance, a coalition of organizations, companies, and individuals working to engage, educate, and mobilize young professionals in the region.

In 2011, Price was honored at the "30 Under 30" Celebration of Long Island's Young Professionals and received special recognition from Congressman Steve Israel for her work in the community.

Price never left her passion for theater behind. In New York City, she served on the Board of Directors of Roots and Wings Theatrical and continued to participate in numerous productions as a performer, director and producer.

"I have recently been able to get back into my personal artistic outlet," she said, "doing theater again, which has been nice. One of the perks of working for a theater and in a flexible atmosphere is, I still have the opportunity to do things that make me happy outside of the JCC. That's been really exciting."

Price has returned to the stage, performing at the Bard's Town. Last year she appeared in *Collected Stories*, and later this summer, she will perform in *Other Desert Cities*.

"It's been surprising that there's this

whole other world of theater people that aren't musical theater people but are still very dedicated to the theater world," she said. "It's been nice to meet new people and be able to bring them over into the CenterStage activities and to put myself into their activities. I feel like the community expanded exponentially by just putting my toe in the water with other theater companies."

Price met her husband, Jordan Price, in New York, and in 2011, she brought her Yankee husband down South so she could take a position as director of development and marketing at Kentucky Shakespeare.

Jordan Price, who is also an actor, has become a regular member of the Center-Stage company.

The Prices have a daughter, Billie, who is enrolled in the JCC's Early Learning Center, so, Lenae Price says, "I try to participate in that program as much as possible. I try to go to any and all JCC events."

"We've really made a life here," she said. "Billie participates in all of the programming between preschool and summer camp, and Jordan's in a lot of the shows every year. I feel like I live here but it doesn't bother me at all. If you have to live somewhere, it may as well be a place like the JCC."

Arthur S. Kling Award

The Kling Award honors the memory of Arthur S. Kling who was a prominent leader in the Jewish community, serving as president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA), the predecessor of the JCC, and on many of its committees. He was among the leaders instrumental in establishing the JCC on Dutchmans Lane. He was also instrumental in establishing the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Conference of Jewish Organizations, which ran the United Jewish Campaign.

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NCJW Needs Volunteers to Help with Camp Gilda | Bellarmine Hosts

by Helen Wahba Special to Community

or one week every June, NCJW sponsors the Gilda's Club Camp for children living with cancer. This year, the camp will be held June 8-12. Ås always, it will be held at Gilda's Club of Louisville; 633 Baxter Ave. The theme this year is "Keeping Gilda's Weird.'

The children may be living with cancer in their own bodies or have a close relative living with the disease. All need our help.

During the week, the children play,

swim, explore and forget about cancer for a few hours, but they also learn more about this problem. They are given opportunities to express themselves openly and ask questions of cancer specialists away from their families. In addition, there is always music and upbeat participation in crafts and the planning for and set up of the Carnival with which the camp ends the week.

Warm-hearted volunteers are needed to assist with various activities and outings throughout the week involving the children. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve nutritious meals in the kitchen Monday-Thursday for breakfast, lunch and snacks. Volunteers are also needed to assist in many phases of the carnival on Friday and to bring in baked goods for the annual cake walk.

New volunteers are always welcome as it helps to spread the news of the importance of Gilda's Club Louisville in our community.

To learn more about Gilda's Club Louisville please visit their website: www.

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for fair treatment of all people including

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The Temple rabbis are active with the

Fairness Campaign and have conducted

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Temple rabbis hope that Equality Shab-

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All events are free and open to the

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The Temple is a welcoming congre-

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LGBT individuals.

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and intern at the Fairness Campaign.

Waller Chapel at 1.

Fulbright Scholar

Dr. David Gurevich, who will serve as a visiting Fulbright Scholar at Bellarmine University this June, will be delivering a lecture, "Jerusalem Behind the News: Geo-Politics and Reality of the City," on Monday, June 15, at 7 p.m. in the School of



room 203, Joseph P. Clayton Hall. Dr. Gurevich is a Fulbright Gurevich Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization

Communication's

Dr. David Gurevich

at Harvard University. His prime academic interest is Archaeology and

History of Jerusalem.

He obtained his doctoral and master degrees from University of Haifa, followed by an additional masters degree in humanitarian affairs and social sciences from Sapienza University of Rome.

Dr. Gurevich is the founder of the academic program Ambassadors Online, which provides a comprehensive training course for university students on digital diplomacy, and was recognized among the most influential projects in its sphere in the world.

For 10 years, Dr. Gurevich worked as a licensed tour guide in Israel and particularly in Jerusalem. He guided various foreign VIP officials visiting the country. The community is invited to attend.

CALENDAR Of events

NOW THROUGH JUNE 2 Patio Gallery Exhibit

LAFTA Textile show.

May 24 and 25 Shavuot

Begins sundown May 23. Check with the congregation of your choice for service and late night study 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.

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 or call 502-459-2780. JUNE 7-JULY 14

Patio Gallery Exhibit

Frank Weisberg exhibit in the gallery; Keith Auerbach photography in the lobby. Opening reception Sunday, June 14, 2-4 p.m. ILINE 8-AUGUST 7

Summer Camp Starts

9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. Extended day options available. JCC. Campers will explore their creativity through stories. There is still time to sign your child up for many camps. Sign up at jcclouisvillecamp. org.

JUNE 11 JCL Annual Meeting

9:30 a.m. JCC. Annual awards will be presented. Board members and officers will be elected. The community is invited. JUNE 14

JCL Party for Stu Silberman

5-7 p.m. JCC. Join the Executive Board and Board in saying good bye to JCL President and CEO Stu Silberman. The community is invited. See story, page 1.

JUNE 22

Republic Bank Players Challenge 9 a.m. Standard Country Club. The day will be filled with golf, tennis, bridge, canasta, mahjong and much more. See ad, page 10.

The Temple to Celebrate Equality Shabbat June 13 The Temple will commemorate naman Auditorium at noon; and two work-

tional Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride month by hosting a special Equality Shabbat, Saturday June 13, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

This inaugural Equality Shabbat was inspired by Congregation Kol HaNeshama in Jerusalem, which has celebrated LGBT Pride since 2007. Equality Shabbat at The Temple represents the first-ever Jewish community celebration of LGBT Pride in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Equality Shabbat will include Torah study (text study) on LGBT issues in Fishman Library at 9; Shabbat Morning services honoring the LGBT Jewish community in the Waller Chapel at 10:30; a kiddush luncheon with a panel of experts on LGBT issues in the Heide-

LBSY Held Picnic and Awards Ceremony

On Sunday, May 17, LBSY marked the conclusion of its 8th grade students' experiences at LBSY with a Siyyum ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at Anshei Sfard Congregation. During that ceremony, students throughout the school were also honored for their achievements during the past school year.

Following the ceremony, LBSY hosted a barbecue /picnic on the grounds with games and activities for families and students.

Tamar Blue, Lucy Calderon, Emily Callam, Ian Ford, Tovah Frockt, Amy Niren, Julian Shuster and Lilah Weiss marked the conclusion of their years at LBSY.

Agudath Achim Awards for Excellence in Hebrew Studies were present-

ed to Kendall Geller, Gimmel Class (3rd grade); Nicki Kaplan, Daled Class (4th grade); Jacob Hyman, Hey Class (5th grade); Miriam Bird, Sophia Goldberg and Yael Wagner, Vav Class (6th grade); and Zack Felsen and Madison Monsky, Zayin Class (7th grade).

Anna Cohen received the Anita Zeiden Memorial Award; Sam Rosenthal received the Marilvn Berman Memorial Award; and Tovah Frockt received the Herman & O.H. Landau Memorial

al Award; and Amy Niren received the Kohn/Joannie Lustig/Craig Lustig Past Presidents Award.

Third Graders Receive Their Siddurim

Each year, Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad presents a siddur to each member of its third grade class demonstrating the proficiency each student has developed and their readiness to study more deeply the prayers found within it. This year, LBSY began the process of presenting the prayer books at the home congregation of each student to further



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.

June 4

Bingo and Prizes for all

Cantor David Lipp presents "Broadway Music and Beyond"

- June 18
- Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg presents "Religion in the Public Schools: What is Al-lowed and When Is that Line Crossed?" June 25

Game Day. Bring your bridge, canas-ta or other game groups to Chavurat Shalom. Have a catered lunch from 12-1 p.m. Game Time starts at 1.

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

see CHAVURAT page 6

demonstrate the prayer community to which each student is becoming a part.

The siddur presentation ceremony at Keneseth Israel took place during Erev Shabbat services on Friday night, April 17. Prayer books were presented to Jen-na Catapano, Lauren Rowe and Leah Schuhmann.

Students at Adath Jeshurun received their books during the Short & Sweet service on Saturday, April 18. Anna Cohen, West Franklin, Kendall Geller, Joshua Gitter, Emma Hales, Levi Koby, Ryan Marks and Blake Tasman participated.

Israel Gates, Elijah Harper, Nathan Kaplan and Ethan Schwartz received their prayer books at Temple Shalom during services on Friday night May 15.

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June 11

Award. Emily Callam received the Rose Sherman Memorial Award; Julian Shuster received Charles D. Levitch Memori-

Margie

this special Equality Shabbat, please contact Becky King at The Temple 502-423-1818 or becky@thetemplelouky.org.

Wedding Invitations



2015 Pressma Awards Go to Daniela Reuter, Michael Schwartz, Katie Segal, Emily Wolff; Levitan Awards to Peyton Greenberg, Josh Rudy

by Lisa Hornung Communications Specialist

ach year, the Jewish Community of Louisville recognizes teens who have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills in BBYO throughout their high school experiences with the Stuart Pressma Leadership Development Awards. This year, Pressma Awards will go to Daniela Reuter, Mi-chael Schwartz, Katie Segal, Emily Wolff.

The Pressma Awards were created to honor the memory of Stuart Pressma, an influential young leader who deeply valued leadership development. In addition to recognizing the leadership and achievements of these students, Pressma Awards include college scholarships.

The Tony Levitan Awards are new this year. They go to athletes who demonstrate outstanding traits, character and leadership, but are not necessarily tied to athletic performance. The Levitan awards include scholarships. This year, the award winners are Peyton Greenberg and Josh Rudy.

The Pressma and Levitan awards will be presented at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 14, 9:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The community is invited.

Tony Levitan Awards

Peyton Greenberg

Peyton Greenberg, 18, just finished her senior year at duPont Manual High School, where she was on the swim

team. She will swim at Northwestern University next year, where she was awarded a scholarship.

'I really enjoy my Jewish community. They've supported me throughout my sports career," she said.

Greenberg swam on the Standard Country Club's swim team when she was younger. She also competed in the 2013 Maccabiah games in Netanya, Israel, bringing home the gold in the 200-meter breaststroke and the silver in both the 100-meter breaststroke and a relay.

She has also loved her time with BBYO in the Jay Levine BBG chapter.

"I wasn't able to put in as much time with BBYO as I would have liked because of swimming, but they were like another family to me. They're great peo-

ple to be around," she said. The award will help her achieve her goals in college. "I'm extremely grateful for this award

because it will help me in my future ambitions, and it also connects me with the JCC for the rest of my life.

While Greenberg is undecided on her major, she is thinking of majoring in foreign affairs and French.

Peyton is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Greenberg, and the granddaughter of Judy and Norton Greenberg. "My grandparents have been a huge influence on my life," she said. Her siblings are Lexie and Chris Cunningham, Aaron Kemper, Chan Jones and Ryan Greenberg. She's a member of The Temple.

Josh Rudy Josh Rudy, 18, just graduated from St. Xavier High School and will attend Miami University of Ohio this fall.

He played varsity basketball, and is thinking of trying out to be a walk-on for Miami's basketball team. He worked summers at the JCC as a lifeguard, and was on the JCC's Gators swim team for six years. "It's an honor to be recognized as a

Jewish athlete and for making a differ-ence," Rudy said. "Especially at St. X, it's unusual for that to happen. It's kind of cool being the only one.

Josh also participated in the Maccabi games in Omaha, where his grandmother lives.

His parents are Susan and Lewis Rudy, and his brother is Adam. He is a member of Adath Jeshurun.

Stuart Pressma Leadership Development Awards

Daniela Reuter

Daniela Reuter, 18, is graduating from Ballard High School, and will attend Miami of Ohio next year, majoring in mathematics.

"BBYO has been the place where I've found all my best friends, and they will be my best friends forever," Reuter said. She has served on the board of Jay Levine BBG and has helped plan regional events. Two years ago, she and Elana Wagner coordinated J-Serve, a teen day of community service.

Through BBYO, she said, "I've definitely found a much stronger appreciation for being Jewish, and it is now the most important thing in my life. I'm religious now, I know my prayers say them and believe them and it's definitely impacted my life a lot.

"Not only with that, but BBYO helped me come out of my shell. I've never been quiet," she added, "but I've never been so free to be who I am. They've helped me become a leader. ... I'm grateful for everything they've done for me and the rest of Louisville."

Daniela also works with young children at Keneseth Israel Preschool and lends a hand from time to time at the Jewish Community Center, helping with family gym and J-Play in the summer.

"I'm very thankful for this award. I've done a lot for BBYO, and BBYO has done a lot for me," Reuter said. "This award is the icing on the cake of my time with BBYO.'

Her parents are Eugene and Diana, and she has a sister, Maja. They are members of Adath Jeshurun.

Michael Schwartz

Michael Schwartz, 18, just graduated from Kentucky Country Day School and is going on to Indiana University to study business.

He's been involved with BBYO since the eighth grade, and said he looked forward to it because his older brother was involved.

His now good friend Ben Koby invited him to a Bowling outing, and he "fell in love with it. The people and making connections are why I love it.'

He said he also loves the Judaic aspect of BBYO. "It's helped me learn about myself and grow as a Jewish person."

CHAVURAT

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questions, call Allison at 502-423-1818 or email allischwartz@me.com.

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

He's held several leadership positions within BBYO, including Moreh (vice president for recruitment), S'gan (vice president) and Schliach (vice president for Judaism).

This will be his 10th year in camp at B'nai B'rith Beber Camp, in Mukwonago, WI, but this time he's going as an employee – a fishing specialist.

'I don't like to brag about myself, but I'm happy I was recognized for doing something good for the community," Schwartz said. "It's nice that my hard work paid off.'

He said he wants to thank the Jewish Community for giving him an awesome four years of high school and BBYO.

"I'm glad that I could give others in BBYO a good experience," he said. "I hope to inspire young Jewish people to get more involved."

His parents are Tom and Barbara Schwartz, and his siblings are Melissa and Robert. They are members of The Temple.

Katie Segal

Katie Segal, 17, is graduating from duPont Manual High School, and will attend the University of Kentucky in the fall. She will major in business administration with a minor in Jewish studies, which she attributes to her time in BBYO.

"BBYO has been a safe place for me to meet new friends and it has gotten me a lot closer to my Judaism. It has led me to minor in Jewish studies at UK," she said.

Segal has been president of Jay Levine BBG, and the chapter was named Chapter of the Year under her leadership. Last fall, she coordinated the regional convention in Indianapolis, and it went well, she said.

"I'm really honored to be picked out of a lot of applicants for this award, and I'm fortunate to have received it."

Katie is the daughter of Joanne Weeter and Martin Segal. They are members of The Temple.

Emily Wolff

Emily Wolff, 18, is graduating from Louisville Collegiate School and attending University of Cincinnati in the fall. Before she goes, she will spend her summer working as a climbing specialist for Beber Camp, which she has attended every summer for 10 years.

She was recruited to BBYO by Natalia Lipp and fell in love with it. "I don't have any sisters, and joining Jay Levine BBG was like gaining 20 sisters.

She has served on her chapter board and as a regional chair.

"For a lot of kids, BBYO and Jewish camp are the only way they feel connected to their Judaism," Wolff said. "I got to show younger girls ways to connect with their Judiasm and that doesn't have to be in the same way their parents tell them.' She helped organize events and bond-

ing sessions at conventions.

At the conventions we had sessions on studying Torah portions or meditation, so there were different options for everyone," she said.

She said that BBYO has helped her overcome obstacles.

I was really shy when I joined BBYO, and now I'm not," she said. "BBYO changed me for the better. I love public speaking now, and I was on the honor board at school for four years.

She is thankful she was able to win this prestigious award.

"What I like about this award is that I served in a couple of positions, but for a lot of things I just lent a hand. I didn't have to have a label for a position to get the award.'

Emily is the daughter of Jonathan and Steffi Wolff, and she has three brothers Aaron, Isaac and Levi. They are members of Adath Jeshurun.



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ANNUAL MEETING

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heimer Award recipient," Brown said. "It fills my heart with joy to think of carrying the torch from such a distinguished list of loving civic leaders whom I greatly admired and many of whom mentored me such as Mayor Charles Farnsley, Mrs. Dan Byck, Mr. Barry Bingham, and Dr. Herbert Waller. Together we will pass the torch through understanding and cooperation with all segments for the benefit of the health of our community." A full profile of Brown will run in the

June 26 edition of *Community*.

The Ronald and Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year Award will go to two stalwart Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry volunteers, Carole Goldberg and Linda Goodman. (See story, page 1)

Three young adults will be recognized for the leadership they provide throughout the community. Ross Cohen will receive the Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award and Scott Weinberg will receive the Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award. (See story, page 3) The Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award will go to Jessica Goldstein for her efforts to make the world a better place. Her story ran in the April 24 edition of *Community* and can be found at www.jewishlouisville.

org. For her volunteering with the senior adults, Rosita Kaplan will receive the Elsie P. Judah Award. Her story also ran on April 24.

The Arthur S. Kling Award this year goes to CenterStage Development and Outreach Manager Lenae McKee Price, whose dedication as a staff member is an example to all. (See story, page 4) For Louisville's Jewish high school

students, BBYO offers opportunity for developing leadership skills, making lifelong friends, engaging in the practice of Jewish values and having fun along the way. This year, the Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship goes to Elana Wagner, the Ellen Faye Garmon Award to Laina Meyerowitz and the Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award to Bradley Schwartz. They were profiled in the April 24 edition of *Community*.

In this paper, check out graduating

seniors who will receive Stuart Pressma Student Leadership Awards for participating in BBYO throughout their high school careers – Daniela Reuter, Michael Schwartz, Katie Segal and Emily Wolff. Also, new this year, Tony Levitan Awards for high school athletes will go to Peyton Greenberg and Josh Rudy. (See story, page 6)

Join the community in honoring these individuals and in electing JCL Board members and officers on Sunday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the JCC.

LBSY Teachers to Attend Partnership Seminar in Israel Three teachers at the Louisville Beit 5th, 6th and 8th grades participate their Israeli counterparts. Rachel Gold-

Three teachers at the Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad (LBSY), Amy Danino, Karen Feder and Rachel Goldman, have been accepted to be among the dozen American teachers participating in the Partnership2Gether Teacher's Seminar in Israel this summer. The seminar, designed to expand the twinning program between American and Israel students, will take place in Nahariya in the Western Galilee during the second week in June.

Currently, LBSY students in the 2nd,

5th, 6th and 8th grades participate in twinning activities with Israel students. The 8th grade is paired with an extracurricular photography class from Akko, and the other LBSY students collaborate with students at the Shalom Aleichem School in Betzet.

Amy Danino (5th grade) and Karen Feder (8th grade) are already involved in twinning activities and hope to use this experience to strengthen the ties of their classrooms to their Israeli counterparts and to reinforce their relationships with man will be teaching 4th grade next year, a class to which she and LBSY plan to expand the twinning experience. The school hopes to expand and strengthen its ties with the partnership region as a result of its teachers attending this seminar. Funding for this trip has been made

Funding for this trip has been made possible by the Jewish Foundation of Louisville and contributions from clergy of the congregations served by LBSY.

SILBERMAN

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financial controls, marketing strategies, member experiences and donor relationships.

"Stu is leaving us in a good place," said JCL Board Chair Karen Abrams, whom Silberman encouraged to take on additional lay leadership responsibilities in preparation for becoming board chair. "He took us from the brink of finan-

"He took us from the brink of financial disaster to a better financial position," she continued. "We still have a way to go, but our JCC operations are making money."

Silberman consolidated all Federation staff to underused space in the JCC building, then led many significant upgrade projects including: construction of the lobby lounge and upgrade to the Patio Gallery, the 2011 GE Volunteers project that created the intergenerational garden and gaga pit and addressed many maintenance needs throughout the building, and replacement of many roofs, HVAC units and other capital repairs made possible through the agency's improved financial performance.

Most recently Silberman led a successful building improvements campaign with funding matched by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (JHFE) that led to beautiful upgrades to the men's and women's locker rooms, increased security measures, improved play spaces for children, numerous improvements throughout the building and the construction of an ADA-compliant entrance ramp that will beautify the main entrance and also provide for safe ingress/egress for all. The JCL and JHFE have forged a strong working relationship that provides Jewish identity-building programming to the community.

ilberman's fundraising efforts in cluded working with lay leaders and staff to launch the Uniquely Jewish Event Series featuring Jews and bourbon, guns, comedy, baking and other fun events that educated more community members about the work of Federation. He led the selection and upgrade of the donor management system that, along with hard work by the volunteers and staff including this year's Campaign Chair Doug Gordon, resulted a five percent year-over-year increase in the 2015 Federation Campaign. Silberman's personal stewardship led to several significant new and increased gifts.

The JCL also employed a grant writer and benefitted from funding from many sources that previously were unknown to the agency. The newly renamed Jewish Foundation of Louisville, led by a strong committee of volunteers, has relaunched Community Impact Grants enabling bona fide Jewish agencies to expand their existing programs and create new ones.

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) launched community-wide supplemental campaigns supporting Israel's Operation Protective Edge, Jews in need in Ukraine and for humanitarian support in Nepal. The JCRC's Israel advocacy and interfaith relations efforts are at an all-time high, and the highly attended rally in support of the Jewish community in France, planned with the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors, helped students in all three community Hebrew schools understand the dangers of anti-Semitism prevalent in Europe.

On the business operations side, the JCL has completed market assessments across all lines of business, aligning competitive pricing and ensuring value exceeds competitive offerings, and also implemented new technologies and procedures resulting in 50 percent growth in program income over the past five years.

Jewish programming has also been significantly increased, thanks in large part to Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Sara Wagner, supported by a strong program cabinet. The newly hired Early Learning Center director is infusing Jewish content throughout the curriculum. The day camp is at record levels of enrollment. The recently launched J Forty-Fivers for 4th and 5th graders provides fun development opportunities for Jewish youth throughout the community, and adds to an already successful Teen Connection program for 6th- 8th graders.

The BBYO program has grown to 128 participants and is attracting national attention for its success. Most recently Louisville sent a large teen delegation to Atlanta to participate in their International Convention where they met Jewish peers from around the country and the world. After a seven year hiatus, Louisville resumed sending teens to the JCCA Maccabi games. Louisville has continued to increase participation in the Partnership2Gether program, and this past March hosted the US-based steering committee introducing our peers to our JCC and other agencies and congregations.

CenterStage, the JCC's performing arts program led by a very strong volunteer base and dedicated staff, has expanded operations to include new programs taking place at the JCC and in public schools throughout the community. Through investment where others might have cut, the program has turned around and is now significantly contributing to the bottom line as well as serving an important outreach function bringing many first-timers into the JCC.

Silberman systematically implemented steps to address the inadvertent naming confusion caused when the JCL was launched, including leading the effort to reintroduce and strengthen the Federation brand. Now the JCL is gearing up for a brand update on the JCC side as well, consistent with the new national guidelines.

In addition to streamlining operations, Abrams said, "he has made a special effort to collaborate with all the agencies, synagogues and rabbis and cantors and that has been greatly appreciated."

He has also met regularly with past presidents and ensured that the building blocks are in place for the JCL's future.

"Stu has also made us aware of what our national associations can offer us," Abrams stated." Early on in his tenure Silberman enrolled Louisville in JCCA benchmarking. The initial results placed the Louisville JCC among the bottom of our peer cities. Rather than being disheartened, Silberman embraced the bad news initially delivered. Through systematic investment in staff, program content and prudent facility upgrades, the JCC has raised performance across the board - a rare accomplishment according to JCCA - and now exceeds the national average for JCCs of all sizes in key areas such as Jewish engagement. Staff morale has improved greatly and the results are visible throughout the agency.

Silberman continuously looks for ways to increase staff satisfaction by helping them advance in their careers. "Stu has helped send a lot of our staff to national conferences like the Jewish Federations of North America's General Assembly and JCC Association meetings including the Biennial," Abrams pointed out. "Most recently, he sent a staff member to Israel for the first time. She came back extremely energized. Staff really appreciates these opportunities for continuing education and Stu's been instrumental in this."

Silberman took his own Jewish identity and learning seriously, setting aside the time to enroll in the Florence Melton School of Adult Education, a program he personally helped relaunch.

As a result of the JCL's considerable accomplishments and increased participation with supporting agencies, the JCL has garnered national attention, including from other communities.

Silberman will join the Minneapolis Jewish Federation as their CEO this summer. "The Executive Committee and Board are thankful to Stu for leaving us in such a good position," Abrams concluded, "and we are working as we speak for the future." "We wish him the best in his new endeavors," she added. The community is invited to a farewell gathering on Thursday, June 11, from 5-7 p.m. at the JCC.



Louisville and Israeli Teens Collaborate on Yom Ha'atzmaut Festivities













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Jewish Louisville History Project Meeting Date & Time: June 14, 2015, 2 p.m. • Senior Adult Lounge Next meeting will be July 12, 2015, 2 p.m. • Senior Adult Lounge

Frank Weisberg, Chair

by Lisa Hornung Communications Specialist

ouisville's Jewish community celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut on Wednesday, April 22, with an Israeli shuk and festival, delicious food and lots of singing and dancing.

The party had to be moved indoors because of chilly weather and the potential for rain, but it didn't damper the evening's fun.

A group of four singers from our Partnership2Gether region, Israel's Western Galilee, sang Israeli songs in Hebrew, while participants danced and sang along with the songs they knew. The singers were Simona Koren Mizrahi, Lee Koren, Metar Katz, Avihai Balahsan and Anat Elbaz.

Louisville's BBYO planned the event along with teens from the Partnership 2Gether region in Israel, and the group made lifelong friends in the process.

"The Israeli teens had a great visit," said Mike Steklof, BBYO director. "The BBYO teens really connected with the teens and are staying in touch with them via social media."

The Israeli teens visited Presentation and Atherton High Schools and enjoyed learning what it's like to be an American high school student. They also went to two malls and the Kentucky Derby Museum for a dose of Kentucky history and culture, he said.

"The event was a great success, and everyone said they really enjoyed the food and the singers," Steklof said. "We have invited another group from our Partnership area for next year."

Partnership2Gether (formerly Partnership with Israel) is a Jewish Agency for Israel program that promotes regional development in Israel by matching communities there with those in the Diaspora. Louisville has been an active part of the program since its inception in 1997.

Jon and Laura Klein are Louisville's Partnership2Gether chairs.

For more information about Partnership opportunities, contact JCC Senior Vice President and COO Sara Wagner, swagner@jewishlouisville.org.



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a crucial tool for the teaching of Jewish immigration, and indeed the teaching of

This book was featured in Stanford

University Press' prestigious series on

Jewish History and Culture and it seems

likely to attract the interest of scholars

and other interested readers for years to

In addition to these seminal works, it

should be noted that Lee Shai has served

as chair of his department and as associ-

ate dean. He has been a member of the

Academic Council of the American Jew-

ish Historical Society, a trustee of the

country and the world, entrancing au-

diences from Europe to Israel and Afri-

ca with his passion for the importance

of history. He has received numerous

awards, including the NEH and Ful-

bright, and served as a scholar in resi-

dence at the University of Haifa, quite

fitting since that city was his birthplace

dent that he will continue to create new

paths in historical scholarship (indeed

we've talked about a fascinating project

that I hope he will pursue) so that we

will have the opportunity to coax him

many years of good health and happi-

I wish both Lee Shai and Sharon

back to give a talk in future years.

In spite of his retirement. I am confi-

before the founding of Israel.

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Reflections on Historian Lee Shai Weisbach's Retirement from UofL

by Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Chair of Iudaic Studies University of Louisville

t is with significant sadness that I mark the loss of a cherished colleague. I have been aware of Lee Shai Weissbach's groundbreak-ing work since my grad student days. Among his colleagues in the vibrant field of Jewish Studies, he enjoys a stellar reputation for his energy and enthusiasm for the historical profession, his eagerness to engage with colleagues no



matter what their specialization, and his ability to make how Jews used physical space and local connections and intellectuforge al ties across the boundaries of field and discipline. Inbe part of local civic life and their abiddeed, for anyone ing concern to be different? active in the field of Jewish studies. he represents a

Lee Shai Weissbach

model even though that specialization is only a part of his myriad accomplishments over a truly expansive career.

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For instance, he was trained at Harvard as an historian of French history; his 1989 book Child Labor Reform in Nineteenth-Century France: Assuring the Future Harvest addressed the cru-

goes to two of those dedicated, long-time

volunteers, Carole Goldberg and Linda Goodman. The awards will be present-

ed at the JCL Annual Meeting, Sunday,

June 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Jewish Com-

Long-time community leaders at the

Jewish Federation of Louisville, in the

annual Federation Campaign and with

the Jewish Council for Public Affairs

(nationally) and the Jewish Community

Relations Council (locally), Ronald and

Marie Abrams established the Volunteer

of the Year Award to recognize an indi-

vidual whose life is defined by commu-

into that category. These two friends volunteer at the JFCS Food Pantry every

week and have been doing so for many

years. "Thank G-d for all the wonderful

people in our community who bring in

food and cleaning supplies and keep our

ganized and ensuring that the stock is

rotated regularly, they help organize

fundraisers and recruit friends and

a clean and dignified way for our cli-

ents to shop and choose items they need

and want," Goodman added. "A lost job,

a health issue or any hiccup in life can

change life in an instant. I think we are

fortunate to be in a position to feed the hungry and help our fellow man in a re-

Both women had words of praise

for JFCS Volunteer Coordinator Kim

Toebbe and Executive Director Judy

Freundlich Tiell. "Just walking into the

building you feel like it is a big family,'

'It is wonderful to be able to provide

In addition to keeping the pantry or-

pantry full," Goodman said.

family members as volunteers.

Goldberg and Goodman certainly fit

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munity Center.

nity service.

spectful way."

Goodman said.

Award.

bach's book offers a compelling example exemplary of how space mattered historically and how a building – or a set of buildings – tell a crucial story of adaptation, retention of cultural norms, the aspirations of a group of people deemed to be (and who saw themselves as) both different

and imbued with full rights. And Todd Endelman declares simply that "One cannot understand the history

cial cultural changes in the view of chil-

studies with the late Yosef Yerushalmi,

the preeminent Jewish historian of re-

cent generations) unlike many scholars

who remain dedicated to the familiar,

Lee Shai challenged himself by explor-

ing new trajectories, including a fasci-

Kentucky: Architecture and History has

been rightly praised as one of the first

major academic studies to address Jew-

ish American life outside the major ur-

ban centers. With a keen eve to detail

and to the historical importance of the

built environment, Lee Shai explores

geography to announce their presence.

How did Jews, for most of their histo-ry immigrants from abroad, negotiate

through these buildings their desire to

In renowned historian Hasia Diner's

warm praise, she remarks that "Weiss-

His 1995 work, The Synagogues of

nating immersion in the local.

dren that led to early child labor laws. But (perhaps in part owing to his

of American Jewry without reference to this book." And that was followed by a similarly groundbreaking work, Jewish Life in Small-Town America: A History, published by Yale University Press. And this work will likely be considered absolutely essential for many years to come for it has utterly changed the nature of the discourse in American Jewish history which had long been totally big-city focused.

Not content with fulfilling such vital gaps in Jewish American studies, my tireless colleague lately devoted himself to the translation of an unusual Hebrew memoir by his grandfather, Menachem Mendel Frieden, under the title A Jewish Life on Three Continents, an enthralling work that illuminates the transnational nature of the Jewish immigrant experience at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. This important work helps us understand the wrenching transition between the old world of Eastern Europe and the new American setting.

In Emory Historian Eric Goldstein's praise for this work he singles out how it extends the importance of looking beyond national boundaries by following the protagonist to Palestine, showing that while the United States was the Promised Land for many Eastern European Jewish immigrants, it was not the only one. Prof. Weissbach's careful editing and commentary make the memoir

Doing mitzvot has always been an im-

portant part of Goldberg's life, and she is

fund supports a hands-on mitzvah pro-

gram for families. This year, she hopes

to recruit a committee of young women

to help with the planning. Goldberg's grandchildren, Lori and

Susan Joels, now 16 and 14 respectively,

regularly participate in Family Mitzvah

programs, and they can often be found

lending a hand at the JFCS Food Pantry.

lot of time talking about the Food Pantry

to increase awareness and recruit addi-

tional volunteers to their cause. "We talk about it wherever we go," she said. One

thing she does is whenever she hosts a

party at home, she asks her guests to

bring a canned good rather than a host-

ess gift. Now other friends follow her

chel Shankman Joels and son-in-law,

David Joels, and their children Lori and

Susie; and a son, Jeff Shankman.

Her family includes her daughter, Ra-

A native of Louisville and graduate of

the University of Louisville, Goodman

was a social worker for the Common-

wealth of Kentucky. When she married

Steve Goodman, he was drafted and

served in Korea. During that time, she

volunteered with the Jewish Hospital

Goodman went to work in her husband's

family business, S. Goodman and Sons, a dealer in wool, hides, furs and roots,

and one of the oldest Jewish family busi-

early "as a young girl with the USO Ju-

nior Hostesses at the JCC, led by two

lovely ladies, Doris Meyers and Annette

Sagerman. We would make salami

sandwiches and travel out to Ft. Knox to

serve them to the soldiers after Shabbat

Goodman began her volunteer career

When their children were born,

Guild Gift Shop twice a week.

example.

Linda Goodman

nesses in Louisville.

Both Goldberg and Goodman spend a

concerned that the younger generation JCC. won't be as involved in volunteering. To give children the opportunity to engage in mitzvot with their families and get into the habit of volunteering, the Goldbergs created the Family Mitzvah Fund at JFCS. Several times a year, usually in conjunction with Jewish holidays, the

ness.

sure that no girl was excluded again."

Children's, Middle School and Teen Departments, at the JCC's Bingo fundraisers, and, along with Minda Schwartz, was a leader of the JCC's Girl Scout troop. She also served on the Membership Committee and the JCC Board.

Goodman recalled, and Rabbi Chester Diamond, then the new Rabbi in Town, was the advisor.

Goodman, she became active in The Temple, then Adath Israel, and remains was a Cub Scout leader, and "served on which was one of the most successful fundraisers The Temple ever had."

Goodman and Elaine Lerner served as co-presidents of Mizrachi Women. Today she is a life member of both The Temple Sisterhood (now Women of Reform Judaism) and National Council of Jewish Women.

She also tutored reading at Lowe Elementary School and was active in the school's PTA, in which she held many offices. She also served both Lowe and The Temple Sunday School as room mother for her three children.

Bloom Elementary School, where her granddaughter, Shayna, is a student.

the JFCS Food Pantry soon after Shel-

the Ron and Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year," Goodman said. "It is hard to believe that I am being honored for doing things that I truly love to do and that bring me such joy. I am truly humbled.'

Goldberg agreed saying, "I'm astounded. We love it so much that we really shouldn't be rewarded for it, ... I was really just surprised and flattered."

Carole Goldberg

Pantry when she retired. She counted Goodman, Janet Meyer and Shelley Kahn among her friends, and they were all heavily involved in the Food Pantry, so she decided to it was something she wanted to do, too. She found it to be addictive and fun.

in New Hampshire and Michigan before coming to Louisville. When she arrived, her children were in school and she needed something to do, so, for several years, she volunteered at the Jefferson County Law Library.

She also joined The Temple and got

show and sale fundraiser at The Temple. She also enjoys participating in Chavurat Shalom.

Her first husband passed away in 1981, and several years later, she married Larry Goldberg. Until he retired, he was a thoracic surgeon, and for a while, she worked in his office. Later, she and her son-in-law, David Joels, ran a fire and police equipment business, Camp Safety of Louisville. She also worked in

retail at Bacon's for a while. Now at the Food Pantry, she is involved in every aspect of its operation from organizing its Pizza Party fundraiser to its Bingo Bagels friend-raiser as well as ensuring that the pantry itself is stocked and organized. Goldberg says she's also on the Doing Committee at The Temple, is a member of Hadassah and a lifetime member of National Council of Jewish Women.

Pantry of the Year with the Bobby Ellis It takes an army of dedicated volunteers and donors to keep the Food Pantry working, and this year, the Jewish Community of Louisville's Ron and Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year Award

Goldberg became active with the Food

Born in Long Island, Goldberg lived

involved with the congregation's Sis-terhood. "One of the first things I did," Goldberg said, "was the 5101 Gala Show," a big and successful fundraiser. "I met a lot of wonderful people through Sisterhood," she said.

More recently, she organized an art

services on Friday nights." They would also host Saturday night dances at the

As a teen, Goodman wanted to join the clubs at the JCC, but, since she was rarely able to get to the JCC and the other girls didn't know her, she wasn't chosen by any club. "I was devastated," she said, 'but I vowed then that one day I would work within the club system and make

She kept her promise and, along with Terry Weiss, became an advisor for L'Chaim BBG. During her eight years in that position, "things were changed so no girl was left out," she said At the JCC, she also volunteered in the

^{*}I was a charter member of Hillel,"

Following her marriage to Steve so today. She worked in the Gift Shop, every committee and held every office in the Sisterhood except president, which I refused," she said. "I ran many a rummage sale and worked hard on 5101,

More recently, she volunteered at

Goodman began volunteering with

Tuvlin Revives, Expands Newcomer Welcome Program

by Shiela Steinman Wallace Editor

ennifer Tuvlin, who has been serving as the JCC's director of the PJ Library and Shalom Baby programs, is taking on a new responsibility - welcoming newcomers.

She views it as a natural outgrowth of her current responsibilities. "It's engagement similar to PJ Library and Shalom Baby," she said, but for a different group of people in the community.'



A number of years ago, Louisville used to have a program to welcome newcomers that brought people together for a big brunch and introduced them to the community and to some people. This time, Tuvlin is taking a dif-

ennifer Tuvlin

She began by researching what other communities are doing before deciding on the best way for Louisville to move forward.

First, Tuvlin is redefining who is a newcomer. "A newcomer can be someone who is Jewish who just moved to Louisville, or someone who has been in Louisville but has not practiced Judaism. Or, a newcomer can be someone who is Jewish but has just now taken an

interest in the Jewish Community. The definition of a newcomer is really very open," she said. "We just want to be welcoming to all."

Once a newcomer has been identified, Tuvlin plans to meet with that person individually, identify their needs and interests and connect them with people with the same needs and interests.

For example, if the Jewish newcomer has children who will attend the public schools, Tuvlin will try to connect that person with another family with Jewish children around the same age who attend the public schools.

It's not about pushing newcomers toward activities or synagogue memberships, but rather about providing information and making connections that will enable them "to become part of our quilt or patchwork" that is the fabric of our community.

If you know of a newcomer, you can help them learn more about Louisville's Jewish community by referring them to Jennifer Tuvlin, 502-238-2719 or jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org.

Margalit Weaves Together Jewish Teaching, Environmentalism

by Shiela Steinman Wallace Editor

With a focus on sustainability and environmental responsibility, Spalding welcomed Rabbi Dr. Natan Margalit as guest speaker at the 34th Keenan Lec-

ture on Thursday, April 23. With the topic "Organic Torah: Spirit, Systems and Sustainability," Rabbi Margalit focused on changing approaches to addressing environmental issues.

He described early attempts at environmentalism as reductionist science - if you keep breaking down a problem to it's smallest components, you will find the answer to the problem. That, he pointed out, was very simplistic and often resulted in unintended consequenc-

A classic example he cited happened in Borneo where there was an outbreak of malaria. Since malaria is spread by mosquitos, experts decided that the answer to the problem was to spray DDT.

After they were sprayed, the mosquitos were eaten by the geckos, which were, in turn, eaten by the cats. When the cats died, the rat population increased leading to an outbreak of typhus. To combat the typhus, cats had to be reintroduced into the area.

Today there is a realization that the world is complex and systems are interrelated. We can learn from breaking systems down to their elements, but then, to truly understand it, he cited Denis Noble that we must put it back together and look at the network of connections. Rabbi Margalit compared it to the relation of a note or a chord to a total musical composition.

He posited that the whole systems approach also opens the door to dialogue between science and religion. As he expanded upon his thesis, Rabbi Margalit presented quotes from a variety of sources, many of them from religious

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lev Kahn and Ruth Silon set it up. "I would go in one day a week and restock the shelves; and since that time, I have been sort of obsessed with being there and keeping the pantry straightened and full," she said.

Goldberg started volunteering there a few years later and they soon became a team. "We work so well together and get lots done," she said. "We are both kind of

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sources

He pointed to Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's concept of radical amazement and Rabbi Naftali Zvi's contention that the whole Torah is a song so to extract the full meaning we need to examine it from different perspectives and look for patterns.

He concluded to understand the world around us we need to pay attention to the shift from breaking things down to their smallest elements to paying attention to wholeness and how things fit together. All things are nested in interrelated patterns, he said. We can belong to more than one group and one little thing can make a difference in the whole.

Spalding President Tori Murden Mc-Clure welcomed everyone at the beginning of the lecture and Dorena Miller Parminter provided Rabbi Margalit's introduction. The school provided a dessert reception for the event.

bossy and tell each other what to do, and neither of us listens to the other. "Seriously," she continued, "we are

dear friends who are blessed to have so many other volunteers who work with us to keep the pantry going strong."

Goodman's volunteer work at JFCS has expanded to include driving for the Senior PALS program and writing up oral histories.

"I have always thought that volunteerism and family go hand-in-hand," she continued. "I tried to volunteer where my children and grandchildren could be involved. I wanted my children to know how important it is to give back to your community so you can live in a good community, and we do. I also wanted them to know how much volunteering would enrich each of their lives as it has mine.

The Goodmans have two daughters, Alyce Abraham and Stacy Grossman; a son, Seth; a son-in-law, Howard Abraham. Their two grandchildren, Aiden Grossman and Shayna Goodman, have volunteered at the Food Pantry many times. "The last time Aiden came to town and came to the pantry with me," Goodman said, "he said, 'Bubbi, you have the best job in the world.' And I have to agree!"

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JCamp 180 Mentor Works with JCC Summer Camp Staff

by Lisa Hornung Communications Specialist

he Jewish Community Center's Summer Camp is already seeing a huge increase in enrollment this year, and now it's headed for even greater success, thanks to its being selected to participate in JCamp 180, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

The camp recently had its first visit with its new JCamp 180 mentor, Aron Goldman.

Goldman has worked for JCamp 180 for about a year and a half but has spent most of his career working in non-profit consulting. As a mentor, he works personally with camps and helps them professionalize their operation.

"I visit camps and help them with organization and development, capacity building and back-end infrastructure," Goldman said. "I work on growing en-

rollment and professionalizing camp.'

The organization does not do programming that's up to the camps them-"We help selves. build sophisticated organizations,' he said.

"We got along

well, and all the camp staff are excited to see what he can help us improve," said Betsy Schwartz, director of camp and youth services. "We have an excellent camp with an amazing parent committee here. But there's always room to improve, and that's what we want to continue to strive to do.

Goldman said his initial finding in Louisville is that the camp is off to a good start by having a strong parent committee, but there's still a lot that can be done.

Growing the connections with other JCC departments and engaging lay leadership are some priorities he'd like the JCC's camp to work on.

JCamp 180 is a part of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, which also funds PJ Library. The mission of JCamp 180 is to significantly enhance the longterm effectiveness of nonprofit camps and other organizations that engage young people in meaningful Jewish cultural and educational experiences.

The mentoring program is not time-limited, Goldman said, "so we have time to get to know each other. What I can offer is help with priorities and from there develop a plan."

He was also very impressed with the JCL management's commitment to camp.

"Stu (Silberman) and Sara (Wagner) seem to be incredibly positive and ex-cited about opportunities to grow the camp and professionalize it," Goldman said. "My initial findings are that there's incredible excitement throughout the JCI

Mike Steklof, assistant camp director, said the visit was very successful. "We are all on the same page with our plans for camp.

Another benefit of the relationship with JCamp 180 is that the camp leaders will be able to connect with other camp leadership. "It's a way to have exposure to what peers are doing all over the country. It prevents isolation, and helps with best practices and gives leading edge strategies.

They'll have exposure on the national level and we like to highlight exciting things

The JCC's summer camp is a fun-filled time of learning and summer excitement. This year, the camp offers many options for specialty camps, including sports, swimming, Legos, science and theater. Camp will foster self-esteem and help campers develop their understanding of, and an appreciation for, the world in which we live at camp, at home and in the greater community. We believe that all campers can participate, all campers can succeed and all campers can make a new friend.

Camp starts June 8. Several weeks of camp are already full, so sign up for camp today at Jewishlouisville.org.

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Schulman Participates in the March of the Living

by Emily Schulman Special to Community

irst and foremost, I would like to thank the Jewish Community of Louisville, Cantor David Lipp, Sara Wagner and the March of the Living Fund established by Natania Lipp, as well as my parents for giving me the opportunity to attend and participate in the March of the Living.

This journey to Poland and Israel was a huge milestone in my life! I learned the true meaning of "Kol Yisrael arevim zeh lazeh" - all of Israel is responsible for each other.

I felt extremely connected to my Jewish and Polish heritage. My great-grand-Kroopkin, father. Ben emigrated through Ellis Island from Poland. He owned a grocery business in downtown Louisville for many years.

I joined many friends I knew from



Survivor Trudy Album and Emily Schulman

BBYO conventions over the years, and met many new friends along the way. My roommate was from Indianapolis and her mother grew up in Louisville, attended Atherton High School, and lived on Rexford Way. Her aunt knew my dad.

In Israel, I bumped into my cousin, Ben Schulman, from Miami. His great-grandfather Schulman and my great-grandfather Schulman were brothers. His grandfather, Stuart Schulman, was a past president of my syna-

gogue, Adath Jeshurun. It was simply mind-boggling to meet a family member from south Florida on Ben Yehuda on the other side of the planet. I learned that no matter where we are in this world, the Jewish people only have each other and we are responsible for one other and interconnected, despite our language, geographic, and cultural barriers. This journey was a unique, emotional experience I will never forget.

The March of the Living is a trip in which delegations from around the world come together to represent the vibrant, soulful, spirituality of the Jews alive today. I was a participant in the USA, BBYO delegation.

We spent the first week in Poland, where we visited multiple concentration camps, an Old Jewish Quarter, the site of the Warsaw Ghetto, a museum, and many other sites relevant to the Holocaust.

The first camp we visited was Auschwitz. Auschwitz was not the typical vision I had of a concentration camp. I felt as though I was in a college or some community with uniform buildings, although it was an extremely large place. However, I realize that not even Father Time can erase what actually happened there.

As we walked through the exhibits, there is one that remains imprinted on my mind. It was a re-creation of children's drawings along the walls. The drawings reminded me of the artwork that I watched my campers draw at JCC Summer Camp, and I realized how young these kids were. They never had the experiences that children normally have, and they were robbed of their childhood and innocence. It made me very angry.

After Auschwitz, we made our way to Birkenau. Here is where I first felt trapped, because there is a one-way railroad track into the camp with no way to escape. Hundreds of victims were crammed into one cattle car that is smaller than my bedroom. It is hard to even imagine what was going through their minds as they entered this camp.

The next day, we revisited Auschwitz for the March of the Living. I marched with 10,000 other people from around the globe from Auschwitz to Birkenau. I had the opportunity to walk out of the camps in memory of those who did not, and most of all, I did this holding hands with a survivor. Her name was Trudy Album from Suffern, NY, and she comes back every year to educate my generation.

She was sent to Auschwitz in June of 1944. She says that, "we laugh and we cry, because this is the Jewish way" and she is such a happy person and is truly an inspiration. She also says, that "you [we] are now the witnesses.

I thought I had seen the worst and that it was over, but I had not. The worst was actually the next day.

The Majdanek death camp is the camp that could be up and running within 48 hours, and the most shameless part of all was that it was in the backyard of a neighborhood.

This camp had an extremely eerie feeling. In this camp, there was a museum, and while the group was in the

museum I went next door, because I had finished looking around. I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I walked into a pitch-black room with little light in the middle, and voices surrounding me. There was no one in sight, and after that experience I was shaking for the rest of the time.

I saw the crematorium, which had a bathtub in it because that was the hottest water in the camp. I saw the trenches where my people were murdered en masse and covered up with dirt, but the most horrific part of this camp was yet to come.

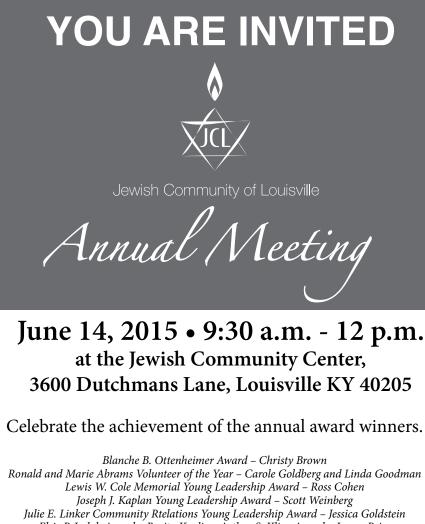
I walked up about 20 steps into a memorial, looked down and saw a 15-foot high pile of ashes that was about 30 feet in diameter. This was the moment, right where I was standing, that the magnitude of the numbers and what happened here truly hit me. The disgust, anger and sadness all came at once. I could not bring myself to take a picture, nor did I want to talk about what I saw until I was out of that camp.

We finished the week with a relaxing Shabbat, and our final camp tour at Treblinka. Here I led the closing ceremony and recited the traveler's prayer as we departed for Israel.

I arrived in Israel and the first Israeli staff member I saw was Natania Lipp! I was thrilled to see her. She was a junior staff member on the Israel portion of my trip. I was amazed at how small the world actually is, and everyone was shocked that there was another Kentuckian in Israel.

We hopped on the bus and went straight to Masada where I felt like I was on top of the world. We then swam in the Dead Sea, visited Independence Hall, did some shopping and hung out on the beach.

The following night, we went to the Erev Yom Hazikaron ceremony, which commemorated the fallen IDF soldiers. see MARCH page 13



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by Lisa Hornung Communications Specialist

enterStage Academy just finished its big production of Seussical, Jr., and the program was a huge success.

The class, which trains children to perform in a musical production, then finishes with a show, went swimmingly, said Frank Goodloe III, a co-director of the program. He and Jordan Price rehearsed with the children every Thursday for two hours and Sunday for two and a half hours. In rehearsal, they taught the kids the show, as well as singing, dancing and acting.

We teach the kids to work as a team," Goodloe said. "We teach them how to dance and how to put dance steps to a song, how to use a microphone. We teach them everything you would need to know to be in a stage production.

This year there were 36 children in the program, up from 16 last year. "It was great," Goodloe said. "The kids

got into it and enjoyed what they did."

MARCH

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The pride that Israelis have for their country and the respect they have for their soldiers and military was simply phenomenal.

It taught me to be a prouder and more supportive American and to appreciate what our brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces do to make our country safe and to protect our freedoms. Israelis really know how to support their troops.

We observed the Yom Hazikaron siren the next morning, went to the Kotel (Western Wall), explored the City of David, and finished off the night at Ben Yehuda Street where we celebrated Israel's Independence Day.

We concluded our experience in Israel by continuing the March of the Living

The biggest challenge was getting kids to let go and use their imaginations, he said. "They would say, 'People don't live on a speck (from Horton Hears a Who)!' So you have to get them to think: If you lived on a speck, how would you talk? How would you use sound?"

Kristen Heckel's daughter Audrey Heckel, 8, has been in the CenterStage Academy junior productions for two years and this will be her third year in camp. In Seussical, she played a Bird Girl.

"She absolutely loves it," Heckel said of her daughter. "I don't think we could find a better program. Frank and Jordan are so great with them.'

Audrey has always wanted to be in theater productions, Kristen Heckel said. "She's just one of those kids who enjoys writing, singing, reading and dancing.

CenterStage Academy stands out among other youth theater programs, she said.

are other places that will There get your child on stage, but here they

in Jerusalem where I bought my parents a beautiful Seder plate, visiting the Mt. Herzl National Memorial Grounds, touring Kibbutz Nir Tamid, shopping and relaxing on Shabbat.

I really loved the Galilee and cruise on the Mediterranean Sea. This experience in Israel drastically changed me, cemented my Jewish pride and identity, and made me realize how absolutely amazing it is that we, as Jews, are still here. This was a trip of a lifetime. Every

Jewish teen should participate in the March of the Living. The words hate and selection will forever bother me from this day forward, but I will also have lifelong friendships and memories to cherish from this day forward as well.

Israel is magical. The historical sites and natural treasures are breathtaking. I don't believe a Jew really knows how Jewish he or she actually is until they teach so much more about the craft of acting, and there's so much behind it," Heckel continued. "It gives her so much self-confidence and discipline. That's hard to find in youth programs.

Next year CenterStage Academy will do Shrek, Jr. for the 8-17 year-olds, and Winnie the Pooh Kids for the 4-7 yearolds

Maya Gray, 8, is already ready to sign up next year, said her mother, Amy Gray. 'She's actually sad it's over now,' Grav said. "We loved it. We thought it was such a great experience for her, and she always had a smile on her face when we picked her up from practice.

Maya, who played Thing 2 in Seussical, had always been a little performer, Amy Gray said, and she likely got it from her dad, Brian Gray, who is a musician in the local band the Hot Wires. Maya has always "hijacked family parties" to sing and dance for everyone, making up her own choreography.

Last year, the Grays took Maya to see The Little Mermaid, which CenterStage Academy performed. Maya told her par-

step on Israeli soil.

Once again, thank you to everyone who made it possible for me to experience these life-altering two weeks. It puts all of my years of Jewish studies, bat mitzvah and confirmation into perspective.

Editor's note: Emily Schulman is the daughter of Butch and Robin Schulman and sister of Benjamin, Halle and Matthew Schulman. She is the granddaughter of Howard and Dorothy Schulman and Rudell Franck and the late Dolly Franck.

She will be a senior at Sacred Heart Academy where she plays varsity softball, is a member of the Engineering Club, and is vice president of the National Honor Society. This summer, she has been selected to attend the Global Youth Summit on the Future of Medicine at Brandeis University in Boston, MA.



Lilly Ramirez as the Cat in the Hat. is interviewed by Thing 1, played by Chloe Mason, and Thing 2, played by Maya

ents, "I want to do that!" and she kept bringing it up over and over, so they couldn't say no. Gray said she believes that Maya's younger sister Lucy will want to join, too.

"I would encourage any parent who has a child interested in theater to definitely get involved with this program," Gray said. "Any kid who is geared toward performance would love it.'

Acting Out

CenterStage's touring youth theater program Acting Out has done 30 shows in local elementary schools since January with its show, *How I Became a Pirate*. "The kids love the show," Goodloe

said. "It's been really great. We have gotten a good response from the schools."

The shows are about an hour long, with a question and answer session at the end. Most kids ask questions like, how long have you been an actor? How do you learn your lines? How do you come up with the costume? Of course, with smaller children they ask things like, How did you become the captain? And, Goodloe added, they ask him, "How did you get so tall?" "Because I'm 6-foot-5. I just said I ate all my vegetables and drank all my milk. You really have to be on your toes with these kids!

Next year, Acting Out will do And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank for middle and high schools, and The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig for elementary schools.



rabbi@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359 for additional information.

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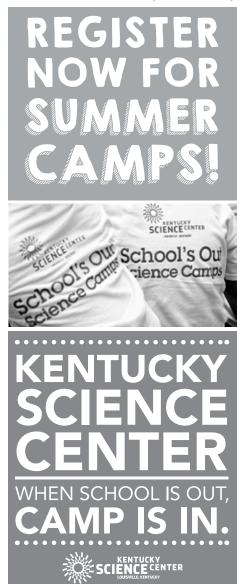
KentuckyOne Health, including Jewish Hospital, has many volunteer opportunities at its Louisville facilities that we are seeking individuals to fulfill.

No matter whether you are interested in transporting patients to their area of service, helping family members track their patients during a procedure or sitting at the information desk to assist visitors, we have a need.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Contact Danni Kiefner, **Director, Volunteer Services, at** dannikiefner@ KentuckyOneHealth.org. to begin your volunteer experience today.

Our volunteer application is now online at www.KentuckyOneHealth.org /volunteer.



JFCS CALENDAR

Sign up for the JFCS monthly e-newsletters! Send your email address to bbromley@jfcslouisville.org and stay in the know with upcoming JFCS events and news.



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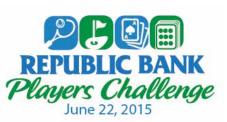
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JFCS FOOD PANTRY

Suggestions for May

Juice boxes, Canned fruit, Canned ravioli, spaghettios, etc., Mayo, Toilet paper, & School supplies

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



Show your support of JFCS and the JCC and join us for a fun-filled day of sports, contests and games.

18-Hole Golf Scramble Mixed Doubles Round Robin Tennis Tournament Duplicate Bridge Tournament Canasta Tournament Mahjong Heaven Hill Bourbon Tasting Silent Auction

The Standard Club 8208 Standard Club Lane Louisville, KY

To register, contact Kathryn Fetter at 452-6341, ext. 240 or kfetter@jfcslouisville.org.

Calling all Bridge, Canasta, Mahjong & Tennis Players We need you to sign-up and play.

It's a fun morning for tennis and a great afternoon for cards and Mahjong – all in separate rooms at the club. Contact Beverly at ext. 223 to reserve your space.



JFCS INVITES COMMUNITY TO ANNUAL MEETING



JFCS Board President Debbie Friedman addresses attendees at the agency's 2014 Annual Meeting.

You are invited to attend the 107th Annual Meeting at JFCS at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26.

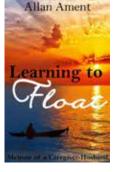
The Dare to Care, the Metro United Way and the Mary Gunther Awards will be recognized, and staff will highlight "Building Self Sufficiency" with personal stories about two clients.

Debbie Friedman will be recognized for her three-year tenure as President of the Board. Board elections will include: Stephanie Mutchnick, president; Peter Resnik, vice president; Marc Charnas, treasurer; Debbie Friedman, immediate past president; and Jay Klempner, Marty Margulis and Mark Aments, at-large members of the executive committee.

Outgoing board members are Dr. William Ryan, Beth Salamon and Doug Roemer. New members to be elected to the board are Judge Joan Byer, Jordan Green and Julie Kling.

Dessert and coffee will be served after the program. This event is free and open to the public. Please call JFCS at 452-6341 to reserve your seat.

LEARNING TO FLOAT, A CAREGIVER'S JOURNEY



When his wife suffers a debilitating stroke, Allan Ament begins a transformation from criminal defense attorney to caregiver. The

Presented by

Allan Ament

couple's journey toward their "new normal" will amuse and inspire.

SUPPORT GROUPS AT JFCS



All meetings are held at JFCS Louis & Lee Roth Family Center unless specified.

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

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Second Friday of the month, 2 p.m. Contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103

Caregiver Support Group First Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m. Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Rd. Contact Naomi Malka, ext. 249 Allan will share his personal journal about learning to float as a caregiver and lessons learned along the way.

Monday, June 29 Jewish Family & Career Services 2821 Klempner Way 7:00pm

Book signing following the presentation. Books will be available for purchase for \$14

Pre-registration required by calling Mauri Malka at 452-6341, ext. 250

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.

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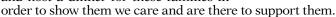
Jay Levine BBG

by Abby Balkin

Our 2015 Spring Term is beginning to come to a close, but this month has been

really great for Jay Levine BBG. We started off with our MIT Board elections, which is a board of new members that help to plan a chapter event at our chapter convention and learn what being part of a chapter board is like. Next for this month was have a Ha-vdallah planned for the entire chapter, where we will come together next Saturday night and have a Havdallah service along with cute activities.

Then we are going to work together on our Stand-up Cause. Our stand-up cause for this term was Gilda's Club, which is an organization geared towards helping families who have been affected by cancer. Next Tuesday we are going to cook and host a dinner for these families in



Toward the end of this month we will have one of our most important chapter events: Chapter Convention! The theme is a surprise but it will be a day and night of tons of fun! We are a BBG family so it'll be a great event for everyone to come to and hang out together.

This term had been full of excitement and great events and it's sad that it's beginning to come to a close, but we are not slowing down just yet. Jay Levine still has so many great events planned and we can't wait to not only make a difference for everyone in the chapter, but now also for many others in our community.

Spring Term 2015 MIT Board:

Tamar Blue, N'siah (President)

Ava Schumacher, S'ganit (Vice President of Programming) Brooke Schumacher, Morah (Vice President of Recruitment)

Lilah Weiss, Shlichah (Vice President of Jewish Heritage)

Tovah Frockt, Gizborit (Treasurer)

Lucy Calderon, Mazkirah (Secretary)

Drew Corson AZA

by Joey Schuster

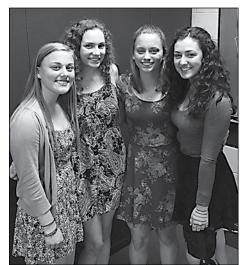
Our term has come to an end this month as we had our final chapter event, Senior lives. Senior Lives is a time for seniors to share their stories with some of the young-er members in the chapter and say good by to BBYO. This was our final event and we said good bye to Daniel Segal, Kyle Gordon, Michael Schwartz and Ben Bass. Elections for the new board will be held August 16, and if anyone is interested in

running please contact our city director Mike Steklof.

Drew Goldstein Ga-Ga Tournament by Mike Steklof

On Sunday, April 26, Drew Goldstein hosted a ga-ga tournament at the JCC to raise money for the JCC Teen Department. Drew decided to plan this fundraiser as a bar mitzvah project due to his love for ga-ga and programming at the JCC. Drew raised over \$150 and plans on hosting this event annually.





cher, Brooke Schumacher, Lilah Weiss. Tovah Frockt

Teen Connection Progressive Dinner by Glenn Sadle On Friday, April 24, 12 young people attended our Teen Connection Progressive



Josie Shapira, Sydney Marks, Jenna Shaps J Forty-Fivers Bowling Party

by Glenn Sadle

On Sunday, April 26, 16 young peo-ple attended our J Forty-Fivers Bowling Party. This was the last event of the year and the first event that third graders could attend. The kids ate pizza at the JCC and then bowled the day away at Ten Pin Lanes. We are looking forward to having another successful year for 2015-2016.

Have a great summer!

Dinner. It was our final event of the year and the first Teen Connection event that 5th graders could attend. Thank you to the Marks, Catapano and Russman families for hosting. It was a great way to end the year and we are looking forward to next year.

Have a great summer!



Carly Schramko, Julia Geer, Jack Kaplin

PJ Library Goes to JCC Day Camp

Steklof, JCC assistant camp director, is receiving 25 books from PJ Library, a Grinspoon Foundation, for the summer of 2015. More than 50 camps are receiving these books this summer for use by campers ages 4-8 to enhance Jewish literacy in JCC day camps. This partnership between the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) and JCC Association reinforces the importance of Jewish literacy at a young age through day camp programs.

Through this partnership, JCC Day Camps throughout North America will enhance their programs by using the PJ Library books, filled with stories of Jewish values and assorted holidays to infuse Jewish literacy all summer.

We're delighted that PJ Library and HGF are continuing to partner with us by adding the richness of PJ Library books to the resources that our day camp staff will have available to bring Jewish learning to life," said Stephen Hazan Arnoff, president and CEO of JCC Association.

"JCC day camps are the entry point into Jewish life for over 65,000 children each summer. We believe by providing valuable tools to enhance summer learn-

ing and programs connect, we campers to a life of Jewish engagement," said Shara Perlman, assistant director of camping and youth engagement at JCC Association. "There's also incredible potential to reach the 12,000 young adults who work at JCC day camps each summer," Perlman added, noting that for most day camp staff, working at camp is not only their first real job, but their first exposure to Jewish communal work.

We are so excited to participate in this program for the second year in a row," said Steklof. "It enhanced story time at camp last year, and I know that it will do the same this year." "We're excited that PJ Library is

providing another connection point between local PJ program directors and their JCC day camps," said Beth Grafman, program officer at the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. "These are two great resources for young families with opportunities for them to connect to the larger Jewish community all year long."

PJ Library started as a small project sending books to 200 children in Massachusetts in 2005. Now it delivers more than 144,000 Jewish books per month to children throughout North America with more than 14 million PJ Library books have been delivered globally.



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Republic Bank had a great first quarter, Insider Louisville reported. The growth was led by boosted results in its core banking segments and a tax refund transfer program. The earnings report came out April 17.

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's Division of Intramural Population Health Research announced the appointment of Dr. Stephen E. Gilman as the new acting chief of the Health Behavior Branch.

HBB designs and conducts research to identify determinants of health behavior and to test educational, behavioral, and environmental strategies for improving or protecting maternal child, and adolescent health.

Joseph Steier III, president and CEO Signature HealthCARE LLC, is an Ohio Valley finalist for Business First's Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The event will be June 4 in Cincinnati.

Seth Gladstein, owner of Gladstein Law Firm, was mentioned in Business First's People to Know on April 17. Asked about what he likes best about the work he does, he said, "Helping clients navigate their problems can be mentally emotionally taxing. When it's all and over, however, there is no better feeling knowing you have helped your clients by obtaining financial and other resources necessary to improve their lives

William Altman was featured in Business First as Kindred Healthcare's executive vice president for strategy, policy and integrated care. Kindred is expanding a program through which nurses work with patients to ensure smooth transitions between care settings.

Jim Ensign, Papa John's vice pres-





ident of global digital marketing, was featured in *Business First* for some new digital technologies that the company is working on. He said to decide what to tackle next, the company's experts go to the customer. "If you listen to our customers, you are usually going to find great ideas," he said.

Prior to the running of the Kentucky Derby, the owner of American Pharoah, the Derby favorite, was quoted in The Sporting News for his Derby draw of the lo. 18 spot. "I don't like the 18, I love it, Ahmed Zayat said. "I was praying for a real outside post. I'm ecstatic. You can do anything from out there." Zayat is an Egyptian-born Jew. The number 18 spot turned out just right because American Pharoah won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes. He is scheduled to race in the Belmont Stakes on Saturday, June 6

Bobbi Waldman was honored with the Sally Wilson Erny 2015 Advocate of the Year award for her work with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Erny has been a volunteer with CASA since 2009.

Rainbow Blossom owner Summer Auerbach was a part of a New York Times article on second-generation health food store owners, "Health Food Retailers Make Way for Next Generation.'

"I had planned on going to grad school but it never happened," Auerbach said. "I've gotten a better business education by doing this.

KentuckyOne Health announced May 7 it is expanding access to pre-

ventive health screenings for Kentuckians through a new mobile screening program. KentuckyOne Health Mobile Screenings will offer preventive health screenings at various locations throughout the state.

Viki Diaz was in Business First for her work on the committee for the Rodes for Him and for Her Derby Divas event. The event raised more than \$100,000 for the Norton Cancer Institute's Breast Health Program and other mammogram and breast health services.

Jonathan Blue was mentioned in Insider Louisville for his interest in the Cuban business market. He has set up a Cuba team at Blue Equity, and they are researching business opportunities there.

Reed Weinberg was mentioned in Business First in a story about investments in apartment complexes in Louisville. Weinberg, president of Louisville real estate firm PRG Investments, said that he hears regularly that the creation of blue-collar manufacturing jobs creates a need for more apartments.

Michael Jackman, senior lecturer in English (writing), will be become diversity coordinator and director of the Academy for Diversity and Inclusive Education (ADIE) at Indiana University Southeast

Chip Sobel and his partners launched Louisville's iLocalNews. iLocalNews is a free, neighborhood-based community-focused news local news and events digital network with content supplied by citizen reporters.

Jewish Hospital Partners with the Louisville Vaad Haskashruth

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

hen I think about what it means to live a Jewish life, I think of the word "halachah. While this is translated as Jewish law, the word is related to the Hebrew verb "to walk." The rabbis teach that what we do, and how we do it, matters deeply.

Fundamentally, halachah is a question of integrity. Do we journey through this world in such a way as to make G!d's Presence visible? Integrity is one of our

core values at KentuckyOne Health.

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Rabbi Siritsky

not it is "kosher." The word "kosher" technically refers to our complex rules of eating and food preparation, which is grounded in the Torah. However, several years ago, Rabbi Arthur Waskow asked: What if this term came to also refer to "a broader sense of 'good practice' in everyday life that draws on the deep wellsprings of Jewish wisdom and tradition about the relationships between human beings and the earth?

Whether we call it halachah, kashrut or integrity, this is what G!d demands of all of us. Jewish Hospital has embraced this mandate, and is working to translate this Torah into action, every day. This core value connects our living Jewish values to the Catholic and academic heritages that are also a part of our proudly diverse KentuckyOne Health family. We share a commitment to service, which in Judaism we call "tikkun olam" - the healing of the world.

At Jewish Hospital, our commitment

to kashrut is not only metaphorical. We are partnering with the Louisville Vaad Hakashruth to expand the Kosher certified food options available to the Louisville community. We are expanding our kosher meal offerings and will be serving these in our Chestnut Café, providing food, not only for patients who request it, but also for staff, family members and the general public. This expansion of kosher food op-

tions, along with our extensive Judaica selections in our hospital gift shop and our celebration of Shabbat and Jewish holidays, are just a few of the many ways that Jewish Hospital has been working to renew and reaffirm its proud Jewish identity and heritage.

Jewish Hospital has always striven to be a safe and healing environment for all people, pioneering racially and religiously integrated care in this community, and embodying the justice principles that are at the core of our faith. Therefore, I am proud that, alongside the expanded kosher food options that we are beginning to provide, we are also able to be a leader in serving the religious diversity of all of our patients, staff and families, by ensuring that we have halal food available as well.

We know, only too well, how important it is to have our religious values and halachic needs respected. The Torah commands us, again and again, that we should remember our experience as strangers in Egypt, and that it should in-

form how we treat those around us. Rabbi Hillel taught: "What is hateful to you, do not do to any other. This is the whole Torah." As we renew and strengthen our Jewish identity at Jewish Hospital, it is very important to me that we do so in a way that respects all of G!d's children.

May the peace, reverence and healing that we seek to create here be one that expands to our whole community and our whole world. May every act of tikkun bring peace from on high, until our whole world can experience peace and feel respected.

AROUND TOWN

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 celebration of the holiday of Shavuot.

A fun art project for children will be available. Chef Z of Personal Touch Catering will create a 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.

Thanks to the generosity of the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, all this is offered for \$5 per person; no charge for children younger than 13. For reservations, please call 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.

Study Torah with Rabbi David

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

AJ Has Confirmation Ceremony

Adath Jeshurun's Confirmation ceremony will be Saturday, May 23, at 9:30 a.m. A kiddush luncheon will follow the worship service. AJ's 2015 confirmands are: Talia Miriam Blue, Ethan Cole Evans, Spencer Robert Geer, Isabelle Elyse Geller, Abigail Fran Goldberg, Ethan Isaac Goldberg, Marnina Rose Goldberg and Alexander Radman Koby.

The Temple to Have Confirmation Class Service

The Confirmation Service will take place on Erev Shavuot, May 23, at 7 p.m. The confirmands are: Ruthie Dworin, Benjamin Gould, David Hemmer, Lori Joels, Lauren Kasdan, Tim Morrison, Skylar Silberman and Joshua VanNort.

Community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot to Be Held at Kl

There will be a community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot Program Saturday, May 23, 8:30 p.m.-midnight at Keneseth Israel. The event, sponsored by Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel Congregation and Temple Shalom, 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's 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

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

Celebrate Shavuos at Anshei Sfard

All are invited to join Congregation Anshei Sfard Saturday, May 23, at 8:30 p.m. for a night of Torah study with dinner and discussion. Schedule includes Mincha at 8:30 p.m.; lecture by Rabbi Josh Golding "What is Modern Orthodox Judaism?" 9 p.m.; candle lighting and maariv 9:40 p.m.; kiddush and dinner with Torah study led by Rivka Golding, "Modern Orthodox Perspectives on the Role of Women in Public Prayer" 10

p.m.; bentching, 11:20 p.m.

Sunday, May 24, and Monday, May 25, Anshei Sfard will have a Shavuos holiday service beginning at 9 a.m.

AJ Has Shavuot Services

Traditional Shavuot services at Adath Jeshurun 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.

Wednesday Torah Study Continues at The Temple

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport's Torah Study will continue with a special Summer Session at 10:45 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 Klein Center.

Jews and Brews with Rabbi Wolk

Join Rabbi Michael Wolk for Jews and Brews, a one-hour class where participants study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary while enjoying a cup (or cups?) of coffee. Free and open to the public. Jews and Brews meets on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. at the JCC library. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@ kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Celebrity Autograph Auction/ Spaghetti Dinner at Anshei Sfard

Anshei Sfard will host a Celebrity Autograph Auction and Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, May 28, with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. and auction at 7 p.m.

A few of the items to be auctioned off include: autographed baseball by James Shields; 4 Hy-Vee level seats; autographed book by James Earl Jones; autographed photos of Bob Barker, Dick Cheney, Dolly Parton, Marco Andretti, Tom Berenger, John Calipari along with merchandise, gift certificates and many more items will go to the highest bidder.

To make reservations and pay for spaghetti dinner, call 502-451-3122 x 0. Dinner is free for ages 4 and younger; \$4 for ages 4-12; and \$8 for 12 and older. Veterans only pay \$2.

Temple Day at Bernheim Forest

The third-annual Temple Day at Bernheim Forest, sponsored by The Temple Brotherhood, will take place 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.

KI Invites the Community to a Gala Honoring Jewish Veterans

The event will be 6 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at Keneseth Israel. The evening will include a cocktail hour, silent auction, dinner, dancing, music and more!

There are a number of exciting auction items lined up for the Gala. For example: an original, signed painting by artist Billy Fischer; two cases of wine with a refrigerated wine cooler; tickets to an IU basketball game and a weekend condo in Bloomington; a variety of gift certificates including restaurants and massage; and much more. An exciting part of the Gala evening will be a raffle drawing at the end of the cocktail hour's silent auction. Up for grabs is a one-week stay in a condo at the Sheraton Vistana Resort Villas in Orlando, FL – minutes from Disney World. Raffle tickets are only \$10 each, and you need not be present to win.

Purchase tickets to the gala and for the raffle by going to www.kenesethisrael.com, emailing gala@kenesethisrael. com or calling Yonatan at 502-459-2780.

The Temple Offers Age-ing to Sage-ing Workshops

The Temple is offering a four-week program based on the national phenomenon, Age-ing to Sage-ing, with Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks and Nadyne Lee.

Rabbi Rooks has a doctorate of ministry in pastoral care and Nadyne Lee is a nurse practitioner with a master of fine arts in creative writing, a Jewish spiritual director (Renewal), and has completed a three-year course to be an Age-ing to Sage-ing mentor.

Together they will create an experience for senior adults who are willing to explore the powerful possibilities of not merely growing older but growing deeper and enriching the process for themselves, their families and the community.

The target audience is members ages 50-80. Topics include the Positive Power of the Age-ing Brain; Elderly or Elder ... the Choice is Yours; Our Life as Cycles of One Year; The Four Worlds of Relationships; Healing Painful Memories and Forgiveness; Philosophical Questions, Ethical Wills and Scripting our Death. Join the Sage-ing Circle where you will explore the process of "Eldering" and discuss how to harvest life experiences, repair relationships, and find peace.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to The Temple at 502-423-1818.

The classes will be Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24 from noon-1:30 p.m. at The Temple. Cost is \$5 per session (\$20 total) including a healthy, light lunch.

Knit and Qvell Circle to Meet

The Knit and Qvell Circle at Congregation Anshei Sfard will meet during the summer on Thursdays. On June 4 at 1 p.m. the group will meet at Anshei Sfard then proceed to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet, where all the knitted items are donated for the use by school children. For more information, contact Toby Horvitz at 502-458-7108.

KI to Honor Graduates

Keneseth Israel will honor all congregation graduates, from preschool to graduate school, at a special Kabbalat Shabbat and dessert reception on June 5, at 5:45 p.m. There is no charge, but reservations are required at rsvp@ kenesthisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

The Temple Plans Great-Grandparent and Grandparent Shabbat

The Temple's Great-Grandparent and Grandparent Shabbat willl be on Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. This special service honoring great-grandparents and grandparents will be led by the Religious School students in grades K-8, followed by an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Doing Committee. There will be a congregational dinner at 6 p.m. 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.

AJ Hosts Celebration Shabbat

The community is invited to Adath Jeshurun to celebrate with those having birthdays or anniversaries during June. Celebrants are invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services on Saturday, June 6, at 9:30 a.m.

Watch Vintage Films at AJ

Enjoy vintage films and TV shows at Adath Jeshurun's Movies and More. The

shows are free and open to all. The June showings are: *Gomer Pyle, USMC* on June 9; and *The Postman Always Rings Twice* on June 23. Showings are at 3 p.m.

The Temple Has Equality Shabbat

In Celebration of LGBT Pride Month, The Temple will host Equality Shabbat Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. There will be workshops, a panel and a free lunch. RSVP by June 9 by calling 502-423-1818. For more information, contact Becky King at becky@thetemplelouky.org.

AJ Has Father's Day Shabbat

Fulfill the mitzvah of Kibud Av, honoring your father at Adath Jeshurun's Father's Day Shabbat. Salute your father, father-in-law, brother, son or any other special man in your life. Bring the whole family at 9:30 a.m. on June 20.

Film Director Anjou to Speak at AJ

On Saturday, June 20, film director Erik Anjou will speak during Shabbat Services at Adath Jeshurun. His topic will be "Korach: Rebel as Artist, Artist as Rebel." Anjou is the director of the popular *Cantor's Tale*, as well as *Deli Man*, which will be shown on Sunday, June 21 during AJ's "Deli with Dads" Father's Day program. The talk is open to the community.

AJ Hosts Deli with Dads on June 21

AJ will host a special Father's Day program honoring all dads featuring the movie *The Deli Man* and kosher delicatessen fare on Sunday, June 21, at 6:15 p.m. *Deli Man* is a documentary featuring Ziggy Gruber, a third-generation deli man from Houston whose deli, Kenny & Ziggy's, is one of the finest delicatessens in the country. The director of the film, Erik Anjou, who also directed the popular *Cantor's Tale*, will be in attendance and will speak at Shabbat services on June 20. Reservations for the deli dinner can be made by visiting: www.adathjeshurun.com/deli. This event is open to all.

Free Benefit Concert Scheduled

The community is invited to a free benefit concert on Tuesday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. at the Jewish Hospital Conference Center in the Rudd Heart and Lung Building, 200 Abraham Flexner Way. Proceeds will assist a Sudanese family with three children to be reunited in the United States. Music is provided, thanks to the generosity of the Jodi Feld Lapin Fund of Congregation Adath Jeshurun. Reservations can be made by contacting Matt Williams at 502-569-7929 or matthewwilliams2@kentuckyonehealth.org.

Malka Will Be Shabbat Scholar

Mauri Malka, director of Family Services at Jewish Family & Career Services, will be the Shabbat Scholar at Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, June 27, following the Kiddush lunch. Her topic will be "Long-Term Care Planning."

Allan Ament to Speak at JFCS

Allan Ament will speak on "Learning to Float: A Caregiver's Journey," at JFCS on Monday, June 29, at 7 p.m. Ament will share his personal journey about learning to float as a caregiver and lessons learned along the way. There will be a book signing following the presentation. His book: *Learning to Float: Memoirs of a Caregiver-Husband*, will be available for \$14. Pre-registration required by calling Mauri Malka at 502-452-6341, ext. 250.

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.

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B'not Mitzvah

Emily Ilyse Renco

Emily Ilyse Rendaughter of CO. Eileen and Harry Renco, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m., at the Temple. Emily

is the granddaughter of Janet and Sonny Meyer and Sondra and the late Dan Renco.

Emily is in the seventh grade at Louisville Collegiate School. She is a member of the field hockey and lacrosse teams. She also enjoys spending time with her family and friends, playing the piano, listening to music and playing with her dog, Bella.

Emily is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program. She has volunteered monthly at JFCS food pantry and will also be collecting food at her bat mitzvah for the food pantry.

Emily and her family invite the community to join with them and celebrate her bat mitzvah and the Kiddush luncheon following the services.

Hayley Rose Gould

Rose Hayley Gould. daughter of Abby and David Gould and sister of Jordan, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 20, at 10:30 a.m.

at Temple Shalom. Hayley is the granddaughter of Fran and Geoff Skall and Sharon and Ed Gould, all of Louisville.

Hayley is a rising eighth-grader at Kentucky Country Day Schools. She has a great time being on the tech crew for the middle school musicals and plays, adores all varieties of art classes, is an avid lover of cats, and enjoys spending time with all her friends and family.

For her Pledge 13 mitzvah project, Hayley is asking friends, family and the community to help in the collection of art supplies to donate to the Louisville Visual Art Association. LVAA has a need for acrylic paints, sets of oil pastels, drawing pencils, Mod Podge of any size, along with essentials such as crayons and markers. LVAA has more than 400 students who are able to take CFAC art classes at no cost. Hayley believes everyone, especially children, need a creative outlet and access to art supplies. Please bring all donations to Temple Shalom at your convenience or the weekend of her bat mitzvah.

Hayley and her family invite the community to join them as she leads services and becomes a bat mitzvah.

Dori Hatzell

Jodi and Tim Hatzell are pleased to announce that their daughter, Dori, will be called to the Torah on June 27 as she becomes a bat mitzvah.

Dori is the sister

of Bailey and Ariel; granddaughter of Carole and Sheldon Rifkin; Karne and Michael Hatzell, and Bonnie and Bill Dollinger.

As a student at Barret Traditional Middle School, Dori plays field hockey and is a violinist in the school's orchestra. She recently performed in the JCPS All-County Orchestra and received distinguished honors in her solo recital at the annual JCPS Solo and Ensemble.

Dori's love for animals led her to volunteer at the Kentucky Humane Society as her mitzvah project. Her parents are so very proud of her.

A kiddush luncheon will immediately follow her morning service.

Obituaries

Elaine Switow Glogower

Elaine Switow Glogower, 91, passed away at her home on April 23. She was a Louisville native and the daughter of Irma and Sam Switow. The day after her 18th birthday, Elaine married the late Louis R. Glogower. They enjoyed 67 years of marriage and enjoyed traveling between homes in Louisville and Boca Raton, FL.

A strong woman of immense character, Elaine was fiercely passionate about family and good friends. She enjoyed spending time with loved ones, playing golf, Bridge and dressing for dinner. Her love of antiques and keen eye for design led Elaine to co-found three businesses: Etcetera, Charlaine and LaPetite Champion. She was a member of The Temple, the National Council of Jewish Women Louisville Section and a former member of the Boca Teeca Beach Club and Standard Country Club.

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband, Louis R. Glogower; her sister, Marilvn Waterman: and her brother-inlaw, David Waterman.

As a beloved matriarch, her memory will be cherished by her three sons, Michael Glogower, Andy Glogower and Thomas (Sharon) Glogower; her grandchildren, Amy (Sean) Kanov, Seth (fiancé Vanessa) Glogower and Kevin (Sara) Glogower; her great-grandchildren, Malorie and Jordan Kanov and Jake Glogower; and her caregivers, Caroline Thompson, LaTonya Thompson, Tijuana Robinson, Gwen Tudor and Deseree Duncan.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Home of the Innocents or Hosparus.

Elizabeth (Liz) Lee Latts

Elizabeth (Liz) Lee Latts, 74, Bloomington, MN, passed away April 23 in Denver, surrounded by family.

Born January 26, 1941, in St. Paul, MN, Liz was preceded in death by her parents Ruth and Joseph Kessel and her husband Sander Latts. She is survived by her children, Lisa Latts of Denver, and Allan (Kate) Latts of Louisville, KY, her grandchildren Jake and Lindsey Latts (KY), Daniel and Sophie Latts (CO), and her sister Adrianne Pfleiderer of Tucson, AZ.

Always busy, Liz only recently retired from her role as Research Coordinator at the VA hospital and was proud of her work for children with disabilities. Her many interests included reading, mahjong, U of M sports, and the Minnesota Orchestra; she is remembered for her big smile and memorable storytelling. Burial was in Minneapolis Jewish Cemetery, 7032 Penn Ave. S., Richfield, MN. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Minnesota Orchestra. She will be sorely missed.

Brent Samuel Davis

Brent Samuel Davis, 26, passed away May 7. He was a specialist for Sam Swope BMW, known as a "BMW Ge-' and served in the US Army. nius'

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Louis and Margie Cohen.

He is survived by his parents, Lau-

ra Cohen Jovce (Leon) and Hen-"Hank" Davis (Donna Duley); his sisters, Ashley Da-(Jav) vis-Sigman and Amy Davis; his grandparents, Arthur "Skip" Da-vis (Debra) and Natalie Davis; his

aunts and uncle, Kathy Cohen and B.J. and Sheila Davis; his cousins, Emily, Shayna, Marcee, Keith and Hayley; and his cats, Chloe and Otis.

He was buried at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Humane Society or donor's favorite charity.

Gerald "Jerry" Sleph Gerald "Jerry" Sleph, passed peacefully on May 10.

He was the cherished husband of Beverly Lerner Sleph; devoted father of daughters Pami and Alicia Gordon; proud grandfather of Jason Saavedra; and loving brother to Leanore Wartell.

Jerry, born in 1929 in Chicago, raised in Louisville, was the son of Sadye Klotz and Samuel Sleph. He was founder of the Art Glass Center, Glen Echo, MD, and exhibited at the JCC in Louisville.

He was buried at Agudath Achim cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Congregation Olam Tikvah, Fairfax, VA, the Art Glass Center at Glen Echo, MD, or the charity of your choice.

> **Remedios Pia Posadas Miller** Remedios Posadas passed away at the age of 39 on May 10 at Norton Brownsboro Hospital.

She was born September on

Pia Miller.

19, 1975, to parents Ernesto and Daisy Posadas. After emigrating to the United States in 1979, she soon became an American citizen while residing in Trenton, MI. Pia later spent most of her childhood in Henderson, KY, where she studied visual art, piano, clarinet, and also sang in her high school chorus. After graduating with a degree in nursing, Pia embarked on a successful career as a cardiovascular nurse at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN, and at Jewish Hospital and Baptist East in Louisville, KY. She later worked for Humana. Pia was an organ donor and devoted her life to helping others. She found great joy in being a leading board member of the Junior League of Louisville.

Pia lived to make others happy. She had such a gentle and peaceful nature. She would often go out of her way and make extra time to listen to a friend in need, to celebrate with loved ones, or to subtly find ways to make sure others were comfortable and felt like they were included. Bringing people together was a tremendous talent of Pia's, and it was one of her greatest joys. She touched so many lives and brought so much zeal and meaning to all of our lives. Pia's grace is beautifully reflected and has been passed on through her beautiful daughter Sophia Addison Miller.

Pia is preceded in death by her grandparents David and Ursula Aventurado. Godofredo and Magdalena Posadas, and Sam, Lela and Rose Miller.

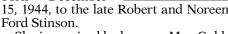
Left to cherish Pia's beautiful memory is her loving husband, Brian Miller, her daughter, Sophia, parents Ernesto and Daisy Posadas and Lester and Sandee Miller, brother and sister-in-law J.T. and Jennifer Posadas, brother-in-law Loren Miller, grandparents Selma and Alvin Kommor, and her many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

You are our "Sunshine," Pia, and will forever be missed by all of those who love you.

Herman Meyer and Sons, 1338 Ellison Ave., handled the arrangements. She was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery. Donations in her memory may be sent to the Junior League of Louisville, 982 Eastern Parkway, Suite 7, Louisville, KY 40207.

Linda R. Goldstein

Linda R. Goldstein, 70, of Sellersburg, IN, passed away May 13 at Hosparus Care Inpatient Center. A native of Louisville, she was born December



She is survived by her son, Max Goldstein (Melissa); her daughter, LuAnn Elmore; her sister, Edith Fugate; her brother, David Stinson; and grandchildren, Savannah Raul Goldstein, Tia Goldstein, Tye Goldstein and Damon Eaves.

Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave, handled the arrangements. Burial was in in Cave Hill Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Dr. Michael H. Covitt, DVM

Dr. Michael H. Covitt, DVM, 72, of La-Grange, passed away Tuesday, May 19, at his home.

He was a native of Louisville, born May 3, 1943, to the late Ralph Joseph and Dorothy Cohen Covitt. He was a graduate of University of Kentucky and Ohio State University. He was a veterinarian with St. Matthews Animal Hospital, was the founder of Worthington Animal Hospital (which later became Springhurst Animal Hospital) and was involved in horse practice before his retirement.

He was a member of The Temple, a past president of Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association and a co-founder of the Kidney Foundation of Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, Robin Cooper Covitt; and his brothers-in-law, Roderick Cooper (Barb) and William "Rebel" Cooper.

A Celebration of a Life Well Lived will take place at a later date. Burial is private. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hosparus.



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D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Michael Wolk Special to Community

his coming Saturday, we will not end Shabbat as we do most weeks, but rather we transition into the holiday of Shavuot. Although it is a holiday that fewer people observe than Passover or Sukkot, Shavuot reminds of a momentous moment in Jewish history.

Tradition teaches us that 50 days after leaving our Isra-Egypt, elite ancestors stood at the foot of Mount Sinai, heard God speak and received the Torah, which has been the foundation of our faith for thousands of



Rabbi Michael Wolk

years. Shavuot marks the moment when our ancestors were transformed from a band of former slaves descended from common ancestors to the Jewish people.

There is a curious *midrash* (legend) about the scene at Sinai that depicts God lifting up the mountain and holding it over the Israelites' heads. "Accept the Torah," God says, "or I will drop this mountain and it will mark your graves."

It is a troubling version of the story because we like to believe that we follow our faith out of love, not out of fear. It is so troubling that when traditional commentators like Rashi tell the story, they include an addendum, that following the miraculous survival of the Jewish people in the story of Purim, the entire na-tion decided to re-accept the Torah out of gratitude and joy.

Since the theme of accepting God's word is so central to Shavuot, it has always been a holiday dedicated to people who have converted to Judaism because a convert is a person who has chosen to accept the responsibility of being Jewish.

At services we chant the book of Ruth, which tells the story of one of our most

famous converts. There is another beautiful midrash that the soul of every Jewish person who will ever live was present at the revelation at Sinai.

When I read the midrash, I think that perhaps Shavuot was given to us as a holiday for people who do not have family traditions the way born-Jews do. A convert to Judaism may not remember sitting in shul (synagogue) with his or her grandparents on Rosh HaShanah or being part of a giant family Seder on Passover, but can always say that he or she was there when we became a people.

The midrash above shows me how much our tradition values the ability to choose whether to observe or not, yet we often see cases where converts are the

targets of discrimination or are not fully accepted as Jewish.

As a Conservative rabbi, I follow strict standards for conversion to Judaism as dictated by Jewish law. In addition to a period of study, a person must immerse in the *mikvah* (ritual bath) and a male must also have some form of brit milah (ritual circumcision). After completing these requirements, that person is Jewish in all regards.

My community is blessed to include a number of people who have chosen Judaism as their faith and they contribute with a passion that cannot be understood by someone who has been Jewish from birth. When Shavuot comes around, I am reminded to be thankful for their presence to be inspired by their commitment. We all have a great deal to learn from them.

Shabbat candles should be lit for Shabbat on Friday, May 22 at 8:35 p.m.; for Shavuot on Saturday, May 23, after 9:39 p.m. and Sunday, May 24, after 9:40 p.m.; and for Shabbat on Fridays, May 29 at 8:40 p.m., June 5 at 8:45 p.m., June 12 at 8:48 p.m., June 19 at 8:51 p.m. and June 26 at 8:52 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi Michael Wolk, the rabbi of Keneseth Israel Congregation (Conservative), has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

<u>Marking Thomas Merton's 100th Birthday</u> 20th Festival of Faiths Offered Spiritual Journey

by Shiela Steinman Wallace Editor

ne of the things in which the city of Louisville takes pride is its rich diversity of skills, talents, interests, national back-grounds and religious faiths. In fact, Louisville celebrates its diversity in many different ways.

For the past 20 years, the Center for Interfaith Relations has organized the Festival of Faiths providing a showcase for the rich tapestry of religions in our community and a forum for open discussion and spiritual exploration.

Always informed by the wide-ranging work of Thomas Merton, a Catholic monk at the Abbey of Gethsemani who sought an understanding of the faiths of others to appreciate and understand his own faith more deeply, this year's Festival of Faiths, was held May 12-17 at Actors Theatre of Louisville. Through its theme, "Sacred Journeys and the Legacy of Thomas Merton," the five-day gather-ing offered lectures, discussions, performances and prayer opportunities that celebrated both the Festival's 20th anniversary and Merton's 100th birthday.

The journey began with an interfaith prayer service, "Sacred Journeys: Our Stories, Together" at the Cathedral of the Assumption. The stories of a variety of faith traditions were told through music, dance, text and the spoken word.

While I was unable to attend most of the sessions, I was able to attend "Art and the Sacred: Sacred Journeys through Music" curated by Teddy Abrams. The Festival also made its programming available through live streaming, and I was able to hear Rabbi Rick Jacobs' presentation during the "Sacred World: ecular and Sacred" panel discussion.

As silence can be a vehicle of both communication and understanding, each 2015 Festival of Faiths session began with a period of silence. For Lou-isville Orchestra Music Director Teddy Abrams and his friends this was a natural lead-in to a performance of John Cage's work 4'33". As he described it, Cage turned how we think about music upside down. The piece is for any number of musicians and any combination of instruments. The score instructs them to go to the instruments and sit in silence for four minutes and 33 seconds. Since any sound can constitute music Cage's piece uses ambient sound and reflects the influence of Zen Buddhism.

From the music of silence, Abrams and his friends took the audience on a spiritual journey that wound its way through the powerful gospel music Jason Clayborn regularly presents at St. Stephen's Church through a contemporary rap presentation with excursions into Guyana traditions with Indian origins and Brazilian music.

Audience participation was encouraged in several places, and the crowd was eager to join in.

During the Friday session on Secular and Sacred, a panel moderated by Dr. William F. Vendley, explored how issues of rising inequality, war, the climate crisis, nationalism and extremism are diverting us from sustainable development. The panelists were Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs, Cardinal John Onaivekan, Fr. Michael F. Czerny and Rabbi Rick Jacobs.

All agreed that global warming is a major issue and the world is quickly approaching the red line, which if surpassed, may mean permanent climate change and damage to the world. The goals have to be sustainability and pulling back from the edge of destruction.

"Some believe we can pray our way out of this mess," said Rabbi Jacobs. "Prayer can awaken us to issues, but it is not a substitute for action." His message: it is incumbent upon all of us to act.

Rabbi Jacobs is the president of he Union for Reform Judaism.

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