

# CENTERPIECE

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High tea and high fashion combine for an enjoyable family event

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## Hip-Hop Dancer Wins Louisville's Got Talent

by Joanna Bleiden

*CenterStage Outreach Manager*

Seven-year-old Vaughn Michael Ramirez came away with the grand prize for the third annual Louisville's Got Talent presented by CenterStage and Jake Latts. Ramirez preformed a hip-hop dance to "Let Me Clear My Throat" choreographed by Molly Whiting from 360 Dance on Sunday, September 20 at 2 p.m. to beat out 19 talented acts in the showcase.

Louisville's Got Talent raised \$7,000 for CenterStage Acting Out, a professional touring children's theatre that opens minds one act at a time through arts education.

Ramirez's impressive backflips and break dance moves to his on point facial expressions stole the show and won him first place and the \$500 prize.

Ramirez encouraged others to participate in the completion after winning first place, "do it even if you are scared, but you have to work hard if you want to be good at something. This was really fun."

Ramirez was the reigning 2014-2015 Mr. Petite Dance America and won a 2014 national dance championship in Panama City Beach, Florida. He will play Tiny Tim in the upcoming Actor's Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol."

Second place honors were given to Jacob Lyons, who won \$250 for his mesmerizing juggling act, "YoYo Tra" to the song "Centuries." His act was a crowd pleaser with a pop-rock twist.

Third place, with a cash prize of \$100, went to Daniel Scofield and Jack Brewer for their energetic, upbeat, self-choreographed tap dance to "Hot Chocolate" from the motion picture Polar Express.

The People's Choice Award winner, receiving an impressive prize of \$300, was Alexandra Duffy-Dries for her soulful performance of Etta James' "At Last"

The final round esteemed judges panel included Chad Broskey, stage and screen actor, singer and dancer; Shannon Cogan, WAVE3 news anchor; Robert Curran, Louisville Ballet Artistic Director; Terri Foster, Louisville Youth Choir Artistic/Executive Director; and Pete Lay, choreographer, actor, and past Louisville Ballet company member. This year's audience served as the fifth judge. They awarded the People's Choice Award by texting their vote for their favorite act.

More than seventy acts auditioned for this year's Louisville's Got Talent. From this initial audition, a panel of judges chose the top twenty acts who competed in Sunday's finals. This year's finalists featured performances ranging from Broadway belters to Bollywood dancers, and everything in between.

CenterStage would like to thank Dancensation's Showbiz Kids and last year's Louisville's Got Talent winners, Kylie McGuffey and Caroline Siegrist, for entertaining the audience while the judges' scores were tabulated. The young performers featured in this year's final showcase proved that Louisville's definitely Got Talent.

"We are so proud of Jake and all that he has accomplished with Louisville's Got Talent. What started as a bar mitz-

vah project based on his passion for the arts and arts education is now part of the very fabric of the JCC and CenterStage. He could not do it without the tremendous support of the fantastic staff that he works with each year," said Kate Latts.

CenterStage would like to thank their many Louisville's Got Talent sponsors including Kate & Allan Latts, Max & Ellen Shapira, Dancensation Studios, Terri Bass with Lenihan Sotheby's Realty, Hall Talent, Heyman Talent, Perelmutter & Goldberg, Kristen Dobrodziej, Jake Latts, Lenae, Jordan & Billie Price, Judy Shapira, The Lapinski Family, Brad, Rebecca, Morgan & Reese Hirsch, Lisa, Daniel & Sophie Latts, Ellen & Richard Miller, as well as all the other sponsors and volunteers whose time and effort made this event possible.



Vaughn Michael Ramirez, First Place Winner  
Photos by Ted Wirth

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### JCC FALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sun., Sept. 27, Erev Sukkot

JCC Closes 6 p.m.

Group fitness classes that end after 5:30 p.m. are canceled.

Mon., Sept. 28, Sukkot ..... JCC Closed

Sun., Oct. 4, Erev Simchat Torah

JCC Closes 6 p.m.

Group fitness classes that end after 5:30 p.m. are canceled.

Mon., Oct. 5, Shemini Atzeret... JCC Closed



Daniel Scofield and Jack Brewer, Third Place



Jacob Lyons, Second Place

## Record Crowd for JCC Doggie Dip

It was another great year for the annual JCC Doggie Dip on Sunday, September 20. A record 175 dogs came to jump, swim and chase balls in the pool with their owners.



# New Mom Workout



**Wednesdays,  
Oct. 7-28  
Instructor:  
Jennie Sullivan  
9:30-10:30 a.m.**

**Fee: \$90, \$72  
JCC Members**

For more information or  
to register, call the  
**Health and Wellness  
Desk at 502-238-2727.**

## Fall Adult Education Classes

**E**xpand your mind by taking a new Adult Education Class at the JCC. Class topics range from watercolor to jewelry making.

Luci Mistratov has taught at the JCC for many years. Since 1998 she has been an instructor for Kalinigrad University as a lecturer in computer art and watercolors. She has a Ph.D. in art education.

Mistratov will teach:

Watercolor Beginners Mondays, October 12-November 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$96 for members, \$136 for community members, plus supplies.

Silk Painting. Thursdays, October 15-November 12, 6:30-7:45 p.m. \$110 for members, \$140 for community members, plus supplies.

Juliya Pogrebinsky's popular Jewelry Basic-Wire Wrap will return in October. All supplies are included for this class and participants will learn how to create rings and pendants out of stone, shell, glass or anything else that catches your fancy.

Jewelry Basic - Wire Wrap. Wednesdays, October 14-November 4, 6:30-7:45 p.m. \$120 for members, \$140 for community members, including supplies.

Beloved long-time instructor Sue Huttenlocher returns with two new watercolor classes this semester.

Watercolors Concentration Nature, Wednesdays September 30-October 21, 10 a.m.-noon. \$75 for members, \$95 for community members, plus supplies.

Watercolor Concentration Cityscapes. Wednesdays, October 28-November 18, 10 a.m.-noon. \$75 for members, \$95 for community members, plus supplies.

Want to save money while traveling? Jill Maurey will show you how to use your iPhone or iPad where to look for great airfare and lodging tips and what to do when you arrive at your destination. Bring your phone or iPad to class, you must have an Apple ID prior to class as well.

Travel Apps for iPhones and iPads, Thursdays, October 8-29, 1-2:15 p.m. or Mondays, October 19-November 9, 6:30-7:45 p.m. \$60 for members, \$75 for community members.



## High Tea and Fashion Combine at Standard Club

by Jennifer Tuvlin  
*PJ Library Director*

The smiles on all of the girls' faces are a testament to the success of PJ Library and the JCC's Girls Tea and Fashion show held on Sunday, August 30. It was a success, with over 80 members of our community coming together for an enjoyable afternoon of simply being together. The event was held at Standard Club, thanks in part to an agreement with the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence which allows the club to be used by the Jewish Community of Louisville for off-site programming.

The children's fashion show was provided by FRESH Boutique 4 Girls located in Westport Village and owned by community members Shelly Breier and Lynn Abramson-Saltzman. The models were Jenna Shapps, Blake Tasman, Isabella Nibur, Kendall Gellar, Sabine Freidman, Audrey Weinberg, Cameron and Hayden Breier, and Elanna Saltzman.

The event was emceed by sixth grader Dylan Breier and seventh grader Elia Saltzman. FRESH set up a pop-up boutique after the fashion show.

Jenna Shapps, who modeled and attended the event with her mother and grandmother, loved the shopping and said, "I liked all the cool clothes."

Even young children enjoyed how the community came together. Nine-year-old Blake Tasman said, "I had such a blast! It was fun doing the fashion show with some of my preschool friends and getting to wear all the cool clothes from FRESH."

Many of the attendees brought gently used dresses that were donated to the National Council Jewish Women's Nearly New Shop.

The large attendance was thanks in large part to committee members Keren Benabou, Anna Feitelson, Claire Geer Felsen, Tracy Geller, Elise Goldstein, Julie Marks, Shannon Rothschild, Melanie Wachsmann, Diane Weinberg and Hunter Weinberg.

PJ Library will continue to plan events both at the JCC and around the community in Jewish and secular venues. The next PJ Library event is in conjunction with Shalom Baby. Songs in the Sukkah will be held on Sunday, October 4, at 10 a.m. at the Adath Jeshurun sukkah.

This event will feature Jewish music led by Cantor David Lipp with a PJ Library story told by Rabbi Robert Slosberg. It is open to the entire community.

PJ Library will be travelling to all of the synagogues for events. If you have a child, 8 years old or younger, he or she is welcome to register to receive a free Jewish book or CD each month from PJ Library. Simply register at [pjlibrary.org](http://pjlibrary.org).



## Family Movie Night

**October 6, 2015  
6:15 p.m.**

Enjoy a movie in the upper gym with free popcorn. Bring a picnic style dinner, some blankets and pillows to relax with your family and watch the movie!



# ‘Consider Yourself at Home...’ with CenterStage as They Present the Classic Musical, *Oliver!*

by Ben Goldenberg  
Marketing Director

Warm your heart, and your soul with the perfect family musical, “Oliver!,” presented by CenterStage and Physician’s Center for Beauty October 22-November 8.

Based on Charles Dickens’ classic *Oliver Twist*, “Oliver!” tells the story of a young orphan boy who wanted more. From the orphanage to the mean streets of London, the ever-optimistic Oliver strives to survive through thick and thin meeting a host of memorable characters such as Nancy, Fagin, Bill Sikes and the Artful Dodger along the way. Dramatic, engagingly powerful and ultimately uplifting, “Oliver!” is the unforgettable, feel good story of a remarkable boy searching for love and acceptance.

The 1962 original Broadway production won three Tony awards and the popular 1968 film won six Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Lionel Bart’s lush, magical score is full of irresistible songs including “Food Glorious Food,” “Consider Yourself,” “You’ve Got to Pick a Pocket or Two,” “I’d Do Anything,” “As Long As He Needs Me,” “Where Is Love” and many more.

CenterStage’s production will feature a cast of over 45 local actors ranging in age from 8 to 70. The title role of Oliver will be played by Charlie Norman. He will be joined by Riley McNerny as the Artful Dodger, both making their CenterStage debut. Starring in the pivotal role of Fagin will be Michael Drury who CenterStage audiences may remember

as Dr. Craven in “The Secret Garden,” the corrupt Lawyer, Callahan in “Legally Blonde” or most recently as the Adult Male in “Spring Awakening.” Filling out the cast will be Jessica Adamson as Nancy (Mrs Walker in “Tommy”, Doralee in “9-5 the musical,” Ado Annie in “Oklahoma!”) and Brian Bowles as Bill Sikes (Mark in “RENT,” Scarecrow in “The Wizard of OZ,” Little Mary Sunshine in “Chicago”).

“‘Oliver’ is one of my favorite musicals in the classic genre. Dickens’ characters are complex and interesting and Bart’s score is one of the best.” stated Artistic Director, John R. Leffert. “I last directed ‘Oliver’ in 2007 for MTL at the Iroquois Amphitheatre. That production still holds as a favorite of mine. I look forward to taking a journey with these rich characters again as we bring this show to life at CenterStage.”

CenterStage is also partnering with Yum! Brands Foundation and Dare to Care Food Banks throughout the run of “Oliver!” with a “Food, Glorious Food” Drive. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted at all performances to benefit Dare to Care and the Jewish Family and Career Services Food Pantry.

CenterStage and Physician’s Center for Beauty’s production of “Oliver!” opens on Thursday, October 22 and runs



## OLIVER!

Presented by Physicians Center for Beauty

Thursday, October 22..... 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, October 24 ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, October 25 ..... 2 p.m.  
Monday, October 26 ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, October 29..... 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, October 30..... 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, November 1..... 2 p.m.  
Monday, November 2 ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, November 5 ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, November 7..... 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, November 8..... 2 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$22 at the door and can be purchased at CenterStageJCC.org or by calling 502-459-0660. JCC Member Night at CenterStage is Thursday, October 22, members get an extra \$4 discount when ordering your tickets at the front desk or over the phone.

**FREE!**

PJ LIBRARY PRESENTS AND SHALOM BABY PRESENT

# SONGS IN THE SUKKAH

BY POPULAR DEMAND!

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 10-11 A.M.**  
**AT AJ SUKKAH**

# YOUTH SPORTS

## SOCCER

## FIELD HOCKEY

# OCTOBER 8-29

**Ages 3-5 years | 4:30-5 p.m. on Thursdays**

Get your kids involved in a cooperative, team sports environment. Children will have a blast learning the basics of field hockey and soccer while playing fun, noncompetitive games.

**FEE: \$45, \$35 JCC Members**

Call the Health & Wellness Desk at 502-238-2727 to register or for more information.

# PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**For ages 2 years-6th grade.**  
**Snacks will be provided, bring your own dinner.**

**October. 17**  
**Theme: Harvest**  
**5:30-9:30 p.m.**

Fee: \$30, + \$10 per additional child\*  
JCC Member Fee: \$20, + \$10 per additional child\*  
\* Children must be from the same household.

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**  
[www.jewishlouisville.org/family-programming](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/family-programming)

**ACTIVITIES**  
Swimming for K-6  
Movie • Crafts  
Ga-ga

# SCHOOLS OUT DAYS

**Grades K-5**

## Music Mania

**October 2 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Join us as we learn about music. All days include sports, arts and crafts. Don't forget to bring a bathing suit, towel and lunch.

**Fee per day: \$65, JCC Member: \$45**

**GETUPGANG STAYNPLAY**  
**7:30-9 a.m. 4-6 p.m.**  
Fee: \$10, JCC Member: \$8 Fee: \$16, JCC Member: \$12

Register online at  
[www.jewishlouisville.org/SOD](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/SOD)  
or call 502-238-2718 for a registration form.

## SENIOR CALENDAR

**THE JCC NUTRITION SITE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 FOR SUKKOT. THE JCC NUTRITION SITE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 AND TUESDAY OCTOBER 6 FOR THE SHEMINI ATZARET & SIMCHAT TORAH.**

### OCTOBER 2

#### Annual Sukkah Luncheon, Noon

Join us as we lunch in the Succah, with guest speaker Rabbi Hillel Smulowitz.

### OCTOBER 13

#### Musical Memories, 12:45 p.m.

Come dance, sing, listen, play, and socialize. We will share our life experiences while enjoying music from the 40's, all the way to present day. It will be a time of fun and meaning. Louisville Music Therapy will be conducting the program.

### OCTOBER 18

#### Music without Borders-Louisville Orchestra, 3 p.m.

Louisville Orchestra will perform a program "Kaddish to Klezmer" at the Temple. Music by Copland, Ravel, Bernstein, Mahler, Kander & Gershwin will be featured. A Klezmer Interlude will also be featured.

Cost of admission: \$17. Transportation will be provided to The Temple.

Reservation & Payment Deadline: Friday, October 9

### OCTOBER 19

#### Gourmet Dining Club, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner at Cattleman's Restaurant on Hurstbourne Parkway.

Cost of transportation: \$6/M, \$8/NM

### OCTOBER 20

#### Bingo, 12:45 p.m.

### OCTOBER 27

#### Musical Memories, 12:45 p.m.

Come dance, sing, listen, play, and socialize. We will share our life experiences while enjoying music from the 40's, all the way to present day. It will be a time of fun and meaning. Louisville Music Therapy will be conducting the program.

### NOVEMBER 8

#### Lunch & Show-"Oliver", 12:15 p.m. Lunch, 2 p.m., Show

Join us for lunch catered by Gerry Burns followed by the musical "Oliver" adapted from the novel Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens.

Experience the heartwarming musical tale of a young lad and his journey in search of the answer to the question Where is Love? This London journey follows him from the mistreatment of Bumble's workhouse to Fagin's harsh streets. Along the way, he meets a bevy of colorful characters including the delightful Dodger, the roguish Fagin, the kind-hearted Nancy and the threatening Bill Sykes, before finally finding his answer in a warm home with a loving family.

Cost of lunch & ticket: \$25/M, \$30/NM

### NOVEMBER 17

#### Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, Noon

## JCC Offering Specials for National Massage Therapy Week

by Amy Merrick  
*Licensed Massage Therapist*

National Massage Therapy Week is October 25-31, but the JCC is celebrating during the whole month. Throughout October, the JCC is offering all massages at \$5 below the member price, and between October 25 and 31, we will take an additional \$5 off. Everyone who purchases a massage during October will be entered into a raffle to win a free 60-minute massage.

The JCC has four Massage Therapists on staff to make sure that all clients get the result they are looking for. "The goal of any therapist is to achieve the best possible effects with their massage, and in doing so, achieve the fastest possible

health results," said Jen Kvartek, JCC massage therapist.

The ideal length of a massage can vary. A complete full body relaxation massage is best done in an hour or more. If there is pain in a specific area or two, a 30- or 45-minute massage can work wonders. Massages in lengths of 30-, 45-, 60- or 90-minutes are available and can be purchased individually or in packages of four.

The JCC massage rewards program gives you a free massage for every six that you purchase. Also, if you refer a person to a JCC massage, both will receive 20 percent off their next massages.

Massages can be scheduled whenever the JCC is open. Prices are available online at [www.jewishlouisville.org/massage](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/massage) or by calling the Health and Wellness Desk at 502-238-2727.

## TALENT

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Lindsey, Allen, Jake and Kate Latts



Judges Chad Brosky, Terri Foster, Robert Curran, Shannon Cogan and Pete Lay



Alexandra Duffy-Dries, People's Choice Award



Ellen and Max Shapira



The Top 20 Finalists

## STRETCHING CLASS



**Thursdays, Oct. 1-22  
at 5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
Instructor: Denise Joseph  
Fee: \$90, \$72 JCC Member

To register, call the Health and Wellness Desk at 502-238-2727.

## Adult Basketball League

**Oct. 11-Dec. 13  
Sundays, 1-4 p.m.**

Basketball is back at the JCC!  
Open, Rec and Over 35 Leagues  
8 weeks of games + 2 weeks of playoffs  
5-12 person teams

Fee: \$500 per team, \$100 per free agent



REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!  
[jewishlouisville.org/basketball](http://jewishlouisville.org/basketball)

NEW

Call the Health & Wellness Desk at 502-238-2727 to register or for more information.

### ARM-A-GETTING

Thursdays, Oct. 1-22  
at 6-7 p.m.

Blow your guns to oblivion with this month long arm training extravaganza.

Fee: \$90, \$72 JCC Members

To register, call the Health and Wellness Desk  
**502-238-2727**