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Hate Has No Place Here

Dr. Muhammad Babar, at the microphone, called on the hundreds of people who showed up to repaint the River Road Mosque that had been defaced by vandals to make this day the start of long-term friendships based on love and compassion. Far left is the mosque's president, Dr. Waheed Ahmad; and next to him is Mayor Greg Fischer. So many people came out to help paint over the hate-filled graffiti that it was completely obliterated just minutes after the work began.

Hundreds Stand with Islamic Community

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

On Wednesday evening, September 16, the Islamic Center on River Road was vandalized. The perpetrator spray-painted messages all over the mosque, saying, "Moslems, leave the Jews alone" and "this is for France." The graffiti also included Stars of David, the word, "Betar,"

Hebrew writing and other offensive expressions.

The Jewish community, standing in solidarity with the Islamic community, responded immediately. Jewish Community Relations Director Matt Goldberg drove out to the Mosque as soon as he learned of the incident where he embraced the Jewish community's good friend Dr. Muhammad Babar and offered his help. Standing arm-in-arm,

the two friends were interviewed by a WAVE3 reporter.

"Although we are sickened by this vandalism," Goldberg said, "it provides us an opportunity to make our communal ties stronger. Our already deep friendship with the local Islamic community will be deeper after this ... the exact opposite effect of what the perpetrator of this crime intended."

At the Islamic community's request, the clean-up took place on Friday afternoon and drew hundreds of participants from faith communities across Louisville. The Louisville Jewish community was well represented including clergy from all of Louisville's congregations, JCL professional and lay leaders, and many, many others. A delegation from Djibouti, including that country's president and military leader, who just happened to be in Louisville, was also present. **see MOSQUE page 3**



Leon Wahba

Wahba to Chair 2016 Federation Campaign

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Leon Wahba will serve as chair of the 2016 Federation Campaign and he knows he has a big job ahead of him that involves recruiting a strong team of volunteers to help him.

Keren Benabou and Laurence Nibur have stepped up and will chair the Young Adult Division; and Wahba is talking with other community leaders to ensure this year's Campaign team has the depth, strength and commitment it needs.

"I know from my past experience on the Planning and Allocations Committee that the needs of our community far exceed what we have been able to allocate," Wahba said. He'd like to raise enough money to increase funding for education and to send more money to Israel.

He also sees a real need for additional funding for the Jewish Community of Louisville. He highlighted some of the varied resources the agency provides for the community including all the programming at the Jewish Community Center, from teen programming like **see WAHBA page 10**

Many Teens Experience Israel's Magic

by Cynthia Canada
Special to Community

A number of Louisville teens traveled this summer to Israel, and *Community* talked with four of them about their experiences. All four were first-time visitors to Israel, and they all said they were deeply affected by the journey.

Jonah Goodman, a senior at St. Francis High School, wasn't really sure what to expect from the trip until he started writing essays for his scholarship applications. He realized then that he was "blindly supporting" Israel as the home

of the Jewish people, but he really didn't know what was so great about it other than that. He wanted to better understand the significance of the Jewish state and form a real emotional attachment.

By the time he returned home, he had learned that it was possible to support the people and the culture of Israel and connect to the place, whether or not he supported specific actions of the government. Jonah said that the bonding experience with other travelers was great, just like any "summer camp kind of thing," but he came away with a deep appreciation for Israel. **see ISRAEL page 17**

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Vandalism at Mosque Affects Us All

This past week, our good friends in the Islamic community were forced to confront an act of pure hatred – the vandalism of their house of worship. The content of this vandalism is vile and repugnant, and I conveyed that message to our friends at the mosque, the greater Louisville faith community and the media. The fact that Stars of David were spray-painted on the building along with Hebrew writing was especially troubling.



Matt Goldberg

I can understand why there is a sense of bewilderment at our wonderful relationship with the Muslim community here in Louisville. After all, events in the greater world often show our communities in conflict, and events in the Middle East sometimes lead to violence between our beloved Israel and its mostly Muslim neighbors. It is safe to say that the current state of relations between Muslims and Jews around the world needs serious improvement.

And yet there are so many examples of our two communities coming together. Just this week, groups of Muslims and Jews formed a coalition in Europe aimed at defeating legislation that seeks to ban Kosher or Halal meat preparation. Muslim and Jewish groups around

the United States are opening up new passages to friendship all of the time.

Here in Louisville, we have cooperated on so many occasions for so many projects, they are too numerous to mention ... a sign of our growing friendship. Our Muslim brothers and sisters are our doctors, our lawyers and our community leaders. We go to work with them, we go to school with them and we invite their kids to our kids' bar and bat mitzvahs. We share the common values of family, education, and good citizenship, the values that all Americans aspire to share. That is why an attack on a mosque is so frightening because it could easily happen to us.

Our answer to this attack is extremely vital and will have, I hope, positive and permanent repercussions. Of course we must think of security, capturing the perpetrator, being vigilant, keeping our eyes open for suspicious activity. But the response of our Jewish community must also encapsulate the Jewish ideal of loving your neighbor as yourself.

Proud to Stand with Our Neighbors

by Sara Klein Wagner
President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville

Since taking office, Mayor Greg Fischer's goal has been to establish Louisville as a forward thinking and inspiring community that exemplifies compassion.

In the wake of recent hate messages painted on the walls of the Islamic Center on River Road, I am proud that our Louisville community, including our Jewish community, responded immediately, showing our respect, compassion

We must deepen our ties with our Muslim neighbors. More of us need to participate in their annual Iftar dinner, and we hope to see more of them at our Interfaith Chanukah Party and Yom HaShoah Commemoration.

The heinous act, which sought to divide us, should bring us closer, and render these kinds of acts irrelevant

Happy New Year

This has been an event-filled year, as every year is. From a JCRC perspective, we had murders in France, a visit by the Israeli Prime Minister to Congress, and an Iran nuclear deal that has divided our community to an extent. Still, I am a firm believer in the resiliency of our community and the continuing trend of our "rising to the occasion" when we are faced with adversity. Yet, I hope that these positive traits are not revealed in the coming year, that only positive developments face our community.

May it be a sweet and prosperous year for you and your family.

and concern standing side-by-side with our neighbors.

While we have been standing and working together for many years with members of the Islamic community, there was a time we were not connected. As we celebrate the compassion our community has embraced, we should also respect and regard the strides we have made.

I started my day at a press conference standing outside the Mosque reflecting that 25 years ago today I started my career as the community relations director at the Jewish Federation. I am in awe and grateful for the relationship that has developed between our two communities – a relationship we would not have envisioned 25 years ago.

The agenda of the Community Relations Council and the Federation 25 years ago included building a stronger relationship with our public school system; concerns that Chanukah would be compared to Christmas in public spaces; the 25th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, the document in which the Roman Catholic Church recognized the Jewish people are not responsible for the death of Jesus; Operation Exodus, which brought one million Soviet Jews from the former Soviet Union; and a strong interfaith presence in Louisville that included, at that time, only members of the Jewish and Christian faiths.

It took a lot of strong leaders to open the doors to each other, redefine interfaith relations and build true friendships. Words can cause pain and fear, but words can also create hope and compassion. Over the past two decades, the commitment of our Jewish and Muslim communities to listen and learn from each other has strengthened both of our communities and the Louisville community as a whole.

At the mosque last Friday, the Jewish community was a strong presence among the broad interfaith gathering. Together, our community of many faiths overpowered the message of hate left by vandals with an act of solidarity, community and spirit. Louisville is indeed a compassionate community.



Sara Klein Wagner

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Mayor Greg Fischer



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pened to be in the city, were also present.

The speakers included Dr. Muhammad Babar, a leader in the Muslim community and a long-time interfaith pioneer; Haleh Karimi, the executive director of Interfaith Paths to Peace; Dr. Waheed Ahmad, president of the Islamic Center; Mayor Greg Fischer; Councilwoman Angela Leet; Donald Lassere, president and chief executive officer of the Muhammad Ali Center; and Sadiqa Reynolds, president of the Louisville Urban League.

There was also a special presentation to dedicate Louisville's first compassion bench by Tom Williams, Martin Brooks and Laura Haines.

While the pain of the Islamic community at the desecration of their holy place was evident, they turned the incident into a positive. Dr. Wahid said, "for all the adversity, sometimes good comes out and I see it right here." While some people tried to sabotage the community, he observed, he expressed gratitude for the outpouring of sympathy from the community.

Dr. Babar viewed the incident as an

opportunity. "This should be the beginning of love, friendship, brotherhood and of fraternity among us people of different faiths. So, please, please, continue this journey to the last day of our life."

He encouraged people who don't know much about Islam to talk with members of the Muslim community and learn.

"There is a lot of extremism in the world today," Mayor Fischer began his remarks, "and I have seen extremism of love and compassion here today and I love it."

"I think I can speak for many of us," he continued. "The most important thing was just to be here. Maybe we get to paint, maybe we don't get to paint, but we are here giving testament to brotherhood, sisterhood, to the values of our country, founded by some people that did not want to be persecuted for their religion."

"We need to recognize that a heinous act took place some 48 hours ago on this holy place," he continued, "this holy place that's been in our community for over 30 years, that's the worship home to members of our PTAs ... neighbors, our friends. And it's an insult to each and every one of us. This was an attack on a mosque, but it's also an attack on a

temple and on a church."

Fischer explained that the Muslim community has been a leader in acts of compassion in Louisville, and their response to this crime was "kindness, love, compassion," and, he stated that their message to the perpetrator was, "We forgive you. We love you. We don't want you to go to jail. Just help us clean up our mosque."

Lassere read a statement from Muhammad Ali, deploring the violence and letting the community know "that even if Muhammad cannot be here in person, he is with all of you in spirit as we come together today to heal our community."

It was truly coincidence that the compassion bench was presented as the community came together to restore the mosque because the presentation had long been planned for that afternoon. The bench is a recognition of the Louisville Islamic Center's commitment to compassion. It is the first of several planned for places around the community.



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SEPTEMBER 26 and 27
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8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Kentucky Center for the Arts. Tickets \$75, \$50, \$36, \$26. 502-584-7777 or louisvilleorchestra.org.

SEPTEMBER 27
Community Hunger Walk

2:15 p.m., E.P. "Tom" Sawyer Park. Join the Jewish Louisville team and half of what you raise will go to the Janet & Sonny Meyer Food Pantry Fund. For more information or to register, go to www.thehungerwalk.org.

SEPTEMBER 30
Pizza in the Hut

6-7:30 p.m. JCC. Make decorations for the Sukkah and enjoy pizza. \$10 per family; JCC members \$5 per family. RSVP by September 25 at jewishlouisville.org/event/pizza-hut-2/.

SEPTEMBER 30
Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

7:45 p.m. reception; 8:15 broadcast. Adath Jeshurun. Harold Kushner and Rachel Cowan with Rabbi Peter Rubinstein: "Living Well, Aging Well." Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

OCTOBER 2
School's Out Days at the JCC

9 a.m.-4 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, swimming, arts and crafts. Theme: Music Mania. For more information and to register, go to jewishlouisville.org/event/schools-out-day-music-mania/.

OCTOBER 4
Songs in the Sukkah

10 a.m. Adath Jeshurun. PJ Library presents Songs in the Sukkah. RSVP to Jennifer Tuvlin, jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org.

OCTOBER 11
Teen Connections Lazer Blaze

12:30-3:30 p.m. Leave from and return to the JCC. \$15; JCC Members, \$12. Includes transportation, Lazer Blaze and lunch. Register at jewishlouisville.org/event/teen-connections-trip-to-lazer-blaze/.

OCTOBER 11-NOVEMBER 17
Patio Gallery Exhibit

Martin Rollins: This, That and the Other. Opening reception Sunday, October 11, 2-4 p.m.

OCTOBER 16
Israeli Author/Filmmaker to Speak

3 p.m., University of Louisville, Cochran Auditorium, Strickler Hall. Acclaimed writer and filmmaker Etgar Keret will speak about his new memoir, *The Seven Good Years*.

OCTOBER 16
Etgar Keret to Speak at The Temple

7 p.m., The Temple. Israeli writer, filmmaker Etgar Keret will read from and comment on one of his books.

OCTOBER 18
J45ers Mega Quest

12:30-4 p.m. Leave from and return to the JCC. \$30; JCC Members, \$25. Includes transportation, aerial ropes course and pizza lunch. Register at jewishlouisville.org/event/j45ers-mega-quest/.

OCTOBER 18
Klezmer to Kaddish

3 p.m., The Temple. Louisville Orchestra presents Jewish music and musicians from Maurice Ravel to Irving Berlin. Tickets available at 502-584-7777 or louisvilleorchestra.org. See ad, page 11.

OCTOBER 18
Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

At Adath Jeshurun. 7 p.m. reception; 7:30 broadcast. Dennis Ross in Conversation with Ethan Bronner: The U.S.-Israel Relationship, from Truman to Obama. Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

OCTOBER 22-NOVEMBER 8
CenterStage and Physician's Center for Beauty Present Oliver

JCC. Consider yourself at home with this musical theater classic adapted from Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*. \$20 in advance; \$22 at the door. CenterStageJCC.org.

OCTOBER 25
Master Chorale Fall Concert

2 p.m., Adath Jeshurun. \$20. Pre-concert presentation at 2. Concert at 3 featuring *To Be Certain of the Dawn* and *Israel in Egypt*. For tickets, go to www.louisvillemasterchorale.org or call 502-657-5248. See story, this page or ad, page 7.

Master Chorale to Present Paulus Work at AJ

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The Louisville Master Chorale and Orchestra will present a piece of particular interest to the Jewish community, *To Be Certain of the Dawn*, by Stephen Paulus on Sunday, October 25, at 3 p.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun. There will be a pre-concert lecture with John Hale at 2:15 p.m.

The concert will feature soloists Mary Wilson Redden, Cantor Sharon Hordes, Cantor David Lipp and Alexander Redden. In addition, the Louisville Youth Choir will participate.

To Be Certain of the Dawn is a memorial oratorio that was commissioned in 2005 by the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis as a gift to Temple Israel synagogue in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the freeing of Holocaust survivors and the 40th anniversary of the Vatican II declaration, *Nostra Aetate*.

"We've wanted to expand our horizons and diversify our repertoire," said the Louisville Master Chorale's Conductor and Artistic Director Mark Walker. "About three years ago, we presented Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, and it was brought up that maybe we should pursue some Jewish repertoire and Hebrew texts. I was waiting for the right piece to fit our group," Walker said.

After finding and studying Paulus' work, Walker "decided it would be perfect as the sequel to the *Chichester Psalms*."

Walker is also looking for different venues for the Chorale. "Up to this point," he said, the Louisville Master Chorale "had not performed in a Jewish venue." He worked through the Chorale's channels and consulted with the librettist, Dennis Michael Browne, the retired chair of English at the University of Minnesota, who provided the text. Browne thought performing at a synagogue was a wonderful idea.

Walker then approached Cantor Lipp at Adath Jeshurun and they agreed that the synagogue would be a great venue for the piece.

"The composer of the piece tragically died last year," Walker said. This perfor-

mance will take place one week after his yahrtzeit.

The goal of this project is to recognize and honor the Jewish struggle for freedom. For those within the Jewish community, it will provide an artistic experience that explores the eternal issues of humanity, tolerance and respect through the lens of the Holocaust and the Exodus.

For those outside the Jewish community it will bring a sharp focus on the significance of the Holocaust and a deeper

understanding of the Jewish struggle for freedom since biblical times. It is a moving program that offers a setting for personal reflection and serves as a teaching opportunity for all.

The program will also include excerpts from Handel's *Israel in Egypt*.

This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

Editor's Note: Some of the information for this story came from a press release from the Louisville Master Chorale.

Etgar Keret to Speak Here October 16

Renowned Israeli writer and filmmaker Etgar Keret will speak at the University of Louisville on Friday, October 16, at 3 p.m. about his recent critical success, the memoir *The Seven Good Years*. The program will be in Cochran Auditorium in Strickler Hall. Keret will also be the guest speaker at The Temple during Shabbat services at 7 p.m. the same day.

Hailed as the voice of young Israel and one of its extraordinary writers, Keret is internationally acclaimed for his short stories that capture the craziness of Israeli life and the human condition at large.

Shot through with a dark, tragicomic sensibility, he offers a window on a

surreal world that is at once funny and sad. *The Seven Good Years* is described as a wise, witty memoir, full of wonder and love, poignant insights and irrepressible humor.

This program is sponsored by the University of Louisville's Jewish Studies Program and the Division of Humanities.



Etgar Keret

Hanukkah Helpers Dreidels Available September 27

Warm winter clothing, books, arts and crafts, toys and other items are being collected so needy Jewish children in Louisville can have a happy Chanukah.

Community members are asked to participate in the annual Hanukkah Helpers program by shopping for new items for the children that their parents have requested. After September 27, paper dreidels listing the requested items will be available at Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel, Temple Shalom and The Temple.

Gifts should be returned to the offices of these synagogues by November 11, so they may be distributed in a timely fashion.

Tax deductible cash donations also are being collected and should be made payable to Jewish Family & Career Services.

Hanukkah Helpers is co-sponsored by JFCS and Temple Shalom.

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Upcoming LBSY Programs

On Sunday, September 27, LBSY families will be participating in special Sukkot programs at their home congregations. The emphasis for Sukkot learning for this year will be providing shelter. In addition to learning about the sheltering presence of the sukkah and of God, students and their families will learn what we can do to help provide shelter for others.

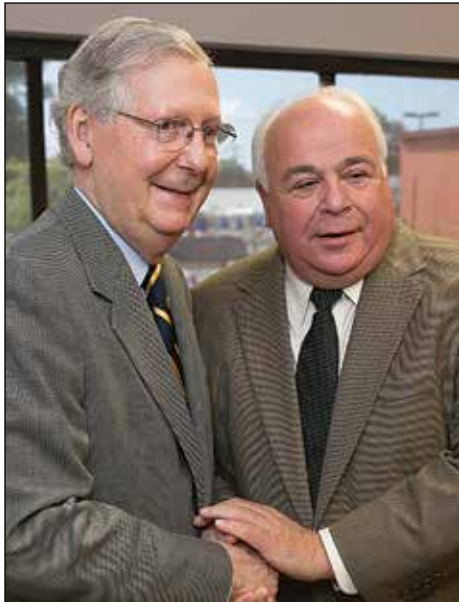
LBSY will be partnering with Houses for Change and Family Promise to raise money and consciousness about homelessness and poverty during this harvest festival. The program at Temple Shalom will begin at 4 p.m., Adath Jeshurun at 4:30 and Keneseth Israel at 6.

On Wednesday, October 7, at 6 p.m., the school's chug groups will make presentations on the fall festivals at Anshei Sfard. Using music, drama, art, video, animation, cooking, and more, students will present what they have learned about the fall holidays.

On Sunday, November 8, LBSY will be holding a fundraiser at 5 p.m. at the Kentucky Science Center featuring Jonathan Wolff. Details will soon be available.

On Sunday, November 15, LBSY invites the community to join them for the Global Day of Jewish Learning at 10 a.m. at Anshei Sfard Congregation. This year's theme, "Love: Devotion, Desire and Deception" will be featured in a program for adults. Students will join the adults for a joint program at 11:30.

McConnell Presents Case Against Iran Agreement



Sen. McConnell and Leon Wahba



Sen. McConnell and Steve Shapiro



Sen. McConnell and Debbie Friedman

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

On Wednesday, August 26, Sen. Mitch McConnell, the U.S. Senate Majority Leader who has a long history of support for Israel as an important U.S. ally and a strong interest in the Middle East, shared these thoughts with respect to the nuclear agreement with Iran:

While the President was opposed to sanctions, he did enforce them to such an extent that it brought Iran to the negotiating table. Clearly sanctions were working and if we had expanded sanctions, it would have forced Iran to accept a deal that is more in line with world expectations, guaranteeing that Iran would never achieve a nuclear bomb.

While not advocating any military

option, the U.S. cannot retreat from its world responsibilities. The world does much better and has done much better since World War I with American leadership.

Our allies in the Gulf, like Saudi Arabia, The United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and Qatar were strong-armed into publicly supporting the deal, but privately are very much opposed. Saudi Arabia is now reaching out to Russia for support because of the lack of American leadership.

President Obama has tried to reshape the Middle East, and his efforts have led to greater strife and uncertainty in the region.

Israel has legitimate concerns about this deal, and it is not just bad for Israel, it is bad for America.

Iran will use the lifting of sanctions, and the \$50 billion that will eventually come from it, to further destabilize the region by supporting Hamas, Hezbollah, and rebels in Yemen. It should also be noted that Iranian-made IED's were directly responsible for the death of over 500 Americans in Iraq.

It was a huge mistake not to consider the four hostages currently held in Iran to be an integral part of the deal making.

The inspections regime will be ineffective as it provides Iran the opportunity to police itself and report any infractions.



Sen. Mitch McConnell

American support of Israel as an ally remains strong across this country.

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JCRC Chair Becky Ruby Swansburg introduced Sen. McConnell.



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Clawson Presents Background on Iran Agreement

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

On Thursday, September 10, Dr. Patrick Clawson, the Morningstar senior fellow and director of research at the Washington Institute, where he directs the Iran Security Initiative, spoke to a group at the Jewish Community Center via Skype.



Dr. Patrick Clawson

He had been scheduled to come to Louisville, but his flight was canceled.

Dr. Clawson said the original objective of this agreement was to prove that the Iranian nuclear program is peaceful. "We couldn't do that," he said,

so this agreement is designed to keep Iran at least a year away from being able

to develop a nuclear weapon, but it is hard to determine exactly how far away a country is from attaining a nuclear weapon.

"We signed up for 15 years of intense squabbling," he said, "but the agreement is a good basis for future negotiations." Those negotiations, he hopes, will lead to a "quiet understanding with Iran that they have the right to produce highly enriched uranium," but if they do, we will assume they are racing for the bomb and we will respond – maybe militarily. "There will be serious consequences," he said.

While this agreement deals only with Iran's nuclear activity, Dr. Clawson said, the U.S. must work during the 15 years of the agreement "to reorient Iran away from its current revolutionary ambitions."

"Iran acts more like a cause than a country," he said, and the U.S. has no plan on how to deal with its aggressive, destabilizing activities in the Middle East. "The worst part," he posited, "is no longer Iran's support for terror, but how Iran has been stirring up sectarian war in the area."

The vicious militias it supports are undercutting Iraq, Yemen and Syria. "Iran presents itself as a fighter against ISIS," he said, "but it is also the arsonist." By supporting the militias, it is forcing people who are not sympathetic with ISIS to align themselves with that group because it is the only one that can keep their families alive.

"We have to find a way to break the vicious cycle of sectarianism in the Middle East," he insisted. "Ten times as many Syrians have died in this civil war than in all fighting between Syria and Israel." The Syrian government has destroyed more than one third of the housing

in the country resulting in more than 11 million Syrians who have left their homes."

It is bizarre to say the alternative to the nuclear deal with Iran is war, he said because there is a war going on now, and more people died in this war than those who died in the Middle East during World War II. And he blames the fighting on Iran's revolutionary values.

There is a great deal of mistrust between Iran and the U.S. "Iran thinks we are working to overthrow the Iranian government," he said, and that, too must be addressed.

Dr. Clawson also said, the U.S. needs to address the concerns of its allies – Israel and the Gulf Arab states. "We have been more effective in negotiating with Iran than with Israel," he said. "It's embarrassing."

He expressed concern that the Obama administration's approach is to address the grievances of hostile countries, "but it shouldn't do that at the expense of our historical allies. We have to find ways to work with our allies and not abandon their interests." The result seems to be that we are abandoning the region and leaving Iran to be the regional power, he contends.

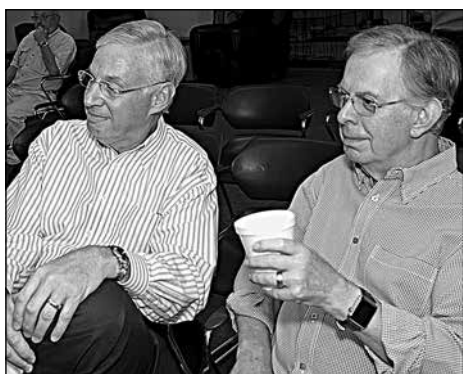
In the past, Dr. Clawson noted, when important agreements, like the arms control agreements with the former Soviet Union, were brought to Congress, the debate produced a lot of "perfecting provisions." These provisions didn't force the reopening of negotiations, but they did clarify how the U.S. would interpret the provisions of the agreement.

With regard to the agreement with Iran, Dr. Clawson contends, the debate that should have produced "perfection provisions" never happened because the debate immediately became partisan and neither side was willing to engage in the needed discussions.

Dr. Clawson expressed hope that after the current dispute, Congress "will



Nathan Goldman



Marty Ruby and Bob Sachs



Melanie Pell



Judah Skolnick

come back and clarify and establish the policies we need to take to enforce the agreement."

He also pointed out that the "U.S. has reserved the right to do a great many things to press Iran." The agreement maintains almost all the sanctions on Iran, since they were imposed for reasons that don't relate to nuclear weapons. Only those sanctions imposed because of Iran's nuclear program will be lifted.

Dr. Clawson also said that Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Hosseini Khamenei, Iran's current supreme leader, fears the U.S. will foment regime change in his country. He fears that young Iranians are attracted to Western ways and views Hollywood as much more dangerous to him than tanks.

He also believes that Iran will cheat, testing the agreement, but that it will wait for the economic sanctions to be lifted before doing so.

Dr. Clawson's discussion was part of an educational series of programs about the nuclear agreement with Iran presented by the Jewish Community Relations Council. Other speakers included Sen. Mitch McConnell (see story, page 6) and Rep. John Yarmuth (see story, page 7).



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Hershberg and Kamen Are among Bell Award Recipients

The WLKY Spirit of Louisville Foundation announced 10 recipients of the 2015 WLKY Bell Awards and 2 recipients of the WLKY Bell Awards Youth Service Honor. The Bell Awards program recognizes individuals who have demonstrated the true "spirit of Louisville" through selfless volunteer efforts and seeks to inspire all residents to engage in community service.

In addition to the 12 WLKY Bell Award honorees, the Foundation and Mayor Greg Fischer will present the "Mayor's Spirit of Louisville" award to Con-way Freight and Brenda Frank for their leadership in the Mayor's Give a Day community service initiative.

Among this year's honorees are two members of the Jewish community: Roberta Hershberg is a Bell Award recipient and Chad Kamen is one of the youth honorees.

Hershberg is a global ambassador for Louisville. The heart and soul of Sister Cities of Louisville, she has held various leadership roles in the organization for more than forty years. She's been host, mentor and earth mother for countless international visitors from dozens of countries around the world, and has served as a board member for the World Affairs Council. A faithful volunteer with the West End School since its start in 2012, Hershberg has also been instrumental in recruiting many others to assist the school to fulfill its mission.

Kamen is active in the fight against community hunger and food insecurity. In 2009, he created Team Food Chain to participate in Louisville's Hunger Walk

for Dare to Care Food Bank, which has since become an official charitable organization under his leadership. In six years, the team has raised \$58,000, translating to 200,000 meals.

Team Food Chain began in 2010 as Kamen's mitzvah project as he prepared for bar mitzvah at The Temple. When he contacted Dare to Care to find out what he could do, the organization challenged him to become a Hunger Walk sponsor by raising \$10,000. He accepted the challenge, recruiting corporate sponsors and working with the Jewish Community Relations Council and Kentucky Country Day. His parents, Abby and Craig Kamen and sister, Samantha, also supported his efforts.

After his bar mitzvah, he remained committed to his project and continues to fight hunger.

For three years, Kamen has been a student leader in Bridge to Fort Campbell, an exchange between his school and the soldiers and families of the 101st Airborne Division 5th Special Forces group of the U.S. Army. He is a senior at Kentucky Country Day.

Other Bell Award recipients include:

Bernie Begin, a volunteer maintenance and general handyman at St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities in New



Chad Kamen



Roberta Hershberg

Albany, IN, and, for more than 10 years, a volunteer with the Clark and Floyd County Special Olympics.

Jim Clark has done more than 20 projects for the Louisville Metro Police Department, renovating and refurbishing their K9 kennels and Mounted Patrol stables, donating materials and labor in excess of \$200,000 in a span of four years. He's also a faithful volunteer for the Kentucky Humane Society and Operation Military Cheer.

Todd Dunn organizes teams of volunteers, primarily from UAW Local 862, to get many community projects done, including building wheelchair ramps, helping build a simulated city block for children's training for the Visually Impaired Pre-School and more.

Dr. Manuel Grimaldi has given more than 700 hours of free medical care to the patients of the Family Community Clinic, serving two days a week for the last three years. He has provided 952 patient encounters including medical services valued at more than \$180,000. He also sorts medical supplies at Supplies Over Seas and has been an integral part of the GLMS Foundation/Hand in Hand Ministries annual Medical Immersion Trip to Nicaragua from 2011 to 2015.

Lisa Groves travels through the U.S., Canada and Mexico for The Veterans Connection's "No Veteran Left Behind" missions to assist homeless veterans. Groves, who served in the US Army for eight years, connects with fellow veterans to distribute food, clothing, hygiene items and more.

Nora Horecny, a retired nurse, visits the sick and home-bound members of Our Savior Lutheran Church. She oversees the church's cookie project, organizes funeral meals and participates in the annual Lutheran World Relief, which ships homemade quilts to refugee camps and disaster scenes. For 17 years, she has taught Braille and prepared Braille books that are shipped worldwide.

Cindy Kanning has been volunteering for more than 25 years and directs the friend-raising program, "Giants in Faith," for Hope Southern Indiana and provides pro bono training programs for the organization's volunteers and staff. Kanning is a valued resource for One Southern Indiana's Chamber & Economic Development and volunteers with Goodwill Southern Indiana, Junior Achievement, the YMCA, and her church.

JoAnn Orr started volunteering as a young girl serving as a candy striper. She served five overseas tours of duty as a senior non-commissioned officer. She is a strong advocate for Sickle Cell Association of Kentuckiana, having lost

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YARMUTH

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the agreement, Iran and the European Union, has a procedure to follow.

"They can vote immediately or they can take up to 14 days to analyze it," Rep. Yarmuth said. "Then there's another seven-day period that is totally at the discretion of the non-Iranians. They can either use those 7 days or not."

"And then, after that, if the majority of the joint commission votes that they [Iran] need to allow access, it needs to be done within three days," he continued, "so if you played it all out, it could be 24 days. But basically, if that were to happen, we would know they were trying to cheat."

Rep. Yarmuth said the procedure is reasonable because no country, including Iran, would ever open up all their conventional military operations and bases to other countries. He believes the intelligence operations, extensive surveillance and the 24/7 monitoring of the entire uranium chain would make it "virtually impossible for them to set up an alternative supply chain without us knowing it."

When asked about the side agreement with the IAEA disclosed recently, Rep. Yarmuth said, "The IAEA has the responsibility of monitoring every country that has signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. As part of their normal procedure, they will enter into agreements with countries on how they can monitor their activities." He insisted that there is nothing out of the ordinary about this.

With respect to Iran's declarations that threaten Israel's existence, Rep. Yarmuth said there is distrust between the U.S. and Iran and there is distrust between Israel and Iran, and he understands the Israelis' concerns.

Based on a conversation Rep. Yarmuth had with a former Iranian ambassador to Germany, he said, "The Iranians fund Hezbollah" and Assad, but there are different ways of looking at it. The U.S., he said, sees this as funding terrorism. The

Iranians, however, "look at it as supporting the only sources of stability in some very unstable neighborhoods."

"That argument or perspective is hard for Western world people to swallow," he continued. "It certainly would be impossible for the Israelis to swallow, understandably. But that's the way they look at it. That without Hezbollah, without Assad, there is less stability in the region. So again there are different perspectives on this. And there is nobody who stands up for Israel, who has empathy for the Israelis, who doesn't understand how stupid that sounds and how impossibly silly that sounds, but it's just interesting to hear different perspectives."

When asked about concerns about how Iran would use the tremendous amount of money they would get when the sanctions are lifted, Rep. Yarmuth pointed out that the Iranians have immediate, pressing domestic needs that are estimated at around \$2 trillion. Under this deal, around \$56 billion of their money will be released back to them.

While there are no guarantees that some of that money would not be used to fund Hezbollah or Assad, Rep. Yarmuth believes the Iranian people are counting on the money at home.

Asked if they could purchase a nuclear weapon, Rep. Yarmuth said he considered that unlikely. The Iranians could have done that before now had they wanted to. "The question is what does a nuclear weapon get them?" he said. "It doesn't get them a deterrent threat for the Israelis. The Israelis have lots more nuclear weapons than they have. They [the Iranians] understand that if they were to use one for offensive reasons that they would be wiped out in a half an hour. They're not suicidal."

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Cohen Named to Forty Under 40 List

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Ross Cohen has been chosen as one of *Business First's* 2015 Forty Under 40 honorees. He was chosen for this elite group of up and coming young business leaders from among more than 500 nominations.

Cohen said he was a bit surprised.

"It's a great honor. ... It validates the work I've been doing. The people who have been selected before me are significant contributors to the community and I want to follow in their footsteps."

In May, Cohen also received the Jewish Community of Louisville's Lewis W Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award.

A Louisville native, Cohen is an attorney with Bingham Greenebaum Doll. He earned his undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Kentucky, his law degree from the University of Louisville, and a masters in tax law from New York University. "I'm a partner in the firm now," he explained, "and I recently became the co-chair of the federal tax team within the firm."

Cohen has also served as chair of the

Louisville Bar Association's Tax Section and chair and an officer of the Kentucky Bar Association's Tax Section.

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

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

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

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

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

Cohen and his wife, Shannon, have a one-year-old daughter, Elin. His parents are Joe and Trish Cohen.



Ross Cohen

WAHBA

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Teen Connection and BBYO to summer camp and the Senior Adult nutrition program.

The Jewish Community Relations Council is close to Wahba's heart, as he is a former chair of the group that serves as an advocate for the interests of the Jewish community and Israel and the interface for the Jewish community with other faith communities and the general community. The JCRC, he said, is a critical program that deserves full funding.

Another program that Wahba believes needs greater support is Hillel, the place where Jewish students at the University of Louisville, Bellarmine University and other metroversity campuses can be comfortable being Jewish, meet other Jews and deal with issues that affect them as Jews that they encounter on campus.

He also anticipates an influx of refugees as the United States steps up to help with the crisis in Europe today, and Wahba knows Jewish Family & Career Services will be in the forefront of Louisville's resettlement effort.

It takes the entire community working as a team, because we are "stronger together," he said, emphasizing the 2016 Campaign theme.

Wahba plans to build on some of the successful elements Doug Gordon, who chaired the last two year's Campaigns, introduced. "We do want to replicate the Million Dollar Dinner and the Week of Giving," he said. By focusing the Cam-

paign effort on the Week of Giving, he pointed out, the community raised half of its goal before the end of the year and then was able to celebrate at the dinner.

The key to making this happen is volunteers, he said, and he's eager to welcome everyone who would like to be part of the team. He's already talking with past Campaign chairs and other community leaders, and he's looking for new team members who are ready to step up and make a difference.

Ed Cohen, Ralph Green, Doug Gordon, Bob Sachs and Ben Vaughan have already stepped forward and agreed to help. Wahba is counting on many more to help as well.

He is also excited about working with JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner. Her depth of experience, energy and enthusiasm will be great assets to the 2016 Campaign.

Wahba is a member of the JCL Board of Directors and served on the steering committee for the Israel@60 celebration. He also served as treasurer of the Jewish Community Federation.

One of his strongest interests is the JCRC. In addition to his service as JCRC Chair, Wahba has chaired the Jewish community's participation in the Community Hunger Walk, worked on improving Muslim/Jewish relations. He is also a passionate advocate for Israel and actively supports Yom Ha-atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) activities and the Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) community commemoration..

Wahba is truly a success story for the Louisville Jewish community. He was born in Egypt to a Sephardic family with roots that stretch back generations. When the State of Israel was established, "it became very uncomfortable for Jews to remain in Egypt" or in any other country in the Arab world, he explained.

Nearly a million Jews fled from Arab lands, making new homes in many places around the world. Wahba's family scattered to Israel, Brazil, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Belgium, France, Italy, Argentina, Uruguay and the United States.

With HIAS' (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) help, Wahba's family obtained a visa and was sponsored by Louisville's Conference of Jewish Organizations (a predecessor to the Jewish Community Federation and the Jewish Community of Louisville). They arrived at the L&N Station in October 1959, where the family of four, his parents, Marcel and Rebecca, Leon, and his sister, Arlette, were met by National Council of Jewish Women representatives Selma Kling, Claire Judd and Frances Wolff.

Conference Director Al Erlen, Jewish Vocational Service Director David Dobson, Boris Pressma and Mrs. Kleinman were also very helpful.

"The first few weeks we were here, they were so kind and attentive," Wahba said. "We had no idea what to expect." The family was given a small furnished

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her son to the disease in 1989, and leads their fundraising efforts, participates in health fairs and other educational

activities and visits sick patients at Kosair Children's Hospital. Orr delivers for Meals on Wheels twice a week and has also volunteered with Susan G. Komen, Dare to Care, NAACP, American Red Cross and more.

Bill Roby is a fundraiser for USA Cares, an organization devoted to assisting post 9/11 military families in crisis. As chairman of their national board, he is directly involved in their overall operation. With 12 chapters across the country and 70,000+ requests for help, more than 11.5 million dollars has been granted to date. This past June, Mr. Roby spent a week as a mentor at the "Save a Warrior" camp, created to serve suicidal veterans.

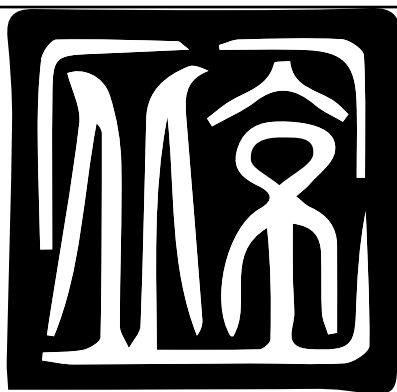
Hailey Simpson is the other Bell Award Youth Service honoree. She planned and organized book drives for the Children's Reading Foundation of Appalachia. Over the past three years, she collected 10,000 new and gently used children's books. She volunteered at Reading Camps as a counselor for two years and was invited to return this past summer to the Pine Mountain Settlement School Reading Camp. She has organized two shoe drives to benefit Water Step, volunteers with Salvation Army, St. John United Methodist Church

and tutors at her school, North Oldham High School, where she is a senior.

In addition, Mayor Greg Fischer, in partnership with the WLKY-TV Spirit of Louisville Foundation, will present Con-way Freight and Brenda Frank with the Mayor's Spirit of Louisville Award for their leadership role with the 2015 Give-A-Day week of service. Achieving the goal of keeping Louisville "the most compassionate city," there were more than 166,000 volunteers and acts of kindness in action community-wide from April 18-26, 2015.

The WLKY Bell Award recipients will be honored at a banquet at the Galt House Hotel on Friday, October 9. Reservations to the dinner can be made by contacting WLKY, 893-3671, by October 1. A special one-hour telecast of The WLKY Bell Awards will air on WLKY Saturday, October 24, from 8-9 p.m.

Celebrating its 38th year, the WLKY Spirit of Louisville Foundation was formed to oversee the annual Bell Awards program. The 2015 Executive Committee of the Spirit of Louisville Foundation are Jill Bell/Passport Health, Nancy Davis/Stock Yards Bank, Sue Stout Tame/Civic Volunteer and Glenn Haygood/WLKY-TV.



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Dror Biran

The Music eX Series, which began September 20, features four classical concerts that celebrate piano and strings music. Dror Biran, a UofL piano professor and artistic director will perform in all of them. Biran founded the series in 2011 to raise money for scholarships for music students. All funds from ticket sales go to

the scholarship fund.

A major highlight for the series, which features a mix of esteemed guest artists and UofL faculty, is a concert by Lee Luvisi and Dror Biran on Sunday, October 18. Luvisi, a world-renowned pianist and Louisville native, has played at Carnegie Hall and performed with respected musicians and orchestras of the 20th and 21st centuries. He retired from a four-decade career as a piano professor at UofL and infrequently plays publicly, so the October appearance has been called a special treat by organizers.

"Luvisi is the perfect example of what we're trying to perpetuate with the scholarship fund," Biran said. "He is from Louisville, he came back here and helped establish several new generations of musicians. We want to support and nurture musicians who will become the future musical life blood of

our community."

Luvisi had many students in Louisville, nurturing many generations of teachers and students. "I'm still enjoying the fruits of those students," Biran added, "because they are sending me students today."

The remaining two concerts are March 6, featuring Brittany MacWilliams on violin, and Biran on piano; and April 3, featuring Patrick Rafferty and MacWilliams on violins; Paul York on cello and Biran on piano.

Biran believes the Jewish community should attend because of its strong focus on education. "If there were Olympics in music," he said, "the Jewish people would have taken first place. ... This series will support the next generation of musicians. That is the core mission of this series to create enough scholarship

money that Louisville's talent will continue to thrive."

Born in Israel, Biran came to Louisville as a graduate student and chose to remain. He is a top prize winner of several national and international piano competitions. He is a graduate of the Givataim Conservatory and the Rubin Academy of Music at Tel Aviv University. He received his doctorate from the Cleveland Institute of Music.

All shows begin at 3 p.m. at Comstock Concert Hall in the School of Music at the corner of First Street and Cardinal Boulevard. A season subscription to all four shows is \$50. Individual concerts are \$15, with a student ticket rate of \$5. Tickets are available by calling 502-852-6907. For more information, visit Louisville.edu/music/music-ex-series.

CHAVURAT SHALOM



Chavurat Shalom meets at the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42, unless otherwise designated in the listing. It is a community-wide program and all synagogue members and Jewish residents are welcome.

October 1

Astral Duo – Dr. Stephen Mattingly, University of Louisville assistant guitar professor and director of its Community Music Program along with Kathleen Karr, principal flutist for the Louisville Orchestra. Lunch in the Heideman Auditorium, performance in Waller Chapel

October 8

Bus trip to Huber's. Lunch on your own. Transportation fee: \$10. For reservations, call or email Charlene Reynolds; contact information below.

October 15

Rabbi Rapport, "Mitzvah: The Abiding Jewish Value"

October 18 (Sunday)

3 p.m., Louisville Orchestra, Music Without Borders, Teddy Abrams, conducting. At The Temple – a limited amount of discounted \$17 general admission tickets are available for Chavurat Shalom attendees. Call or email Reynolds.

October 22

Hannah Parker, pianist. Lunch in the Heideman Auditorium, performance in Waller Chapel

October 29

Music and fun with the Silver Notes ... Halloween costumes are welcome, if you dare.

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Transportation to Jewish events, such as Chavurat Shalom, can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services' Joy Ride at 502-333-8342. The website is www.joyridelouisville.com. Transportation to Chavurat Shalom through Joy Ride is \$5 round-trip.

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

WAHBA

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apartment on Sherwood Ave., and a refrigerator full of food.

Within a month, Wahba's father found a job as an accountant for Universal Container. "It was the one and only job he ever held in America," Wahba said. His mother, although she spoke no English, worked in the perfume department at Stewarts.

Wahba attended Seneca High School, was active in Rauch AZA, and, with his family, belonged to Anshei Sfard. Wahba also singled out Rauch adviser Phil Schechter and Mrs. Kleinman as being very influential in his life.

He went on to the University of Louisville and graduated with a degree in business in 1967, then enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Germany.

In 1970, he returned to Louisville and got into international banking. That led to an assignment in Brussels, Belgium and later to a job with a bigger bank in Cleveland.

"Somewhere in between," Wahba continued, "I got married to wonderful a young lady, Helen Wirth, from New Albany, IN, who was a nurse in intensive care unit at Jewish Hospital."

After working in international banking for 35 years and traveling overseas extensively, he retired as head of the International Department at Sun Trust in April 2005 and headed back to Louisville, to be closer to Helen's family and where they could enjoy the more temperate weather.

Wahba still maintains some ties with the Egyptian Jewish community, too, which now numbers less than 30. All of those who remain are elderly women, he said.

Helen Wahba is a member of NCJW and volunteers with Jewish Family & Career Service.

The Wahbas have two adult children, Marcie Wahba, married to Josh Eppert, and Jeffrey Wahba and his significant other, Rachel Parks.

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Simchat Torah: Toward a Torah of Joy

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky
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The word "Torah" means teaching. We generally use it to mean the scroll of Torah that contains the five books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. But Torah is broader than any book that we can write. When we read the written Torah, we recite the blessing "notein hatorah" – we give thanks for the Torah that we are being given, in the present tense.

This brings us to the question: What is the Torah that we are being given in our own present day? What are we learning about how we are supposed to live? Do we fight the lessons that we receive? Do

we wish for a past that is no more and refuse to engage the present? Sometimes our most difficult learning is the lesson of acceptance – being able to find joy and blessing, even in the challenges that face us.

On the holiday of Simchat Torah, we finish reading the book of Deuteronomy, and we immediately begin once again with Genesis. We are never done learning.



Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky

Simchat Torah teaches us to see every ending as the doorway to a new beginning.

Nothing is ever static. So many of our holidays and rituals are designed to teach us how to move and grow, to transition – to find the sacred in the midst of change. Yet, in life, all too often, we fight change. We fear it and allow our fear to define our future, rather than allowing faith and hope to define us.

And so it is that we are commanded to be joyful on Simchat Torah. Sometimes, we need to be pushed into joy, because the well-worn grooves of our psyche have gotten used to worry and grudges. We never know where we will find Torah, but with the right intention, we can learn to find blessings, even in our challenges.

Not too long ago, I was reminded of this lesson by someone that I met at the State Fair, where we were connecting people to life-saving screenings, which is just one of the countless ways that we, at KentuckyOne Health, serve our broader community and fulfill our mission to bring wellness, healing and hope to all, including the underserved.

I met a man who told me that he is alive today thanks to the screening he received at the fair, one year ago, which led him to discover life-threatening blockages. He came to Jewish Hospital emergently, and underwent extensive surgery.

During this time, his estranged brother came to visit him, and they were able to reconnect. He told me: "This screen-

ing for my physical heart gave me back another piece of my heart as well – not only am I alive, but my brother is back in my life too."

He shared how he and his brother had fought many years previously, and by the time they made up, they could barely remember what had happened. They only remembered the different versions of the story that they had told themselves about what had happened. Those stories became larger than the two brothers and louder than reality. Eventually, their stories became what kept them from each other. It took the reminder of life's fragility to finally convince them to let go of the past, and remember that they were family. He told me: "I never thought that almost dying would teach me how to live."

We all have stories that we carry with us, old beliefs, old hurts and old assumptions. How many of these are outdated? Can our biggest challenges also become our biggest teachers? Can we find blessing in the things that seem the hardest to accept? What in our life is pushing us into joy, if only we could allow ourselves to see it?

As we begin a New Year, and prepare for Simchat Torah, we have the opportunity to think about which of our own stories are helping us to live with joy and hope in our hearts, and which ones are keeping us from what truly matters. May we, individually and collectively, recognize and celebrate Torah, in all its forms. May this year be a sweet and healthy one, filled with blessing and healing.

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Festival of Trees & Lights Call for Volunteers

The Lights Committee of the Festival of Trees and Lights is looking for volunteers to help with this year's Jewish Heritage display.

People are needed to help in setting up the Lights display on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 10 and 11, and to take it down on Sunday November 15, from 6-9 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed to explain the display and hand out pamphlets on Chanukah and gifts of dreidels and chocolate gelt on Thursday, November 12, from 5-8 p.m.; Friday November 13, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and on Sunday, November 15, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. In addition, volunteers are needed to be a "dreidel mascot" during those times and to work the Jewish activities in the children's area.

All the funds raised by the Festival of Trees and Lights will go to the pediatric cardiology program at Kosair Children's Hospital, improving the care of children with congenital heart disease by expanding cardiac intensive care unit and helping recruit top pediatric physicians.

When asked why supporting Kosair

Children's Hospital is so important, Richard S. Wolf, M.D., retired medical director of Kosair Children's Hospital said, "Children are only 20 percent of the population, but they are 100 percent of our future."

Donations (tax deductible) are needed to help offset the expenses of this year's Lights exhibit in order for more monies to go to the pediatric cardiology program.

The late Jerry Berman founded the "Lights" portion of the festival in 1989 to include the Jewish community and to provide an educational aspect about the rich Jewish heritage for festival guests. Last year's 25th anniversary Festival of Trees and Lights showcased dozens of menorahs and dreidels, and thousands of educational handouts, dreidels and gelt were distributed.

More than 6,000 guests visited the event last year, with every person walking past the Lights display.

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Price Promoted to Development and Special Events Director

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Ever since Lenae McKee Price joined the staff of the Jewish Community Center in 2012, CenterStage has benefited from her energy, enthusiasm and creativity. She has developed and implemented comprehensive fundraising, marketing and outreach campaigns to engage program participants, community partners and donors for CenterStage's main stage shows and educational programs.



Lenae Price

Now, Price has been promoted to Development and Special Events Director for the Jewish Community of Louisville. She will use her talents to enhance programs throughout the JCC and the Federation.

"I will work closely with all programmers, committees and volunteers to cultivate new interest and contributions to support all the good things we're doing here," she said. "One of the first initiatives will be expanding our camp scholarship program. Let's rally the community to help those families with limited means to experience one of the best things our JCC has to offer, our tremendous summer camp."

She'll also be working to "focus some effort on those who participate in programs on a daily basis, but are not being asked to help."

To handle her new responsibilities, Price is turning some of her responsibilities with CenterStage over to Joanna Blieden. "Joanna will be great," Price said. "I'm delighted to hand the reins over to someone who has lots of energy and great ideas for CenterStage and the agency. She'll be able to pick up on outreach right where I left off."

Earlier this year, Price received the Arthur S. Kling Award in recognition of her dedicated work for CenterStage. She also participated in the JCC Association's Israel Enhancement program, and when she returned from Israel, she was energized and full of ideas about how to incorporate more about Israel into many aspects of the programming at the JCC.

Price graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Tennessee in

2008. Her passion for the non-profit world began in college as she developed and managed various initiatives and lobbying efforts as the project coordinator for Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

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

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

In 2011, Price was honored at the "30 Under 30" Celebration of Long Island's Young Professionals and received spe-

cial recognition from Congressman Steve Israel for her work in the community.

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

Price has returned to the stage last year, performing at the Bard's Town in *Collected Stories* and *Other Desert Cities*.

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

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

The Prices have a daughter, Billie, who is enrolled in the JCC's Early Learning Center.

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Hadassah Explores the Bundt Cake Legacy

by Michelle Elisburg
Hadassah President

On May 17, the Louisville Chapter of Hadassah hosted a Bundt Cake Baking Event in the kitchen of Keneseth Israel.

Dara Cohen, who earned a "Baking of Pastry Certificate" from the California Culinary School, began the program with a demonstration of Bundt cake baking. She gave several baking tips and shared several "from scratch" recipes while commenting that her grandmother sometimes used cake mix, and "it is okay." The program concluded with a sampling of several varieties of Bundt cake.

The significance of the Bundt cake to Hadassah is the result of the Minneapolis chapter. In 1950, Rose Joshua and Fannie Shanfield approached H. David Dalquist, the founder of the kitchenware company, Nordic Ware, asking for a lighter version of their Austrian ceramic Kugelhopf cake pan. Dalquist designed the Bundt cake pan out of aluminum, and Hadassah women sold the pan with proceeds benefitting the Hadassah Hospital in Israel.

Robin Wolff promoted Hadassah's Heart Healthy Initiative - Every Step Counts. Women are encouraged to sign up at Hadassah.org for a virtual walk to Jerusalem, by counting steps and promoting a healthy, active lifestyle.

Hadassah's Heart Health Institute in Ein Kerem is leading the way in documenting and raising awareness about how heart disease and heart attacks present differently in women. It is also reaching out to Haredi and Arab women, who have heightened risk factors for heart disease, such as diabetes and obesity, and limited exposure to health information and a healthy lifestyle.

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Joyce Bridge Is NCJW Louisville Section President

by Lisa Hornung

Communications Specialist

Joyce Bridge was elected president of the National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, in May, and is now looking forward to her two years in office and helping implement change in the organization.

NCJW is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who help provide funds and volunteers to improve the lives of women, children and families, as well as lobby to protect individual rights and freedoms.

Bridge, who is not Jewish, joined NCJW when she moved to Louisville 10 years ago. In the early 1980s, she had run a social service agency in New Jersey that helped victims of domestic violence. While there, she said, NCJW helped her and the agency a great deal.

When she came to Louisville because of her husband's job, she said, "when you have no children coming with you and no schools to visit, you end up looking for other ways to meet people and form friendships."

Since she already knew a lot about the organization, she decided to join NCJW, along with other service organizations where she gave her money and time, including Gilda's Club and the Speed Art Museum, where she is a docent.

"It's always good to think that somehow you helped somebody in the course of your life," Bridge said. "You've made a difference. And it's really what it's all about. To me it doesn't matter what religion you are or what color you are. If you've done that, then you've accom-

plished something."

Two years ago, she was nominated as vice president of the organization. She reminded the nominating committee that she wasn't Jewish, but they told her it didn't matter. After her two years in that role, she was asked to be president. "I turned it down twice," she said.

She wasn't sure if she and her husband were going to move back to New Jersey, but after they talked, they agreed to stay through her term as president. She accepted the position with the caveat that she not have to give up her other volunteer work.

Bridge said the Nearly New Shop has always been NCJW's major source of fundraising, but due to an increase in competing thrift shops over the years, it's not making the money it used to. So the Louisville Section has had to find new ways to raise funds.

Bridge's challenge as president is to forge new alliances to find new ways to help people in need. One initiative is working with jails to give unsold clothing from Nearly New to those recently released from jail who have nothing to wear. NCJW supports social service agencies, including ElderServe, Maryhurst, Jewish Family and Career Services, and many more.

Engaging volunteers is a constant challenge. Bridge said most volunteers in the community are older women, and NCJW would like to find ways to entice younger women so that the organization can be passed down to the next generation and it will be left in good hands.

"My goal is to move this into a way that younger people can start taking this over because we all aren't getting any younger," she said with a laugh. "That's what I'm here for. That's what I hope to do."

Bridge has helped the organization host meetings with speakers, such as Jefferson County School Superinten-

dent Donna Hargens, entrepreneur and motivational speaker Barbara Sexton Smith, Pediatric Forensic Pathologist Melissa Curry and many others. The meetings have gotten attendance up to about 60 people.

Her 10 years in Louisville have been

great, and she really loves living here, she said.

About NCJW, she added: "It's a great group of women making a difference in the lives of other people."

For more information on NCJW, Louisville Section, visit ncjwlou.org.

LO to Perform the Work September 17

Abrams, Lipp, Sanchez Presented Panel Discussion of Bernstein Mass

by Bob Sachs

Special to Community

Composer Leonard Bernstein is known for helping to bridge the gap between popular and classical music. *West Side Story* comes to mind, as it did early in a panel discussion on Bernstein's *Mass* held on Thursday, September 17, at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts.

The discussion, before a capacity crowd in the Mary Anderson Room, was hosted by the Center for Interfaith Relations and the Louisville Orchestra, and was moderated by Daniel Gilliam, director of radio for Louisville Public Media. It featured Cantor David Lipp of Adath Jeshurun, Fr. David G. Sánchez of St. Joseph Catholic Church, and Teddy Abrams, music director for the Louisville Orchestra. Asked what their first exposure to Bernstein was, both Cantor Lipp and Fr. Sánchez said *West Side Story*. Thus began this "conversation on meaning."

Mass was a work commissioned by Jackie Kennedy Onassis for the opening of the Kennedy Center 44 years ago this month. Its original title was *Mass, A Theater Piece for Singers, Players and Dancers*.

Abrams pointed out its enormous scale, which includes a full orchestra, diverse singers, a full choir, and a "street" chorus, among other elements, makes it difficult to present. Indeed, the Louisville Orchestra presentation, which opens the Classic Concert Series on September 26, omits the dancers simply because there is no room on the stage. Abrams likened the production to working with a giant set of Legos with no instruction sheet.

Atherton Class of '65 Reunion

by Honi Marleen Goldman

Special to Community

Atherton's High School's class of 1965 recently had its 50th Reunion. Over 130 class members attended the events, which included a golf outing, Twilight Racing at Churchill Downs, "Find Your Locker" at Atherton and a banquet at Big Spring Country Club.

This class had about 400 members and was the first to go all three years in the newly built Dundee Road building.

Some of the 1965 graduates are Lorraine Abrams, Art Davis, Mark Fine, Elaine Goldberg, Debbie Goldstein, Barbara Gould, John Klein, Linda Krupp, Marla Levy, Judy Mazin, Barry Morgue-lan, Diane Pressma, Rachel Pollock, Bruce Prizant, Juliet Ringol, Arthur Schneider, Lonny Schuster, Cheryl Sivak, Michele Slung, Jo Ann Tanehaus, Annette Winkler, and John Yarmuth.

The 1965 Reunion Committee included Honi Marleen Goldman and Janet Pearlman Levitan and the class reunion Facebook page is www.facebook.com/athertonreunion1965.

The class is still looking for contact information for about 70 of their classmates. Please send any current information for any 1965 Atherton graduate to Honi Goldman, hmgoldman@aol.com or 2727 Lamont Rd., Louisville 40205, or call 502-451-4564.

Attempting to bridge theater and liturgy is fraught with danger and the panelists discussed the extent to which people might be offended. Abrams said it depended on how the piece was presented. "It's a theatrical mass, not a liturgical one," he said. Fr. Sánchez agreed, calling it drama rather than a sacrilege.

Cantor Lipp pointed out the irony that this piece, set as it is as a Catholic mass, was the product principally of three Jews: Bernstein; Stephen Schwartz, the lyricist; and Paul Simon. The irony was probably not lost on Bernstein and may have been among the issues the complex piece presents.

Lipp talked about struggling with concepts of God. Abrams, calling himself a "Lennyistic" Jew, saw peace as common to all religions. Sánchez felt that religion brought hope to people.

The human struggle *Mass* depicts leads to a dramatic breakdown, a shock to some. The grand scale of the piece, Abrams explained, allows one to see it in various ways even as it can lead one to question his own values. Cantor Lipp saw the various elements of the piece as a "scaffold" to theological challenges, a view enthusiastically embraced by Abrams. *Mass* opens with "Simple Song." *Sing God a simple song, lau da lau de. make it up as you go along, lau da lau de.*

This very simplicity, Cantor Lipp pointed out, portends the complexity of building a religious structure, with its laws, customs, heroes, adherents, etc.

Clearly, *Mass* was shocking in 1971, but can audiences be shocked in the same way in 2015? Abrams said yes. "If we do it right, it's a timeless experience." Cantor Lipp was less sure about its present-day shock value. He found it more moving than shocking.

Initially, some classical music critics dismissed *Mass* as a vulgar exercise in antiestablishment pandering. Its ultimate survival and its continued popularity a full generation later, Abrams pointed out, highlights the singularity of Leonard Bernstein as a composer. No composer, he said, now has the kind of connection with the public that Bernstein had.

Asked by the moderator what he would say to a parishioner who came to him offended by *Mass*, Fr. Sánchez said he would tell them what he tells his flock at the end of any liturgical mass: "The mass has ended. Go in peace."

Whether one sees it as a product of anti-Viet Nam war sentiment or a remarkable attempt to use music to test our religious values, Abrams felt *Mass* was especially suited to Louisville audiences and urged us to see it more than once.


Teddy Abrams will conduct Leonard Bernstein's *Mass* on Saturday, September 26, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, September 27, at 3 p.m. Both performances will be at the Kentucky Center for the Arts.

The Louisville Orchestra will also present a Klezmer to Kaddish concert featuring music from Maurice Ravel's "Kaddish" to Irving Berlin's "Alexander's Ragtime Band." There are three performances, including one on Sunday, October 18, at 3 p.m. at The Temple.

For ticket information for both programs, see ad, page 11.





Joyce Bridge



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Nathan Cohen Spends Summer in Nicaragua with Mitzvah Corps

by Nathan Cohen
Special to Community

This summer, I was fortunate enough to go to Nicaragua through a mission program called Mitzvah Corps. Sponsored by NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth). Our mission took place in a small town called Granada, which lies southeast of its capital Managua. There we worked through an organization called "La Casa de Mujer" (The House of Women), which is an equal rights group who provides aid to families all around Nicaragua, whether it be poverty, domestic issues, etc.

It was our job to help mix, mold, and stack adobe bricks, which was a difficult and time-consuming process that took around six days to complete. With 20 people on our mission trip, we were able to create over 400 bricks, which is only enough to complete about one wall of a house.

I chose to go with this group mainly because it was for Jewish teens. It is

much easier to create a connection with teens who have a similar background. As a team, we were able to accomplish so much in a very little time.

When we weren't working, we visited all kinds of places in Nicaragua like the rainforest, a volcano and all around the village square. Granada was a very nice town, when you weren't being bombarded by beggars.

It was nice to go outside my comfort zone and push the limits that I have set myself. I was able to expand my view of life and see firsthand how the Nicaraguans live. Even though I only stayed in Nicaragua for 10 days, the experiences I had and the lessons I learned, will stay with me for the rest of my life.

There I discovered what it is like to live in a third world country and saw the hardships that they have to face every day. It has truly made me thankful for the privileges that I have because I live in America, and the experience has made me a better person.

Book Review: Alexandrian Summer

by Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman
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Alexandrian Summer
Yitzhak Gormezano Goren; Yardenne Greenspan, trans.

With an introduction by André Aciman
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Award-winning novelist and playwright Yitzhak Gormezano Goren's *Alexandrian Summer*, a memoiristic novel about the vibrant Jewish Egyptian past, received very strong critical acclaim when it was first published in Israel in 1978. Yet only now has it been published in English, and anyone curious about that rich heritage will likely be grateful.

Goren was born in Alexandria, Egypt in 1941 (he immigrated to Israel as a child) and, for anyone who has ever wondered why that city arouses such fierce nostalgia among the tens of thousands who emigrated in the years following Israel's establishment, this short yet expansive novel offers an indelible answer.

While its richly descriptive language is often as appealingly breezy and insouciant as the seaside promenades where much of its action takes place, the novel ultimately takes us deep into the sorrows and passions, past and present, of two Jewish families just prior to the military coup that toppled King Farouk in 1952. It helps to understand what a polyglot and multicultural environment Alexandria was at the time.

As fellow expat writer André Aciman points out in his introduction, this was "a multi-ethnic, multi-religious, multi-sexual, multi-everything society where Copt, Jew, Muslim, Catholic, and Greek Orthodox lived tolerably well together and where multilingualism was the order of the day. Everyone was part Levantine, part European, part Egyptian, and one hundred percent hodgepodge, just as everyone's sentences were

spiced with words and expressions lifted from French, Italian, Arabic, Ladino, Turkish, Greek, English, and whatever else came by."

Compact as it is, *Alexandrian Summer* goes far in delivering that "multi-everything" to us in unforgettable language that lingers long after the final page. Throughout this riveting family drama, Goren often pauses to capture Alexandria's singular ambiance.

And today, 36 years after its publication, the impossibility of conceiving such a reality in today's violently tribal Arab world adds another poignant dimension: "A pleasant breeze blew from the sea. The tumult of bathers sounded from afar: Muslims, Christians and Jews desecrating the Sabbath. On the street, cars honked hysterically. The entire city rumbled and roared; nevertheless a Sabbath serenity was felt all around."

Yet even at this time, Goren hints, the seeds for future enmity were only dormant, and to be fair, he does not spare us the naked class contempt for the Arabs by the Sephardic Jewish families nor the dangerous xenophobia and hyper-nationalism that erupts when a Jew dares to best a Bedouin "son of the desert" in a horse race; the chilling cry of Maut al yahud! (Death to the Jews), foreshadows the revolution to come.

Though resistant to sentimental nostalgia, Goren provides many moments so appealing that readers will often feel thoroughly seduced by its vanished charms: "An hour of siesta in the midst of an Alexandrian summer, a summer of the early 1950s. An hour in which everybody floats above ground, in which every word is uttered as a whisper, so as not to desecrate the serenity of the moment."

And yet, even in this idyll, the Jew is always in exile from elsewhere, it seems. For the passage continues: "Only the antique grandfather clock in the darkened hall keeps swinging its pendulum patiently, and every 15 minutes it erupts in sounds from a faraway world, laden with yearning."

Some readers may already be familiar with two excellent memoirs published in recent years: André Aciman's *Out of Egypt* and Lucette Lagnado's *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit*. Goren's novel adds splendid new layers and nuances to our appreciation of the story of the Jewish sense of belonging to what was once a tolerant and richly heterogeneous society.



Dr. Ranen Omer Sherman



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JFCS FOOD PANTRY Suggestions for October

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To donate, contact Kim Toebe at ext. 103 or ktoebee@jfcslouisville.org.

JFCS Offers Mental Health Checkups

by Don Pitts, LMFT
Therapist at Jewish Family & Career Services

It has become routine for many of us to see our primary care doctor for our annual physical. We get our cholesterol, blood pressure and other health indicators checked as a way of spotting and addressing problems before they become emergencies.



Don Pitts, LMFT

Unfortunately, physicians will rarely ask about our mental health unless we mention a problem.

Starting in October, mental health clinicians at JFCS will offer screenings for depression, anxiety and relationship problems at no cost.

Contact JFCS to schedule a screening. Daytime and evening appointments are available and will take about thirty minutes. Based on the results, the counselor will make recommendations and provide referrals if further action is needed.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), half of all people in the U.S. will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition in their lives. Of these mental health problems, depression and anxiety are the two most common. The costs of not treating problems, such as individual suffering, family distress and job related problems, are enormous.

People struggling with depression often report symptoms like low energy, changes in sleep and appetite and loss of interest in activities that were formally enjoyable. People talk about losing their zest for life or feeling as if someone unplugged them. People with anxiety issues describe excessive worry, physical agitation, sleep problems and just a general inability to relax and enjoy life. The good news is that there are solid, evidenced-based treatments for these problems. Sometimes a referral for medication is also required, but a good assessment is the best place to start.

In addition to individual mental health issues, another major contributor to our sense of well-being is relationships. Anyone who has been in an unhappy marriage or on ongoing battle with a rebellious teenager can attest to this. Statistically 40-50% of current marriages in

the US will end in divorce. While some relationships do need to end, for example where there is abuse or untreated addiction, many relationships can be greatly improved with competent help. Raising children can be one of life's greatest joys, and it can also be one of the most challenging and stressful. Ask any parent! Families can learn to talk and solve problems, but it can sometimes require an outside consultant to lead the way.

Relationship Solutions

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

Hourly sessions are available Tuesday evenings at 5 or 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.

Show Your Generosity at 'Give Local Louisville'



On Thursday, October 1st, JFCS will participate in a 24-hour online "Give Day" for nonprofits sponsored by the Community Foundation of Louisville.

Donors can give to JFCS during this time by accessing the JFCS donor page through the Give Local Louisville website. For one day, every dollar given to local nonprofits will be augmented through proportionate match and prize dollars contributed by the Community Foundation of Louisville and its supporting partners.

Please consider making a contribution to JFCS through the Give Local Louisville day of giving on October 1st.

EVENTS

Caregiver Survival Event

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, December 7

12pm - 4pm at The Olmstead

This free event will provide strength and inspiration to family caregivers and professionals. Programming to be announced soon. For more information or to register, contact Mauri Malka at ext. 250.

JOB SEARCH JUMPSTART Every Monday for Four Weeks October 12 thru November 2

A workshop fee for all sessions is \$25. Morning or evening sessions are available. To register, contact Janet Poole at ext. 222 or jpoole@jfcslouisville.org

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Support Groups at JFCS

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Adult Children of Aging Parents

Third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.
Contact Mauri Malka, ext. 250

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Second Friday of the month, 2 p.m.
Contact Kim Toebe, 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, 12:30p.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.
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Cotillion is changing.

For generations, Cotillion has introduced young Jewish teens to manners, etiquette and dancing during the school year before their b'nai mitzvah.

This year's program has a new name, B'nai Mitzvah Revolution, and while it will cover those topics, under the direction of JCC Assistant Director of Youth Services Mike Steklof, the sixth graders will also learn about Pledge 13 and their b'nai mitzvah projects.

The year will culminate in a group community service project as well as a party. The B'nai Mitzvah Revolution is all about learning to become a Jewish adult.

Classes start Sunday, October 18, and will be held monthly at the JCC from 4-5:30 p.m.

Sign up at jewishlouisville.org/b'nai_mitzvah or contact Mary Dooley, mdoolley@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2718.

ISRAEL

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ation for the Israeli culture and people. At the same time, traveling companions were important. Although it seemed sometimes like too much time was spent on buses, traveling from one place to another, those hours afforded opportunities for growth and intellectual maturing. While it would have been nice to spend more time in smaller hotels outside the cities, getting to experience day-to-day life in Israel, the travel time from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv or to the Golan Heights resulted in conversations, debating and sharing ideas that might otherwise not have happened.

Ally and Bailey Doctrow, both juniors at DuPont Manual High School, also felt like they grew in their travels. Ally called the trip "eye-opening." She was expecting to have a great time, having heard stories from other campers and counselors at GUCI over six summers.

Those friends had told her that their trips had changed their lives, but she doubted that it would affect her own connection to Judaism as much as her friends told her it would. She found that the level of trust that Israelis have with strangers was heartwarming; she was amazed that people who had lived their whole lives in a land that is constantly threatened could be so open, in spite of the hardships.

She said, "The mood of walking out in the street just felt different than the U.S., and I loved it." For an American citizen who is a member of a religious minority, it was special to experience being a part of the majority; simple things like pre-torn toilet paper and automatic elevators to help keep Shabbat added to the unique experience.

Bailey said, "This summer was the best summer of my life." Before she went, she was just expecting to have a great time. Now, having visited "a place that every Jew dreams of visiting," her perspective has changed. Seeing a different culture and way of life opened her eyes to how different people can be and made her more aware of what is going on around her.

Charles Bessen, an 11th-grader at Louisville Collegiate, went expecting to "tour sites and have a good time," and he did. He didn't think much about whether he would enjoy the religious sites, but again, he did.

He said, "I really enjoyed the Old City, and I liked Jerusalem a lot more than I thought I would." Unlike at home in the U.S., Charles found that it was "easy to be Jewish" in Israel; it comes down to being a part of the majority for the first time. Before he went, Charles says he really didn't have an opinion about Israel, but now that he's been there, he values it more and considers it an important part of his Jewish heritage.

The young people brought back transformational memories of places around the country. Jonah described arriving at Masada at 4 a.m., in time for an amazing sunrise. He said, "We watched it go in just a few minutes from being just an orange 'shadow' to suddenly cresting over the horizon and blazing out to illuminate everything."

Ally loved the four days spent hiking



Ally and Bailey Doctrow and friends on the beach

and camping in the desert; her most inspiring moment was on a morning hike in the Negev. The tour guide told everyone to find a place on the mountain to be alone. "There was an exquisite view of what seemed like an endless stretch of scenery. On one side, we could see Jordan, and on the other, we could see Egypt. I was amazed by the fact that a place so beautiful exists, and that I was able to see such a beautiful place with my own eyes."

Bailey said that she knew they were going to hike, but she had no idea how much. Nevertheless, she enjoyed it more than she expected because of the friends she hiked with. Especially noteworthy was Mount Shlomo, which is considered the hardest mountain to climb in Israel. Bailey was nervous but felt like she had to try – it was the personal challenge of a lifetime.

"Climbing Mount Shlomo was probably one of the hardest and scariest things I have ever done," she told me. "Reaching the top of Mount Shlomo was the best feeling in the entire world. It made the whole trip worth it!"

Both Jonah and Charles commented on Israeli food. Jonah described it as being "the same dishes but different." Charles was more specific; he said that "there's no good shwarma here, or good falafel – the food [in Israel] is superior."

Would they change anything? Well, Ally and Bailey had some travel difficulties with one cancelled flight. They and three other teens arrived a day late after spending an extra night in a hotel in North Carolina, and it was a little scary traveling alone on their first trip out of the country.

Once they got there, though, they said they forgot all about the beginning – they were having too much fun. Other than that, the consensus was that it would have been great to spend more time in small towns, interacting with Israelis and getting better acquainted with the language and the culture.

And do they want to go back to Israel? The answer was a resounding, unanimous "yes!" Visiting the Western Wall, going to the Dead Sea, riding camels and hiking at Massada and in the desert all were wonderful experiences, but more than anything, the connection to their Jewish roots, reinforcement of their beliefs, and the experiences with Israeli people and culture surely will take them back to the land of Israel in the future.

The four teens were among 27 young people who received scholarships from the Jewish Community of Louisville to help with the costs of their trips to Israel this summer. Jonah also received assistance from the BBYO International Office, and Bailey and Ally from the Jewish Heritage Foundation for Excellence.

They all expressed gratitude for the opportunity to go to Israel, and said it wouldn't have been possible without the support of these organizations.

TEEN TOPICS



Louisville BBYO Boards Participate in Board Training

The Boards of Drew Corson AZA and Jay Levine BBG participated in a Board Training September 11 and 12 at Wooded Glen in Henryville, IN. During this training, the boards celebrated Shabbat, participated in text studies, learned about programming and recruitment strategies and became closer with their fellow board members.

The retreat was planned and coordinated

by Audrey Nussbaum, Jesse Hymes, and Jacob Finke.

This retreat was made possible by a grant from Metro United Way that was received because of Louisville BBYO's participation in the Youth Program Quality Assessment Program. Due to the great success of the retreat the JCC hopes to have one each term.

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October 3
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Eli Schramko
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March 26
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October 10
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Adath Jeshurun
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April 30
Emily Waterman
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February 6
Ethan Tuvlin
Adath Jeshurun
Warren Van Nort
The Temple

May 14
Samantha Ogburn
The Temple
Jared Shuster
Adath Jeshurun

October 23
Ari Feder
Orli Feder
Temple Shalom

February 13
Lilly Goldberg
Adath Jeshurun

June 4
Hannah Geller
Adath Jeshurun
Willa Kornstein
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October 31
Gabriel Shir
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November 14
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The Temple
Ethan Rowe
Keneseth Israel

March 19
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Baskets of Blessings Add Mitzvah Element to Simcha Celebrations

It is a Jewish tradition to share celebrations with people less fortunate. Jewish Family & Career Services provides an ideal program for this – Baskets of Blessings. The Baskets of Blessings program was created by Morgan Joffe as part of her bat mitz-

vah. She found wire baskets to use as her centerpieces and filled them with empty food boxes. Afterwards, she gave them to JFCS so that it could rent them to help fund the JFCS Food Pantry.

JFCS Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell commented, "Morgan's tzedakah project created a wonderful opportunity for people to help keep the JFCS Food Pantry filled for people in need, while having a unique and beautiful centerpiece for their event."

The baskets are customized for an event with coordinating tissue paper, ribbon, and accessories to create the perfect basket to match the event theme. Table centerpiece baskets rent for \$20 and bimah baskets for \$30. Basket rentals are 100 percent tax deductible contributions to the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. JFCS staff does most of the work and delivers to and picks up the baskets from the event location.

If you are planning a simcha, think of the JFCS Baskets of Blessings. You can have the satisfaction of helping to feed families in need. Contact Beverly Bromley at 502-452-6341 to reserve baskets to make a special occasion even more meaningful.





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B'nai Mitzvah

Goldberg Collects Books for Children's Home

When Sophia Goldberg began preparing for her bat mitzvah, one of the first things she started thinking about was not how she would learn her Torah portion or what kind of party to have. Instead Sophia pondered how she could tie reading into her Pledge 13 Mitzvah Project.

The Marjorie and Robert Kohn Pledge 13 Program is organized by Jewish Family & Career Services to encourage bar/bat mitzvah candidates to practice *tikkun olam*, the repair of the world, by giving a minimum of 13 hours of community service. Over the years, several participants took the opportunity not to just volunteer for 13 hours, but also to step up and run an entire project. Goldberg wanted to do just that.

With guidance from JFCS Volunteer Coordinator Kim Toebbe, Goldberg narrowed down her interests. "I love to read," Goldberg said. "Books are my escape, so I am very fortunate to always have so many around me. My grandmother [Linda Goldberg] was a librarian, and she brings me new books all the time. In addition, her home and my home are filled with books. I believe that if other kids could be surrounded by books, they would love them too."

Toebbe showed Goldberg a list of non-profit organizations and schools in Louisville; then suggested she select a few to contact. "When I learned about St. Joseph's, I knew I had found my charity," Goldberg said. "I can't imagine not having my parents [Jeff and Aly Goldberg] around. I really want to show these kids that people care about them."

Since 1849, St. Joseph Children's Home has provided a loving home to

Louisville's most vulnerable children – first orphans – and in later years children removed from their homes due to neglect, abuse, domestic violence or substance abuse.

"St. Joseph's recently built four cottages to house approximately 60 kids from 5-17 years of age. I toured the new spaces and learned that there were not many books in any of the cottages and that they rarely get access to books. The staff there is amazing and they helped me to find places in each cottage where we can put new bookshelves and even little reading nooks. All I have to do now is collect the books," Goldberg said.

Joanne Childers, the SJCH Activities director, explained to Goldberg that most residents read below grade level, but there are several great readers who read to the other kids. She explained that the older kids really love current books like *Divergent*, *Hunger Games* and the middle school series by James Patterson. They also like books that give tips about growing up, like the American Girl book, *The Care and Keeping of You*.

"They currently don't have any books in their cottages," Childers explained, "so any new or gently used children and appropriate teen books would be greatly appreciated."

If you would like to donate books to St. Joseph's through Sophia's project now through November 30, please contact her mother, Aly Goldberg, to arrange a pick up, aly.goldberg@yahoo.com or 502-457-9986.



Teens Can Learn to Become Philanthropists.

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Students spend a full year preparing for their b'nai mitzvah. They study their Torah and Haftarah portions, they write speeches and prepare to perform before family and friends.

But the preparation also involves learning what it means to be an adult member of the Jewish community and how to become responsible for doing their own mitzvot.

The Jewish Federation's B'nai Tzedek program helps teens recognize the importance of fulfilling the mitzvah of

tzedakah and teaches them to be philanthropists in a responsible adult way that reflects their values.

Each participant will invest \$300 from the gifts he or she receives for his/her bar/bat mitzvah, and a \$200 match will be provided from the Lewis D. Cole B'nai Tzedek Fund. The teens will then be able to contribute the interest generated by their funds to non-profit organizations.

Through the B'nai Tzedek program, they will learn how to choose the organization(s) that will receive their gifts.

For more information or to enroll, contact Assistant Director of Youth Services Mike Steklof, msteklof@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2774.

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AROUND TOWN

Vaad Offers Wine-Tasting Event

Louisville Vaad Hakashruth will sponsor a pre-Sukkot wine tasting and buying event on Friday, September 25 from 2-5 p.m. at Vines & Canines, 1985 Douglass Blvd. A wide variety of wines will be available, and Marc De Michele, owner of Vines & Canines, will offer a 10 percent discount on all kosher wines tasted that day. To register for the free event, go to eventbrite.com/e/wine-tasting-pre-sukkot-wine-buying-bonanza-tickets-18670700568. This event is open to the community.

Torah Study at The Temple

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

Adath Jeshurun Hosts French-Themed Dinner in Sukkah

On Friday, October 2, Adath Jeshurun will host a catered French-inspired Shabbat dinner in the Chester & Vivian Slosberg Sukkah. The event is open to adults of all ages, and will be limited to a maximum attendance of 70 participants by advance reservation only. For more information, please visit adathjeshurun.com/frenchdinner.

Adath Jeshurun Hosts Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation

Join Deborah Slosberg on October 3 at 10:30 a.m. for Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation. Short & Sweet is a family service for students in grades K through 7, their parents and grandparents.

Adath Jeshurun Changes Weekly Lunch & Learn Study Session

This fall, AJ is combining the former Friday Lunch and Learn Mishneh Torah class with Shabbat Text Study, to be held following the Kiddush lunches on Shabbat mornings when there is not a bar or bat mitzvah, sponsored Kiddush lunch, or Shabbat Scholar. Next month the class will meet October 3, 10, and 24.

Prior knowledge of Jewish texts and Hebrew is not required. These lively discussions are open to the community.

AJ Offers Conversational & Prayerbook Hebrew

Adath Jeshurun is offering two free Hebrew classes to all in the community interested in furthering their Jewish education. Beginning Conversational Hebrew and Prayerbook Hebrew will be taught by Deborah Slosberg. The classes will meet on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. at AJ. Class dates are October 4, 18, and 25. For more informa-

tion, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359.

Adath Jeshurun Celebrates Simchat Torah

The community is invited to celebrate Simchat Torah with Adath Jeshurun on Monday, October 5. There will be a Shmini Atzeret Service and Yizkor at 9:30 a.m. as well as evening services and festivities. The afternoon Minyan Service will begin at 5:45 p.m., followed by an Italian Dinner and Frozen Dessert at 6 p.m. for those with advance reservation. **see AROUND TOWN page 21**

NEWSMAKERS

Patients airlifted to **Jewish Hospital**, part of KentuckyOne Health, now will land at the **Jack M. and Janis B. Klempner Family Helipad** atop the Jewish Hospital Patient and Guest Parking Garage. Previously, patients airlifted to Jewish Hospital landed at University of Louisville Hospital and were then transported via ambulance.

The \$2.1 million project is funded by the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation and includes a pedway directly connecting the helipad area to the third floor of the Rudd Heart and Lung Center. The helipad also will reduce transport time for hand and organ transplants, heart care and other types of clinical care patients.

The helipad's name recognizes the Klempner family's contributions to air ambulance service. In 1982, Jewish Hospital launched SKYCARE, Kentucky's first hospital-based air ambulance service. Jack Klempner, a successful scrap-metal businessman, was the first chairman of the board of SKYCARE. Over the years, the Klempner family contributed to an endowment created to cover the cost of transporting indigent patients.

The Kentucky Opera has announced a management team to carry on David Roth's vision while the Opera Board of Directors' Transition Committee evaluates long-term models of executive leadership following Roth's death in July of this year. **Frances Skolnick**, now the Development and Administrative Director, has been named a member of that team. She will manage day-to-day operations of administrative staff in addition to her development responsibilities.

Karyn Moskowitz, founder of New Roots, was featured recently as a "FACE of Louisville" in *StyleBlueprint*, which focuses on women who are making a difference in our community. New Roots' goal is to eliminate what Moskowitz calls "food apartheid," where the quality of food available in a neighborhood is determined largely by the degree of affluence in that area. Moskowitz stated, "Fresh food is a basic human right. New Roots organizes leadership partnerships in order to provide everyone in our com-

munities access to fresh food." To read the entire article, go to styleblueprint.com/louisville/everyday/karyn-moskowitz-faces-louisville.

Paws with Purpose has received a grant from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. The grant will be used to purchase equipment to help with placement and training of assistance dogs, as well as to buy videos and books to keep their library up to date with best practices for training assistance dogs.

Paws with Purpose trains and places assistance dogs with adults and children with physical disabilities; there is no charge to the recipients. The organization also participates in community events and works with local schools to teach about disabilities and the difference an assistance dog can make.

Rhoda Faller won first prize in the Creative Textiles group at the 2015 Kentucky State Fair. Her design, called "Burning Bush," was hand-sewn using about 25,000 tiny beads.

Diane Deitel has been hired as a curriculum and child development specialist at Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care and Preschool.

Britney Schneider, a Louisville native and interior designer, has moved back from Atlanta. Britney has been working for Arhaus for the past seven years and has transferred to the Louisville store, located at Mall St. Matthews.

Big Brothers Big Sisters' Chief Executive Officer **Jerri Swinton** described how her organization values its employees, making it one of *Business First's* "Best Place to Work." She said that recognition of employees motivates staff to support each other, the children they serve and the community.

Republic Bank not only contributes funds to sponsor 50 children for Blessings in a Backpack, according to *Business First*, but its employees volunteer in public schools with the organization. Blessings fills backpacks with food each weekend to send home with children who are on the subsidized lunch program, ensuring that they will have enough to eat when school is out. Chairman and CEO **Steve Trager** said, "When I volunteer and see the kids, I absolutely love it." Trager also provided guess commentary on how the joint efforts of business and the arts benefit the community.

Jill Higginbotham, owner of **J Michael's Salon**, was interviewed in a *Business First* story about the business' contribution to the Kentucky Derby Festival's fashion show. The salon provides a makeover and new wardrobe to one deserving person; both last year's and this year's winners have been cancer survivors who had recently completed treatment. Higginbotham said, "When you see that transformation and you realize you are able to give them a piece of themselves back, it's very moving." J Michael's is also a CenterStage sponsor.

Frank Schwartz, executive director of **Project Warm**, discussed his group's partnership with LG&E to make homes more energy efficient and utility bills more affordable for low-income clients. *Business First* reported that low-income

homes' utility costs average about 20 percent of household income, as compared to three percent for most Americans.

In a *Business First* section on corporate generosity, **Mark Oppenheimer** of Bingham Greenbaum Doll LLP discussed his group's title sponsorship of Brackets for Good, which raised more than \$250,000 last year for 64 local non-profits. The group also sponsors other charitable events, and the Louisville office's attorneys contributed 5,545 hours of pro bono service in 2014.

The August 21 *Business First* also reported that the World Trade Center Kentucky is leading an exploratory trade mission to Cuba in October with **Blue Equity LLC**.

Frazier Rehab, part of KentuckyOne Health, received a grant from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels to help replace the robotic arm in Frazier Rehab's Robotic Therapy Program and to purchase a new passenger vehicle with removable hand break for the facility's driver education and training program.

Frazier Rehab's Robotic Therapy Program provides the latest rehabilitation for stroke and brain injury patients with wrist/hand impairment and upper limb spasticity.

Grant funding will be matched by the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation, also part of KentuckyOne Health.

Emily Renco was the focus of the *Courier-Journal's* September 1 "Q-up" feature, which publishes questions and answers weekly from Louisville area teens. Emily dreams of being a doctor or a professional lacrosse player, and she plays field hockey and lacrosse for Louisville Collegiate.

The August 30 edition of the *Courier-Journal* reported that Mayor Greg Fischer has named **Daniel Frockt** as the chief finance officer for Louisville Metro government. Frockt had been serving as the interim CFO and interim director of the Office of Management and Budget since January, after the resignation of Steve Rowland.

On September 1, *Business First* announced in an email that Louisville-based home health nursing company **Almost Family Inc.** has completed its acquisition of the stock of Willcare Health Care.

"We are very much looking forward to building on the strong Willcare foundation as we continue our development efforts in the state of New York and elsewhere," **William B. Yarmuth**, Almost Family chairman and CEO, said.

The September 2 edition of *Business First* reported that **Jonathan Blue** has purchased Party Mart, a Louisville liquor and party-supply business with two locations.

Rainbow Blossom Natural Food Markets has announced that it will offer a 20 percent lifetime discount to anyone who gets a permanent tattoo of its logo, WAVE-TV reports. The tattoo must be visible and not in a "private" area, and the ink has to be at least 1 square inch in size.

The chain has five locations in Louisville and New Albany. Managed by second-generation owner **Summer Auerbach**, Rainbow Blossom sells items ranging from organic dairy products and produce to vitamins.



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ventions. The Simchat Torah service, accompanied by festive Klezmer music by Lost Tribe, will begin at 6:45. There will be singing and dancing and everyone will be called up to the Torah for a group aliya as the scroll is rewound back to the beginning. This event is open to adults and children of all ages.

Yoga at Temple Shalom

The Women of Temple Shalom will hold a \$5 per person yoga class at Temple Shalom on the first Tuesday of every month beginning October 6. The class is for women and for girls older than age 10.

Chair yoga modifications will be offered by Yoga Loft instructor Lisa Flannery, who will tailor the class to those with different abilities. Participants should bring a mat.

For more information, contact WOTS co-programming chair Ursula Alberts at Temple Shalom, 458-4739.

WOTS Book Club Meets October 8

The Book Club of Women of Temple Shalom will meet on Thursday, October 8, at 7:15 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 801 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy. Participants will discuss *Henna House* and *The Mathematician's Shiva*. For more information, contact Carol Savkovich at Temple Shalom, 458-4739.

"My Recipe for Peace" Annual Fundraising Dinner at The Temple

The community is invited to hear Louisville community leaders share how they go about peacemaking in their daily lives, Thursday, October 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. at The Temple. Enjoy a three-minute presentation from each speaker, along with a vegetarian dinner created from the speakers' recipes.

This year's presenters include Rabbi David Ariel-Joel and Rep. John Yarmuth, among many others. \$25 per person; reservations required. For information and reservations, go to paths2peace.org/my-recipe-for-peace.html.

Go to the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience With The Temple

Come join The Temple for an unforgettable evening of drinks, hors d'oeuvres and music at the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience on Historic Whiskey Row, 528 W. Main St., on October 10 from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each. Please contact Chavvah at The Temple at 502-212-2040 for reservations. You will receive a personalized bottle of Evan Williams Bourbon for each reservation. Tickets are limited and RSVPs are due by October 2. Open to the community.

Architect Steve Wiser To Speak at Temple Shalom

Temple Shalom Men's club is hosting a brunch featuring well-known local architect and author Steve Wiser, who will discuss Louisville's "movie" connection, old homes and legendary restaurants of Louisville. Wiser is very knowledgeable about some of the interesting, little-known facts about Louisville. The event, October 11 at 10 a.m., is open to the community and will include brunch. Cost is \$4 per person; reservations are requested by October 8. Call the Temple Shalom office at 458-4739.

Monday Night Adult Education at The Temple Begins October 12

The Temple will offer a range of adult education classes on Monday nights beginning October 12. Text Study with Rabbi David meets at 7 p.m. The class, entitled *From The Beginning*, will read and discuss the Bible from Chapter 1 of the book of Genesis. Chapter after chapter, the class will examine the 70 ways to understand every verse and every chapter. This class is a challenging and magical journey into the texts that are the foundation of our faith, tradition,

and culture.

Learn Hebrew through the meaningful lyrics of song and poetry. The class will study familiar melodies and Israeli poets to build vocabulary and comprehension. Join The Temple for this spiritual journey into the depths of Jewish/Hebrew sources every Monday, October 12, 2015-May 2, 2016, from 7-8 p.m.

Advanced Hebrew at The Temple with Rabbi Rapport meets at 8 p.m. This class, *Bring Your Hebrew To Life!*, is a comprehension-based course on Hebrew reading and grammatical structures that guides learners to know what they say when they pray and understand the words of Torah as they were written in their own day. If you can read the prayers by rote or sound out words, however carefully, this course is for you!

Basic Judaism at The Temple also meets at 8 p.m. Explore the beauty and depth of Judaism in this course designed for those wishing to learn more about Judaism, including those interested in conversion. This course will provide an opportunity to learn about Jewish traditions, holidays, history, and life cycle events in an interactive and engaging way. This course aims to give participants the tools to conduct Jewish ritual at home and the faculty to ask the challenging questions about the Jewish faith and Israel. The Temple welcomes individuals and couple who wish to know more about Judaism as well as those considering becoming Jewish. Space is limited. Please call The Temple @ 423-1818 for registration.

Wednesday Classes at The Temple Begin October 14

Justice and Righteousness: Personal Ethics and National Aspirations with Rabbi David is 9:30-10:35 a.m.

Using texts from Bible, Talmud, Jewish philosophy and theology, Jewish history and Jewish mysticism, we will journey in exploring the Jewish values of Justice and Righteousness and their application in the North American and Israeli public squares.

Jewish Life In The Golden Land with Rabbi Rapport is 10:50 a.m.-12 p.m.

A many-layered look at the joys and challenges of American Jewish life, past, present and future. Who were the first Jews to come to this land? Why did they come? What were they seeking? And, how did their experiences shape our own still today? The course includes a field trip to Cincinnati to visit Hebrew Union College, the American Jewish Archives, and Historic Plum Street Synagogue.

Keret Will Speak at The Temple

Award winning Israeli author Etgar Keret will be speaking at The Temple on Friday, October 16 during 7 p.m. services. He will be speaking about his new memoir, *Seven Good Years*. Community members are welcome to come and hear this great guest speaker.

Keret will also speak at that day at 3 p.m. at the University of Louisville's Cochran Auditorium in Strickler Hall.

Adath Jeshurun Hosts Book Club

On Sunday, October, 18 at 2 p.m. in the Benovitz Family Library, the AJ Book Club will discuss Gary Shteyngart's memoir, *Little Failure: A Memoir*. For more information, email Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or call 458-5359.

LO to Perform at The Temple

The community is invited to join The Temple for a concert by the Louisville Orchestra on Sunday, October 18, from 3-6 p.m. in the Heideman Auditorium. Please call the Louisville Orchestra at 502-587-8681 for ticket information.

Torah Yoga with Hadassah and KI

Keneseth Israel and Hadassah have announced their Torah Yoga program will meet on Sunday, October 18, from 2-3:30 p.m. at Orbis Yoga, 2117 Payne St. Sing, chant, stretch and strengthen with yoga guided by Swann Lander and Torah with Cantor Sharon Hordes. RSVP to Louisvillehadassahchapter@gmail.com or Michelle at 645-4739. Suggested donation \$7.

Adath Jeshurun Presents Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

On Sunday, October 18, at 7 p.m., Adath Jeshurun will present the next "Live from New York's 92nd Street Y" broadcast. Dennis Ross will speak with Louisvillian Ethan Bronner about "The US-Israel Relationship, from Truman to Obama." A dessert reception will take place 30 minutes prior to the broadcast. This program is free of charge and open to the community.

Sunday Night at the Movies at The Temple Will Screen Aya

The Temple will show the Israeli movie, *Aya*, on Sunday, October 18, in the Waller Chapel. *Aya*, called a "delightfully cinematic gem," follows two strangers who meet unexpectedly in an airport. The showing will begin at 7 p.m.

Temple Shalom Plans an Afternoon of Mah Jongg & More

Mah Jongg and game fans are invited to Women of Temple Shalom's afternoon of Mah Jongg and games on Sunday, October 25, 2-4 p.m. Cost is \$5 and includes snacks and drinks. There will be door prizes and a raffle. Get an extra ticket when you bring your Mahj set or other game. Those who want to play cards or board games are also welcome. RSVP to Temple Shalom, 502-458-4739, by October 23. The contact is Judy Berzof.

Adath Jeshurun Hosts Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Jazz Music

On Friday, October 30, Adath Jeshurun will hold another Kabbalat Shabbat service with musical instruments featuring the jazz music of the Pat Lentz Trio.

Lt. Governors' Debate Announced

Nine women's organizations are joining *WAVE 3 News* to air and live stream a televised Lieutenant Governor's debate on Monday, September 28, from 7:30-8 p.m.PM. This debate is the only event that has partnered such a diverse group of women organizations.

The in-studio audience will be comprised of members from AAUW (American Association of University Women), Louisville Branch, BPW (Business Professional Women) River City, CLUW (Coalition of Labor Union Women) Derby City, Louisville Chapter of The Links Inc., Louisville Metro Women's Network, National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, National Council of Negro Women, Louisville Section, Metropolitan Louisville Women's Political Caucus and Women Lawyers Association of Jefferson County.

Kentucky has had only three female Lieutenant Governors, Thelma Stovall, Martha Layne Collins and current Lieutenant Governor, Crit Luallen. The election on Tuesday, November 3, will add a fourth to this list.

This historic, live debate at the WAVE-TV studios will be broadcast without commercial interruptions. One or two questions during the debate will come

Following the 5:45 p.m. service, there will be a festive catered dinner open to adults of all ages and children ages 3 and up.

The program, made possible by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, is available by prepaid reservations, which must be made no later than October 23. Adults are \$10 each, children 3-12 are \$5 each.

Make reservations by visiting adathjeshurun.com/jazzremix or by calling the synagogue office at 502-458-5359. Sitter service also will be available by reservation only; contact Barb Embry in the synagogue office at 502-458-5359. For additional information, please email Molly Evancho at mevancho@adathjeshurun.com.

Rabbi Jonathan Porath to Speak at Adath Jeshurun

The community is invited to hear from Rabbi Jonathan Porath, an 18th generation rabbi who made aliyah to Israel in 1984. On Saturday, October 31, worshippers at AJ's 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Service will hear Rabbi Porath deliver the D'var Torah on the topic, "Coping with Life's Transitions." Following the Kiddush lunch, Rabbi Porath will be the Shabbat Scholar and will talk about "How to be Even More Jewish in Louisville." Both talks are free and open to the community.

LBSY Hosts Fund-Raiser at the Science Center

The community is invited to a fund-raising event celebrating the children of Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad at the Kentucky Science Center on Sunday, Nov. 8. Come at 5 p.m. to play in the museum. Cocktails and dinner begin at 6 p.m., and at 7:15, we will be entertained by Jonathan Wolff, creator of the theme song for Seinfeld, among many others. Levels of giving begin at \$54 for individuals. For more information or to purchase tickets or make a donation, contact Sheilah Abramson Miles at sheilah@pipeline.com or 550-2486.

from the general public; people can email suggested questions by 5 p.m., Wednesday, September 23 to cleonard@wave3.com.

Because of the limited airtime, this debate will have the top two candidates, Jenean Hampton, Republican candidate running with Matt Bevin, and Sannie Overly, Democratic candidate with Jack Conway

WAVE 3 News anchor and reporter Shannon Cogan will be the moderator, with a three-member panel of political news reporters asking the candidates various questions: Connie Leonard, reporter and anchor for WAVE 3 News, Tom Loftus, political reporter for the *Courier-Journal* and Ryland Barton, state capitol reporter for *Kentucky Public Radio*.

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B'nai Mitzvot

Aaron Nathan Goldberg

Aaron Nathan Goldberg, son of Scott and Laura Goldberg, brother of Tyler and Nicole, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, September 26, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple. Aaron is the grandson of Murrel and Maxine Goldberg of Louisville, Miles and Helene Beermann of Highland Park, IL and Leonard and Sandy Goldstein of Deerfield, IL.

Aaron is a seventh-grader at North Oldham Middle School, where he excels in nearly all of his subjects. Outside of school, his interests include anything and everything technology-related, being a proud member of the Maker/DIY community, music, hiking, camping and "junking" the back roads of MI with his grandparents. Aaron attends Camp Livingston every summer and enthusiastically embraces the outdoor experience.

Aaron is participating in JFCS's Pledge 13 program and he joins his family each year distributing bike helmets at the Mayor's Hike, Bike & Paddle and working the BIAK Walk & Talk on behalf of the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky.

Aaron and his family invite the community to join them in celebrating this special moment in their lives.



Jillian Rose Lustig

Jillian Rose Lustig, daughter of Joanie and Craig Lustig and sister of Julia, Jonathan and Rebecca will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, October 10, at 9:30 a.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Jillian is the granddaughter of Margie and Bob Kohn of Louisville and Arlene and Gary Lustig of Plainview, NY.

She is an eighth-grader at Kentucky Country Day School, where she plays on the field hockey, basketball and lacrosse teams. She enjoys gymnastics, cooking and being with her friends. She loves going to Beber Camp in the summer.

Jillian participated in the JFCS Pledge 13 Program by working on the Bloom Project. For her community service project, she collected donated flowers from local florists and took them to nursing homes, where she created flower arrangements with the residents and distributed flowers throughout the facilities. She also made "bedside bouquets" for hospice patients, which were distributed by their staff. Jillian has established a B'nai Tzedek fund in honor of this milestone in her life.

Jillian and her family cordially invite the community to join them in celebrating this joyous occasion.

Maddie Schultz

Maddie Schultz, daughter of Seth and Angie, and sister of Laiken and Sam, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, October 10, at 6 p.m. at The Temple. Maddie is the granddaughter of Jack and Sybil Schultz and Peggy and David Finn.

Maddie is in the seventh grade at Sacred Heart Model School. She partic-

ipates on the field hockey and lacrosse teams. She loves spending time with her friends, listening to music, traveling and cooking.

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



George Bevan

George Bevan, son of Debbie Weiss and Jonathan Bevan and brother of Ruby Bevan will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, October 17, at The Temple.

George is in 7th grade at Noe Middle School. George is first violin, 2nd chair in the Noe orchestra and is currently learning to play the theme song from "Schindler's List."

George loves to play soccer and is a passionate and expert follower of European soccer – especially Southampton Football Club in the English Premier League. George and his dad, Jonathan, have season tickets to the new Louisville City Soccer team.

George most enjoys studying history and social studies in school. George is an animal lover and takes great care of his dog, Cosmo, and cat, Leo.

For his mitzvah project, George chose to work with seniors at the Treyton Oaks Towers residence in his neighborhood in Old Louisville. George will welcome family from the East Coast and England to his bar mitzvah.

Katherine Nicole Frey

Katherine Nicole Frey, daughter of Kim and KC Frey and sister of Drew Frey, will be called to the Torah to become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, October 17, at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Shalom. Kate is the granddaughter of Shari and Marty Baker of Louisville and Pat and Roger Frey of Canton, Illinois.

Kate is an eighth-grader at Noe Middle School, where she is on the field hockey team, is participating in a play, and is in the Beta Club. Outside of school, Kate enjoys spending time with her family and friends, playing club field hockey, and admiring almost any type of animal, especially her two cats.

In addition to the volunteer hours that Kate does for Beta Club, she is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program. She made a special effort to support the Animal Care Society on of Westport Road by collecting monetary donations and supplies for the animals as part of a mitzvah project.

Kate and her family invite the community to celebrate her bat mitzvah and take part in the Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Ethan Jacob Koby

Ethan Jacob Koby, son of Marci and Steve Koby and brother to Levi Koby, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, October 17, at Adath Jeshurun. Ethan is the grandson of Laura Koby and the late Dr. Jay Koby as well as the late Reva and Harvey Frank.

Ethan is an eighth-grader at Kentucky Country Day, where he plays soccer for



his school team. He enjoys Frisbee golf with his friends in his spare time.

Ethan has attended Camp Livingston for years, and he has developed lifelong friendships and enhanced his Jewish identity there. He looks forward to being a counselor in the years to come.



Ari Yosef Feder Orli Yonit Feder

Ari Yosef and Orli Yonit Feder will celebrate becoming b'nai mitzvah on Saturday, October 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Shalom. Ari and Orli are the children of Karen and Rabbi David Feder.

Ari is a seventh-grade Honor Roll student at Noe Middle School, where he plays tuba in the school band and was selected for the Sixth Grade All County Band. He is a member of the Beta Club and the Robotics club. His interests include reading, gaming, math and science.

Orli is a seventh-grade Honor Roll student at Noe Middle School, where she is a member of the Beta Club and field hockey team and plays flute in the school band. She has attended Goldman Union Camp for the past three summers. Her interests include art, drama, music and reading.

The Feder family invites the community to join them in worship services and in celebration of their simchah.

Sophie Ilene Skolnick

Arlene and Dr. Judah Skolnick are pleased to announce the upcoming bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Sophie Ilene Skolnick, daughter of Larry Skolnick. Her bat mitzvah service will take place on Saturday, October 24, at Temple Israel in Memphis, TN.

To mark the occasion of her bat mitzvah, Sophie will conduct the worship and Torah services, read from the Torah, chant her Haftarah and deliver a bat mitzvah message to the congregation.

Sophie is a seventh grader at Hutchison School and is a Duke TIP Scholar. She is passionate about dance, and studies both advanced ballet and pointe at the Markell School of Dance in Memphis. Sophie spends her summers at Camp Sabra in Missouri.

For her bat mitzvah project, Sophie has been working with young dancers, ages 3-7, and volunteered her time as an assistant dance instructor for the past six months.

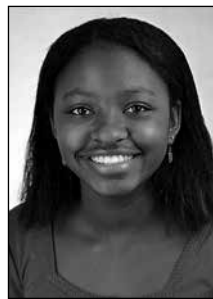
Obituaries

Aubrey Louis Abramson

Aubrey Louis Abramson passed away peacefully on July 14.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Emily (Amelia) Abramson and their three children, Beth Abramson-Beck (Steve), Dan Abramson (Irit) and Jeff Abramson (Heidi), and four grandchildren, Alyssa, Kelly, Charlene and Amelia.

A native of Louisville, KY, Aubrey graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA and received his MD degree from US San Francisco with Alpha Omega Alpha honors.



Aubrey met the love of his life, Emily, in the UCLA library in 1949. They were married in 1951. Eight albums of love letters document the affection they had for each other while Emily stayed in Los Angeles and Aubrey attended medical school in San Francisco.

Aubrey was interested in everything and was able to talk about almost anything. He especially enjoyed science and medicine and was a brilliant doctor and diagnostician. One of his greatest passions was history and especially the American Civil War.

Aubrey was a wonderful father but more than anything else he and Emily shared a tremendous love of one another. He will be dearly missed.

Betty Bronner

Betty Bronner passed away Thursday, September 17. Born in Louisville on November 24, 1929, she was the daughter of Erma and Nat Levy. She graduated from A-therton High School and attended the University of Miami in Florida. It was in Miami that she met and married her husband of 55 years, Robert (Bobby) Bronner.

The most important things in her life were her three children, her grandchildren, her great grandchildren and her many cousins.

She loved travel, animals, throwing elegant parties, the arts and time with her friends. She was an active member of the community, serving on boards of the Jewish Community Center and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. She founded the Robert and Betty Bronner Ellis Island Fund, which sent children to learn what it was like for early immigrants to come to the United States. She supported the Zoo and every animal organization that ever reached out to her.

She is loved and will be missed by her best friend and companion Zalman Weinberg; her children Dr. Mark H. Bronner (Susan), Steven R. Bronner (Wendy), H. Barbara Schwartz (Tom); her 18 grandchildren. Jonathan (Sarah), Meredith (David), Beth (Will), Liza (Michael), Melissa, Ali, Robert, Michael, John (Kim), Susan, Lee (Alex), Casey (Alan); six great grandchildren, Ari, Violet, Levi, Maya, Isaac, Alora; her nephew Dr. Richard S. Lehman (Michelle), and close friend Willie Edwards.

Special thanks to Dr. Michael Komor, Dr. Alexis Karageorge and the close friends whose love, time, support and kindness helped make this last part of her life a happy, unique and special time for her and all of us. The family would also like to thank Hattie, Juanita, Alvina, Portia and Sheryl for their loving care.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple, the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, the Bob and Betty Bronner Ellis Island Fund or the American Cancer Society.

Rhoda Tolz Daniels

Rhoda Tolz Daniels, 69, passed away Monday, September 7, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital. She was a native of Philadelphia, PA, born March 14, 1946, to the late Caroline and Samuel Tolz. Rhoda was a practicing attorney helping disabled people in their time of need for over 30 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Phyllis Ostriak.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn Daniels; her daughter and law partner, Micah Daniels (Matt Golden); her granddaughters, Sadie and Rebecca Golden; her brother, Robert Tolz (Delia); and her nephews, Richard Ostriak, Jesse Tolz, and Elliot Tolz.

D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Yosef Levy
Special to Community

Sukkot is celebrated this year September 27-October 4.

For 40 years, as our ancestors traversed the Sinai Desert following the Exodus from Egypt, miraculous "clouds of glory" surrounded and hovered over them, shielding them from the dangers and discomforts of the desert. Ever since, we remember G-d's kindness

and reaffirm our trust in His providence by dwelling in a *sukkah* – a hut of temporary construction with a roof covering of branches – for the duration of the Sukkot festival (on the Jewish calendar Tishrei 15-21). For seven

days and nights, we eat all our meals in the *sukkah* and otherwise regard it as our home.

Another Sukkot observance is the taking of the Four Kinds: an *etrog* (citron), a *lulav* (palm frond), three *hadassim* (myrtle twigs) and two *aravot* (willow twigs). On each day of the festival (excepting Shabbat), we take the Four Kinds, recite a blessing over them, bring

them together in our hands and wave them in all six directions: right, left, forward, up, down and backward.

Our sages in the *Midrash* tell us that the Four Kinds represent the various types and personalities that comprise the community of Israel, whose intrinsic unity we emphasize on Sukkot.

Sukkot is also called The Time of Our Joy; and indeed, a special joy pervades the festival. Nightly Water-Drawing Celebrations, reminiscent of the evening-to-dawn festivities held in the Holy Temple in preparation for the drawing of water for use in the festival service, fill the synagogues and streets with song, music and dance until the wee hours of the morning.

Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov (1698-1760) founder of the Chassidic Movement, taught that even the simplest soul can bond to the Infinite Creator with love and joy.

"Serve G-d with joy!" sings the Psalmist.

Joy is central to connecting to G-d. Being happy when you do a mitzvah – a commandment – demonstrates that you like this connection, this tremendous privilege of serving the Infinite Author of All Things. And in fact, the Arizal, the 16th-century master Kabbalist, once asserted that the gates of wisdom and divine inspiration were opened for him only as a reward for doing mitzvahs with boundless joy.

Not just mitzvahs – commandments, but everything you do – eating, sleeping, business and even leisure activities – can be part of the way you connect to G-d. All it takes is the right intentions. If so, "serve G-d with joy" applies to all times and every situation.

When you're happy, the toughest tasks are a cinch, the strongest adversaries are easily vanquished. If you're down, on the other hand, even simple challenges seem overwhelming. Winning the lifelong battle against temptations, self-centeredness and just doing the right thing is largely dependent on staying bright, happy and optimistic.

Wishing everyone a wonderful year to come, with blessings for only good and happiness.

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Candles should be lit for Shabbat on Friday, September 25, at 7:17 p.m.; for

Sukkot on Sunday, September 27, at 7:14 p.m. and Monday, September 28, at 8:10 p.m.; for Shabbat on Friday, October 2, at 7:06 p.m.; for Shemini Atzeret on Sunday, October 4, at 7:03 p.m.; for Simchat Torah on Monday, October 5, after 7:59 p.m.; and for Shabbat on Fridays, October 9, at 6:56 p.m.; October 16, at 6:46;

and October 23, at 6:36 p.m.

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Editor's note: Rabbi Yosef Levy, a Chabad rabbi and the OU Kosher expert and rabbinic field representative for the states of Kentucky and Indiana, has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

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Rhoda graduated from Boston University with her BA in fine arts, from Temple University with a Master of Music, and received her Juris Doctorate from The Catholic University Columbus School of Law. Prior to her practice of law, she was a music professor at Temple University, George Washington University, and the University of Pennsylvania. She was a member of the KY, IN, FL, PA, NJ and numerous federal bar associations.

Rhoda loved opera, shopping, traveling and learning languages. She was an Honorary Council member of the Kentucky Opera Board. Most especially Rhoda loved her daughter and granddaughters, all of whom, she was convinced, hung the moon.

Herman Meyer & Son handled arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or The Temple Preschool.

Lois U. Davis

Lois U. Davis of Mt. Lebanon, PA, formerly of Louisville, died on Thursday, September 17, at St. Clair Hospital in Mt. Lebanon.

She was the beloved mother of Alva (Richard, MD) Daffner, Linda (Victor Ciesielski) Stern and the late Richard Katz; grandmother of Marc D. (Randi) Daffner, Scott (Marjorie) Daffner, Sara and Michael Ciesielski; and great-grandmother of Abigail, Madelyn, Brynn, Emma and Justin.

Burial was at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Beth El Congregation, 1900 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

Konstantin Eppel

Konstantin Eppel, 77, passed away Saturday, September 12, at Baptist Health Louisville. He was born December 22, 1937 in Republic of Georgia, Russia and was an engineer.

He is survived by his family, Inna Frid-

kin, Alex and Katie Friedkin, and David, Nino, Nicholas and Elizavetta Mohr.

Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements.

Alan B. Rothman

Alan B. Rothman, 76, passed away Tuesday, September 8, at St. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital. He was a native of Louisville, born November 22, 1938 to the late Dena Kleinman and Isadore Shostel.

He is survived by his son, Robert (Kim) Rothman of Mt. Washington; his brother, Martin (Faye) Rothman; his granddaughter, Haileigh Rothman; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Sybil P. Silberman

Sybil P. Silberman of Teaneck, NJ died on September 11. She was the beloved wife of the late Seymour, devoted mother of Stuart and Susan, loving mother-in-law of Alison Silberman and Eliot Bergson, cherished grandmother of Skylar, Rachel, Ella and Alexander, and dear companion of Kurt Roberg.

Burial was at Westchester Hills Cemetery, Hastings on Hudson, NY.

Contributions may be made in Sybil's memory as an expression of sympathy to Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Rd., Teaneck, NJ 07666 or to JDRF – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at www.jdrf.org or Minneapolis Jewish Federation, 13100 Wayzata Blvd. #200, Minnetonka, MN 55305, online at jewishminneapolis.org.

Geraldine Auslander

Geraldine Auslander, 94, died Sunday, September 20, 2015 at Baptist Health Louisville.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Al Auslander.

She is survived by her loving sons, Robert (Joe Ann) Auslander and Richard Auslander; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 24th at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may go to donor's favorite charity.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in social services or related field (Master's preferred), previous experience supervising part-time staff, prior camp experience (Jewish camping preferred), experience engaging youth and teens (in a Jewish setting preferred), prior Jewish youth group experience (BBYO preferred) knowledge of Judaism and Jewish holidays, excellent written, verbal, interpersonal, communication skills, enthusiastic, creative, organized, and hard working.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

Please email resume, cover letter and professional reference list to the JCL's Human Resources Director, Lisa Moorman, at Imoorman@jewishlouisville.org.

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JOB OPENING:

VICE-PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT

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The Vice-President of Development is responsible for overseeing and developing fundraising for the Annual Campaign and Legacy Giving by developing and strengthening relationships between Jewish Federation of Louisville's volunteer leaders, donors, stakeholders, and prospects. The VP of Development engages professionals in the mission of Jewish Federation through fundraising, social and educational opportunities, and leadership-development initiatives.

QUALIFICATIONS:

5-7 years development or related experience, excellent organizational, oral and written communications skills, ability to multitask, self-motivated, demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and be a team leader, ability to work with committees and lay/professional relationships, creative, detail oriented, original and energetic, Bachelor's degree, (Master's degree preferred).

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY:

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