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Shabbat at Camp

For JCC campers Sasha Chlochard and Harriet Tegler, Shabbat song time is lots of fun. See story, CenterPiece, page 1.

Louisville Sends Team to Compete in Maccabi Games

by Ben Goldenberg Marketing Director

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Louisville is sending a delegation of six teens to join more than 1,000 teens from around the world at this year's JCC Maccabi Games in Milwaukee, WI, Au-

Louisville includes Ethan Grossman (Table Tennis), Zev Meyerowitz (Track), Max Strull (Soccer), Andrew Tuvlin (Tennis), Isaace Wolff (Table Tennis) and Levi Wolff (Track). Delegation

Head Tara Stone and Chaperone David Siskin will join them on the trip.

The event starts with an amazing Opening Ceremonies in the BMO Harris Bradley Center, home of the Milwaukee Bucks and a parade of teams. Athletic competitions start the next day.

Despite global competition, Team Louisville is not nervous. "I am excited to compete against people from other cities and hopefully winning," said Ethan Grossman. "I have been practicing against friends and family."

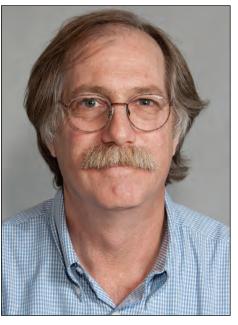
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For many teens, the event is also a social gathering. Isaac Wolff said he knows many of his friends from BBYO will be attending the games and is also looking forward to meeting new people. He found out about the JCC Maccabi Games from former athletes who told him how

much fun the games were.
"I hope the Louisville delegation continues to grow," he said.

The Louisville community can follow along with the games. Team Louisville will be on Facebook throughout the competition. Be sure to follow @JCCofLouisville or #MkeMaccabi on Twitter and like the JCCofLouisville on Facebook for the highlights.



JCL Board Chair Jay Klempner

Klempner Shares Goals as Board Chair

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

ay Klempner, the new Board chair of the Jewish Community of Louisville, describes himself as a consensus builder who never loses sight of the big picture, and those are skills he plans to tap as he guides the JCL forward.

"My goal and hope," Klempner said,

"is that as an organization, we can be here for the Jewish community ... to have a welcoming facility" that is fi-nancially sustainable and working on a sound and compassionate business model – a JCL that is "an organization that Jews in Louisville feel good about, talk well about, and support, whether it's financially or through volunteerism."

A lot of progress has been made in the last few years, Klempner observed. We are one organization, and "we are here

Describing himself as "underemployed, which means I have some time,' he says, "I would not have accepted this

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On Tuesday, July 21, we received an unconfirmed threat. The JCC emergency procedures were followed to evacuate the building. Everyone was evacuated quickly and calmly, no one was ever in danger. Our new ramp made the evacuation run smoothly especially for our seniors and our youngest campers.

LMPD responded promptly and made a thorough inspection of the building before the all clear was issued and everyone was allowed to reenter. The incident is currently under investigation, and an arrest was made on Wednesday.

I am proud of the way our members, visitors and staff responded to the situation. Everyone was calm, patient and understanding. The police handled the matter with the utmost of professionalism and gave the all clear in less than one and half hours. We are grateful for their efforts.

Please know that we will always act with an abundance of caution. Our emergency procedures are in place, reviewed regularly with everyone and are necessary in the world we live in. I would like to thank and commend our Senior Director of Membership and Wellness Tom Wissinger and Security Director Lindley Able who lead our preparedness team every day for both their diligence and leadership.

Sincerely, Sara Klein Wagner President and CEO

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ICRC UPDATE

Israel Divided and United

by Matt Goldberg, Director Jewish Community Relations Council

his has been a very unique and newsworthy couple weeks for Israelis and Zionists around the world. We know about the deal to limit Iran's nuclear program, but what might have slipped past us are the remarks made by Israeli Minister for Religious Affairs David Azoulay, a member of the Ultra-Orthodox Shas party, who said that Reform Jews are not real Jews.

Thankfully, this remark was universally denounced around the Jewish world and in Israel, with condemnations from Prime Minister Netanyahu and most members of his government. But Azoulay was not asked to resign, and his party was not evicted from the government. This is indicative of an extremely tenuous Israeli government that has the slimmest majority and depends on each and every Knesset member in the ruling coalition.

Israel's parliamentary system is and has always been a fractious one, and governments rise and fall on the actions and votes of a few ministers. With 120 total seats in the Knesset, and a majority of 61 needed to form a government, small parties can have an amazing amount of power.

In the current government, it is the Ultra Orthodox parties that wield the power despite the fact that they only have a handful of seats. They have halted any attempts at greater inclusion in the military, and they have halted efforts at re-examining laws related to defining a who is a Jew, and they maintain their control over conversion.

Governments like this are polarizing,

not just in Israel but in the greater Jewish world. When an Israeli government minister makes a statement questioning the Jewish bona fides of his fellow (although not Orthodox) Jews, it has an enormous effect.

All Jews in Israel deserve to be treated equally, and how they choose to practice their faith should also be respected and accepted. The Louisville Jewish community has spoken out against Azoulay and his unacceptable comments. We've communicated our displeasure to our partners in Israel and encouraged them to address this issue in a satisfactory manner.

I hope that Reform and Conservative Judaism take their rightful place in Israel as genuine and respected expressions of the Jewish faith. But with the current make up of the Israeli government and the fact that it is beholden to Ultra Orthodox parties, it will take much harder work to make this a reality.

As much as the "Who is a Jew" issue has divided Israelis, the Iran deal seems to be uniting them. Most of the parties in Israel, from left to right, have united behind Prime Minister Netanyahu in opposition to the pending deal between Iran and other world powers on curtailing Iran's nuclear program.

There are no shortages of opinions on both sides of this issue and, as I see it, both sides make legitimate arguments. This agreement with Iran is far from perfect and leaves many questions unanswered. But it is very possible this is the best agreement that could be reached and the only other alternative was armed conflict.

What is not in dispute is the fact that this agreement will embolden Iran, provide a huge influx of money, and will cause Iran's neighbors to be quite wary of it. It is likely that Iran will use its newfound economic power to further the terrorist organizations they support (Hezbollah, Hamas, Islamic Jihad) and the murderous regimes they are backing (Assad in Syria and the Houthis in Yemen).

This too is at the heart of Israel's near universal opposition to this deal. It is unfair for the World Powers who negotiated this deal to be flippant and dismissive of Israel's (and other Middle East countries opposed to this deal) concerns.

I hope this deal will do what it proposes to do, but I also hope that the scrutiny it rightly deserves does not devolve into political posturing.

KLEMPNER

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position if I didn't think I could first help or if I didn't care about the organization. And I care deeply.'

Klempner has already begun to work. He has met individually with JCL department directors and participated in an orientation for new Board members and Committee Chairs. He's also engaging in continuing extensive discussions with JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner to ensure they are on the same page as they work to move the agency forward.

As a consensus builder, he also places high value on listening. He and Sara have put together a questionnaire for Board members and asked them to complete it before the first Board meeting of the fiscal year. It asks Board members to share their opinions about how the JCL is perceived; the agency's mission, vision and strategic plan; and the importance they place on a variety of issues and decisions Board members must address in the coming year. The responses to the questionnaire will be the basis for discussion at that meeting, and from that discussion, Klempner expects to identify priorities and work with Sara to develop an action plan. "I want everybody to be heading in the same direction," he said.

Looking forward, Klempner says, "There are so many opportunities ahead of us for this organization," and he plans to capitalize on many of them.

I'm very cognizant of the mission-driven programs and services that we provide," he observed, "and I'm cognizant that most of those programs and services either generate no revenue or not enough revenue to cover the cost." He is looking to ensure that other programs and services generate enough revenue or sufficient donated funds to cover those costs in the long run.

With respect to the Jewish Community Center facility, Klempner said, "I believe we are in the right place here on Dutchmans Lane. Whether we're in the rightsized building, the right-designed building, I'm not so sure." In fact, he says he's convinced something different needs to be done. He recognizes that a lot of work has already gone into this planning and he feels that "we have to make a decision and start working toward an end game and a plan," and it will involve not only the Jewish community, but all members of the JCC.

Klempner is eager to reach out to the Jewish community. He's working with Wagner to build partnerships with the Jewish congregations and agencies. He's also developed a plan to engage community members, starting with an outreach to the 100 largest donors to the Campaign. This effort will be coordinated with Wagner as she introduces herself to the community as the new President and CEO. He also wants to hear from members of the Jewish community who are

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B'ruchim Habaim, Welcome (or Welcome Back) to Our JCC

by Sara Klein Wagner President and CEO Jewish Community of Louisville



Sara Klein Wagner

always love the Hebrew phrase when we greet people with b'ruchim habaim. It expresses genuine warmth and happiness as we welcome people into our home.

As a community we welcome people at many en-

try points including our programs and services. The JCL (Jewish Community of Louisville – JCC and Federation) is open and welcome to everyone. Sometimes we get it just right but there are certainly

examples we can improve upon.

In fact, we know the consequences of being uninviting might be to keep people away for a long time. Our staff, leadership and volunteers aspire to make the perfect first impression, recognizing it is most important to keep the door open for every individual, whether he or she is wandering around or rushing to join in.

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In the 2013 Pew survey, "A Portrait of Jewish Americans," we read that overwhelmingly, American Jews feel a strong sense of belonging to the Jewish people while also highlighting that Jewish identity is changing, with one in five Jews describing themselves as having no religion. The survey also showed the majority of American Jews has a strong emotional attachment to Israel.

The demographics show 25 percent of the community has a high household income, while 20 percent of the Jewish community's household income is considered low. Our role is to ensure we meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community.

Understanding this study and the evolving community allows us to plan for a more diverse community with varying needs. Our JCL does not ask how you identify your Jewishness, rather we encourage and promote respect for each person's journey while embracing shared values and shared history. Along the way, we hope people will explore, engage and become more curious.

Our JCC is proud to have been part of the fabric of Louisville for over 125 years, and we look forward to many more years. We estimate that our doors literally opened to over 22,000 people last year. Clearly, we welcome the entire community and recognize that one does not need to be Jewish to be a part of the JCC family.

"A Portrait of Jewish Americans" noted that one third of American Jews identify with the Reform Movement of Judaism, the largest denomination on North America. Therefore, we have watched with concern the recent news from Israel where Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected the disparaging remarks of an Ultra Orthodox member of the Knesset regarding Reform Jews.

Netanyahu declared, "Israel is home

Netanyahu declared, "Israel is home for all Jews." Just as we strive to be welcoming and inclusive as the JCL, we believe all branches of Judaism should be respected here and in Israel. Our Jewish Community Relations Council will continue to educate and advocate on issues

of justice and religious freedom.

The following statement was emailed to the community and posted on our website on July 14, 2015.

"As you may know, last week Israeli Minister of Religious Services, David Azoulay (a member of the Sephardic Ultra-Orthodox Shas Party) made disparaging remarks about Reform Jews, saying they are not really Jews.

"The Jewish Community of Louisville condemns without reservation the false and hurtful comments of Mr. Azoulay. Statements like this only serve to divide the Jewish people both in Israel and the Diaspora and we commend Prime Minister Netanyahu for his swift repudiation of these remarks, confirming that they do not represent the position of the government of Israel.

"The bonds of brotherhood that unite the Jewish people are undone by remarks and actions of extremists in Israel who contribute to the growing religious divide among Jews.

"We call on the government of Israel to respect the religious beliefs of all Israelis, and to treat all streams of Judaism in Israel with equality and the reverence they deserve."

Our staff, board members and 21 committee chairs are eager to help you connect or reconnect with the JCC and Federation arms of our agency. *B'ruchim habaim*. We look forward to providing a warm welcome and a genuine respect for all of our members, donors, participants, guests and those whom we have yet to meet.

KLEMPNER

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not donors. From both groups, he wants to hear about what they like and don't like about the JCL.

"I'll listen to what you have to say," Klempner said. "I will tell you right up front that I may not be able to accomplish what you want, but that doesn't mean that I won't listen and talk about why we can or can't do it."

Klempner would also like to see an increase in volunteerism. The JCL staff works hard, but there is more to do than they can accomplish. "We need involvement; we need participation; we need energy; and we need assistance," he said. "Our volunteer base needs to be expanded on the committee level and we need more advocates out there in the Jewish community" for the annual Federation Campaign and for all the other programs and services the agency offers.

Klempner views himself as a resource for the staff and the community. In his meetings with the department directors, he invited them to call him. "I'm not going to tell you what to do or how to do it," he said, "but if you need some advice, want to bounce something off me, need help with a contact or networking, that's what I'm here to do."

"I look at this as a 24/7 job or responsibility," Klempner continued, "I'm here for our community and for the staff. My desire is just to try to get everybody pulling in the same direction."

A Louisville native, Klempner has a B.S. in business from Indiana University. For most of his career, he worked for his family's scrap metal business, Klempner Bros., Inc., and served as its president and CEO from 1990 until it was sold in 1998. Today, he is co-owner of MOROS North America, a specialized equipment supplier to the recycling industry.

A long-time volunteer, Klempner served on the Jewish Community of Louisville Board, most recently as vice chair. He chaired its Planning and Allocations Committee for three years, and was a member of that committee for a total of five years. Prior to merger, he served on the Jewish Federation Board, and he has been a volunteer on many other committees for the organization.

Klempner is a past president of Jewish Family & Career Services and continues to serve on its Board and Executive Committee. He formed and chaired the agency's first Marketing and Development Committee and chaired its 100th year Endowment Campaign, raising over \$2 million for the agency.

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In addition, Klempner has been an active volunteer in the general community. A past chair of The DePaul School Board, he served on the school's Board and Executive Committee as well as several other committees. The DePaul School serves families with children who learn differently.

He served for 10 years as the first Board Chair of Capital Access Corporation-Kentucky and served on its Board, Loan Committee and Executive Committee. He has also served on the Board and several committees of the Community Foundation of Louisville, and he helped that organization with developing past Strategic Plans. He Chaired the Grants Committee of the Foundation for four years.

In addition, he managed a private family foundation.

Klempner and his wife, Karen, have three children, Emily Klempner, Meg K. (Ben) Coomes and Michael Klempner. He is a member of Temple Shalom.

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Interns in the Jewish Community Learn Skills While Helping Agencies

by Becca Waller Special to Community

ith another hot and humid summer in full swing, Louisville's Jewish Community ▼ ▼ Summer Internship program is off to another great year. The Summer Internship Internship program is currently in its 14th year and growing every summer. Every winter ads go out seeking qualified college students to come and bring their talents and skills back to our local Jewish community. This summer four interns were chosen to participate, as well as one from Yale University's Bulldogs in the Bluegrass program.

Ellen Shapira, a senior career counselor at Jewish Family & Career Services, administers the program.

Not only does the internship program offer valuable career experience in a variety of fields, but it also offers a great chance to network within our community, as well as to give back. Participants are employed at both the JCC and JFCS, and each internship focuses on each student's career goals and interests. This summer there are two interns at the Jewish Community Center and three at Jewish Family & Career Services.

Benjamin Koby

Ben Koby is a rising sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in chemistry and statistics, with a minor in mathematics. Officially the IT intern at the Jewish Community Center, he really enjoys the position because it exposes him to many different aspects of business. Not only is he gaining valuable skills and a more complete knowledge of IT, but he is also learning a great deal about this particular field. Koby has done a little bit of everything from fixing computers and cables to working on various IT projects.

Originally, he applied for the internship because he believed it would be a fun and productive way to spend his summer, but he remarks that it has also improved his connections within the Louisville Jewish community. While at duPont Manual he was an active member of BBYO and says that this internship has helped reestablish those connections with the community.

In school he is a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, and enjoys spending time with his brothers.

He is the son of Risa and Chuck Koby, and a member of Adath Jeshurun.

Cole Finke is a rising sophomore at Cornell University. He is always up for a challenge and is in the Industrial and Labor Relations School, planning to concentrate in business or law, all while pursuing minors in business and Spanish. While unsure of an exact career path, he is interested in working in business, possibly finance or consulting, or attending law school. He hopes to move back to Louisville a few years after graduating college.

Finke is interning for the JFCS Center for Enterprise Development, as the micro-enterprise program assistant.

The JFCS Center for Enterprise Development provides low-income individuals with the skills they need to start their own businesses. It also provides microloans and financial assistance to businesses that might not be eligible for loans from a bank.

He applied because of his strong interest in business development and consulting. As the micro-enterprise program assistant, Finke analyzes the potential success of new businesses in various markets. His main project has been developing a new curriculum for the eightweek Navigate business course, which

educates clients on the process of starting a successful business

He is a member of Cornell's Sigma Chi chapter, in which he serves as chapter steward. Finke is also a member of the sports business society, the Intrafraternity Council new member education committee, and the student assembly campus life committee.

He is the son David and Helene Finke, and a member of The Temple.

Joseph Harlan

Joe Harlan is a rising sophomore at the University of Southern California, studying theater with an emphasis in acting. His future aspirations include starting his own improv troupe, and to be a screen and/or stage performer, writer, director and educator. Wanting to experience the non-performing side of a theater company, Harlan is the CenterStage Theatre Intern.

Harlan has been busy working on CenterStage's social media marketing, assisting with prop storage organization, acquiring school contacts for Acting Out (a professional touring children's theater troupe), planning and researching for Louisville's Got Talent, merchandise acquisition, copy editing and various other routine activities. He hopes to gain a firm grasp on the business and administrative side to a theater company as well as contacts in the community, by the end of his program.

While at school Harlan is involved with that School of Cinematic Arts, specifically working with casting and student films. He is also a member of the Backyard Chicken Club, which promotes and educates the student body at USC about domestic chicken keeping, for eggs, meat or as pets.

Harlan is the son of Mike and Sarah Harlan, and a member of The Temple.

Kevin Huang

While the other interns are all native Louisvillians, Kevin Huang came all the way from Boston to intern at JFCS. He is a rising sophomore economics student at Yale University, and is taking part in Yale's Bulldogs in the Bluegrass program. Sponsored by Kentucky Yale alumni, the program encourages current Yale students to seek employment in the Greater Louisville area.

Students apply directly for the internships of their choice, and the Bulldogs in the Bluegrass program provides housing, social events and the opportunity to engage with leaders in the Louisville

To date, Bulldogs in the Bluegrass has brought over 400 Yale students to Louisville. According to their website, over 40 Yale graduates have moved to Louisville after their internship experiences here.

Along with Finke, Huang is a micro-enterprise program assistant at the JFCS Center for Enterprise Development. He applied for the internship at JFCS because he wanted to experience microfinance in real life and make a difference in people's lives by giving them the means to get out of the cycle of pov-

For Huang, the most interesting part of the job so far is that he created a curriculum for the clients to help them assimilate to American business culture. from which, he says, he has learned quite a bit himself. He hopes to gain an understanding of how to start his own business. And of course, to have helped at least one of his clients pursue his or her dreams and achieve financial independence.

Not only is Huang enjoying the internship, but he is also taking advantage of all that the city has to offer. He has already been to Downs After Dark, met with U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth and Mayor Greg Fischer, and particularly enjoyed a kayaking trip to Elkhorn Creek. However, by the time his program is over he hopes to understand the UofL/UK rivalry and see a concert at the Yum! Center.

Back in Boston he is involved with Net Impact (a social enterprise group) and Berkeley College Orchestra (first violin).

He is the son of Guangfei Huang and Jianhua Zeng of Gainesville, FL.

Becca Waller

I am going into my senior year at the University of Louisville, majoring in communications with a focus in public relations and minoring in psychology. This summer, I am the marketing intern with the Marketing and Development Department at JFCS.

It's definitely been a busy summer so far for me. I began in early May and got right to work helping with the MOSAIC Awards, an annual program that celebrates and honors refugees and immigrants who have come to Louisville and achieved phenomenal things.

I was involved with everything from meeting with the event team down at the Marriott and creating the centerpieces, to getting the awards and sending thank vou letters. It was an event that I was honored to have my hand in.

I took a little break midway through my program to travel and experience Israel through the Taglit-Birthright program! For two weeks I explored new places, got out of my comfort zone, tried lots of new food and met friends that I will cherish and remember forever. It was a trip of a lifetime, and I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to visit the place I've always dreamed about vis-

As soon as I got back to JFCS, I had to hit the ground rolling with everything golf related. I only had a week before the Republic Bank Player's Challenge. My main task was collecting donation items for the silent auction.

I have really enjoyed my time spent with JFCS and I owe a great deal of that to my wonderful boss, Beverly Bromley, who has taught me an abundance of skills that are great to always have in my back pocket.

At UofL, I am an active member of Pi Beta Phi Women's Fraternity serving as sisterhood chair, a member of both Panhellenic Council and Hillel, as well as raiseRED, UofL's Dance Marathon, for which I have been a member of the Executive Board for three years. In my spare time I can be either be found cheering on the Cards or playing with my puppy.

My parents are Bill and Stacy Waller, and I am a member of Temple Shalom.



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"Jewish Community of Louisville"

Fashion Show and Tea for Girls Focuses on High Holidays

xpect the young Jewish girls of Louisville to look like fashionistas this year at High Holiday services after they attend the Louisville Jewish Community Center's Fashion Show and Tea Party on Sunday, August 30, at 3 p.m. at Standard Country Club. A full tea service complete with beverages and treats will be served.

Fresh Boutique 4 Girls, Louisville's newest store for girls' clothing, will showcase the latest, most exciting styles for fall in the fashion show and also have a pop-up boutique on site so attendees will have the opportunity to purchase the outfits modeled plus many more.

PJ Library will also feature a reading of Hanna's Šabbath Dress by Itzhak Schweiger-Dmi'el for those not interested in shopping after the fashion show.

The idea for this event stemmed from Tracy Geller and Keren Benabou, past Young Leadership Award Winners, while they were attending the GA in Baltimore this past spring. Both ladies thought occasional programs targeted to each gender while encouraging family attendance would be special for all involved. The JCC agreed and thought the Fashion Show and Tea would be a

great part of its JCC Louisville 125 Years programming. This special afternoon is an opportunity for multiple generations of a family to spend time together.

Fresh Boutique 4 Girls, owned by Shelly Breier and Lynn Saltzman, jumped at the opportunity to fashion the Jewish community's youngest members. They are providing outfits for the models and bringing many items to Standard for purchase. Fresh Boutique 4 Girls is located in a recently expanded store in Westport Village.

Program organizer Jennifer Tuvlin said, "Our hope is that mothers, grand-mothers, aunts or any special female friend will attend this event with their daughters or family members.

Tremember how exciting it was to get a new outfit and not be able to wear it until Rosh Hashanah," she continued. "I am sure all of the young girls attending will feel the same way after they see the great outfits that will be featured in the fashion show. I have three boys but still wanted to buy half of the clothes at Fresh Boutique 4 Girls for my friends' kids when Shelly and I started planning this event.

Your daughter or granddaughter

could even be one of the models. Anyone who registers to attend with his or her child by August 1 is eligible to enter that child, age 5-12, for a drawing. Two children from that pool will be selected as models for the show. Register online at jewishlouisville.org/tea_fashion.

The host committee is Keren Benabou, Anna Feitelson, Claire Felsen, Tracv Geller, Elise Goldstein, Julie Marks, Shannon Rothschild, Melanie Wachsman, Diane Weinberg and Hunter Weinberg.

The Fashion Show and Tea Party is for girls ages 5-12 and their families. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Contact Jennifer Tuvlin at 502-459-0660 or jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org with any questions. Be sure to check Community and jewishlouisville.org for future events in the JCC Louisville 125 Year Celebration.



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JULY 30

YAD Happy Hour

5-7 p.m. Bluegrass Brewing Co. Appetizers provided. For more information, contact Matt Goldberg, mgoldberg@ jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2707.

JULY 31

Communitywide Tzofim Concert and Family Shabbat Dinner

6 p.m. concert; 7 p.m. dinner. JCC. \$15 per adult; \$8 per child. Concert, free. The Israeli Scouts will present an energetic, entertaining, family-friendly concert, followed by a kosher family Shabbat dinner. RSVP by July 24 at wwwjewishlouis ville.org/event/communty-wide-tzofimconcert-a-dn-family-shabbat-dinner/.

AUGUST 9

Teen Connection Kings Island Trip 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Drop off and pick up at the JCC. \$60, \$50 for JCC members. Open to rising 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Sing up online at www.jewishlouisville.

org/event/teen-connection-kings-islandtrip/. For more information, contact Mike Steklof, 502-238-2774 or msteklof@ jewishlouisville.org.

AUGUST 10 School's Out Days at the JCC

9 a.m.-4 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, swimming, arts and crafts. Theme: Going on a Picnic. For more information and to register, go to jewishlouisville.org/event/schools-outday-going-on-a-picnic/.

AUGUST 16 PJ Library and Shalom Baby Music Class

10 a.m., JCC. Shalom Baby graduates up to 3 years old will be treated to a free music class with John Gage.

AUGUST 20-30 CenterStage and Hilliard Lyons Present 9 to 5: The Musical

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AUGUST 30-OCTOBER 7 Patio Gallery Exhibit

Ying Kit Chan exhibit in the gallery; Crane House in the lobby; Mike McCarthy in the rotunda. Opening reception Sunday, August 30, 2-4 p.m.

AUGUST 30 JCC'S FASHION SHOW AND TEA PARTY

3-5 p.m., Standard Country Club. \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Tea, PJ Library story time and fashion for girls. Fashion from Fresh Boutique 4 Girls. Bring a used dress for NCJW's Nearly New Shop and receive a coupon. Register online at jewishlouisville.org/event/tea-fashionshow/. See story, this page.

AUGUST 30

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CenterStage Launch Party Showcases Exciting New Season



The cast of The Who's Tommy



Pam and Dennis Sullivan



John Leffert and Melissa Kenney Shepherd



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Alfred Jones Jr., Jessica Adamson, Cory Stephens and Maggie Patten



Ryan and Jasmine Lanham



Lauren McCombs, Remy Sisk and Maggie Patten

by Shiela Steinman Wallace *Editor*

he atmosphere was festive as CenterStage supporters arrived at the JCC on Saturday, June 27, for a preview of the 2015-16 season. There was a feeling of great anticipation in the air as people picked up their appetizers and drinks and settled into CenterStage's comfortable, new chairs, and the crowd was not disappointed.

With the company's Artistic Director John Leffert as emcee, Jordan Price, Walker Evans, Emmett King, Jessica Adamson, Julie McGuffey, Lauren McCombs, Cory Stephens, Remy Sisk, Maggie Patton, Tymika Prince, Amy Wheatley and Melissa Kenney Shepherd presented teasers from the upcoming season.

From well-known pieces like the theme from 9to5 The Musical performed by McCombs, McGuffey and Adamson to the lesser known "Fight the Dragons," from Big Fish, that has almost become Price's theme song, every piece left the audience eagerly anticipating the new season.

The Who's Tommy, presented by j Michael's Spa and Salon, has already completed its run (see review, this page), but there is plenty yet to come. 9to5, presented by Hilliard Lyons and ABCSignup.com, runs August 20-30 and promises an evening of music by Dolly Parton, comedy and fun as three quirky secretaries take on their chauvinistic boss.

From October 22-November 8, it's the Charles Dickens classic *Oliver!* Emmett King and Walker Evans, two talented youngsters, provided a taste of the show with "Consider Yourself at Home" – which, of course, also goes for CenterStage's invitation to the community.

That will be followed by *Big Fish*, presented by Platinum Travel, January 28-February 14; and *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying*, presented by Hilliard Lyons.

While Melissa Shepherd didn't offer a song from *Patsy Cline: A Life in Concert*, presented by Hilliard Lyons, she gave tantalizing hint of what theater-goers should expect from this updated version of her popular show. She even let it slip that Mike Fryman, one of the best male honky tong singers in the area, will be joining her on stage from May 11-22.

And in a first for CenterStage, *The Rocky Horror Show* will be running in rep with *Patsy Cline*.

Don't have your tickets yet? Go to CenterStageJCC.org or call 502-238-2773 for more information or to purchase tickets.



Above, Walker Evans and Emmett King performed "Consider Yourself Part of the Family" from *Oliver!*

At right, Tamyka Prince as "Acid Queen" from *Tommy*



REVIEW

The Who's Tommy

by David Wallace
Special to Community

ohn Leffert's and CenterStage's production of the musical *The Who's Tommy*, presented by j Michael's Spa & Salon, is based on a solid foundation of 46 years or so. The Rock Opera Tommy was released on May 23, 1969, the year of Charles Manson, Neil Armstrong, and, above all, the Woodstock Musical Festival made headlines. Pete Townshend and The Who wanted to latch onto the album theme concept that The Beatles, The Beach Boys and others had begun and produced a rock opera.

Woodstock became the venue that launched this successful enterprise. Much later down the road Pete Townshend said: "what we really want to do is create this feeling and when you listen to the music you can actually become aware of the boy and aware of what he's all about because we are creating him as we play." ("The History of *The Who's 'Tommy*" by Bryan Wawzenek)

Therefore, every time you hear this rock opera or see the musical which was crafted in 1992, you are seeing a recreation of Tommy, the messiah of rock and roll who rose from that "deaf, dumb, blind boy," abused from childhood, to the pinball wizard and musical guru with a fanatic following of millions who turn on him as Tommy embraces his family and forgives those who abused him in the first place.

This brings us to the CenterStage production of *Tommy*, which blew the lid off the place and even included some pyrotechnics near the end of the show.

The effectiveness of the show depends heavily on the performance of Tommy, and Kyle Braun led the way transforming the lead character from mirror-bound Tommy to mega-rock star to forgiver of all those who tormented him in the end.

Braun was able to communicate with the audience from the beginning of his

mute stage and never made a false step throughout his performance. He, with Tommy, age 4, played by Drew Ashley, and Tommy, age 10, played by Hunter Broyles, were able to showcase the transition from frustrated mute punching bag to an intensely aware Tommy at the

Uncle Ernie, played by Jason Cooper, was appropriately creepy (if that's possible) and Cousin Kevin was sadistic and bewildered near the end when hugged and forgiven by Tommy.

This production was far more than just a musical. It was a comment on life created in the turmoil of the 1960's and as fresh and vital, acid-tinged and loud, as we negotiated the early part of the 21st century. If you don't like the music, see it for its message and the light show that is CenterStage, but, as for me, if I could have just heard "Pinball Wizard" one more time, I would have been completely satisfied.

Next up is 9to5 August 20-30. For tickets go to CenterStageJCC.org or call 459-0660.

Operation Save a Life Raises Money to Reunite Family

story and photos by Robert H. Sachs *Special to Community*

t was a time to celebrate. No, it wasn't a Jewish holiday, but the celebration had aspects of one. As Jews, we are commanded by God to help those in need. It is for us an act of justice. And that's what Operation Save a Life was all about. We gathered on June 23 at Jewish Hospital to help a former Lost Boy of Sudan reunite with his wife and three daughters.

There was food, of course. There was music made possible by the Jodi Feld Lapin Fund of Adath Jeshurun and arranged by Cantor David Lipp, who also performed.

The call went out to raise the money needed to help Martin Naihl. And the Jewish community, spearheaded by Rabbi Robert Slosberg of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, responded. Scores of people donated to the Adath Jeshurun Pikuach Nefesh Fund of Jewish Hospital & St Mary's Foundation. Enough money to do the job.

When Sudanese militia attacked in the 1990's, Martin, like thousands of others, fled and became one of the legendary Sudanese "Lost Boys" who drifted unaccompanied through one peril after another and eventually to refugee camps, first in Ethiopia and then in Kenya.

Over the years, he married and had children. He was one of the lucky few to make it to the United States, and luckier still to Louisville. Martin, who now works as a surgical technician at Jewish Hospital, spoke movingly about the plight of the Lost Boys of Sudan. He expressed the feeling that he has found a home here in Louisville and is no longer



Jacob Ajok Alier, Ajang Ajak, Anyuon Agoth, Philip Alier and Gabriel Kwai.

lost.

But, bringing his family to the United States has proven difficult and costly. Now, through the efforts of Rabbi Slosberg, Cantor Lipp, the Jewish Hospital & St Mary's Foundation and especially the generosity of Louisville's Jews, the long delayed reunion is in sight.

Martin's wife and three daughters between the ages of 2 and 9 are in Uganda. Martin has raised a fifth of the money needed to bring them to Louisville and our Jewish community raised the rest.

In fact, the community raised enough that Martin should be able to keep the portion he raised for use when his family arrives in Louisville.



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Tu B'Av, the 15th of Av, Is Like Valentine's Day

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

ewish Hospital is preparing to celebrate Tu B'Av for the very first time. This little known holiday, which falls on the evening of July 30 is often compared to Valentine's Day, is a chance to celebrate love. The Babylonian Talmud (Taanit 30b) states that this is one of the happiest days of the calendar. This was the traditional start of the grape harvest, and women and girls used to go out into the vineyards, dressed in white, dancing and celebrat-

There are many rabbinic legends attributed to this holiday. The Talmud relates that, on this date, the members of the tribe of Benjamin were allowed to marry those from other tribes, and the daughters of Zelophehad advocated for a change in law so that female orphans were able to not only inherit, but to marry beyond their own tribe. These stories highlight the triumphant power of love, and led to the establishment of a broader Jewish celebration of love on the 15th (Tu) of the month of Av.

At Jewish Hospital, we have hearts that are filling our cafeteria, as part of our celebration of this special day. In Hebrew, the word "lev" translates to both heart and mind, and indeed, the Torah has always held that these are interrelated. Indeed, when it comes to cardiovascular health, it is clear that each impacts the other. The American Heart Association (AHA) focuses on raising resources to defeat not only heart disease

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but also stroke and other related cardio-

For Jewish Hospital, rated the number one heart hospital in the state, the opportunity to celebrate Tu B'Av is an opportunity to raise awareness around heart health as well as to celebrate its cutting edge cardiac care, including its recent 200th TAVR procedure, a transcatheter aortic-valve replacement, which is a revolutionary and minimally invasive heart procedure for patients with severe aortic stenosis.

Jewish Hospital, along with University of Louisville Hospital, the state's first Joint-Commission certified comprehensive stroke center, have utilized Tu B'Av as an opportunity to partner with the AHA in anticipation of its upcoming heart walk.

The AHA's campaign asks every person to think about their "why" - what personal story connects them to the need to improve heart health awareness. Given that heart disease and stroke are among the top five causes for mortality in the nation, and given that Kentucky leads the nation in this statistic, we have more "whys" than we would like. Every year, in Louisville, there are an estimated 750 cardiac arrests. Only 10 percent

of those people survive.

At KentuckyOne Health, we are committed to improving heart health, in order to save lives and bring wellness to our community. In addition to our recently launched "Dr. Ornish's Program for Reversing Heart DiseaseTM", in the past year, staff at Jewish Hospital provided education and screening about heart health and chest pain to approximately 600 residents of Louisville.

KentuckyOne Health also provided funding and support to the Start The Heart Foundation's project to provide free training in hands-only CPR to ninth grade students in Jefferson County. In Jefferson County, only 25 percent of cardiac arrest victims receive bystander CPR. Research indicates that if a person receives bystander CPR, this can triple

the chance of surviving the event. This is just one way that we hope to improve the outcomes for all of us.

Support for these heart healthy projects is just one of the many ways that KentuckyOne Health lives out its mission to provide wellness, healing and hope to all, including the underserved.

May this year's Tu B'Av bring healing to the hearts and minds of us all.

JESNA Says Farewell with Integrity

The Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA) made the difficult decision to cease its program operations in 2013; however the agency held its final Board meeting in New York last

Why such a long gap? JESNA Board Chair Cass Gottlieb and 27-year JESNA professional veteran Jonathan Woocher collaborated on an essay published on July 7 on ejewishphilanthropy.com/fulfilling-a-mission-to-the-very-end/

the time to explain.

JESNA's decision was prompted by the evolution of Jewish education and dwindling support from federations. "But, the leadership of the agency was determined that JESNA's closure be done with dignity and responsibility, and the agency's mission advanced even with its demise," Gottlieb and Woocher

JESNA's Board first ensured that staff received the severance they were due. A special allocation form the Alliance, a group of federations that provided the bulk of JESNA's support, and a final fundraising campaign ensured that all

creditors were paid in full.

"We believe that the Board's commitment not to file for bankruptcy, and the members' willingness to back that up with their own contributions, was an important statement about what it means to exercise responsible stewardship of a Jewish communal organization," the writers continued.

JESNA's Board also ensured that the agency's flagship programs found new homes. So today, even though JESNA has closed its doors, its Lainer Israel Fellows, Grinspoon Teacher Awards, Jewish Futures Conferences and other projects continue to exist.

The JESNA Board was also faced with the task of deciding how to distribute three-quarters of a million dollars in endowment funds that were given to help the agency pursue its Jewish educational objective. After doing their due diligence, the Board selected 10 worthy agencies, enumerated by Gottlieb and Woocher in their post:

ADCA (Association of Directors of Central Agencies), to promote inter-com-

munity collaboration;

CASJE (Consortium for Applied Studies in Jewish Education), to support small-scale research projects;

Covenant Foundation, for an initiative in the area of family education;

Education and Jewish Studies Program at NYU, for an Innovation Lab; Hebrew at the Center, to pilot an as-

sessment based approach to strengthening Hebrew language teaching and learning; Jewish New Teacher Project, to train

additional mentor teachers:

Nitzan Network, to support alternative Jewish after-school programs; Paradigm Project, to establish a

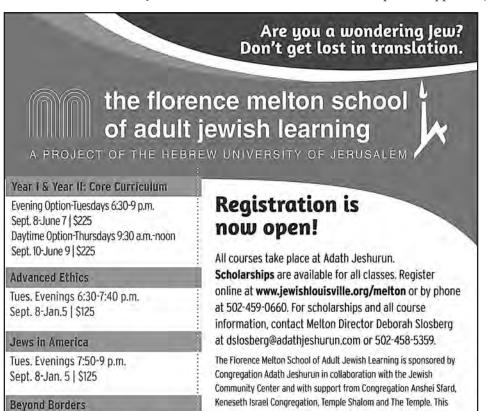
coaching academy for early childhood educators:

RAVSAK, for their Head of School Professional Excellence Project;

Workmen's Circle, to plan new culturally-oriented supplementary school

JESNA is now in the process of distributing its assets and will formally file for dissolution once the distribution is complete. The agency has ensured that its legacy will enable others to continue its innovative work in Jewish education.

Louisville's Bob Sachs served on JESNA's Board for at least 15 years, including four years as treasurer. He was part of the Board and the Finance committee until the end, and was one of the Board members who stepped up to ensure that JESNA would fulfill its mandate until the end with all obligations met. At the closing meeting, Woocher singled Sachs out for his financial leadership, and later wrote, "Thanks, Bob. We literally could not have done it without your leadership."



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Charlaine Reynolds Named Director of Chavurat Shalom

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

harlaine Reynolds, the new director of the Chavurat Shalom program, sees her position as an exciting opportunity and a way for her to encourage people to achieve successful aging. The keys, she says, are positive attitude, recognizing your limitations and being able to adapt.



As she begins her work, she looks forward to expanding the Sarah program. Robinson, a vol-unteer with Cha-vurat Shalom, has already planned a number of exciting programs through the end of the year, and Reynolds is looking forward to serving the pro-

gram's existing constituency and growing the number of participants.

Chavurat Shalom is not just for members of The Temple, Reynolds stressed. It is a communitywide program that meets every Thursday at The Temple, but is supported by agencies across the community, including 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.

Lunch, available for just \$5, is served at noon, and the program begins at 1. Reservations for lunch are required, and ko-sher lunches are available upon advance

Reynolds is planning an outreach effort to seniors in all congregations, and is eager to hear what potential participants want and need.

Originally from Baton Rouge Louisiana, Reynolds' 20-year career has included many aspects of working with an aging population, from working with active seniors and helping them age successfully to working in assisted living to caring for people with dementia in a nursing home. For Reynolds, part of the appeal of working with Chavurat Shalom is the opportunity to work with healthy, active seniors.

She has a B.A. in social science from the University of Houston, and a Certificate in Gerontology from the school's Graduate School of Social Work. She's also an Activity Director Certified Memory Care Specialist and a Certified Dementia Practitioner.

In addition to running the Chavurat Shalom program, Reynolds owns Age Transitions, a business that engages in advocacy, guidance and education for seniors and their families.

In addition, Reynolds loves to cook she's been cooking seriously since she was 12 - and occasionally teaches a healthy cooking class. She's also an ex-smoker who is interested in helping others kick the habit, so she teaches 13-week smoking cessation classes for Cooper-Clayton, offering her students patches and support.

Reynolds came to Louisville in 2006, trying to escape the heat and floods in Houston.

When she experienced burn-out working in nursing homes, she turned to Jewish Family & Career Services for help. "The counselor persuaded me to start my own business," she said. She's happy with her decision and often recommends JFCS to her clients.

Her business, Age Transitions, offers caregiver education to adults with aging parents. She explains the aging process, makes referrals to local programs and services and helps with long-distance

caregiving.
"I truly love my work," she said, and often attends conferences on healthy

She is married to Conred Reynolds, has a son, Justin, who is serving in the Air Force, and two grandchildren, Caelyn and Alexis.

Ament Shares Caregiver's Journey

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

What would happen if one day, you and your spouse were enjoying life to-gether as you always had and were making plans for the future, and the next day, when you woke up, you discovered your life partner had suffered a major stroke and would need help and care for life?

That is exactly what happened to Allan Ament. In August 2005, his wife, Delores, had a stroke and he had to learn how to cope. Now, 10 years later, he has learned a great deal about being a caregiver and the changes it has wrought in their lives. In the course of transitioning to the role of caregiver, Ament kept a journal and that became the basis of the ook, Learning to Float.

The Louisville native spoke about his book and his experiences at JFCS on Monday, June 29.

As the days and weeks dragged on following his wife's stroke, Ament said he realized, "I had become a statistic. I was of 64 million unpaid caregivers in the country." He estimates unpaid caregivers contribute about \$460 billion to the

Caring for his wife has become the most important thing in his life. "Our lives changed dramatically that day," he said of the day of his wife's stroke, "and in many ways, for the better. Our relationship is stronger or as strong as ever.' He also learned a lot about himself.

Throughout the evening, he read snippets of the book, sharing some of the challenges they faced together, how he grew and changed as a caregiver, his frustrations with the medical care for stroke victims and insurance companies. He also addressed the ups and downs of his wife's condition.

He distilled the book into a series of lessons for caregivers. Some of them are: • Take care of yourself - exercise, eat

- well, take naps. Follow a spiritual practice.
- Look for positive energy.
- Ask for help.
- Cry out, scream, express your feelings, but ensure that you are not making the person you are caring for the object of abuse
- Read research and ask questions.
- Be an advocate.
- Find intellectual and creative outlets.
- Accept what's happening.
- Be thankful for what you have rather than mourning what you don't have.
- Feel gratitude for big and small things.

CHAVURAT SHALOM



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July 30

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August 13

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Jennifer Diamond will present a classical vocal recital with pianist David Lunch in the Heideman Auditorium: concert in the Waller Chapel

August 27

Bingo and visit with the new program director, Charlaine Reynolds. August birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated.

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. For reservations, call Charlaine Reynolds, 502-992-0749 or email Charlaine.reynolds@gmail.com.

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Celebrate Israel at Community Shabbat Dinner and Concert

he community is invited to come to dance and celebrate our connection with Israel at the Community-Wide Tzofim Concert and Family Shabbat Dinner on Friday, July 31, at the Jewish Community Center.

The Friends of Israel Scouts Inc., or Tzofim, will come to Louisville and spend the day with JCC campers, teaching them songs and Israeli culture. At 6 p.m., the scouts will perform a concert for the community, and there will be a kosher family Shabbat dinner at 7. The cost for dinner is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children.

The Tzofim will also perform for campers at 2 p.m.

The show, which travels to various camps and JCCs around the country, offers a medley of contemporary and traditional songs from the U.S. and Israel.

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"They are really talented," said Mike
Steklof, assistant director of camping
and youth. "The show is a lot of fun for
the kids and families, and it's another
great opportunity for our campers to
learn about Israeli culture."

The group will lead Israel education activities earlier in the day to teach campers about Israel and Israeli culture.



Formed in 1995, the Tzofim program seeks to strengthen relationships between Israel and North American Jewry, project Israel in a positive light and form strong bonds of friendship between the Israeli youth and their American counterparts. The scouts have come to be a fun, well-loved summertime tradition.

There will be 12 scouts in Louisville, all of them Israeli teens, staying with volunteer host families.

For more information on the concert or the Israeli Scouts, contact Mike Steklof at 502-238-2774 or msteklof@jewishlouisville.org.



Josie Partin and Isabella Sparling cheer on the JCC Gators to victory in the Louisville Swim Association Division 3 on July 19. The Gators finished second last year but went undefeated this season, including winning the championship by more than 200 points. The Gators had 115 swimmers this season, the most in 5 years. Aquatics Director Johnny Kimberlin said it was a very successful season with a lot of improvement and fun for everyone.

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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.

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EVENTS

PIZZA for the PANTRY

Sunday, August 16, 2015 Noon — 2 p.m. Wick's on Goose Creek 2927 Goose Creek Rd.



Our annual pizza eatin' fundraiser to benefit the JFCS Sonny and Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund is back!

All you can eat cheese and veggie pizza plus a drink will be provided. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door and \$5 for kids ages 4 to 12. Kids under 3 eat for free. Dine in only.

Tickets are on sale now. For more information, contact Kim Toebbe at ext.103 or ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org.

Bring a canned good, your hungry self, family and friends! See you there!

Family Mitzvah Back to School Event

Sunday, July 26, 2015 Noon -1:00 p.m. at JFCS

Help JFCS fill backpacks with school supplies for students in need. There will be lots of games, activities and contests for the entire family. Lunch will be provided.

Bring donations of school supplies and food for the food pantry.

Suggested donations:

calculators pencils, pens and markers scissors, rulers and other utensils notebooks

For more information or to sign up, contact Kim Toebbe at ext.103 or ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org.

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Early registration fee \$55 Fee is \$65 after August 7th To register, contact Janet Poole at ext. 222 or jpoole@jfcslouisville.org

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JFCS is conducting a weekly clinic for couples and families who have a need for counseling with a reduced fee schedule.

Hourly sessions are available Tuesday evenings at 5 and 6 p.m. The cost per session is \$20. Appointments are required. Availability is limited.

Contact Kathryn Fetter at ext. 258 or kfetter@jfcslouisville.org to schedule an appointment.

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups

Third Monday of the month, 12:45p.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

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.

by Lisa Hornung Communications Specialist

hen World War II ended, and service men and women came back home, there wasn't much fanfare. Soldiers and sailors just went home and restarted their lives. Now, some of those who served are getting a chance to get the closure and thanks they deserve by going to visit memorial sites in Washington, D.C., with Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter.

Harold Levy, 92, had that opportunity in May. Last year, he read about the Honor Flight program in *The Courier-Journal*, and he applied. He didn't hear anything about it for nearly a year until he got a call at the beginning of May.

"I got a call asking did I want to go on the Honor Flight, and I said, 'Of course!"

Honor Flight is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization created to honor America's veterans for their sacrifices.

The organization flies heroes to Washington to visit and reflect at their me-

morials for their service, sacrifices and memories.

The organization gives top priority to those Veterans from any war or conflict that have been diagnosed with a terminal illness, those whose end of life is near and World War II survivors.

Levy, who now lives in a nursing home, can't say enough good things about his trip. From the excellent pilots to the well-managed organization, his visit to Washington was one to remember.

There were 120 veterans on the flight, and each veteran was assigned a helper to stay by his or her side through the entire trip. The veterans are all elderly, and many have illnesses and need assistance

Their first stop was Arlington National Cemetery, where they learned that there are more than 400,000 graves. "All you saw up hills and down hills and in valleys were headstones. I couldn't imagine that many people in one specific area. It boggles the mind," Levy said.

The group visited two other monu-

ments that day

"We couldn't believe it because there must have been 3,000-4,000 people, all waving flags and wanting to shake our hands," Levy said. "It was so exciting because, to tell you the truth, when I was discharged in 1945, we just came home. There was no acknowledgement of any kind.

"My father said after a week of me sitting at home, 'Are you gonna sit around the rest of your life?' So I went and got my job back."

At every stop on the trip, the group was swarmed with well-wishers who thanked them for their service and wanted to shake their hands.

"We were worn out! It was little kids, grown people, they all came over and shook your hand, "Thank you for your service,' and it's exciting, but very tiring," he said.

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When they headed back toward home, the veterans were happy to be coming to the Louisville International Airport where there wouldn't be any people waiting for them. They were wrong.

"Well, that was just a fallacy! There was a mob there. I may exaggerate the size of the crowd but not the enthusi-

Levy said the whole trip, while tiring, really made him feel the appreciation of the public.

"Nobody really cared when we came home," he said. "That was the feeling that most of us had. But when you go through this whole trip and realize that people really did care. And these were not just people who had relatives in the service. These were people who were genuine.

"It was a wonderful, wonderful trip," Levy observed. "Any man that was in the service who doesn't take advantage and try to take that trip, he's missing something."

Levy has already talked another veteran in his nursing home into signing up for a flight.

Levy moved to Louisville at age 3 from Pennsylvania and was raised here. He was in the U.S. Army Air Corps for four years until 1945. While in the Air Corps, he never left Kentucky because of his vision. "I guess they thought I'd shoot the wrong people," he joked.

When he returned, he began a career

When he returned, he began a career in retail and eventually was manager of a Ben Snyder department store. He is a member of Anshei Sfard Synagogue.

Interfaith Iftar Dinner Draws 500

by Shiela Steinman Wallace *Editor*

The Pakistani American Alliance for Compassion and Education (PACE) hosted an interfaith Iftar dinner on July 9 to break the daily fast during the month of Ramadan. The event, which drew more than 500 people of many different faiths, was held at Second Presbyterian Church.

This Iftar dinner has become an annual event that the Pakistani Islamic community uses to build bridges with other faith communities in Louisville. The event began at 8 with a series of speakers, and dinner was served after sunset.

Dr. Muhammad Babar, a leader in PACE, explained to the crowd that the dinner is a celebration of Ramadan and it "reminds us that our main duty is to serve humanity." He drew a clear line between the peace-loving majority of Muslims the violent extremists like the Taliban and ISIS. He concluded his remarks with a quote from the Trappist Monk Thomas Merton, telling the gathering that your faces are shining like the sun – we belong to each other.

Mayor Greg Fischer spoke briefly about Louisville's momentum as a city of compassion and love and the richness our diversity brings to our culture. The first step, he said is to learn about our differences; the second is to accept those differences; and the third is to go beyond those differences to make a difference. "We all have the same God," he said, "but we serve him differently." And as Muhammad Ali said, all people are part of one family.

Representing Louisville's Islamic Community, Dr. Kiarash Jahed's comments followed in the same vein. He told the story of the some of the earliest followers of the Prophet Muhammad who were heavily persecuted in Mecca. They sought refuge from the king of Abyssinia. The king asked what they believe and the Muslims replied, Muhammad taught us to worship one God, to be good to our neighbors, prayer, charity, to care for others, to seek good and to move from darkness toward light. After talking for a while, the king realized there was no difference between them and welcomed them.

"You cannot have interfaith harmony," Jahed concluded, "unless you can look at someone not of the same faith as you and say honestly, that is my people."

ou and say honestly, that is my people." Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport of The Temple shared Rabbi Nachman of Breslov's Song of the Grass, that says every shepherd and each blade of grass has its own song and God's song is heard over all. But the greatest song is the harmony created with all the songs together. "We can be other and the same at once," he said.

The keynote speaker of the evening was Father James Channan, a Catholic priest who serves as director of the Peace Center of the Dominican Order in Pakistan. He told the story of a Pakistani Christian couple. The wife was accused of burning some pages from the Koran and a local imam issued a fatwa ordering that the couple be killed for blasphemy. Channan reported that 2,000 people turned out to carry out the fatwa and when it was done, only the couple's ashes remained.

Word of this killing reached Dr. Babar and it grieved him. The Louisville physician contacted Father Channan with an offer to sponsor the couple's children. With Dr. Babar's help, Father Channan purchased a house for the children, and funds are available to provide the opportunity for them to become doctors.

"Louisville is a compassionate city," Father Channan said, "and I'm sure the rest of the world can learn from Louisville." He also expressed hope that one day his city and Louisville can be sister cities.

He also described some of the intolerance he sees in his own country. In Pakistan, 96 percent of the population is Muslim, he said, and most of them want to live in peace. A small number of terrorists make this very difficult.

On July 19, Father Channan received the Ambassador of Global Peace Award from a United Nations organization.

The Rev. Susan EngPoole, the interim director of Interfaith Paths to Peace, led an interfaith blessing before the meal and Dr. Syed Khader presented the call to evening prayer before breaking the Ramadan fast. Those Muslims who wanted to pray before eating were able to do so in a separate room.

The dinner was catered by Jarfi's Catering.

PACE is an outgrowth of the Association of American Physicians of Pakistani Descent (APPKI). APPKI, a group with membership of physicians and their families only) started the Iftar dinner five years ago. As this dinner's popularity grew, PACE was established to enable members of Louisville's Pakistani community who are not physicians to participate in hosting the event.

Ladino Music Sparkles with Hordes' Touch

by Shiela Steinman Wallace *Editor*

Time is a precious commodity when you work and have a young family. For *klei kodesh* (Jewish clergy) who serve congregations, it is even more so because they are on call 24/7 to meet their congregants' pressing needs.

Somehow, Cantor Sharon Hordes managed to juggle her responsibilities at Keneseth Israel and family time with two young daughters and still find time to produce a wonderful CD of Ladino music, *Mi Coraçon Sospira* (My Heart Sighs).

Ladino is the language of the Span-

Ladino is the language of the Spanish Jewish community with roots in the Golden Age of Spain. The Ladino repertoire includes songs that document everyday life, mark and celebrate Jewish holidays and lifecycle events, and reflect on the despair caused by the Inquisition.

I don't think there can be a first CD of Ladino songs that doesn't include the classics "Avram Avinu" (Abraham, Our Father) and "Los Bilbilicos" (The Nightengales). But even classics can seem new and fresh when presented with a twist.

Cantor Hordes, who worked with classical guitarist Gareth Jones on both the

ments and the performances, has done just that, mak-ing each song on the CD her own. The lyr-

her own.
The lyrics sparkle clearly as she infuses each selection with emotion.
In "Scalarica de Oro" (Golden Stair-

way), a wedding song that says that on her wedding day, even a poor bride should shine, moves back and forth between joy and sadness, capturing the bride's dilemma.

In keeping with Jewish tradition, Cantor Hordes has also incorporated a tzedakah project into the CD. For every CD purchased, five percent of the proceeds will go to Seeds of Peace, an organization that runs a summer camp in the U.S. for teens who come from areas of conflict around the world.

CDs are available for purchase online from several sources for about \$18.

The Drew Corson Youth Athletic Scholarship Fund

When Drew Corson, an outstanding young athlete, passed away in his early teens, his friends and family established a youth athletic scholarship fund in his name to carry-on his goals, spirit and purpose in perpetuity. Funding has also enhanced the JCC's sports programming by providing for the purchase of sports-related equipment and supplies.

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Teachers Participate in P2G Conference in W. Galilee

by Lisa Hornung Communications Specialist

ive local Hebrew school teachers traveled to the Western Galilee this summer as part of the Partnership2Gether Twinning program for educators.

Amy Danino, Rachel Goldman and Karen Feder from Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad; and Bernard and Marilyn Pincus from The Temple Hebrew School joined 10 others on the trip, which introduced them to the Israeli way of educating children.

The teachers have been a part of the twinning program before, but had never been on a trip to Israel specifically for

this purpose.

We're still high from it and it's been three weeks," said Karen Feder. "It was so good; it was such a great trip. We've all had Israel experiences before. This wasn't the first time for any of us. But there are things we did while we were there that we had never experienced before.

Bernard Pincus was on his first trip

to Israel, however, and had similar good things to say about it. "It was a series of enthralling high points," Pincus said. 'Coming into Israel and flying over the coast was an emotional experience that will stay with me forever."

Danino, who has lived in Israel before, was very excited about her experi-

ence on this trip.

'It's like putting different lenses on," she said. "We spent so much time in the classroom and experiencing the kids and the educators and how their education system works and how we can take our Hebrew school system and kind of connect with them and figure out where the similarities are and how they can help us and we can help them."

The LBSY teachers said they plan to incorporate so much of the visit to their

classrooms.

Danino just finished her master's degree in elementary education. She said this trip was particularly eye-opening. 'The way that the education system is set up there, the kids don't have the pressures [that American children do]," she said. "The spirit is different. The kids are so much happier there. They're running around, playing soccer between classes.

"Or just taking a sandwich and sitting out on the grass," Karen Feder added.

Danino continued, "At one school we went to, 80 percent of the kids play a musical instrument.

'The teachers there said they are under a lot of pressure to push STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics), but they just don't worry about it. They said, 'The kids need this (music), so this is what we give them," Karen Feder added.

She said she met with a school director that she will twin with this year, which is at a naval boarding school. She

teaches eighth grade.

The important thing for eighth grade is for them to kind of understand the political side of Israel," Karen Feder said. "The history of Israel, and being able to learn those things from kids that are pre-military but are definitely in that path of the navy, and they can really learn a lot from each other. One of the things I want to teach this year is to try to instill that Zionist love of Israel that they don't get here if they're not exposed to Israel a lot. Israel could be any country to them. It could be England or it could be France.

She added that part of the reason for American Jewish children's distance from Israel is that they have never lived in a world without it. While Jews in the United States today suffer much less anti-Semitism - a good thing - they don't feel a connection to Israel as Jews of previous generations did.

"You kind of lose that sense of who you are," Danino said. "Because you don't have to connect to each other.

"Hebrew school is separate from daily life," Danino added. "You go on Wednesdays and Sundays, but a lot of these kids are not necessarily Jewish outside of their synagogues or Hebrew school, especially once they get into eighth and ninth grade, when they hear a lot of the political anti-Israel stuff. They need that foundation in being proud of who they are, and to be knowledgeable and being very clear and being able to stand up for Israel.'

All of the teachers said they also made connections with American teachers from Central Consortium communities. The LBSY teachers made friends with four Hebrew school teachers in Indianapolis who are Israeli, and they intend to keep in touch and find ways to connect their students. Pincus connected with a teacher from Toledo, and they talked about the different ways that they teach their students.

The trip itself was also different from what they've experienced before.

"The tour guides were fantastic," Goldman said. "The light that they

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brought through their own eyes, and how they showed us what they liked, too. And everywhere they went they wanted to feed us!

The group met with a local mosaic artist in Acco who took them into his home. He had the teachers create mosaics of Hebrew letters, and the Louisville teachers opted for the letter lamed. They designed it with a fleur de lis to represent Louisville. The mosaics will be part of a larger scene on a wall in a children's garden.

The Pincuses visited a couple of kibbutzim where they had friends. His twinning teacher's husband ran the dairy operation of their kibbutz, and another friend lived in a kibbutz that makes cardboard boxes that are used throughout Israel.

All of the teachers who went are very charged up and eager for their school year to start. They plan to talk about their trip with students and continue the bond the children already have for Israel in the classroom.

Rabbi David Feder, director of LBSY, said the trip will help with goals that the school has for the future of its students.

When we have our teachers involved in the twinning program," Rabbi Feder said, "it helps our teachers make better connections to Israel, which helps in the students' maintaining their Jewish identity, sharpening their Hebrew skills and understanding their roles in a broader Jewish world.

Danino was ready to instill all of that into her students, and work to get the students to Israel someday.

"It's that feeling of being so lucky to be Jewish – something like that, we can teach, but they'll only feel that the minute they step off the plane in Israel," she said. "Ultimately it's breathing the air. It's like, 'Oh my gosh! There's this country and all these people are my people! It's an instant connection.'

Partnership2Gether, a program, of the Jewish Agency for Israel, connects 450 Jewish and Israeli communities in 46 city-to-city and region-to-region Partnerships, engaging more than 350,000 participants each year in meaningful ongoing connections between Israelis and Jews around the world, through unique programs and one-on-one encounters. The twinning program matches teachers in Partnership regions to help bring those connections to the classroom.

Louisville has participated in the Partnership2Gether program since its inception in 1997 and is a member of the Central Area Consortium of communities partnered with the Western Galilee. Opportunities for projects in art, medicine, performing arts, business and other areas in addition to education are available. For more information. contact Jewish Community of Louisville President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner, swagner@jewishlouisville.org.

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The full group of Central Consortium teachers. Back row, fourth from left, Bernard Pincus; back row, second from right, Marilyn Pincus; middle row, standing, second woman from left, Karen Feder; front row, third woman from left, Amy Danino and fourth from left, Rachel Goldman.



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Kim Levin's Film, Runoff, Now Showing at the Village 8

NEW YORK – The critically acclaimed narrative feature film *Runoff* by Louisville native Kimberly Levin will premiere simultaneously in Louisville and Lexington on July 24.

Produced and filmed entirely in Kentucky, *Runoff* is coming off a successful opening in New York City, where among independent films it turned in

the nation's second-highest Per Theater Average at the box office and was called an "impressive directorial debut" by *The New York Times* and, according to RogerEbert, a must-see for anyone who wants "to say you were there when a great American filmmaker's career kicked off."

Runoff tells the story of a woman who

goes to desperate lengths to save her family when they are threatened from their land. It was filmed on working farms in Oldham and Henry counties, as well as locations near Loretto and Erlanger. It stars Joanne Kelly (TV's Warehouse 13, Hostages), Neal Huff, (Meek's Cutoff, The Grand Budapest Hotel, HBO's "The Wire"), Alex Shaffer (The Lifeguard, Win Win) and Tom Bower (Crazy Heart, Nixon, Die Hard 2).

Runoff was filmed over the course of autumn, at harvest time, when the trees

turned red and the tobacco leaves hung yellow in the barns. The majority of the cast and crew are Kentucky natives.

The two-city Kentucky premiere will take place Friday, July 24 at the Kentucky Theater in Lexington and the Village 8 Cinema in Louisville, both of which will show *Runoff* for a week. The daily screenings at the Village 8 in Louisville are at 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. The Kentucky Theater screenings in Lexington are TBA.

JCRC Takes Teachers to U.S. Holocaust Museum; Fred Whittaker Leads the Tour

by Lisa Hornung Communications Specialist

ome local teachers got an opportunity to learn more about the Holocaust with a whirlwind trip to Washington, D.C., and a thorough tour of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum with the Jewish Community Relations Council.

The group of 17 Jefferson County Public Schools teachers took a one-day trip to Washington and went on a fourhour tour of the museum, led by Fred Whittaker, a teacher at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School.

Having Whittaker lead the tour is a special experience.

special experience.

"Fred does a 4.5 hour tour of museum," said Matt Goldberg, JCRC director.

"You can do the tour in an hour and a half, but Fred takes a lot of time to really do it right. It's really an amazing experience when Fred leads the tour. This is the third time I've done this trip with Fred, and I learn something new every time."

Whittaker trained at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial and at Yad Vashem in Israel to improve his ability to teach his own students and to be able to share those skills with other teachers, enabling them to teach new generations of children.

"He provides so much insight that the average person taking the tour has no idea about," Goldberg said. "He talks about the architecture and how it was designed for a reason. The elevators are designed for a reason. Every display is designed for a reason. And they chose that location for a reason."

While most of the teachers were middle- and high-school teachers, one participant, Beth Watkins, is a teacher of gifted elementary students at Dunn Elementary School on Rudy Lane. Watkins said she wanted to use her knowledge of the Holocaust to teach her children about empathy and tolerance.

"Kids will always say there's nothing that connects them to today. 'Well, no of course we wouldn't do that. That couldn't happen today.' But it does happen today," she said. "And they don't see how their own lack of empathy and tolerance for each other, the cruelty that they can have for each other, is the same thing."

As a former art teacher, she admits she didn't have much understanding of World War II history, and she wasn't sure how to get it without going back to college. When she saw this opportunity, she jumped at it.

The group had a 90-minute meeting before the trip to give an overview of the Holocaust and what to expect at the museum, then another meeting after the trip to learn how to incorporate the information into their curricula.

At the first meeting, "He gave an overview of how Hitler came to power," Watkins said. "Because you think, 'How could that happen?' He made it really clear how that happened. It was eye-opening, and it was enough in depth that I could say, 'Ah-ha! I really get it."

Whittaker's description of the architecture of the museum, designed by

James Ingo Freed, had a great effect on Watkins, too.

"By having things throw you off balance when you're in there, it felt like, not only were we learning the history of it ... by participating, by walking into the museum ... you really were honoring them by going in and sensing and feeling what he was calling forth for you to feel"

The teachers only had to pay \$50 of the expenses of the trip, with the remaining balance covered by the Ernie Marx and Ilse Meyer Holocaust Education Fund.

"We had a robust response from teachers this year," Goldberg said. The trip is open to Holocaust educators who have never been to the museum before.

Whittaker became a leader of the trip after originally taking the trip with Holocaust survivor Ernie Marx.

"While the Holocaust will always be at the center of what I do and it will anchor me to the most important lessons I teach my students," Whittaker said, "it's also been a bridge to the creation of stronger family relationships between the Catholic community and the Jewish community."

Goldberg said that this year's teachers were all deeply affected, and Watkins agreed.

agreed.

"There's one point where you're up tall in this two-story room," she said.
"You're just in this room with all these photographs of people who were killed in this town. There was this one picture of a little boy, about 7 or 8, he was so happy, sitting in a field of brown-eyed Susans. It just punched me in the gut. Because right here in my kitchen, I have a picture of my two boys sitting in a field of brown-eyed Susans. And it was so personal. And it wasn't 'all those poor people who were killed.' It was ... oh my gosh. It felt so intimate and personal. It made them very real."

Whittaker told the group four hours is about the maximum amount of time that one can spend in the museum and "still feel."

"It was so overwhelming, the emotion," Watkins said. "At four hours, I was like, he's right – we gotta get out of here because I can't sustain this. I'm going to have to turn it off, and I'm not going to get out of it what I need to get out of it."

While emotionally overwhelming, the visit was not depressing, Watkins added.

"The way he presented this and led us through, I was left with hope," she said. "I felt charged to do what was in my power, to teach this and to carry it forward, to carry forward the message of hope. To carry forward the lessons of what human beings can do to other human beings."

Goldberg said that's what the trip is about. "We emphasize that the story of the Holocaust is not about 1933-1945. It's about a 2,000-year history of anti-Semitism in Europe. And a history of anti-Semitism that's still around. It has not been eradicated by the end of World War II.

"We're happy to provide a service," he concluded, "and we're happy to make sure these teachers are still teaching the Holocaust for years to come."

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NEWSMAKERS

Reed Weinberg spoke during a recent real estate forum about permitting delays causing Louisville to lose business. Weinberg is the president and principal of PRG Investments, which hosted the Midwest Institutional Real Estate Investment Summit in June, *Business First* reported.

Madeline's Cottage, named for longtime Maryhurst board member **Madeline Abramson**, opened on June 25. The new residence at Maryhurst will provide housing and treatment space for 14 adolescent girls with the highest therapeutic needs in Kentucky's child welfare system.

Paul Diaz, executive vice-president of Kindred Healthcare, was appointed to University of Louisville's Board of Trust-



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Mondays from 4:00-6:45 taught by Ranen Omer-Sherman

For further course details, please contact Shari Gater at (502) 852-0460. ees by Governor Steve Beshear.

Author **Jan Arnow** has released her new book, *In the Line of Fire: Raising Kids in a Violent World.* She addresses many aspects of violence in American society and offers ways to stop it.

Business First hosted a "What's Brewing?" breakfast series on July 14. **Jonathan Blue** was a panelist in the discussion about how Louisville air service could be improved.

LEO owner **Aaron Yarmuth** was mentioned in *Business First* in a story about the Whitestone building, in which

the LEO offices are.

Susan Zepeda, president and CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, published a column in *Business First* on July 3 about the remaining work to be done with the Affordable Care Act.

Dr. David Fox was awarded the Distinguished Clinician Award by the Louisville Dental Society.

Kevin Altman accepted a job as Southwest Associate Area Director for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee

Heaven Hill Distilleries announced that the Evan Williams Cooking Contest will be August 21. The contest, in its 30th year, is a platform for amateur chefs to demonstrate their skills.

Insider Louisville reported that in conjunction with its latest exhibit, "Food Shelter Clothing," the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft is partnering with **Republic Bank** to host a food drive to help Dare to Care replenish the area's food pantries.

Jonathan Goldberg was featured in a *Business First* article about moving his law firm, Goldberg Simpson LLC, to the suburbs.

Jacob Gotlib was one of five of Kentucky's top artists that were honored with \$7,500 Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowships from the Kentucky Arts Council for exemplifying excellence in their respective creative disciplines. Gotlib is a composer of music.

Louisvillian Brings Teens Together to Work for Peace

by Shiela Steinman Wallace *Editor*

If you were asked to assess the prospects of peace between Israel and the Palestinians, it is likely that you would be less than optimistic; after all the news is full of reports of violence and hatred from the region.

Or maybe not. Maybe. Just maybe. If individual Israelis – Arabs and Jews – and Palestinians sat down and talked. Maybe if they got to know each other personally. Then, perhaps, it would be possible to plant the seeds of peace.



Scott Silk

That's exactly what Hands of Peace does, and the site director of the HOP program in San Diego, CA, is Louisville native Scott Silk.

A lawyer by trade and a teacher at Pacific Ridge High School, Silk was a facilitator for the program at its original Chicago location for six years, and in 2014 he opened the second site in California. In addition, he takes his students on a biennial dual narrative trip to Israel and Palestine, enabling them to learn the story of the conflict from both points of view.

Hands of Peace describes itself on its website as "an interfaith organization developing peace building and leadership skills in Israeli, Palestinian and American teens through the power of dialogue and personal relations.

dialogue and personal relations.

"The goal of HOP is to empower young leaders who can be the problem-solvers of the future"

Silk got involved with the program when he lived in Chicago. With his background in law, teaching and mediation, the HOP program seemed like a natural fit. When he first moved to San Diego, he returned to Chicago each summer

to continue his work with the program. "My goal," he said, "is to reach as many kids as possible."

Today, as the site director in San Diego, Silk is involved in every part of the program from fundraising to programming, outreach to public speaking and managing the team locally.

"The crux of the program is dialogue," he said. HOP brings young people from the three Middle East communities described above to the U.S., where "they meet up with American kids from all backgrounds."

The four delegations start each day with an intensive, facilitated two-and-a-half hour dialogue that is both structured and spontaneous, during which they get to know each other as individuals and learn about each other's culture. As the program progresses, the discussions move to the conflict, how the conflict impacts their lives and what will they do when they go home

they do when they go home.

It is during the third phase, when the participants discuss how the conflict impacts their lives, where Silk sees big changes. The discussions, he explained, bring human understanding.

Afternoons and evenings are filled with a variety of other programming, from the serious to the whimsical. The participants attend Christian, Muslim and Jewish services and meet the clergy of each faith. They also hear from Azim Khamisa, a world renowned nonviolence trainer who has suffered loss at the hands of violence himself.

During the second year of the HOP program, participants learn community organizing skills and plan and implement a simulated action. During this year's program, which is currently underway and runs through July 28, they will address landlord negligence issues. In a visit to the Mexican border, they were joined by students from Tijuana and some recent Mexican immigrants. After a tour, they dialogued with the Mexican participants, talking about barriers and borders in all their lives and comparing the issues that divide San Diego from Tijuana to those that divide Israel and the West Bank and Gaza.

Other activities included a portrait workshop, during which participants had to paint or draw someone from another delegation, and as well as an outing to the San Diego Zoo, soccer games, drama activities and more.

The HOP program will conclude with a huge farewell reception to which members of the outside community are invited. Participants prepare dishes from



their own cultures and share them with 300 people. They also share the videos they made during the course of the program.

This summer HOP California has 27 participants. The program will continue throughout the year with quarterly seminars run by the Hands of Peace Middle East staff. "The kids continue the dialogue and conduct outreach in their communities," he explained. "They visit sensitive sites from Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial museum, to a settlement to a refugee camp, and in those places, they have to grapple with the reality of the conflict from different points of view."

Hands of Peace is also in the process of instituting a new leadership program, through which participants will develop and lead their own service projects with the goal of developing solutions to problems.

The HOP program has anecdotal evidence of it success. Many alumni have gone on to study Middle East relations, Silk reported. Some have become diplomats or work in conflict resolution. Some have started their own nonprofit organizations. They've written books, gone into teaching and are serving as translators

There are also many smaller stories of success.

Silk has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan and a JD from Denver University. He decided he didn't want to practice law, so he trained as a mediator and earned an MA at DePaul. He is now in his 14th year teaching, combining mediation and conflict resolution.

He and his wife, Karin, have two sons, Jake and Sam.

Growing up in Louisville, he attended St. Francis High School, was a member of The Temple and was active in both The Temple's youth group and Pi AZA.

More information about Hands of Peace can be found at handsofpeace. org.



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The Bards Town Presents Other Dessert Cities

Make plans to see *Other Desert Cities*, a play at The Bard's Town starring Lenae McKee Price, CenterStage's development and outreach manager. The show is written by Jon Robin Baitz and directed by Melissa Kenney Shepherd, a CenterStage regular. This is Shepherd's directing debut.

The show runs July 23-August 2, 7:30 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$16, \$14 for seniors and \$12 for students. Tickets at the door are \$18, \$16 and \$14. The show is recommended for ages 16 and older. The Bard's Town is at 1801 Bardstown Road. Call 502-749-5275 for more information or to buy tickets.

Softball League Seeks Players

The Mickey Miller Synagogue Softball League is looking for members of synagogues and those who are non-affiliated to participate in this year's league. You must be 15 years old to play. The league will go now through August 18 with makeup games on Sunday afternoons in August. Contact Jeff Slyn at 502-4265469 or TravisTuxy@bellsouth. net for more information.

The Temple Saturday Torah Study

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

Rabbi Rapport Leads Torah Study

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport's Torah Study will continue with a summer session at 10:45 a.m. each Wednesday. The group will delve into the lives of 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. No registration is required. The class meets in the Klein Center.

AJ Hosts Celebration Shabbat

The community is invited to Adath Jeshurun to celebrate with those having birthdays or anniversaries during August. Celebrants are invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services on Saturday, August 1, at 9:30 a.m.

KI Hosts Family Shabbat

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

AJ Offers Hebrew Crash Course

Adath Jeshurun is offering a free Hebrew Reading Crash Course to anyone in the community interested in learning to read Hebrew. Taught by Deborah Slosberg, the classes will meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359.

KI Plans Birthday Shabbat

Keneseth Israel will have a Kabbalat Shabbat birthday celebration on August 7 at 6 p.m. at Big Rock at Cherokee Park. Bring your own picnic blanket, dairy/ veggie food, drinks and games for a picnic dinner after Kabbalat Shabbat. Some seating is available at the park.

Save room for ice cream and birthday cake to celebrate all the August KI birthdays. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael. com or 502-459-2780.

Learn to Make Pickles

Before the bounty of summer gardens fades away, learn to save some of those vegetables. On Sunday, August 9, 2-4 p.m., join Hadassah member Jenna Koff as she demonstrates the art of food preservation through pickling and bring home some delicious dills for your next meal! Most materials will be provided for this free event; please bring your own cutting board and knife. RSVP to louisvillehadassahchapter@gmail.com or by calling 502-645-4739 and receive a reply with the address and directions.

AJ Hosts Movies & More

Bring your friends and enjoy free movies and more. All shows begin at 3 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun, and are open to the community. The first August showing will be Tuesday, August 11, and will feature *The Untouchables*. The second showing will be Tuesday, August 25, and will feature *The Producers*.

Family Outdoor Blue Jean/ Camper Return Shabbat Dinner

Join The Temple Friday, August 14, for a Family Outdoor Blue Jean/Camper Return Shabbat. Dinner will begin promptly at 6 p.m., followed by service at 7 p.m. A special camp-style oneg, organized by Kim Norton, will follow the service. There is no charge for the dinner, however RSVPs are required. RSVP by Wednesday, August 12, by calling The Temple at 502-423-1818.

AJ Has Upscale Treasure Sale

Adath Jeshurun's Upscale Treasure Sale will be Friday, August 21, and Sunday and Monday, August 23 and 24. Browse priceless artwork, see awesome antiques, quell over china, crystal, and dinnerware, and see jewelry, furniture and decorative items – all in one place and ready for purchase. Friday from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Monday, 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m. (prices will be 50 percent off that day). Call the synagogue office at 502-458-5359 for more information.

KI Has Shabbat and Sundaes

Shabbat and Sundaes is back at Keneseth Israel. Join the event at Graeter's on Bardstown Road on Saturday, August 22, at 7 p.m. Enjoy the camaraderie and a free treat (up to \$5 – dine-in only). RSVP your attendance to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780

KI Preschool Has Back-to-School Celebration

Keneseth Israel and the KI Preschool will be hosting a fun back-to-school celebration at KI on August 23 at noon. Enjoy food and plenty of fun and games for children of all ages. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ Pre-High Holy Days Workshop

Adath Jeshurun is offering a Pre-High Holy Day Workshop to help participants spiritually prepare for the Days of Awe. The workshop, taught by Rabbi Laura Metzger, is free of charge and open to the community on August 16 and August 23 at 11 a.m. at Adath Jeshurun.

AJ Has Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation

Join Deborah Slosberg on Saturday. August 29, 10:30 a.m., at Adath Jeshurun to begin a new season of Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation. Short & Sweet is a family service for students in grades K-7, their parents and grandparents.

The Temple Young Adults Host Paint.Drink.Have Fun

The Temple's Young Adults group will be painting on Sunday, August 30, 5:30-8 p.m. at Pinot's Palette. Pizza and soda will be provided; beer and wine will be available for purchase. Food will be available at 5:30; painting begins promptly at 6. This is a 21 and older event; you will be asked to provide your ID. RSVP by August 21 on The Temple's website at www.thetemplelouky.org or by calling Becky King at 502-212-2028.

AJ Partners with New Roots for Selichot

Adath Jeshurun will usher in the New Year with its annual Pre-Selichot program in which it partners with a local organization doing mitzvot on Saturday, September 5, at 8:45 p.m. This year, AJ will partner with New Roots. New Roots is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop a thriving food system in Louisville communities.

Come learn about this great organization and enjoy music and refreshments. Following the program and reception, the Selichot service will take place at 10:30 p.m. This program is free and open to the community. For more information, please call the AJ office at 502-458-5359.

AJ Has Annual Cemetery Service

Pay tribute to your loved ones by visiting their graves and by remembering them most vividly. Sunday, September 6, at 1 p.m. at the AJ Cemetery, 2926 Preston Highway.

Hadassah, JCRC to Hold Israel Advocacy Workshop

As another school year begins, college campuses are again becoming the flash point for anti-Israel campaigns. On Sunday, September 20, at 7 p.m., join Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg for an informative discussion about how we can best respond to demands to "Boycott, Divest and Sanction" at both the local and national levels. Individuals and couples are welcome to this event for Hadassah members and others interested in learning more about Israel advocacy.

Hors d'oeuvres and drinks provided, and donations for Hadassah's Israel programs will be solicited. This event takes place at a private home – RSVP to louisvillehadassahchapter@gmail.com or call 502-645-4739 and receive a reply with the address and directions.

HSJS Now Enrolling

The deadline to register for the High School of Jewish Studies is fast approaching. The school is open to all rising ninth- and tenth-grade students. Registration, tuition payments, and scholarship applications may all be done online. Visit the HSJS website at www. louisvillehsjs.org and register today. The deadline to register is August 1. For more information, call Sarah Harlan at 502-767-2071.

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NCJW, Louisville Section is accepting applications for Student Loans. Students must be attending an accredited secondary school, be Jewish, maintain exceptional grades and be from the Louisville Metro area. If you meet these qualifications and are interested in obtaining a low-interest or no-interest educational loan contact NCJW, Louisville Section at 502-458-5566 or ncjwlouisville@gmail.com.

Chabad Offers Class on Ethics in War

In the weeks and months following 9/11, the Bush administration launched what it named the "War on Terror" against militant Islam. With the realization that the West was doing battle not with a particular nation-state, but a world-wide terror network, many conventional methods of warfare suddenly became obsolete, as did the traditional definition of war.

Almost immediately controversy erupted surrounding the advanced interrogation techniques used by the CIA to elicit information from suspected terrorists. Today, some contend that those interrogation techniques were actually torture, and thus illegal, adding that they were ineffective as well. At the same time, there has been significant pushback from the intelligence community, much of which continues to maintain that the techniques did, in fact, save lives.

How can the inherent conflict between maintaining national security and protecting civil liberties resolved? With the recent destabilization of much of the Middle East and the dawn of ISIS, this question has never been more rele-

On August 18, the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) will present *Justice* and the War on Terror, a special Continuing Legal Education-accredited two-part series, which shines a light on this modern dilemma.

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin of Chabad of Kentucky will conduct the two-part course at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, August 18 and 25, at Chabad House, 1654 Almara Cr.

"The questions being asked in this series are unfortunately very pertinent today," says Rabbi Litvin, the local JLI instructor in Louisville. "We will be

discussing the legal issues involved from the perspective of U.S. law and contemporary Israeli law, and compare them with concepts laid out in Talmudic law."

The second part of the course will focus on negotiating with terrorists for hostages. From Israel's exchange of 1,027 prisoners for one captured IDF soldier, to the United States government's insistence that ransom payments made by family of those kidnapped by ISIS were illegal, these life and death situations have real world bearing.

"The Jewish people have experienced similar situations throughout our arduous history," explains Rabbi Zalman Abraham of JLI headquarters in New York. "When Rabbi Meir of Rothenberg was imprisoned for ransom in the Middle Ages, he ruled on his own abduction in light of Talmudic law."

The rabbi refused to allow his students to pay his ransom, and he died in prison after seven years, where his body remained for a further 14 years until it was redeemed by a wealthy German Lew

"His was a devastating, but principled course of action," Rabbi Abraham said.

Like all previous JLI programs, *Justice and the War on Terror* is designed to appeal to people at all levels of Jewish knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple or other house of worship. There is a fee of \$49 for this class.

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Birth

Levi Tanenhause Simon

Steven and Mickie Simon happily and proudly announce the birth of their grandson, Levi Tanenhaus Simon, born to Michael and Cherie Simon on June 3 in Richmond, VA. Levi's maternal grandparents are David and Linda Wilson of New Orleans, LA. Levi is named in honor of his paternal great-grandparents, Raymond and Faye Tanenhaus.

B'nai Mitzvah

Gefen Yussman

Gefen Yussman, daughter of Lisa and Yonatan Yussman, will be celebrating her bat mitzvah at Keneseth Israel Congregation on August 1.

Gefen is an Honor Roll student at Walden School. She plays on the school's basketball team, and plays saxophone in the school's band. She is also a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

Greg Scianimanico

Greg Scianimanico, son of Erin and Chris Scianimanico and brother of Melissa and Natalie will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday Au-



gust 15, at 10:30 am, at the Temple.

Greg is the grandson of David and

Rita Gingold and Gloria and Joseph Scianimanico.

Greg will be an eighth grader at Barrett Traditional Middle School where he is a member of the Beta Club, Lacrosse and Football teams. Greg loves playing all sports and spending time with his friends. Greg attended Goldman Union Camp for the past 3 years.

Greg and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service

Noah Walker Rosenberg

Noah Walker Rosenberg will be called to Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, August 29, at 10:30 a.m.

Noah is the son of Allison and Alex Rosenberg and brother to Eli and Emma Rosenberg. Noah is the grandson of Marie Rosenberg and the late Leonard Rosenberg, and the late Jerry Anderson of Memphis, TN, and the late Lora Anderson of Little Rock, AR.

Noah is in the eighth grade at Meyzeek Middle School, where he in an Honor Roll student, a member of the golf team and the chess team. His interests are varied from golf, camping, gaming, biking, reading and science. Noah has been an enthusiastic volunteer at

Temple Shalom for many years from a junior usher at high holy days services to washing dishes at pot-luck dinners.

The Rosenberg family invites the community to join them in worship services and celebration of this joyous occasion.

Wedding

Namdar/Litvin

Benny Namdar and Chanie Litvin are to be married on August 4, in Brooklyn, NY

The bride is the daughter of Rabbi Avrohom and Goldie Litvin. The groom is the son of Izy Namdar of Milan, Italy, and Hanna Aminoff of Jerusalem, Israel.

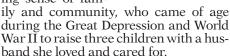
A local reception will be held in Louisville the week after the wedding. The couple plans to live in Israel.

Obituaries

Maxine Rudman Switow

Maxine Rudman Switow died on June 29. She was 83.

She was a warm, vibrant, loving woman with an amazing sense of fam-



Born in New York City during the Great Depression, Maxine moved to Richmond, VA, as a young girl with her elder sister Estelle and her parents Katie Rosenberg and Louis Rudman, who migrated south in search of work. She grew up above the family grocery store in a predominantly African-American neighborhood.

At a time when few women obtained higher education, Maxine graduated from Richmond Professional Institute (now Virginia Commonwealth University) with a degree in social work.

She met her future husband Irvin "Sonny" Switow (1928 - 2010), a Louisvillian stationed at a Virginia Army camp, at a mixer at Richmond's Jewish Community Center. Maxine and Sonny married in 1952.

After Sonny returned from the Korean War two years later, Maxine joined him in Louisville and after living here for nearly 60 years, joked that she hoped the city would accept her as one of its

It surely has. For 17 years, Maxine volunteered at the Crisis and Information Center, where she fielded calls from families in need of assistance and individuals, sometimes suicidal, suffering

from depression. She regularly teamed up with a neighbor, who had opposing political allegiances, to monitor the election polls.

Maxine and Sonny were staunch Cardinal fans and University of Louisville supporters, attending basketball games at The Armory and Freedom Hall.

Maxine was an extraordinary caregiver, not only guiding her children to adulthood but also caring for her mother and husband during their final years.

She expressed pride in her children Arlene, Mark and Michael, as each followed a unique path, never failing to say "I love you," while also encouraging her grandson Jesse to pursue his passion and talent for chess and enjoying visits with grandchildren Sam, Katie and Ryan. Her close friends were, for her, an extended family.

She was an excellent cook, and when her husband retired in 1989, she said she was closing the kitchen. But fortunately for her family, she never did, and visitors were often welcomed with homemade "mound bars" and a glass of wine. Her strong sense of family and heritage also led to memorable Shabbat, Thanksgiving and festival dinners.

Maxine is survived by her siblings Estelle Epstein (Irv) and BJ Rudman (Lisa), her children Arlene and John Miller, Mark and Tammy Switow and Michael Switow, grandchildren Ryan Hall, Jesse Cohen, Sam Switow and Katie Switow, and great-grandson Noah.

Funeral services were at The Temple, with burial in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Temple, CASA or the Crisis and Information Center.



Gary Webb Anderson

Gary Webb Anderson died on July 8 following a seven year battle with Leukemia.

The 63-year old was a practicing attorney, a former international and

national president of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity and a former linebacker at the University of Kentucky, where he received his Bachelors before receiving his J.D. from the University of Louisville.

At the time of his passing, he was married to Patricia Anderson Cook of Louisville.

Gary is survived by three sons, Michael (Robin), Adam (Rachel) and Evan, all of whom live in Chicago; three grand-children; his sisters, Penny A. Brill of Louisville, Ann Anderson of Pennsylvania and Brooke Anderson of San Francisco. He was preceded in death by a brother, Ross, and his parents, Polly and George Anderson.

Burial was in the Temple Shalom section of Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Donations in Gary's memory can be made to the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation, 8815 Wesleyan Road, Indianapolis,

IN 46268, or www. aepi.org.

Isaac Maya

Isaac Maya, 91, passed away peacefully on July 11 at Baptist Health Palliative Care surrounded by family, the most important thing in life for him.



He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Corina, and survived by his daughter Rosa, son, Mario (Vicki), grandchildren Rachel Fremeth (Adam) and Alex Maya (Temma), and beautiful twin great grandchildren, Layla and Seth, with whom he had the opportunity to love on for the past year.

He was a wonderful man and a wonderful father, grandfather, and great grandfather and friend to everyone he met and will be sorely missed by all.

He especially loved his "periquitos," his Spanish nickname for the Louiville Cardinal basketball team of which he was a rabid fan since emigrating to the United States from Cuba with his family in 1961, attending most of their home games at KFC Yum! Center until his passing.

Special thanks to Drs. Bill Dillon, Albert Olash Jr., Fred Witten and Greg Stevens for their expert care which allowed him to enjoy a wonderful quality of life for all these years.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the general fund of The Temple, Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Hosparus, or

the charity of your choosing.

Ailene Winer

Ailene Winer, 86, passed away on July 18.

She left behind her beloved husband of 65 years Sidney A. Winer, her daughters,

Audrey Bartlow (Peter) of Chicago, Diane Chesher of Louisville, and Meredith Friedman (Richard) of Northbrook, IL; sister Josephine Brower, grandchildren, Ryan Bartlow, Jake Bartlow, Ian Chesher, Carly Friedman and Josie Friedman.

Ailene attended Indiana University and later, University of Lousiville while raising her family. She taught at the St. Francis Montessori School. In the early 1960s she was active in the Civil Rights movement and volunteered for Head Start. She appreciated and supported the arts and held subscriptions to the Louisville Orchestra and collected fine art. She was a former member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, where her husband, Sidney was a past president.

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

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Bikel, Who Played Tevye in Fiddler, Dies

(JTA) July 22, 2015 – Theodore Bikel, an actor and folk singer who was recognized in 1997 with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, has died at 91.

Bikel, who won fame playing Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof," doing more performances of the role than any other actor, died Tuesday morning of natural causes at the UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, according to the *Hollywood Reporter*.

Born in Vienna, Bikel fled Austria at age 13 with his family after the 1938 Nazi Anschluss. The family settled in prestate Palestine, and in 1946 Bikel went to London to study at the Royal Academy of Dramatics Arts.

In his autobiography, according to *Variety*, he expressed regret about not returning to Israel to see **BIKEL** page 19



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by Rabbi Avrohom Litvin

am writing this message from the Land of Israel. My wife and I are currently leading a Mayanot Birthright Israel group of 40 Jewish 22-26 year olds for a 10-day trip across Israel.

Taglit Birthright Israel seeks to ensure the future of the Jewish people by strengthening Jewish identity, Jewish communities and their connection with Israel via educational trips to Israel for many Jewish young adults from around the world. The content of the trip focuses on three main areas: the narratives of the Jewish People, contemporary Israel, and the formative values of Judaism.

Each bus group is comprised of 40 participants who travel together throughout the 10 days. For part of the trip, we were joined by eight young Israelis who gave our participants the opportunity to interact with and get to know their Israeli peers. In addition, the staff consisted of my wife and myself, an Israeli coordinator, an Israeli tour educator, and an Israeli medic/security guard.

Together

We hiked Jilaboun and Banyas and through the mountains in the Negev and up and down Masada.

We met people on the Gaza border and the Syrian border and the Lebanese border who keep the nation safe from those who seek to destroy us.

We went rafting on the Jordan River, enjoyed nightlife in Tel Aviv and even spent one night with Bedouins.

We visited a mikva in Tzvat, an olive factory in Katzrin and floated in the Dead Sea.

We prayed at the Western Wall, danced with soldiers on Friday night and had lunch with Sabbath-observant families.

We visited the Har Herzl Israeli Memorial Cemetery and went to the Yad Vashem Memorial for those killed in the Holocaust.

What two things do you think made the greatest impression on the partici-

I will tell you I was surprised! Because it wasn't the nature or the beauty of the country. It wasn't the holy sites that most impressed them. It wasn't the hustle and bustle of Tel Aviv nightlife. It wasn't even the ancient remnants of 3,000 years of our national history.

Two things stuck out as most meaningful. The first was that a family, whom they never met, would open their homes and take in total strangers to share a holiday meal. They were amazed that a family they did not know would ask about their lives and be concerned about them just because they were fellow Jews. They all wished they could experience that feeling of community more often.

The second thing that seems to have touched them was the visit to the Har Herzel Memorial Cemetery. There they saw many people their own age who had chosen to do something meaningful with their lives, becoming heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice. After the visit, many of these regular American young adults shared that they never before thought of doing anything for a nation or for a people. Yet they felt inspired to do something uniquely Jewish. One said she would speak out for Israel. Another said she would light Sabbath candles. Another said he would like to come back to Israel for a year, or maybe longer. What they all seemed to feel was they wanted to do something meaningful that was somehow beyond just do things for themselves.

I want to share this excitement and feeling of national pride. I want to encourage every person who reads this article to do something beyond themselves for Israel, for Judaism or just for humanity. If there is anyone who has not been to a holiday service for the High Holidays, I would like to offer him or her the chance to attend a service for free at the Louisville Chabad House or wherever else he or she may choose, and reconnect with his or her family. Stay for a meal and enjoy being part of Am Yisroel – the Nation of Israel

Or if services are not what you seek, maybe volunteer to help the Louisville Jewish Day School, the Jewish Community of Louisville, Jewish Family & Career Services or at one of the hospitals. The point is, do something beyond yourself and in a small but meaningful way, you will become a hero, too!

For more ideas of ways to live beyond yourself, email me at rabbi@chabadky.

Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, July 24 at 8:42 p.m., July 31 at 8:36 p.m., August 7 at 8:28 p.m., August 14 at 8:20 p.m., August 21 at 8:11 p.m. and August 28 at 8:01 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, regional director of Chabad of Kentucky, has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

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fight in the 1948 War of Independence: 'Ă few of my contemporaries regarded what I did as a character flaw, if not a downright act of desertion. In me, there remains a small, still voice, that asks whether I can ever fully acquit myself in

my own mind."

Bikel moved to the United States in 1954 to appear on Broadway in "Tonight in Samarkand," becoming a U.S. citizen in 1961. Also on Broadway, he played Captain Georg Von Trapp in the first Broadway production of "The Sound of Music." During his career, Bikel ap-peared on stage, film and television in musicals, dramas and comedies.

In 1958 he was nominated for an Academy Award for his performance in "The Defiant Ones," and in 1959 he co-founded the Newport Folk Festival with Pete Seeger and George Wein.

Along with his arts work, Bikel was active in many left-wing causes, from the civil rights movement to the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa to the Soviet Jewry movement to progressive Zionism and the Democratic Party. He was a longtime board member of the American Jewish Congress. In 2010, he was one of more than 150 American artists to sign a letter in support of Israeli actors boycotting performances in the West Bank settlement of Ariel.

Bikel also was a labor activist, serving as president of Actors Equity Association for 11 years and as the longtime president of the AFL-CIO-affiliated Actors & Artistes of America, according to Deadline Hollywood.

In a 2007 interview with *Hadassah Magazine*, Bikel linked his activism to his experience living through the Anschluss, the Nazi invasion of Austria in

"It became clear that I would never ever put myself in the place of the nice people next door who said 'It's not my fight," he said. "It's always my fight. Whenever I see an individual or group singled out for persecution, there's a switch thrown in my mind – and they become Jews.

Tevye was not Bikel's only Jewish role. In 2007 he was nominated for the Drama Desk Award for outstanding solo performance in "Sholom Aleichem: Laughter Through Tears." And in 2014, Bikel produced and starred in the documentary "Theodore Bikel: In the Shoes of Sholom Aleichem."

In 2013, at an event marking the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Austrian government honored Bikel with its highest honor in the arts. As a finale, Bikel asked the distinguished audience to rise as he sang the "Song of the Partisans" in Yiddish.

Many of Bikel's 27 albums featured Hebrew and Yiddish folk music - two languages that he spoke fluently, along with German, French and English. In a 2013 interview, he said that of all his accomplishments he was proudest of "presenting the songs of my people, songs of pain and songs of hope

In the same interview, Bikel said he had planned the inscription for his tombstone – "He Was the Singer of His People" – in Yiddish.

(JTA correspondent Tom Tugend contributed to this article.)



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