Hate Has No Place Here

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 communities 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 Dijbouti, including that country’s president, Dr. Muhammad Babar, 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.

Many Teens Experience Israel’s Magic

by Cynthia Canaada
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 the Jewish state and formed 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 form a real emotional attachment.

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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 American Hebrew Academy to Israel’s summer camps.

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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.

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 working 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.

Matt Goldberg
Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

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 city. His goal has been to establish Louisville as a strong interfaith presence in Louisville and the relationship we and our community has embraced, we should 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 working in the community relations division of the Jewish Community Relations Council. 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, and the need for expanded religious education. The 25th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, the document in which the Vatican’s Ministry of Church recognized the Jewish people as 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 overcame the message of hate left by vandals with an act of solidarity, community and spirit. Louisville is indeed a compassionate community.

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 have had murders in Paris, 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 face 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.

Matt Goldberg
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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; Hadi Karlirmi, 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 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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Etgar Keret to Speak Here October 16
Renowned Israeli writer and filmmaker Etgar Keret will speak at the University of Louisville on 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 Stricker 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 once familiar 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.

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.

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. Questions? Contact the Temple Shalom office at 458-4739 and ask to be connected by Shelia Abraham-Miles.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
SEPTEMBER 25 and 27
Teatro Vittoria
Leonard Bernstein’s Mass
8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts, Hall 4, $50, $36, $26, 502-584-7777 or louisvilleorchestra.org.
SEPTEMBER 27
Community Hunger Walk
2:15 p.m., Tom Sawyer Park. Join the Jewish Louisville team and half of what you raise will go to the Janet & Sonny Meyer Food Pantry and the other half to Jewish Family & Career Services. To register, go to www.thehungernwalk.org.
SEPTEMBER 30
Pins & Poster Event
6-7:30 p.m. JCC. Make decorations for the Sukkah and enjoy pizza. $10 per family; JC members $5 per family. RSVP by September 25 at 502-657-5248 or event/pizza-hut2/.
SEPTEMBER 30
Live from New York’s 92nd Street Y
7:45 p.m. 92Y broadcast. Adath Jeshurun. Harold Kushner and Rachel Cowan with Rabbi Peter Rubinstein: “Living with Illness and Disability”. For more information or to register, go to jewishlouisville.org/event/92-street-92nd-street/.
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
1-2 p.m. The Library presents songs in the Sukkah. The RSVP to Jennifer Tuvin, jtuvin@jewishlouisville.org.
OCTOBER 11
Teen Connections Lazer Blaze
12:30-3:30 p.m. Leave from and return to the JCC. $15; JC members, $12. Includes transportation, raffle prizes, 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. Open reception Sunday, October 11, 2-4 p.m.
OCTOBER 16
Israeli Author/Filmmaker to Speak
3 p.m., University of Louisville, Cochran Auditorium, Stricker 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 speak from and comment on one of his books.
OCTOBER 18
J45ers Mega Quest
12-7 p.m. Leave from and return to the JCC. $30; JC members, $25. Includes transportation, aerial rope 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 Missouri and Germany. Ticketing available at 502-586-7777 or $75, orchestras.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, live from New York’s 92nd Street Y. For more information or to register, go to www.92st.org.
OCTOBER 22-NOVEMBER 8
CenterStage and Physician’s Center for Beauty Present Oliver JCC. Consider yourself at home with this musical medley of hits adapted from Charles Dickens’ Oliver Twist. $20 in advance; $22 at the door. CenterStage-JCC.org.
OCTOBER 26
Master Chorale Fall Concert
2 p.m., Adath Jeshurun. $20. Pre-concert presentation at 2:45 p.m. Concert at 3 featuring To Be Certain of the Dawn and Israel in Egypt. For tickets, go to www.louisvillemasterchole.org or call 458-5359 or dislosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

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**Master Chorale to Present Paulus Work at AJ**

by Sheila Steinman Wallace

The Louisville Master Chorale and Chichester Psalms, presented as a piece of particular interest to the Jewish community, To Be Certain of the Dawn, by Stephen Paulus on Sunday, October 25, at 2 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun. There will be a pre-concert lecture with John Hale at 1:30 p.m. in Stricker Hall.

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 synagogues in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the freeing of Holocaust survivors and the 40th anniversary of the Vatican II declaration, Nostra Aetate.

“We wanted to expand our horizons and diversity of repertoire,” said Ethan Bronner, the 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 Jewish Federation of Greater Louisville, the retired chair of English at the University of Minnesota, who provided the text Browne thought performing at a synagogue would be a great venue for the piece.

“We believe this piece would be a great venue for the piece,” Browne thought performing at a synagogue would be a great venue for the piece. “If it was a wonderful idea.

“The composer of the piece tragically died last year,” Walker said. This performance will take place one week after his yahrzeit.

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 Education.

Editor’s Note: Some of the information for this story came from a press release from the Louisville Master Chorale.
McConnell Presents Case Against Iran Agreement

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.

American support of Israel as an ally remains strong across this country. Sen. McConnell'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 Rep. John Yarmuth (see story, page 5) and Dr. Patrick Clawson from the Washington Institute for Near East Policy (see story, page 6). The program took place at the Jewish Community Center.

McConnell Presents Case Against Iran Agreement

Sen. McConnell and Steve Shapiro

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Sen. McConnell and Debbie Friedman

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n Wednesday, September 2, U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth spoke at the Jewish Community Center about the nuclear agreement with Iran.

Rep. Yarmuth said there are two things that virtually every member of Congress can agree on: support of Israel and that a nuclear weaponized Iran is unacceptable.

As background for the discussion, Yarmuth posited that until 2003, there was general consensus that Iran was doing research that could lead to the development of a nuclear weapon, but intelligence reports show no further work toward that goal after that date until the discovery of secret underground facilities in 2009.

While the Iranians denied using the facilities to develop nuclear weapons, the discovery led to an opening to begin discussion on how Iran could get the U.S. to lift sanctions the latter had imposed in response to a variety of Iranian actions, including, but not limited to, its nuclear weapons research, that the U.S. found unacceptable.

U.S. sanctions alone were not enough to bring Iran to the negotiating table. It was the addition of sanctions by the French, Germans, British, Russians and Chinese along with the cooperation of the Japanese, South Koreans, Vietnamese and a few others that made the difference.

At the same time, Rep. Yarmuth explained, the Iranians had increased the number of centrifuges they were running, as well as the level to which they were enriching their uranium to 20 percent, which brought them much nearer the level needed to power a nuclear weapon.

He also made a clear distinction between a nuclear program for peaceful purposes, which the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty allows, and a nuclear weapons program, which the treaty does not allow. Iran is a signatory to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

The nuclear agreement with Iran, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, Rep. Yarmuth explained, would ensure the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran’s nuclear program and in it, “Iran reaffirms that under no circumstances will Iran ever seek, develop or acquire any nuclear weapons.”

The agreement does include some details about how some of Iran’s centrifuges will be disabled and how it will be verified by constant International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) monitoring.

Rep. Yarmuth described the monitoring in detail. “For all the nuclear facilities that Iran has,” he said, “there is 24/7 monitoring of everything that goes on. There’s electronic monitoring and cam eras everywhere.”

Beyond that, the centrifuges that are required to be taken out of service are to be stored in a specific place where they “will have sensitive wrapping and they’ll be wrapped and sealed. If anybody tries to cut the seal, an alarm goes off.”

“They have motion sensors under them, or they will have,” he continued, “so if anybody tries to move them everyone will know. Again, the level of detail in this enforcement mechanism is beyond anything that I think most nuclear non-proliferation experts had ever seen.”

Asked about the widely reported 24-day delay between the time an inspection of a site is requested and when the Iranians must grant access to inspectors, Rep. Yarmuth explained there are two kinds of sites. Declared sites are subject to 24/7 monitoring. The delay comes in with undeclared sites.

If the IAEA “has reason to suspect that anything suspicious” is going on, it can “ask for access within 24 hours,” he explained, and Iran can either agree to provide that access or not.

If Iran declines, the Joint Commission that is enforcing the agreement, made up of the six countries that negotiated it, would have a say in the matter.

Yarmuth also made it clear that he was in favor of the Iran agreement and that he believed that the U.S. needed to take a different approach when it comes to the Middle East and the issues involved.

He emphasized the importance of the role that the United States has in the world and how it can help to bring about peace and stability.

“I am hopeful that the agreement will lead to a reduction in tensions and an increase in cooperation between the U.S. and Iran,” Yarmuth said. “We must continue to work towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict in the Middle East and towards a better understanding between our two nations.”

Yarmuth concluded his speech by thanking the audience for their support and by expressing his appreciation for the opportunity to speak about an issue that he believes is of great importance.

The audience was enthusiastic and responsive, and many took the opportunity to thank the representative for his work on behalf of the people of the United States and for his efforts to promote peace and understanding in the world.
Clawson Presents Background on Iran Agreement

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

On Thursday, September 10, Dr. Patrick Clawson, the Morning-star 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. 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 that there 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 be 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 "perfect 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 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 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 Ayatolla 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.

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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," he continued. "And 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, in the end, 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 you've got it. 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 intelligence and surveillance and the 24/7 monitoring of the protocol. He believes the intelligence operations, extensive surveillance and the 24/7 monitoring of the protocol 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 the Iranians. 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, and 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, under any circumstances. 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 pat that sounds, but its 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 that 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 more.

Asked if they could purchase a nuclear weapon, Rep. Yarmuth said he considered that unlikely. The Iranians could have done that before now, he said, but they never did. "The question is what does a nuclear weapon get them?" he said. "It doesn't get them a deterrent threat for them. They have lots more nuclear weapons than they have. They [the Iranians] understand it if they were to use one for offensive reasons that they would be wiped out in a half an hour. They're not suicidal." Rep. Yarmuth'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 Dr. Patrick Clawson from the Washington Institute for Near East Policy (see story, page 8).

Lisa Groves travels through the U.S., Canada and Mexico for The Veterans Connection’s “No Veteran Left Behind” mission 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 Horecky, 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 Lutherner 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. In 2013, she was selected for the UMMA and her church.

JoAnn Orr started volunteering as a young girl serving as a candy stripper. 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 a recipient (see page 10).
Ross Cohen has been chosen as one of Business First's 2015 Forty Under 40 honorees. He was choosen 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 want to follow in their footsteps.

In May, Cohen also received the Jewish Community of Louisville’s 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 generalist,” he explained, “I recently became the co-chair of the firm’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.”

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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 music professor in voice, and director of the 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 Charlaine Reynolds; contact information below.

October 15

October 18 (Sunday)
3 p.m., Louisville Orchestra, Music Without Borders. A young lady, Helen Wirth, from New Albany, IN, who was a nurse in intensive care unit at Jewish Hospital.”

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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.

October 30
A young lady, Helen Wirth, from New Albany, IN, who was a nurse in intensive care unit at Jewish Hospital.”

Year-round, biran’s concert series helps fund music scholarships.

Dror Biran

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 Givattim 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.
Simchat Torah: Toward a Torah of Joy

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

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 “neshamah hatorah” – we give thanks for the written Torah, we recite the blessing.

The Torah that we are being given in our present tense is the Torah that we are being given, in the present tense – “notein hatorah” – we give thanks for the written Torah, we recite the blessing. When we read Genesis, we are immediately beginning what is the Book of Deuteronomy. But Torah is broader than any book that we can write. When we read Genesis, we are immediately beginning what is the Book of Deuteronomy.

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

Today

Your presence is needed. For your family. For your community. For Israel. For the Jewish people. But what will happen when you can no longer be there?

A planned gift to the Jewish Community of Louisville’s Jewish Foundation of Louisville enables you to be present forever. Whether your gift is used to provide for the needs of the Jewish poor, assist the elderly, rescue Jews in need around the world or fight anti-Semitism - no matter where or when in the future, you can be there to help.

Call 502-238-2729 to discuss creating your own personal planned gift and Let Your Values Live On.

The Drew Corson Youth Athletic Scholarship Fund

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

Call 502-238-2753 to discuss creating your own personal planned gift and Let Your Values Live On.

The 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.

Volunteers 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 1-6 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.

Donations (tax deductible) are needed to help offset the expenses of this year’s Lights exhibit.

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

For more information and to volunteer, please call, Honi Marleen Goldman, 502-451-5464 or hmgoldman1@aol.com.

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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.

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 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 Bleden. “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 1980. Her passion for the non-profit world began in college as she developed a sampling of several varieties of Bundt cake. “It is okay.” The program concluded with a demonstration of Bundt cake piping 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.

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Hadassah’s Heart Health Institute in Ein Kerem is leading the way in documenting and raising awareness about 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.

For more information, go to Hadassah.org or contact louisvillehadassah-chapter@gmail.com.

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**Hadassah Explores the Bundt Cake Legacy**

by Michelle Eisburg

**Hadassah President**

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

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Joyce Bridge Is NCJW Louisville Section President

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 she was 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 or 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 accomplished something.”

Ten years ago, she was nominated as vice president of the organization. She reminded the nominating committee 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 wanted to stay with the organization. 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.

“Your 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 sales with special hackers, such as Jefferson County School Superintendent Donna Hargens, entrepreneur and motivational speaker Sandy Smith, Pediatric Forensic Pathologist Melissa Curry and many others. The Louisville Section has 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 world. That’s what I like about it.”

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

Augsburg College Welcomes Leonard Bernstein's Mass

Composer Leonard Bernstein is known for helping to bridge the gap between classical music and the general public. He is also known for his humanitarian work and his dedication to social justice.

The Mass has been performed in various ways around the world, but for this particular performance, it was commissioned by the Louisville Orchestra, which has been a part of the city’s cultural landscape for many years.

The performance was held at the Louisville Palace, a historic venue known for hosting a variety of cultural events.

The performance was a collaboration between the Louisville Orchestra and the Center for Interfaith Media, which is dedicated to promoting understanding and respect between different religious and cultural traditions.

The performance was part of a larger season of events dedicated to Bernstein, who was a Jewish American composer and teacher. The season included a variety of lectures, workshops, and performances dedicated to his life and work.

The performance of the Mass was a significant event for the community, as it brought together a diverse group of people who were interested in music, history, and human rights.

The performance was received with great enthusiasm, and attendees were moved by the music and the message of the Mass.

The performance was a testament to the power of art to bring people together and promote understanding and respect.

For more information, visit the Louisville Orchestra website or call 502-458-8050.
This summer, I was fortunate enough to go to Nicaragua through a mission program called Afte Mitzvah Corps. Sponsored by NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth). Our mission took place in a small town called Granada, which serves as the capital of the Granada Province. 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 team, 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. 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.

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**Book Review: Alexandrian Summer**

by Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman

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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 what 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 pulls 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. On any street of Alexandria, whether Greek Orthodox or Greek Catholic, and one hundred percent hodgepodge, just as everyone’s sentences were spiced with words and expressions lifted from Arabic, French, Italian, Arabic, Ladino, Turkish, Greek, English, and whatever else came by.”

It is compact as it is, *Alexandrian Summer* goes far in delivering “all the strange, haunting, incomprehensible, incomparable, and incomparable evocative mystery” that it has to offer, and in depicting what Aciman provides many moments of 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 that follows and the clash of the planes, thunderbats and shells 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 nacked 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) was “a multi-ethnic, multi-religious, multi-sexual, multi-everything society.”

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 Alexandria’s singular ambiance. An hour of 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.
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Suggestions for October

• Cold cereal
• Spaghetti sauce
• Chunky soups
• Mayonnaise
• Salad dressing
• Toilet paper

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

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

JFCS Offers Mental Health Checkups

People struggling with depression often report symptoms like low energy, changes in sleep and appetite and loss of interest in activities that were formerly 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 if raising children can plug them. People with anxiety issues plugged them. People with anxiety issues.

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.

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 Janet Poole at ext. 222 or jpoole@jfcslouisville.org

JOB SEARCH JUMPSTART

Every Monday for Four Weeks
October 12 thru November 2
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at JFCS

A workshop fee for both sessions is $20. Contact Janet Poole to register.

Support Groups at JFCS

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

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

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

Caregiver Support Group
First Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.
Contact Naomi Malka, ext. 249

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

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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 Stelkof, the sixth graders will also learn about Pledge 13 and their b’nai mitzvah projects.

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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 city inexperience to experience day-to-day life in Israel, the travel time from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv or to the Golani Heights resulted in conversations, debating and 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 was surprised 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 “four sites and have 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” anything 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.

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 Board Quality Assessment Program. Due to the great success of the retreat the JCC hopes to have one each term.
B’nai Mitzvah

Upcoming B’nai Mitzvah in Louisville for 2015-16

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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 mitzvah. 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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**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 tikun 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.

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**Teens Can Learn to Become Philanthropists.**

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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Adath Jeshurun Offers Conversational & Prayerbook Hebrew

Adath Jeshurun is offering two free Hebrew classes to all in the community this fall. The classes will be open to students in grades K through 7, as well as adults of all ages, and will be limited to a maximum of 20 participants. Registration is by advance reservation only. For more information, please visit adathjeshurun.com/frenchdinner.

Adath Jeshurun Celebrates Simchat Torah

The community is invited to celebrate Simchat Torah with Adath Jeshurun on Monday, October 5. There will be a 9:30 a.m. morning service, followed by the afternoon service at 5:45 p.m., followed by a Kiddush lunch in the Shabbat dinner area. A wide variety of wines will be served from 2-5 p.m. at the Vines & Canines, 1985 Douglass Blvd. A wide variety of wines and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are $250 per person. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslsberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359.

Shabbat Dinner in the Chester & Vivian Klempner Family Helipad at Adath Jeshurun

On Friday, October 2, Adath Jeshurun will host a catered French-inspired dinner in the Chester & Vivian Klempner Family Helipad upon Shabbat. The event will be open to the community. The first mea- ling is paid for by the Chester & Vivian Klempner Family Helipad. To reserve your place, call 458-5359.

Adath Jeshurun Offers Wine-Tasting Event

Louisville Vaad Hakashrut will sponsor a pre-Shabbat 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 that day. To reserve the event, go to eventbrite.com/e/wine-tasting-pre-shabbat-wine-buying-2015-tickets-18670700568. For more information, please visit adathjeshurun.com/frenchdinner.

Adath Jeshurun Changes Weekly Lunch & Learn Study Session

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

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

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Around Town

vations. The Simchat Torah service, accompained by festive Klezmer music by Itzik Manger will be singng dancing and everyone will be called up to the Torah for a group aliyah as the scroll is wound back to the beginning. The service is open to adults and children of all ages.

Yoga at Temple Shalom

The Women of Temple Shalom will hold a 55$ per yoga class at Temple Shalom on every Tuesday beginning October 6. The class is for women and for girls older than age 10.

Chair yoga modifications will be offed by Yoga Loft instructor, 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 October 8, 7:15 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 801 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy. Participants will discuss Henna House and The Mathematician’s Sister by Julia Spurs, with presentation by Carol Savkovich at Temple Shalom, 458-4739.

“My Recipe for Peace” Annual Fundraising Dinner at The Temple

Temple Shalom Women’s men’s club is hosting a brunch featuring well-known local author and chef Steve Wiser. In lieu of an annual fundraiser, the Community will share how they go about peacemaking in their daily lives, Thursday, October 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. Tickets are $50 per person. For information and reservations, go to pathsp2ce.org/my-recipe-for-peace.html.

Go to the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience With The Temple

Come join The Temple for an unfor- gotten evening with Steve Wiser, a nationally recognized author, former University of Louisville community leaders share how they go about peacemaking in their daily lives, Thursday, October 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. Tickets are $50 per person. For more information, please contact Chavvah at The Temple 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 Rabbi Jonathan Porath, rabbi of the generation who grew up in the 1980s. Rabbi Porath will speak on the topic, “Sparking the Jewelry Box.” On Tuesday, November 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Temple Shalom Tower Waiting Room. For more information, please call 502-458-5359. Suggested donation $7.

Adath Jeshurun Presents Live From New York’s 92nd Street Y

On October 18, at 7 p.m., Adath Jeshurun will present the next in its series of Shabbat Evening programs. Rabbi Jonathan Porath will lead the reflections for the Shabbat service. A dessert reception will take place 30 minutes prior to the program. This program is free of charge and open to the community.

Lt. Governors’ Debate Announced

Nine women’s organizations are joining WAVE 3 News to co-host a debate for the Kentucky Lt. Governor’s debate on Monday, September 28, from 7:30-8 p.m. This event 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, LCJ, Louisville Chapter of The Links Inc., Louisville Metro Women’s Network, National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Branch, Women’s Council of Negro Women, Louisville Section, Metropolitan Louisville Women’s Political Action Committee, Kentucky 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.

The debate at the WAVE-TV studios will be broadcast without commercial interruptions. One or two questions during the debate will come from the general public, people can email suggested questions by 5 p.m., Wednesday, September 23 at cleannard@wave3.com.

The debate will have the top two candidates, Jenean Hampton, Republican candidate running with Matt Bevin, and Sannie Dews, Democratic candidate with Jack Conway.

WAVE 3 News anchor and reporter Shannon Cogan will be the moderator, with three other local television news reporters asking the candidates various questions: Connie Leonard, reporter and anchor for WAVE 3 News, Tony Fox, reporter and anchor for WAVE 3 News, Heniina Miren, reporter and anchor for 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 Goldberg, 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 Janis Goldberg of Highland Park, IL, and Leonard and Sandy Goldstein of Deerfield, IL.

Aaron is a seventh-grader at North Oldham Middle School. He is active in nearly all of his subjects. Outside of school, his interests include anything related to science, especially chemistry. He is a member of the Menorah Orchestra, as well as donating money to the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky. He is interested in politics and running for a position in the Student Council. He enjoys traveling, particularly Los Angeles and San Francisco. He is an avid Frisbee golfer and skateboarder. He is also a huge fan of the New England Patriots. He is looking forward to seeing his older brother, Tyler, play for the University of Michigan.

Maddie is a ninth-grader at Bluegrass Middle School. She is a member of the Beta Club and field hockey team, and is currently learning to play the game of soccer. She enjoys spending time with her friends, listening to music, traveling, and cooking.

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

George Bevan

George Bevan, son of Debbie Wei 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. He is first violin, 2nd chair orchestra, and is currently learning to play the theme song from "Schindler's List."

George loves to play soccer and is a member of the Oak Park United soccer club – especially Southampton FC, the English Premier League. George and his dad, Jonathan, have season tickets to the new Louisville City FC soccer team.

George most enjoys studying history and social studies in school, but he loves his dog, Cosmo, and cat, Leo.

For his mitzvah project, George chose to work at the Treyton 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 The 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, participating in a play, and 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 Women's Board of the Jewish Federations of North America, by donating any type of item that was needed by the Women's Board for a furniture sale.

Kate and her family invite the community to come to celebrate her bar mitzvah and take part in the Kiddush luncheon following the service.
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 hallowed over them, shielding them from the dangers and discomforts of the desert. Ever since, we remember G-d’s kindness and affirm 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 hadasim (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, and offer 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 different types and personalities that comprise the community of Israel, whose intrinsic unity we emphasize on Sukkot.

Sukkot 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 festivity 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.

Candles should be lit for Shabbat on Friday, September 25, at 7:17 p.m.; for Sukkot on September 27, at 7:14 p.m. and Monday, September 28, at 8:30 p.m.; for Shabbat on Friday, October 2, at 7:06 p.m.; for Simhat 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.

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, and mother-in-law of Stuart and Susan, loving mother of Abigail, Madelyn, Brynn, and Michael Ciesielski; and great-grandmother, Al Auslander, Hastings on Hudson, NY.

Burial was at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, Herman Meyer & Son took care of arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Beth El Congregation, 1600 Cochenour Road, Pittsburg, PA 15220.

Konstantin Eppel

Konstantin Eppel, 77, passed away September 12 when he fell off his bicycle, 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 Fridkin, Alex and Katie Fridkin, and David, Nicole, Naomi and Elijah 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 Shostle.

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 Kneseth 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 Howard and Susan, loving mother-in-law of Alison Silberman and Elliot 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 (Susan) 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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