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Fighting Hunger

Around 60 members of the Jewish community comprising three different teams participated in the 2015 Community Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 27, and raised over \$5,000. A portion of the money raised went to the Jewish Family & Career Services Sonny and Janet Meyer Food Pantry Fund. The balance went to Dare to Care.

How Jerusalem Is Coping with the Attacks: Police, Pepper Spray

by Ben Sales

JERUSALEM, October 18, 2015 (JTA) – “No pepper spray, no tear gas, no nightsticks,” sighed Itzhak Mizrahi to three disappointed men, as if it were a mantra he’d recited dozens of times.

The glass-topped display case in Magnum, the central Jerusalem gun shop that Mizrahi has owned for three decades, featured a wide variety of pistols on Thursday. The pepper spray compartment, however, was empty, stormed earlier in the week by nervous Israelis hoping to defend themselves from stabbing attacks.

The country is suffering a nationwide pepper-spray shortage, Mizrahi said. As the men left, Mizrahi told them he hoped to restock his tear gas supply early next week.

Jerusalem’s streets and shops have been desolate for several days, and its

atmosphere tense. A string of stabbings, shootings and car-ramming attacks in the city over the past two weeks have killed seven Israelis and paralyzed the city center, leading its residents to take measures to protect themselves. Many others are staying inside rather than risk getting knifed. In their place are security guards, checkpoints and police vans.

“There’s a lot more stress everywhere,”

said Alexandra Benjamin, who emigrated from London to Jerusalem in 2002. “I’m refusing to allow myself to not go out, but I can’t help noticing the streets are much, much quieter.”

For Mizrahi, business is booming. He has sold about twice as many handguns as usual the past two weeks, and he applauds the government’s recent

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LBSY Fundraiser Promises Tons of Fun

On Sunday evening, November 8, the community celebrates its children as Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad (LBSY) hosts its biennial fundraiser at the Kentucky Science Center, 727 W. Main St.

Beginning at 5 p.m., adults can be kids again for an hour of play in the Science Center. In addition to exploring The World Around Us and The World

Within Us – interactive experiences in natural, earth and body sciences – new sections have been added to The World We Create, where visitors can dive into hands-on activities related to transportation, chemistry, architecture, physics and much more. If you prefer, you can go directly to the new, permanent Science in Play installation. Build your own roller coaster, work your creative muscles inventing things in the Shapes & Stuff Store, or climb the 14-foot Happy Climber. (Obviously, dress is casual.)

At 6 p.m., those in attendance will move upstairs for a silent auction, cocktails and a kosher buffet dinner catered by the Hyatt Regency. Auction items include a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle bourbon, a night at 21c Museum Hotel, and a week’s stay in a Florida condo, see **LBSY** page 6

Join a #Fantasy Fundraising Team and Help Our Jewish Community

by Sara Klein Wagner

President and CEO

Jewish Community of Louisville

Four months ago I was given the honor of leading our Jewish Federation and JCC. I am incredibly proud of the significant breadth and depth of engagement throughout our community. Everyday seemingly ordinary happenings provide positive Jewish communal experiences, including growing, learning and caring for those in need.

I spend a lot of time asking questions and considering the meaning and specifically, the possibilities for Jewish Louisville. In the coming year we will continue to ask questions and we will develop new directions and answers together.

The vision of our agency is to “fulfill the needs of the Jewish community.” How do we define and prioritize those needs? What is the best path towards creating a financially sustainable community? What will be most important to our community members in 10 years? Most importantly, what does our Jewish community mean to you? Each one of us has a unique answer comprised of our own experiences, interests, passions, spirituality and beliefs.

One answer needs no study or questioning. We can provide for greater needs and build a stronger Jewish community with a successful Federation Campaign. The theme for the 2016 Federation Campaign is *Stronger Together*. The Campaign will impact each of our community members in three areas: 1) caring for those in need; 2) ensuring and inspiring Jewish futures; and 3) changing the world together.

We need you to join us. Volunteers are needed to help with the Campaign. Join our #FantasyFundraising Draft see **KICKOFF** page 4



Sara Klein Wagner

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Get Your Tickets Now for Light Up CenterStage

by Tamara Ikenberg

Public Relations Specialist



Guests at the 11th Annual Light Up CenterStage gala at on Saturday, December 5, at 7 p.m. will spend an indulgent “Enchanted Evening” in a secret, magical forest.

“You won’t recognize the place,” said CenterStage Artistic Director John Leffert. “Every wall will be draped. The centerpieces will be lanterns with moss

and wood, and there will be lanterns hanging from the ceiling.” Trees standing throughout the venue and actors posing as statues will add even more enchantment.

The glam, grand event that raises money for CenterStage, the oldest communi-

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JCRC UPDATE

Terrorism in Israel and Its "Root" Causes

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Over the last several weeks we have seen a horrible escalation in tensions in Israel, brought about by a false narrative. Propaganda and irresponsible fear mongering have caused Israel to descend into its worse security crisis since last year's war, and it will take herculean efforts to restore calm. This latest crisis also has to cause us all to rethink (but not necessarily abandon) our ideas about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

It is easy to assign blame whenever there is conflict in Israel, and usually there is enough blame to go around for everybody. But this most recent flare up in violence falls is based on misinformation ... and when you combine that with religion it is highly combustible.

Yes, it is possible (and often times correct) to blame heightened tensions on both sides of the conflict, but the latest turmoil started with a rumor that Israel was planning on changing the status quo with regards to prayer at the Al Aqsa mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

Since 1967 when Israel took control of Jerusalem, Israel has maintained that Jews are allowed to visit the Temple Mount but are not allowed to pray there. Prayer is held exclusively for Muslims. It is a formula that has kept the peace for a long time, and it has also been helped by Rabbinic rulings that Jews should not go to the Temple Mount because it is unknown where exactly on the Temple mount the Holy of Holies was (where

Judaism forbids Jews to walk), so Jews have avoided it for years.

This Rabbinic prohibition started to break down recently and, particularly from the religious Zionist movement, Jews are increasingly brazen in going up to the Temple Mount. But the state of Israel strictly enforces the no prayer rule and will arrest Jews for even suspicion of praying. Israel has no interest whatsoever in upsetting this balance.

Still, rumors started that Israel was in fact changing their policy. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas added fuel to the fire with his charged (and anti-Jewish) statement that Jews will not desecrate Al Aqsa with their "dirty feet."

Members of his Fatah party are praising these attacks, and the Palestinians have gone so far as to have a petition submitted on their behalf to the U.N. that the Western Wall (the holiest site in Judaism) be declared Palestinian. This extremism has inspired these attackers to think they are defending Al Aqsa by killing innocent people. This extremism has also inspired Palestinians to burn down Joseph's tomb in the West Bank (another holy site for Judaism).

Israeli authorities have been responding to the immediate threats, confronting the perpetrators during the attacks and often killing them before they can hurt anyone else. In response, the Palestinian leadership is asking the U.N. to investigate Israel for summary executions of these attackers.

As I see it, this latest flare up of violence is indicative that the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians is about much more than land, and it is not about settlements. It is something deeper – a religious conflict, a tribal hatred – and that is much more difficult to overcome.

How it got to this point is irrelevant. The question must be how do we restore some measure of calm, and then some measure of optimism so a discussion on a resolution of the conflict can take place. The incitement must stop and, in this latest round of violence, it is coming from one side (mostly). The violence must be condemned. Security must be increased.

Israel, for its part, must avoid the temptation to be heavy handed with its response so that an atmosphere of calm can be restored. And the Israeli government must also be the first to condemn the "mob justice" that is occurring, as in the case of the beating death of an innocent man by a mob after he was mistaken for a terrorist.

But I am starting to think that it is much easier to dismantle a settlement, release a prisoner, agree on water rights, and even provide compensation to refugees than it is to change an attitude that your religion is under threat and you must violently defend it.

A final peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians is that much harder now, and it will require brave leaders on both sides to do what is in the best interest of their people, and not necessarily bend to the will of their people. I hope and pray that I will be surprised and see this kind of bravery soon in our days.

LETTER

Dear Editor,

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Allen Aboff
Former Student

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Fishman Marks 10 Years as Beloved JCC ELC Educator

by Tamara Ikenberg
Public Relations Specialist

On a recent Wednesday morning, JCC Early Learning Center prekindergarten teacher Jeanette Fishman jubilantly danced to Taylor Swift's "We Are Never Getting Back Together" with a gaggle of feisty four-year-olds in the Pomegranate Room.

Moving to the music with her students is one of the things Fishman treasures about her job.

"I love to dance," she said. "All the kids know it. They're just wonderful."

This is Fishman's 10th year as a JCC educator. And from observing how naturally and effectively she conducts her class, one could easily assume that the 56-year-old Louisville native always knew she wanted to work with kids.

But Fishman didn't start her early childhood education career until she was 46. The Atherton High School grad said she never really knew what she wanted to be when she grew up.

Before finding her calling, she tried an array of professions, from waitress to jewelry buyer to airplane parker.

"I worked at the airport for 10 years, marshaling the airplanes in and I trained everybody out there," she said. "At most of my jobs I've played a teaching role."

That knack for guiding others has served Fishman and her students well, and is admired by her colleagues and supervisors.

"She is a phenomenal early childhood educator," said JCC Early Learning Center Director Norma Cahen. "She guides them so gently. Her language is totally age appropriate, and she has fabulous creative ideas. She doesn't do the work for her student. She lets them experiment. She lets them negotiate, she lets them think things through."

Cahen added that Fishman has the "rare gift" of being able to engage her stu-

dents while expertly preparing them for the challenges of kindergarten.

So, how did a former airplane parker land a teaching job at the JCC?

Fishman's new path started with a chat at the JCC. Ten years ago, she dropped her son, Daniel, off for a taekwon do class and struck up a conversation with a woman who told Fishman she was about to start work in the JCC's new baby room.

Fishman was immediately intrigued. "It sounded like a fun thing to do," Fishman recalled. "So I helped start the infant room and it kind of went from there."

In her 10 years at the JCC, Fishman has explored every part of the preschool. She spent time as a teaching assistant and has worked in every preschool classroom.

The JCC is her classroom as well. She complements her innate teaching talent with the skills needed to become a pro through observing her colleagues and constantly discussing new ideas and techniques with them, yearly enrichment classes and on the job training.

She starts every day with enthusiasm and eagerness to see and serve her students.



Grayson Lassere, Lillian Bennett, Joie Foy, Graham Bennett and Charley Distler with their teacher Jeanette Fishman

Mannel Joins ELC Staff at JCC

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Mindy Mannel has come home to the Jewish Community Center and the JCC's Early Learning Center has gained an experienced teacher and administrator who has come on board as the early childhood assistant director.

A Louisville native, Mannel grew up at the JCC and is happy to be back with the agency where she works with ELC Director Norma Cahen to provide a high quality educational experience that enables children to meet their preschool milestones so they will be successful when they enter elementary school and beyond.

Mannel is excited about building on the strong foundation that already exists by expanding the curriculum, improving the structure and providing the best educational services possible to children and families. "We are not babysitters," she stressed. "We are educators and it's very important that the families we have and the community at

large understand the difference."

The ELC is also incorporating more elements of Judaism into the curriculum. They've even added a Hebrew teacher.

Mannel said the school is looking to grow in every way it can – both physically and educationally. Right now, the ELC has limited space and a wait list. It is painful, she said, to turn people away; and she explains that "we're growing; we're looking to the future; and we're looking for ways in which we can expand."

Mannel has a B.S. in guidance and counseling and a Masters of Education in community/educational psychology, both from the University of Louisville.

Prior to joining the JCC's ELC staff, she worked with preschoolers at The Temple, and in a variety of human resources positions for the Home of the Innocents, Metropolitan College/UPS, Lakeshore Consultants and other organizations.

She and her husband, Rick, have two children, Cooper, 17, and Brent, 14. They are members of The Temple, where she often volunteers. Mannel also volunteers at her sons' schools and spends a lot of time as a sports spectator when her boys compete. She also volunteers for the American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association.

"I love mornings because I come in and I get to greet everyone individually and say good morning to the parents," she said.

One of the most vital things Fishman has learned in her decade teaching at the JCC is how critical it is to resist a one-size-fits-all approach to teaching.

"We all learn differently, and we have to have patience to help kids. Just because we want to teach them one way doesn't mean that's the best way. If we're asking them to do something a certain

way and they're not responding we have to figure out a way that works for them."

Fishman's history with the JCC has made her decade of dedicating herself to teaching here even sweeter.

"I came here as a kid, so I grew up here at the JCC. I went swimming here, went to camp here," she said. "It's like a big family. We all help each other out. And that's what I like the most about being here. It makes me very proud to work here."

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KICKOFF

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and Kickoff on Sunday, November 1, at 4:30 p.m. at the JCC. JCL Board members will serve as co-captains for our 10 teams. Contact Kristy Benefield at 502-238-2739 to volunteer and we will put you on a team. There is no better time than now to have a Jewish conversation with a member of the community.

What does our Jewish community mean to you? I hope you agree we have a community that is truly *Stronger Together* every day.

Updates

Last week I was with our senior adults when they learned they lost a long time

member, Carolyn Wolf, z"l. The regulars who have shared a table with Carolyn and her husband, Sy, have lost a member of their family, I know the Wolfs' JCC family will be there for Sy the way he has supported others for years.

A new year of the rite of passage known as cotillion started this week with a new Jewish focus, incorporating the opportunity to learn about Pledge 13, the B'nai Tzedek program as well as a group community service project.

Finally, our connection to Israel is strong even in times of tension. Four Louisvillians are currently biking from the Western Galilee to Eilat in Israel's south in connection with Partnership-2Gether.

Tom Wissinger Promoted

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

In the two and a half years Tom Wissinger has been working at Louisville's Jewish Community Center, many things have changed and he has been an instrumental part of the progress the agency has experienced in the Membership and Health and Wellness Departments.

Now he has been promoted and is serving the organization as JCC program and operations director.

"I'm very excited to be even more in-



Tom Wissinger

involved in the JCC operations," he said. He's pleased with the progress the Membership and Health and Wellness Departments have made under his leadership and is excited to expand that to JCC programming across the agency.

Wissinger wants to build a sense of family and teamwork. "We will have a much more collaborative approach on how to do things," he said, "and more cross development between departments." He looks forward to offering healthy lifestyle programs to younger members, and to CenterStage working more with youth and offering more options for families.

The JCC has a talented staff. Now Wissinger is looking to pull them together "and create processes and procedures that allow them the freedom and creativity to use their talents to create a better experience for members."

A native of western Pennsylvania and a graduate of Slippery Rock University, Wissinger came to the JCC through WTS, an event and facility management company.

A few years after graduating with a B.S. in sports management, he was offered the opportunity to work in Qatar, as an event coordinator for the Asian Games Organizing Committee. In 2010, the committee invited him to return to Qatar, and he spent a year as the Senior Manager for Venue Operations and Logistics for both the 2011 Asian Cup and the 2011 Arab Games. He found life in the Middle East exciting and enjoyed his experiences immensely.

When not working abroad, Wissinger has spent the bulk of his career in the greater Washington, D.C., area, working in the areas of wellness and fitness for municipal recreation facilities. He's developed programs and events, managed a staff and a budget, and – a major catalyst for a big move – dealt with D.C. traffic over an extended period. He says escaping the "Beltway tangle" was a prime motive for seeking to live elsewhere.

Wissinger is a big basketball fan, and he loves to play. He also enjoys being outdoors, hiking, kayaking, and just soaking up nature, among other activities.

Wissinger and his wife, Jamie, have two children, Jason, 9, and Haleigh, 18 months, and one more on the way.

Editor's note: some of this information came from a story by Cynthia Canada.

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Gilman to Address Circumcision in 2nd Annual JHFE Lecture on November 8

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

There are few people who have had quite as significant an impact on the interdisciplinary field of Jewish studies as Sander L. Gilman, who will deliver the University of Louisville's Second Annual Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Lecture on Sunday, November 8, at 1 p.m. in the Cochran Auditorium in Strickler Hall. The event will include a free reception.



Sander L. Gilman

Dr. Gilman's talk is titled "Circumcision: An Index of Difference and/or the Health Exception?" and will address compelling questions concerning the sometimes fraught relationship between religion and medicine. What happens when religion and medicine compete or are allied?

The United States is the nation in which infant male circumcision is the most widely accepted and practiced, but for "health" rather than for "religious" reasons. Immediately after birth, 55 percent of infant male children have their foreskins surgically removed. The number of male infants circumcised in the U.S. for any reason has declined today from the 1970's and '80's. In Europe, in contrast, only 10 percent of boys are circumcised.

What happens when these two aspects of the public sphere overlap? In what contexts does circumcision occur as a health practice or risk? What are the implications of health-related/medically-indicated circumcision for religious practice?

Dr. Gilman is currently distinguished professor of the Liberal Arts and Sciences as well as professor of psychiatry at Emory University. For 25 years, he was a member of the humanities and medical faculties at Cornell University where he held the Goldwin Smith Professorship of Humane Studies. For six years, he held the Henry R. Luce Distinguished Service Professorship of the Liberal Arts in Human Biology at the University of Chicago and for four years was a distinguished professor of the Liberal Arts and Medicine and creator of the Humanities Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

His numerous groundbreaking books

(80 in total) have widely influenced Jewish scholars working in the fields of history, sociology, cultural studies, literature, psychology, philosophy, and beyond. Perhaps his most famous book to date is the classic 1986 study, *Jewish Self Hatred*.

Gilman's contention in this book is that the Jews historically struggled to become indistinguishable from their enemies, and that in the process of assimilation, they have had to internalize the anti-Semitism of their host nations. Since the Middle Ages the Jews of Central Europe, in order to survive, have had to grapple with an unacceptable Jew within – and disown him. What this has in practice entailed is that most virulent and contradictory, form of anti-Semitism, Jewish anti-Semitism.

Gilman describes this as the inevitable double bind of the outsider: the only acceptable Jew is the non-Jew. Gilman argues that "the ubiquitousness of self-hatred ... has shaped the self-awareness of those treated as different perhaps more than they themselves have been aware."

The protracted identity crisis of the European Jews is most clearly evoked by Gilman's vivid descriptions of individuals making sense of their Jewish identity. Heine, Marx, Kraus and Freud all become exemplary in their various confused passionate solutions to the problem of having been born Jews in largely hostile German-speaking countries. All of them, apart from Freud, evolved a sense of themselves by defining themselves against an unacceptable version of the Jew.

Each in his own distinctive way was preoccupied with the idea of the Jew betraying himself through his language, which revealed either a small-minded, vulgar materialism or the pretentious aspiration to a higher culture that had always excluded him. What the Jews had – at least, according to Gilman, since the 18th-century invention of the schlemiel – was a tradition of specifically Jewish humor, a humor in which vulnerability is exploited as a kind of strength.

Obviously on the verge of self-contempt, it is also always on the verge of parodying the implicit anti-Semitism of the audience. It is never clear, as it were, who the joke is on. One of the highlights of this book is its rich demonstration of just how crucial Jewish jokes were to the early development of psychoanalytic theory.

Another important book is *The Jew's Body*, which draws on a wealth of medical and historical materials to illuminate fascinating aspects of the anti-Semitic rhetoric about the Jewish body and

mind, including medical and popular depictions of the Jewish voice, feet and nose. Case studies illustrate how Jews have responded to such public misconceptions as the myth of the cloven foot and Jewish flat-footedness, the proposed link between the Jewish mind and hysteria, and the Victorians' irrational connection between Jews and prostitutes.

Gilman is especially concerned with the role of psychoanalysis in the construction of anti-Semitism, examining Freud's attitude towards his own Jewishness and its effect on his theories, as well as the supposed "objectiveness" of psychiatrists and social scientists. In *The Jewish Frontier*, he reimagines Jewish history as the story of people living on a "frontier" – a place where all peoples, including Jews, interacted to define themselves and those they encounter in reality or fantasy.

Gilman looks at the representation of Jews and Jewishness in film, literature and history. He addresses a wide range of questions, including: how has the Holocaust been represented in comic films? What do fantasies about the Jewish origin of smoking in Europe, debates about Jewish genetic disease, and literary representations from Proust and Kafka to Zadie Smith tell us about the imagination of Jewish identity?

Some of Professor Gilman's more recent publications include critically acclaimed books such as *The Third Reich Sourcebook*, *Race in Contemporary Medicine: Biological Facts and Fictions*, and *Fat: A Cultural History of Obesity*.

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OCTOBER 25

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OCTOBER 28

NCJW David Richart Award Event

7:30 p.m. The Temple. NCJW presents the David Richart Pathways to Justice for Children Award to Deborah Yetter, a *Courier-Journal* journalist. The community is invited.

NOVEMBER 1

Fantasy Fundraising Team Kickoff

4:30-6 p.m. JCC. Volunteers for the 2015 Federation Campaign will meet with their teams and learn the rules of the game. See story, page 1, and ad, page 4.

NOVEMBER 8

Teen Connections House of Boom

\$15; \$12 for JCC members. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Go to House of Boom, a new trampoline place. Lunch provided. Meet at the JCC. RSVP by November 2 at jewishlouisville.org/event/teen-connections-trip-to-house-of-boom.

NOVEMBER 8

Second Annual JHFE Lecture Featuring Sander Gilman

Free. University of Louisville, Cochran Auditorium, Strickler Hall 102, 1 p.m. Dr. Gilman will speak on "Circumcision: An Index of Difference and/or the Health Exception?". Reception to follow. Open to the public.

NOVEMBER 8

LBSY Celebration of Children Featuring Jonathan Wolff

Giving levels start at \$54. Kentucky Science Center. 5 p.m. enjoy the museum; 6 p.m. cocktails and dinner; 7:15 entertainment. There will also be a silent auction and complimentary parking. Purchase tickets at lbsy.org/ScienceCenter.htm.

NOVEMBER 15 & 22

And Then They Came for Me ...

Remembering the World of Anne Frank

\$12; \$7 for children 10 and under. CenterStage's Acting Out presents interviews with Holocaust survivors Ed Silverberg and Eva Schloss combined with live actors recreating scenes from their lives during World War II. Recommended for grades 4 and up. Purchase tickets at jewishlouisville.org/AnneFrank/2015-11-15.

NOVEMBER 15

Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

Adath Jeshurun. 7 p.m. reception; 7:30 broadcast. "Cong. Steve Israel with Chris Matthews." Rep. Israel's novel, *The Global War on Morris*, a satire on the Bush-Cheney era, is now in development for a cable series. Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

NOVEMBER 18

Music without Borders

\$20. Adath Jeshurun. 7:30 p.m. Louisville Orchestra Concert, "Serenades" with Conductor Bob Bernhardt. For tickets, call 502-587-8681 or go to LouisvilleOrchestra.org.

NOVEMBER 22-JANUARY 6

Patio Gallery Exhibit

Mazin Art Exhibition – juried art show. Opening reception and announcement of winners: Sunday, November 22, 2 p.m.

DECEMBER 5

Light Up CenterStage

\$90 per person. JCC. 7 p.m. This exciting gala includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, auctions and a Broadway-style revue. Purchase tickets at jewishlouisville.org/lightup or RSVP to Joanna Bleiden, 502-238-2763. See story, page 1.

DECEMBER 6

Dreidel Dash

\$25 prior to November 27; \$35 late registration. 5K race will start and finish at the JCC at 1:15 p.m. 1-mile Family Fun Run, approximately 2:15. Music, vendors, snacks, etc. Sign up at jewishlouisville.org/DreidelDash. See story, CenterPiece, pg. 1.





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JFCS Seeks Nominations for 2016 MOSAIC Awards

Jewish Family & Career Services is seeking nominations now to honor new or first-generation immigrants and refugees who excel in the fields of medicine/health care, education, technology, business/commerce, entrepreneurship, government, sports and the arts, and also make a significant contribution in our community. Honorees will receive the MOSAIC Award, an artistic interpretation of Multicultural Opportunities for Success and Achievement In our Community (MOSAIC).

This is Jewish Family & Career Services' 11th year presenting the MOSAIC Awards, a dinner event to be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016. The event is an evening devoted to celebrating International Americans, their achievements and diversity in our community.

"JFCS has assisted newcomers to our community throughout its 107-year history," said Judy Freundlich Tiell, executive director. "The MOSAIC Awards are a meaningful way to recognize how our community benefits from multiculturalism. It makes Louisville a more interesting place, while creating a mosaic of many colors and perspectives."

Nominations can be made by individuals or organizations. The deadline for submitting a nomination is November 1. A review committee of community leaders will select the honorees. Nomination forms are available by calling Beverly Bromley at 502-452-6341 or on the JFCS website, www.jfcsloouisville.org/nomination.

Past honorees include: Omar Ayyash; Muhammad Babar, Ph.D.; Timir Banerjee, M.D.; Israel Benitos; Roberto Bolli, M.D.; Johanna Bos, Ph.D., M.Div.; Gabriele Weber Bosley; Yaya Diallo; Paul Diaz; George Digenis, M.D.; Sundeep Dronawat, Ph.D.; Cedric Francois, M.D., Ph.D.; Luis Fuentes; Vincenzo Gabriele; Arun Gadre, M.D.; Paul Gerrard; Riffat Hassan, Ph.D.; Mohammed Hussain, M.D.; Raja Kara, M.D.; Khalid Kahloon; Elizabeth Kizito Bartlett; Suhas Kulkarni; Mizarda Kurbasic, M.D.; and Miguel Lagunas.

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JFCS is a nonprofit comprehensive human services organization serving the whole community with interdisciplinary programs and services focusing on family, work, education, older adults and multicultural issues.

LBSY

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among other exciting offerings.

After dinner, there will be entertainment from acclaimed musician/composer/songwriter Jonathan Wolff, who created the music for 75 primetime network series and is best known for his iconic *Seinfeld* music. A masterful pianist (think *Will & Grace*), Wolff gives a Piano Concertalk about his musical journey that is both entertaining and informative. You don't want to miss this.

It will be a fun evening out in support of an essential element of Louisville's Jewish community, our Hebrew school. At LBSY, our children spend three to five hours a week not only learning Hebrew, Jewish history and traditions, and much more, but also taking on roles as members of a community with the potential to sustain them through life.

The relationships students develop at LBSY are vital to their Jewish identity, and we owe it to our children and to the future of all of us to give them the best possible resources. As with most

non-profit educational organizations, the financial needs far exceed the resources at hand, and this event makes a tremendous difference in the school's ability to succeed.

Several levels of giving are available. Individual tickets for the evening of fun are only \$54 – an excellent buy for museum access, dinner, and entertainment. Other contribution levels are Chaver/Friend - \$100, which includes an individual ticket plus donor recognition in the event program; Tikvah/Hope - \$900, including four tickets and recognition in the program and signage; Chai/Life - \$1800, including six tickets and program and signage recognition; and Atid/Future - \$3600, which includes eight tickets, as well as program and signage recognition.

Seating is limited and the date is coming quickly! To make your reservation and tax-deductible contribution, call or email Sheilah Abramson Miles at 550-2486 or Sheilah@pipeline.com, or Cynthia Canada at 502-905-3925 or lbsy.cynthia@gmail.com.

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Crusade for Children Awards Grant to JCC's Yachad Program

by Tamara Ikenberg
Public Relations Specialist

Through the Yachad inclusion program, the JCC Summer Camp welcomes children with special needs with open arms and an army of advocates.

Yachad pairs campers with special needs with advocate counselors who help make the camp experience fun, comfortable and manageable. The advocates are provided at no extra cost to parents.

The program just received a \$4,200 grant from the Crusade for Children, which covers 400 hours of one-on-one advocate services, according to Betsy Schwartz, Senior Director of Camping and Youth Services.

"Yachad means 'together' or 'united' in Hebrew," Schwartz said. "We at camp believe every child can make a friend, every child can participate and every child can succeed. We're empowering these children to grow throughout the camp experience."

Yachad is a highly individualized program, and the advocate role varies widely depending on the needs of each camper.

"It really ranges from being side by side the entire camp day to maybe the child not even realizing that the advocate is assigned to them," said last summer's Yachad Director Miranda Smith. "The goals are all different depending on the child. Success for one child may be staying with his or her group all day. Success for another may be integrating into one activity."

Smith said some of the children who don't need constant attention have advocates who hang back with the other counselors and jump in as needed.

Since the summer of 2012, the camp has been providing specially trained advocates for campers with conditions including autism, Down Syndrome, Asperger's, ADD, ADHD, developmental delays, behavioral and emotional disorders and hearing and visual impairment.

Determining if and how Yachad can help a particular child is a very involved and specialized process.

"It's customized via multiple conferences between the child's parents, myself, the Yachad director and the advocate," Schwartz said. "For any parent who is considering summer camp, if there's any question as to whether a

child would benefit, we encourage them to err on the side of checking it out. We offer many levels of support and we try very hard to accommodate the parents."

The program has blossomed. Schwartz said the first summer Yachad was implemented, it had 5 children participating. By last summer that number had grown to 35.

Smith said two of the main challenges the advocates and the children face together are dealing with changes in the schedule and transitioning from one activity to another. Minor shifts can cause a lot of stress for some of the campers with special needs.

One of the tools advocates use to help ease that tension is an illustrated schedule clearly depicting the day's activities. Advocate and child spend time in the morning going over the schedule, and if something has changed; say, the pool is closed and there won't be a swimming session, the advocate can calmly tell the camper in advance what is scheduled in its place.

"There may still be a problem, but at least you're preparing them at the beginning of the day," Schwartz said. "The advocate's job is to help and learn that child's triggers."

Completing one task and moving on to another is also something that can stifle a camper with special needs, especially if a part of the day they love is coming to an end, or they have become ultra-focused on a particular activity.

If they're doing arts and crafts, for instance, an advocate may stop a camper's project early so they can get a head start on cleanup and stay on schedule.

One of Yachad's main goals is for the camper to absorb an advocate's advice and strategies to the point where he or she is confident enough to navigate camp without assistance.

"The ultimate success story would

being used as much, and by the end of camp that advocate has moved on and is working with another child," Smith said. "That happened with three children last summer. We started them with advocates and weaned them off. Ideally, the child starts with that support and picks up on skills and builds tolerance and motivation to interact without the advocate."

Smith added that the Yachad program enriches camp life for all the children, not just the ones assigned to an advocate.

"It certainly has more of an obvious influence on children with special needs, but it also plays an important role for children who are developing typically by integrating them with children with different needs," she said. "It teaches there are things to learn from each and every child they encounter, and friendships with them are possible and fun and enjoyable. It really meets the developmental needs of the children the program directly assists and the children surrounding them."

Smith said the advocates are so adept at their jobs that the other campers have picked up on their methods.

She recalled one kindergarten group that seamlessly started taking responsibility for a fellow camper with special needs.

Smith said the group members would inform the little girl when an activity was about to wrap up in a few minutes and amiably encourage everyone to start cleaning up early.

"By the end of the summer, her group members were playing the role of advocate," Smith said. "Seeing the peers take on the role of friend and advocate is really neat."

For more information about Yachad, contact Betsy Schwartz, 502-238-2708 or bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org.

LIGHT UP

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ty theatre company in Kentucky, will feature the same sensational mix of ingredients loyal Light Up attendees have come to expect: enough delectable hors d'oeuvres to qualify as dinner, an open bar, a full Broadway revue performed by the stars of CenterStage, live and silent auctions and a staggering selection of decadent desserts.

One of the most exciting elements of the night will be the announcement of the shows comprising CenterStage's 2016-2017 season.

There is one major, modernizing change in this year's Light Up that will give guests set on snapping up silent auction items more freedom to absorb the ethereal atmosphere, socialize and nosh. Instead of stalking their coveted auction items and repeatedly writing bids on paper, gala-goers will be using ClickBid, mobile software that allows guests to bid via smartphone, iPad or tablet, from anywhere in the venue.

"Any time you've been outbid, you get a text," and are shown the current high bid, said event chair Sarah Harlan. "You could be standing in the hallway and be furiously trying to outbid people."

If digital bidding seems daunting, don't fret. Harlan said ClickBid and JCC staff will be on hand to guide guests through the process, and an assortment of iPads and iPhones will be available for folks who don't have their own digital devices.

"What makes ClickBid really great for bidding is that you really do increase your profit at the event," Harlan said.

If ClickBid is a success at Light Up, it will translate into more money for Acting Out, the CenterStage program that is the main beneficiary of the evening.

Acting Out brings full professional theatre productions and corresponding educational exercises to area schools. The latest Acting Out show is *And Then They Came For Me: Remembering The World of Anne Frank*, a moving and revelatory piece that tells Frank's story through the eyes of those who knew her.

Bidders who log on to ClickBid prior to the event will be able to see auction items, read descriptions, and plan their strategy ahead of time.

JCC Development and Special Events Director Lenae Price said attendees will get directions for joining the Light Up auction on ClickBid when they purchase tickets. Item pictures and descriptions will be accessible a week or two before

the event.

As always, there will be plenty of fantastic products, services and experiences up for grabs.

"We've got some great auction items in already," Harlan said. "We've got gift cards to Brasserie Provence, a terrific, relatively new French restaurant in town; UK basketball tickets; theater tickets; great jewelry; artwork; handmade challah; wonderful handcrafted wooden table ware..."

Admission is \$750 for a table of 10, and \$90 for individual tickets until October 30. After October 30, table prices are \$900, and single tickets are \$108.

To purchase tickets, visit www.jewishlouisville.org/lightup or call Joanna Bliden at 502-238-2763.



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Karimi Selected for IPP Executive Director

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Interfaith Paths to Peace has chosen Haleh Karimi as its executive director, and she is eager to build on the interfaith and peacemaking work of the organization's founder, Terry Taylor, who retired earlier this year.

Karimi has a deep understanding of the interplay between government and the private sector from her background in business and non-profit entities on strategic planning, public affairs, grassroots organization, communications and other aspects of public policy.

She worked in the IT industry for over 18 years with companies such as Coca

Cola Enterprises, Colgate and Steel Technologies. She holds an Executive MBA from Bellarmine University. She is the department chair of Dynamic Web Design at Sullivan College of Technology and Design and teaches IT courses.

She serves on the Industry Advisory Board of University of Louisville's Computer Science, Computer Engineering and GLIP Advisory Boards, is a past president of the WAC, and is a Leadership Louisville Center Focus graduate.

Karimi is also following her greatest passion as the executive director of Interfaith Paths to Peace. Born in Tehran, she came to the United States at age 13, and has called Louisville her home for 27 years.

A Shiite Muslim, Karimi explained, "I did not really practice my faith until September 11." That terrorist attack focused attention on Islam, much of it negative, and many people began to ask her questions about her faith.

Karimi saw it as an opportunity to learn more about Islam. "I was born into the faith and just accepted it at face value," she said. "I wanted to enrich and inform myself more." The more she learned, the more she came to understand that "Islam is a very peace-loving and compassionate faith and religion."

At the same time, she came to realize that part of the issue is the Islamic community had no spokesperson in Louisville, so she stepped into the void. At one point, she attended an interfaith event with Taylor and asked him who was speaking for the Islamic faith. When he said no one, "it broke my heart," Karimi said, "so I said, 'OK, put me up.'"

Since then, she has represented the Islamic community on multiple occasions and is always ready to provide basic information about her faith.

"I'm honored to take the legacy of Interfaith Paths to Peace from Terry and lead it," she said. "It is an organization that is well established in the community" particularly in the areas of developing interfaith understanding and peacemaking.

"We have done this very well," she added, "and we are going to continue. What I would like to do is have events that are rich in content that people can come to and learn something from it to take away from the event."

She pointed to the recent vandalism at the River Road Mosque as an example of faith communities working together. Karimi was devastated when she learned of the graffiti. "I've been in Louisville 27 years and never saw any sort of negativity toward me or my friends," she said. "This was a total shock."

The response from the interfaith community restored her faith in the city. "It was so refreshing and reassuring," she said, that so many in the community

showed up to help clean up the mess. Jewish Community Relations Director Matt Goldberg and his family were among the first there and the Jewish community was a significant presence throughout.

"As a Muslim woman," she said, "I really appreciate what the Jewish community did when we had the situation at the River Road Mosque. I really want to thank you. You were there from the beginning to the end and it means a lot for us to know you are behind us."

Going forward, Karimi will continue Interfaith Paths to Peace's threefold programming. IPP will continue to offer diverse programs through their monthly events, educational programs and community peacemaking. She'd like to relaunch IPP's Spirituality University program and, perhaps, some meditation retreats at the Drepung Gomang Center or the Thomas Merton Center. These retreats would allow people to withdraw from the world for a little while then "come back refreshed so we can be better citizens in our community."

In addition, she said, IPP will offer through Spirituality University, educational programs, like Islam 101, to any interested group. She expressed a desire

to offer similar educational programs for other faith groups as well.

IPP and Karimi have longstanding connections with the Jewish community. In addition to working with Goldberg and the JCRC, she has worked with Rabbi Joe Rapport and Gaylia Rooks at The Temple and Cantor David Lipp at Adath Jeshurun. Last year, Keneseth Israel hosted IPP's Recipe for Peace fundraiser and this year, it was at The Temple (see story, this page).

IPP is also working with Temple Shalom on an interfaith Thanksgiving program. Originally a tri-faith Thanksgiving service that rotated among the River Road Mosque, Temple Shalom and James Lees Church, this year's celebration, which will be Monday, November 23, at Temple Shalom, is truly interfaith and will include the Baha'i, Buddhist and Hindu communities as well.

Karimi also plans to reach out to millennials to involve high school and college youths in interfaith programming. Work in this area has begun in partnership with a Bellarmine University Interfaith Youth Group.

More information about Interfaith Paths to Peace can be found at www.Paths2Peace.org.



Haleh Karimi



Recipe for Peace presenters Erin Herbert, Elizabeth Hoben, Fr. Jim Flynn, Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, Rev. Joe Phelps, Mary Sue Barnett, Barbara Sexton Smith, Deandrae Hughes and Chandra Irvin. Not Pictured: Gil Betz, Carol Gunderson and Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty.

10 Share Recipes for Peace

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Interfaith Paths to Peace's Sixth Annual My Recipe for Peace dinner and fundraiser took place on Thursday, October 8, at The Temple. The event included music from John Gage, brief presentations from 10 leaders who shared their recipes for peace and dinner prepared from recipes provided by each, and a silent auction.

IPP also recognized Rep. John Yarmuth as the Peacemaker of the Year. Yarmuth, who was called back to Washington on short notice, left a video acknowledging the work of Interfaith Paths to Peace and thanking the group for the recognition.

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel of The Temple said there were two ingredients in his recipe for peace – hope and the determination never to give up. To illustrate hope, he cited a Member of Knesset from Hebron who said in 1978 there will never be peace in Israel because there is no solution for some conflicts. The politician cited apartheid in South Africa and the conflict between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland.

On the importance of perseverance, the Rabbi pointed to the Torah story of how Abraham argued with God over the fate of Sodom. Starting with a request to God to spare the city if 50 righteous people could be found, he persisted in his argument until the number reached 10.

Barbara Sexton Smith, the chief liaison for the Compassionate Schools Project, observed that we have to recognize the reality of what we see in the world around us and then take responsibility for reshaping it. Xenophobia, she said, dominates our culture, so we must look into ourselves, identify our own preju-

dices and take steps to overcome them.

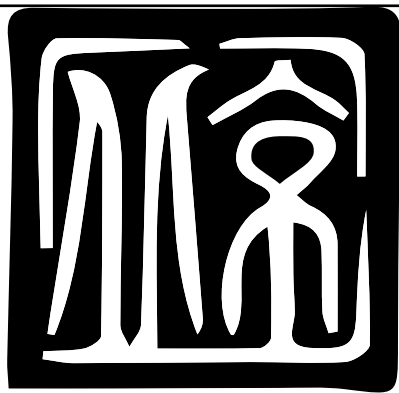
She recommended five action steps: talk to strangers, smile a lot, go to events and places where you know you will be in the minority, insist that the boards and committees on which you serve achieve a rich diversity, and don't let inappropriate comments go unchecked.

Gil Betz, the chief strategic officer for Metro United Way, shared his personal struggles. He talked about how he moved from his birth church to the Catholic church; how he worked for the military industrial complex for 19 years before leaving that behind to work for Metro United Way, and how his son was injured in a tree-cutting accident and died four weeks later. "My peace journey brought me to Metro United Way," he said, adding that the peace he has found through his journey is priceless.

Chandra Irvin, the founder and director of the Howard Thurman Center for Spiritual Wholeness, said the best cooks take the ingredients available to them and make them work. So it is with the process for creating peace. We need to look into our pantries of life, take the ingredients we find and decide to make them work. She concluded with Howard Thurman's recipe for peace – ongoing inward journeys with God and ongoing outward journeys with others on common ground.

Rev. Mary Sue Barnett, a Catholic woman priest and founder of the Louisville Coalition for CEDAW (U.N. Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women), recounted how 25 years ago she answered a call that came into a crisis intervention hotline from a girl who had been assaulted on a college campus, quit school and moved back with her parents. She

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Jewish Hospital Demonstrates Enduring Commitment to *Tikkun Olam*

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky
Vice President of Mission
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The Talmud teaches that every generation should see itself as the generation that left slavery in ancient Egypt – as if they themselves had journeyed through the wilderness for 40 years before reaching their final destination. This is intended to teach compassion for immigrants and refugees, as well as a passion for justice for all who are forced to flee persecution, and find their home in a new land.

The Bible commands kindness to the stranger, in memory of our bondage in ancient Egypt. The Louisville Jewish community has proudly fulfilled this mitzvah (commandment) since its very founding. Every year, we join with Jewish Family and Career Services (JFCS) in celebrating the achievements of new or first-generation immigrants or refugees with its MOSAIC awards. As a community, we have every reason to be proud of the work that we have done together, working collaboratively toward a common goal: to create a welcoming

and supportive haven to those who are newly arrived to this country.

As a non-American myself, this message speaks to me very personally and powerfully, and I am personally grateful for the welcoming embrace that I have experienced from our Louisville Jewish community. This is one of the countless reasons why I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to now serve as mission leader for KentuckyOne Health, working with the downtown campus of Jewish Hospital, University of Louisville Hospital and James Graham Brown Cancer Center.

Well over a hundred years ago, the founders of Jewish Hospital were inspired by the waves of new immigrants arriving to their community, along with the thousands of people whose health care needs were greater than they could afford to pay. And today, Jewish Hospital's mission to provide wellness, healing and hope to all, including the underserved, continues to guide the work that we do every day. Not only are we a center of excellence of which we can be very proud, providing some of the most cutting-edge and advanced research and

medical care, but we are also committed to actualizing the legacy of our founders' vision to provide care to everyone and to building bridges to care where there are none.

Just a few weeks ago, this same calling led us to organize a massive health fair at Shawnee Newcomer Academy, which serves as the first point of entry for refugee and immigrant children entering into our public school system. We provided education including CPR training for teachers, students and family members. We provided free hearing, vision, dental, blood pressure, stroke, glucose, DermaScan and cholesterol screenings, as well as student immunizations, free flu shots and mammograms, thanks to the James Graham Brown Cancer Center's Mobile Mammography Unit.

In order to encourage participation in these life-saving screenings and important educational opportunities, while also promoting exercise and healthy behaviors, departments across the hospitals raised money to purchase bicycles and helmets, and participants who attended more than 10 screenings or informational booths were entered into a lottery to win them. For many students and family members, these bicycles and helmets were life changing, providing them with access to transportation, as well as exercise. This fair was just the beginning of a relationship that we are forming with this school, and just one example of the countless ways that we seek to honor our founding legacy and continue the sacred work of *tikkun olam* (healing the world).

May the time come when we will recognize in the face of "the stranger" our brother and sister. May we feel proud of the ways that all of our Jewish community organizations are working together to care for all those in need – especially the most vulnerable amongst us. May

our work be blessed, and may, together, we be a blessing.

RECIPES

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couldn't sleep because nightmares, pain and loneliness kept her awake.

While Barnett was able to help the girl and reported that she found deep healing and is flourishing, Barnett was disturbed and said, for her, the young woman's lament has become sacred text and her path to peace is to fight gender-based oppression.

Fr. Jim Flynn, a priest who retired from the Archdiocese of Louisville and serves as an advocate for the poor and marginalized said the path to peace is to hear the cry of the poor and the poorer and to work on their behalf. He also pointed to the importance of the Pope's June 2015 encyclical on the environment as a path forward.

Erin Herbert, the director of programming for the Muhammad Ali Center, said that to give peace a chance, we must give it a place in the curriculum. Unless we teach peace, she continued, others will teach violence, force, misinformation and cynicism. In keeping with Muhammad Ali's core principles, she said, we must teach the peace of gender equality, racial justice, human rights and spirituality.

Rev. Joe Phelps, the pastor of Highland Baptist Church, said his son, Bobby, was a cook, and it was only when Bobby came home and prepared a meal for Mother's Day that he finally was able to experience and appreciate the concert of tastes, flavors and textures in the food

and it felt like a gift. Bobby died in a fire two weeks later. Phelps said the lesson he learned from his son is that peace is when the unique flavors of every person are honored and valued, even when they feel foreign, bitter and harsh. May our palates never settle for anything less, he concluded.

Carol Gunderson, the executive director of the Food Literacy Project, focused on the work of her project, introducing young people to healthy foods and helping them develop an understanding by growing their own vegetables at Oxmoor Farms. Deandrae Hughes, a program participant who has become a leader, gave a first person account of how learning about healthy foods and connecting with the soil changed his life.

Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, chair of the Theology Department and Peace Studies at Bellarmine University, rounded out the evening by challenging those present to look at the larger picture. While we consider peace, we must also remember the plight of the refugees in Europe and the larger problems they represent. She also pointed to other problems around the world including smuggling, underpaid workers, and many more.

It is our collective responsibility to provide a safety net for the vulnerable, she said. The key ingredients for a recipe for peace, she added, are a big stew pot filled with consciousness, love and loving kindness. It must be a pot big enough for everyone, with no borders. "Now," she said, "are we ready to get cooking?"

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Sara Robinson Volunteers in Many Venues

by Lisa Hornung
Special to Community

Sara Robinson has volunteered for Chavurat Shalom since its inception in 2004; and while she recently reduced her level of activity, she still participates regularly.

The participants are a huge influence on her life: "They're like my family," she said.

The 67-year-old has spent her entire adult life working with young children and senior adults. She was a teacher in Detroit, Tempe, AZ, and Louisville before retiring in 2001 from the Jefferson County Public Schools. After she retired, she began working at Four Courts, which was then a Jewish retirement home where she had volunteered several years prior.

Rabbi Nadia Siritsky, who was then at The Temple, was directing Chavurat Shalom and asked Robinson to play piano once a month for the program, and she agreed. One day, she gave the rabbi an idea for a program. Siritsky liked it, and asked her to take over programming, knowing she loved working with seniors.

When Siritsky left in 2008, Robinson worked closely with the next director, Cindy Hytken, and helped her run the program. During that time, additional support from sponsors enabled them to lower the cost for lunch, and the pair focused on bringing interesting programs to the group. They saw their numbers blossom.

The connections she made volunteering at other agencies helped Robinson recruit speakers for Chavurat Shalom. She has arranged for Cantor Sharon Hordes of Keneseth Israel to sing from her new album, *Mi Coraçon Sospira*;

Cantor David Lipp has performed and she even brought in John Leffert and Lenae Price from CenterStage to do a preview of the new season.

She volunteers for the University of Louisville's music school and gets tickets to shows to give away as door prizes. She's even gotten Dr. Clifford Kuhn, the Laugh Doctor, to speak.

Robinson also volunteers at Bridgehaven Mental Health Services and with the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and has brought speakers from there to Chavurat Shalom. She has also taken Chavurat Shalom participants on trips, including a lunch at Bridgehaven.

"A lot of my interests, I've been able to connect with Chavurat Shalom," Robinson said. "I'm really outgoing, I love people and I like to talk."

She loves children, too. From the end of 2014 through last August, Robinson worked with Yonatan Yussman at Keneseth Israel at the Family Shabbat, during which she was responsible for arts and crafts, story time and music activities.

She also taught at an arts camp at the JCC, where she connected with children whose great-grandparents she knew at Four Courts. She would take the art work and put it up in their great-grandparents' rooms and encourage the parents to take the aspiring artists for visits.

"It's *l'dor v'dor* – generation to generation, and I truly believe in that," Robinson said.

Recently, Robinson was awarded the Pinnacle Award from The Temple for filling in at Chavurat Shalom as a volunteer when there was no director. She was asked to come to the board meeting and to dress nice. She was told, "Don't worry, it's a good thing."

She is also fluent in Spanish and has

worked as an interpreter for Catholic Charities and Kentucky Refugee Ministries.

As a professional pianist, she plays around town at different events year 'round. She's already accepted bookings for several events for the Chanukah and Christmas seasons.

"I don't mind working on Christmas because I'm Jewish," she said. "Why shouldn't residents who are sick and dying have their Christmas music?"

She has even played twice for Gov. Steve Beshear and former Mayor Jerry Abramson. "The hardest thing I had to do was play and not talk!"

Robinson enjoys connecting with people through her volunteer work, no matter where it is, but she has made the most connections through Chavurat Shalom.

"Chavurat Shalom is only about the people who attend," she said. "It means circle of friends, and that is what I've formed for myself with these amazing, active seniors. I've learned so much from the people there. They are a walking, talking history book, plus funny, caring, warm and loving."

Robinson got her bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University. She is a member of The Temple and



Sara Robinson

an associate member of Keneseth Israel. Her daughter and son-in-law, Nina and Mike Rozensher, live in Boston.

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 29

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

November 5

Mike O'Bryan on the accordion.

November 12

Sarah Robinson will present patriotic music honoring veterans.

November 19

Thanksgiving luncheon with speaker Vanessa Hurst, author of *Engaging Compassion through Intent and Action*.

November 26

No meeting. Thanksgiving day.

A healthy and nutritious lunch is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Kosher meals are available for \$5 upon request in advance. Walk-ins welcome, but to ensure that a lunch is available for you, RSVP by Monday of the week you plan to attend to Charlaire Reynolds at 502-992-0749 or email charlaire.reynolds@gmail.com.

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.



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Doctors' Ball Raises Money for Mobile Cancer Screening Van

Guests from throughout Kentuckiana joined together on Saturday, October 17, for the 20th annual Doctors' Ball, benefitting the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation. More than 650 guests attended the event, which raised nearly \$380,000. The proceeds of the event will help purchase a new mobile cancer screening van for the James Graham Brown Cancer Center, part of KentuckyOne Health.

The screening van will provide access to screenings for breast, prostate, head and neck, skin and colon cancers and will bring the service to areas of great need throughout the Commonwealth. This project is championed by Jane Beshear, first lady of Kentucky, who spoke at the event and announced the project.

"This year's program honored deserving individuals in our community who are improving lives through philanthropic support, education, research, service and leadership," said Leslie Buddeke Smart, vice president of development for KentuckyOne Health. "Their good works inspire our efforts to continue investing in our medical future."

The event recognized some of the area's most innovative and caring doctors and community leaders including Morris Weiss, MD, Ephraim McDowell Physician of the Year; Debbie Scoppechio, Community Leader of the Year; Melissa Currie, MD, Excellence in Community Service; Jesse Wright, MD, Excellence in Mental Health; John Shaw, MD, Excellence in International Humanitarian Service; Eugene Shively, MD, Compassionate Physician Award and Michelle Perry, RN, Nursing Excellence award. The special honor of the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Lelan Woodmansee, executive director of the Greater Louisville Medical Society.



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NCJW Presents Richart Award to Deborah Yetter

The Louisville Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will award the David Richart Pathways to Justice for Children Award for 2015 to *Courier-Journal* staff writer Deborah Yetter on Wednesday, October 28, at 7 p.m. at The Temple.

Yetter is being honored for her outstanding reporting on Kentucky's poor record of protecting children from abuse and neglect. Her stories have focused on cases where children have died or suffered serious injury even after their plight had been reported to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

In response to her reporting, Gov. Steve Beshear created a Child Fatality & Near Fatality Review Panel. Yetter's stories also prompted the NCJW to create the David Richart Committee, to educate the public on problems in Kentucky's child welfare programs and to advocate reforms. The committee is working with legislators and other officials to pass bills in the 2016 General Assembly that would open certain juvenile court proceedings to the public and would ensure that parents or other caretakers are provided legal counsel before a child is removed from their care.

David Richart, who died in 2011, was



Deborah Yetter

a tenacious advocate for children and was the founding director of Kentucky Youth Advocates. He was an inspiration to all who worked with him.

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24-hour 'Give Day' a success for JFCS



Thank you to all who supported JFCS during the Give Local Louisville Campaign on October 1.

In total, JFCS was given over \$14,000 from both existing members and new donors who learned about us from Give Local Louisville. We couldn't have done it without your generous support.

The event was the second 24-hour 'give-a-thon' hosted by the Community Foundation of Louisville to support more than 350 participating local non-profit organizations, like JFCS, for doing good work in our own backyard.

Special thanks to the Sam Swope Foundation, who gave \$1,000 to each of the participating non-profits.

November Food Pantry Suggestions

Every Thanksgiving, JFCS provides food baskets of donated goods for families in need. You can find out how to donate by calling Kim Toebbe at JFCS or by email at ktoebbe@jfcsloouisville.org.

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

Thank you for supporting families in

our community this holiday season!

The food pantry is in need of the following Thanksgiving food items:

- Stuffing mix
- Mashed potatoes
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Yams
- Canned cream of mushroom soup
- Canned durkee style fried onions
- Small jars of applesauce
- Latke mix

EVENTS

Family Mitzvah Volunteers Sought



Sunday November 22
12 noon - 2 pm

Thanks to area synagogues and generous donors, JFCS received the largest High Holidays yield in its history! Now we need help transporting and organizing Thanksgiving food baskets and Hanukkah gifts.

This is a great mitzvah opportunity for you and your family! Meet us at Temple Shalom on November 22 to help load the gifts into our truck. Then follow us back to JFCS for gift sorting and snacks. Children can also make arts and crafts gifts for seniors in long-term care. Hope to see you there!

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November 16 - December 8

Monday and Tuesday Evenings
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Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Second Friday of the month, 2 p.m.
 Contact Kim Toebbe, ext. 103

Caregiver Support Group

First Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.
 Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church,
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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

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JCPA Community Town Hall Sets Agenda for JCRCs

by Jessica W. Goldstein
Special to Community

The Jewish Council of Public Affairs (JCPA) held its most recent annual meeting, this year re-branded a Town Hall, October 10-14 in Washington D.C. The Louisville delegation comprised Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg, JCRC Executive Committee member and Social Justice Chair Jessica Goldstein, and local and national lay leaders Ron and Marie Abrams.

At the heart of the meeting were panel discussions and breakout groups designed to inform discussion around the five resolutions slated for a vote. These resolutions will help formulate the policies and inform the programming of the JCPA's network of 14 national and 125 local partner agencies in the coming months.

The overriding theme of this year's Town Hall was social justice, made evident by the event's "Justice15" hashtag and the nature of this year's resolutions, which overwhelmingly spoke to improving the prospects of the disadvantaged and disenfranchised in our nation and the world at large.

Resolutions discussed, debated, and approved by the delegates included the following:

A resolution on anti-Semitism: In light of recent attacks in Europe and North America, the JCPA issued a list of directives for the community relations field, including working with legislators at the local, state, and national level to craft legislative initiatives that condemn domestic and international anti-Semitism, asking our interfaith partners to condemn anti-Semitism and supporting government efforts to identify extremist groups.

A resolution on criminal justice and drug policy reform, calling for reform in drug sentencing and an increase in treatment and diversion programs. The JCPA believes that current sentencing guidelines disproportionately harm African Americans and that a new approach will keep minor, non-violent offenders out of prison, employable and integrated into society at large.

A resolution on early childhood care and education for children up to age five, which calls for the government to provide quality early childhood education to children by age three, to provide early screening and assessment services and to recruit and train talented early childhood educators. The JCPA believes that improving the quality and availability of early childhood education could significantly improve the long-term prospects of children growing up in low-income households.

A resolution calling for the United States to recognize the Armenian genocide on the 100th anniversary of the beginning of events that killed or displaced 1.5 million Armenians at the hands of Ottoman Turks.

A resolution in support of paid sick leave for all U.S. workers, so that workers will not have to choose between their health or the health of a family member and their financial security.

In advance of the Tuesday morning vote, Town Hall delegates attended large panel discussions on subjects ranging from income inequality and race relations after Ferguson to the Iran nuclear deal and the current state of global an-

ti-Semitism. Breakout sessions allowed small groups of attendees to continue the discussion and focus on related topics such as extremism in America, legislative and policy proposals to improve the financial status of women and children, interfaith text studies on poverty and new approaches to confronting the BDS (anti-Israel Boycott-Divest-Sanction) movement on college campuses.

Perhaps no resolution better captured the spirit and work ethic of the 2015 Town Hall than an emergency resolution on Syrian refugees. Debate and discussion on the crisis opened to delegates at 10 Monday evening, and the resolution was drafted in the wee hours of the night and morning that followed.

In the end, a small group drafted a document that cited the Jewish people's history as refugees and the biblical commandment to welcome the stranger in support of petitioning the U.S. government to increase both its financial

assistance to Syrian refugees and the number of Syrian refugees it agrees to resettle in the U.S. The resolution was adopted with near unanimous support, and a tweet that spread throughout the conference in the vote's aftermath was Rabbi Rori Picker's statement that "We no longer help refugees because they are Jewish. We help refugees because we are Jewish."

In addition to looking forward with policy directives, the annual Town Hall also provides a chance to look back and recognize the accomplishments of its staff and delegates. This year the Town Hall awarded the Chair's Tikkun Olam Award to Vivian Bass for her work in service to individuals with disabilities and to Stuart Kurlander for his long history of activism in the Jewish and LGBT communities.

That same night, the JCPA honored outgoing President Steve Gutow, whose 10-year term was marked by a passion

for social justice issues and a commitment to interfaith relations. The 2015 Chernin award, given each year to an American Jew whose life work best exemplifies the social justice imperatives of Judaism, Jewish history, and the protection of the Bill of Rights, went to Dr. David Luchins, chair of the Political Science Department at Touro College and longtime representative of the Orthodox Union. In one of the best (and funniest) speeches of the conference, Luchins reminded everyone of the importance of civility and called for an end to name-calling on the left, right, secular, and religious.

As was fitting for a conference branded "Justice2015," some of the most powerful guest speakers addressed issues of racial prejudice and income inequality. Whether it was Michele Jawando of the Center for American Progress discussing the marginalization of African

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Jessica Goldstein

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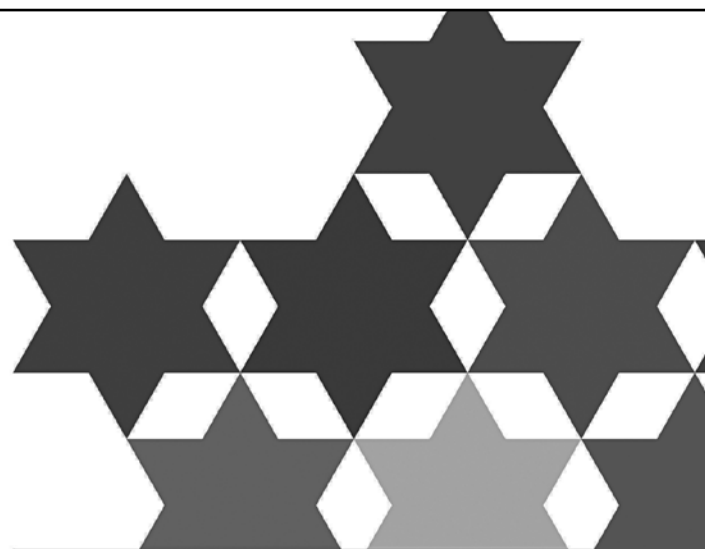
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by Don Stern
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On October 1, 81-year-old Eva Kor, a well-known Holocaust survivor, spoke to a spellbound crowd at the Louisville Downtown Rotary Club. In 1944, she, her twin, Miriam, her mother, father and two older sisters were loaded onto a cattle car for the four day trip to Auschwitz.

There were 100 people on each car without food or water. Upon arrival at Auschwitz, she and her twin sister were ripped from their mother's arms and she never saw the rest of her family again.

On the selection platform the twins were set aside for Dr. Mengele who was conducting experiments on twin children. Most of the experiments involved



Eva Kor and Ken Grossman

injections and body measurements. Out of 1,500 sets of twins, only 250 people survived.

On January 27, 1945, they were liberated. She was fortunate to get to Israel to start a new life. She met her future husband there and eventually moved to Terre Haute, IN, where they currently live.

In Terre Haute she created the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Educational Center in 1995. The museum's mission is to shine a light on the Holocaust and to instill the world with hope, healing, respect and responsibility.

Kor has spoken 132 times so far this year. She received several standing ovations when she spoke here in Louisville. She has also led six trips to Auschwitz in recent years.

Her next trip will be July 9-17, 2016. Anyone interested can e-mail nichole@candleholocaustmuseum.org.



Eva Kor with some students from St. Francis of Assisi

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LBSY NEWS

In October, Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad students presented their unique interpretations of our fall holidays through a variety of different media. They learned something about the different food traditions for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot, heard original lyrics about the holidays, examined artistic creations, saw video and animation presentations, marveled at the creative use of Legos and even witnessed a classroom transformed into a sukkah.

In November, LBSY will celebrate our links to the past and our vision of the future with a special fundraiser featuring Jonathan Wolff on November 8. Students will observe the Ethiopian Jewish

festival of Sigd, now a nationally recognized holiday in Israel, on November 11 and the school will celebrate the Global Day of Jewish Learning on November 15.

The Global Day was established by the Aleph Society in 2010 and has grown to include more than 500 communities in 40 countries, all united by the sharing of our sacred texts in communal based learning. This year's theme is "Love: Devotion, Desire and Deception" and will be explored in separate parent and student tracks. Everyone will come together for a family learning experience on the intersection of food and family love and the role played by food in family observances.

Vaad Hosted Kosher Wine Tasting

The Vaad HaKashruth of Louisville and its promoter, Sasha Chack, hosted a kosher wine tasting on Friday, September 25, at Vines & Canines Wine Shop near the Douglass Loop. It was an opportunity for people to come together, from across the community, to try kosher wines and socialize.

The Vaad provided light snacks and worked with Marc DeMichele, the owner of Vines & Canines, to bring in kosher wines from California, Israel and Italy. It was a great success, Chack observed, with over 30 people attending the three-hour event.

Chack was especially impressed. "We sold out of wine," he said. "We weren't sure what the turnout would be. It was a Friday afternoon, but people made an effort to come and bought wine for Sukkot."

"Vines & Canines has a really chill atmosphere, with local art, low-playing jazz and couches," he said. "People stayed for a while, trying wines, socializ-



Vines & Canines Wine Shop Owner Marc DeMichele and Scott Weinberg

ing and talking about ideas to bring the community together."

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Americans that continues to plague our nation, Rabbi Susan Talve recounting her experiences as clergy and a supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement or keynote speaker and U.S. Department of State official Rabbi David Saperstein discussing global injustice and inequality, the clarion call of the 2015 Town Hall was for all of us to do our part, via our vote, our ideals and our actions, to heal the world.

Readers interested in learning more about this year's speakers, sessions, or resolutions are directed to the JCPA Town Hall website at jcpaplennum.org.

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Heaven Hill Named Distiller of the Year

Heaven Hill Brands, the nation's largest, independent family-owned and operated distilled spirits supplier, was recognized over the weekend as Distiller of the Year in the *Whisky Magazine* Icons of Whisky – Americas awards. Additionally, the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience was recognized as Visitors Attraction of the Year and Heaven Hill Whiskey Ambassador Bernie Lubbers was named American Whiskey Brand Ambassador of the Year. The awards happen to coincide with the company's 80 year anniversary.

Annually, *Whisky Magazine* celebrates the finest companies and individuals in the whisky industry with the annual Icons of Whisky awards, a highlight

in the whisky calendar. The judging includes online entries with finalists selected by the *Whisky Magazine* editorial panel. The awards are judged in three heats, America, Scotland and Rest of World.

"We are excited to receive these prestigious awards from *Whisky Magazine*," said Max L. Shapira, Heaven Hill president. "As we celebrate our 80th anniversary, it is immensely gratifying to be recognized for the products which represent the heart and soul of our company. It is testimony to our commitment to quality and our team of distillers led by Denny Potter and Craig Beam."

The Icons of Whisky – Americas awards were presented at The Great Kentucky Bourbon Tasting & Gala

during the Kentucky Bourbon Festival in Bardstown, the signature event in the Bourbon Capital of the World during the festival.

The awards capped a momentous day for Heaven Hill. Earlier, the Heaven Hill Barrel Rolling Team swept each entry in the World Championship Bourbon Barrel Relay.

Founded in 1935, Bardstown, KY-based Heaven Hill Brands (www.heavenhill.com) is the nation's largest independent, family-owned and operated spirits producer and marketer and the world's second-largest holder of Kentucky Bourbon. Heaven Hill's diversified portfolio of brands includes Evan Williams Bourbon; Larceny, Elijah Craig and Henry McKenna Bourbons; Deep

Eddy Vodka; Burnett's Vodkas and Gin; Admiral Nelson's and Blackheart Rums; Hpnotiq Liqueur; The Christian Brothers Brandies; PAMA Pomegranate Liqueur; Domaine de Canton Ginger Liqueur; Lunazul Tequila; Cinerator Hot Cinnamon Flavored Whiskey and Rittenhouse Rye Whiskey.



ATTACKS

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decision to relax Israel's strict gun laws. Last week, Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat urged licensed gun owners to carry their weapons in the street, and was himself photographed toting a firearm.

"We take the guns not to attack, just to defend," said Mizrahi, a pistol lying by his hand.

Others have looked to more primitive tools to protect themselves. On Thursday, a warm, sunny day, a man walked hurriedly past the central Zion Square holding an umbrella like a spear. A woman carrying shopping bags tucked a mop handle – sans mop – under her right arm. On Tuesday, a man fought off a terrorist with a selfie stick.

Other Jerusalem residents have chosen to say home. Jaffa Street, the city's central thoroughfare, was almost empty Thursday, as was the Ben Yehuda Street pedestrian mall. Standing outside his cell phone store, Yair Kouhara, 18, said he hadn't made a sale all morning. But having lived through the second intifada as a child, Kouhara said he was unfazed by the terror.

"We're here not doing anything all day," Kouhara said. "We grew up in this situation. We're used to it. It's always tense."

The seven Israeli deaths during the past two weeks don't approach the death tolls of the suicide bombings that hit Jerusalem during the second intifada 15 years ago, in which hundreds died. Even so, some Jerusalem residents said this time is worse.

"If you were careful and you were lucky to live in the right place, you'd be fine," said Margalit Cohen, 39, referring to the violence that wracked the city from 2000 to 2005. "It doesn't feel like that now. Now it really feels like anywhere you go, it could be there."

Cohen, like many other parents, has responded by driving her kids everywhere, a departure from the Israeli tendency to let children run free. And she makes sure her kids play inside or with close supervision.

In the usually tranquil Tel Aviv suburb of Raanana, the Israeli Scouts youth group postponed its events after two stabbings in the city. And with videos of stabbings and shootings flooding social media, parents have grown doubtful about their ability to shield kids from the violence.

"My kids have access to everything," Cohen said. "I think it's probably not so good. We're all completely crazy because we have everything online, and we see everything online the minute it happens. It makes us completely nuts."

Benjamin, the British immigrant, no longer plays Candy Crush on her phone or checks the news as she walks. She doesn't wear heels, in case she needs to run. And when she waits for

the bus, she stands behind the sheltered bus stop. Some of her friends have taken self-defense classes, a step she thinks is a bit much.

"I just think it's part of this hysterical panic, and I don't want to be a part of that," she said. "Walking around with pepper spray – that's not the world I want to live in."

As the Israeli government has encouraged civilian vigilance, its own response has been military. Hundreds of soldiers and policeman were deployed across Jerusalem last week and stationed along main streets. A soldier holding a rifle guarded one of the city's light rail stops, while a police officer stood opposite him inside the train.

Security is especially intense inside Jerusalem's Old City, the site of a number of Palestinian stabbing attacks on Jewish-Israelis. A metal detector was positioned at the Jaffa Gate and the usually bustling nearby market was lined

with pairs of soldiers. The light rail station closest to the Western Wall was all but deserted Thursday, a police van standing where the train usually stops.

Arab residents of Jerusalem are also suffering from the tension. On the road to the Arab neighborhood of Silwan, soldiers sat behind a concrete block at a checkpoint, bags of chips scattered among their combat helmets. As a dusty red car approached, they stopped the vehicle for a few minutes of questioning.

"I'm scared they'll shoot me by mistake," said Samir Masri, 24, who had taxied to work from the eastern Jerusalem neighborhood of Wadi Joz in the past week rather than walk. "People aren't going out. The security situation is terrible."

Jewish- and Arab-Israelis have tried

to ease the stress with humor. One spoof of a self-defense video showed the victim conjuring a fireball with his bare hands to deter an attacker. The lone Arab occupant of a Tel Aviv apartment building became a viral sensation when he posted to Facebook a selfie with a notice inviting residents to discuss the security threat he supposedly represented. The photo was captioned: "I'm coming and I'll bring muffins!"

Self-defense measures are largely coping mechanisms, too, said Jerusalem shopkeeper Kesem Atedgi, 21. The city, he said, won't be secured by pepper spray.

"If someone comes at you with a knife, this won't stop him in any case," Atedgi said, referring to a can. "It's for a feeling of security."

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JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner was named one of *Nfocus* magazine's "Empowering Women 2015." In the story, Wagner spoke about, her work ethic and philosophy, which is based on an old African proverb – "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." – the mentors who have been invaluable to her, her commitment to seizing the day and what she's most proud of accomplishing in her 25 years serving Louisville's Jewish community.

She said her greatest achievement has been playing a part in making the community more diverse and inclusive. Wagner also revealed that she has a fear of heights, but hopes to overcome it and go hang-gliding one day. "Empowerment means having the strength and confidence to know yourself and be ready to take on challenges," she said. "Don't be afraid to fall, and also help people to accomplish what they need to accomplish to fulfill their dreams."

For their joint b'nai mitzvah project, **Ethan Tuvlin** and **Eli Schramko** raised \$1,700 dollars for Meyzeek Middle School athletics to ensure all students can participate.

Benjamin Breier, president and CEO of Kindred Healthcare Inc. is one of *Business First's* "Three Kentuckians among Most Influential in Health Care." The other two are **U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell** and **Governor Steve Beshear**.

Jim Karp, owner of America Place Business Park in Jeffersonville, IN, one of the three largest local developers of the River Ridge Commerce Center, was featured in a recent *Business First* article. He said the presence of the huge Amazon.com Inc. Fulfillment Center at River Ridge has helped convince him

that River Ridge is a vital business location.

Karen Moskovitz, founder of New Roots, and one of her farmers visited D.C. recently where they met with the first lady's team on nutrition and some people with Kentucky ties, WDRB reports. Moskovitz discussed the concept behind Fresh Stop markets, which strive to provide people living in food deserts with fresh produce. The White House wants to share the model across the country.

"We met with Congressman [Brett] Guthrie from Bowling Green, Jerry Abramson and also Senator Rand Paul's office," Moskovitz said.

Moskovitz and Wiltshire Pantry owner **Susan Hershberg** both received IdeaFestival's Orange Fork Award, which recognizes individuals, organizations and communities that embody the spirit of promoting a sustainable food system with uncompromising excellence for the community through innovation and tireless effort.

Edward Weinberg and **Rebecca Weis** have been elected board members of Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation.

Louisville-based **Blue Equity LLC** is leading an exploratory trade mission to Cuba with The World Trade Center Kentucky, an agency whose goal is increasing international trade for Kentucky businesses, according to *Business First*.

Jonathan Blue, chairman and managing director of Blue Equity, was quoted in a *Business First* article about the recent announcement to expand Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. "Today, sports is an arms race, especially in recruiting, and we must have top notch facilities to bring top-notch athletes to this university," he said.

KentuckyOne Health, the largest health system in Kentucky, reported system wide financial improvement of more than \$142 million in the 2015 fiscal year. The positive financial performance was achieved through increased patient volume and enhanced operating performance. In addition to the \$142 million financial improvement, KentuckyOne Health implemented an innovative primary care and access strategy, including five new ambulatory sites and 108 new primary care providers, a virtual primary care program (Anywhere Care) and a retail partnership with Walgreens.

KentuckyOne Health has named **Richard A. Schultz** chairman of the board of directors and **Jane J. Chiles** as vice chair. Schultz succeeds Bob Hewett who served as board chairman since KentuckyOne's inception in 2012. The board's membership consists of community and business leaders from across the state, along with leaders from

the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (Louisville), Catholic Health Initiatives (Denver) and the University of Louisville.

Louisville's **Republic Bancorp Inc.** has expanded its reach in Florida with the \$32.3 million purchase of St. Petersburg, FL-based Cornerstone Community Bank. The deal is expected to close during the first quarter of 2016. Republic Bancorp CEO **Steve Trager** said the Cornerstone pickup plays into Republic's long-term plans.

Trager is also serving as this year's campaign chair for Fund for the Arts. In that capacity, he wrote an editorial for the *Courier-Journal* in which he emphasized how important it is for Louisville as a community to value and support the arts.

"The arts are the lynchpin of this community," he wrote. "Many of us know that Louisville has a world-class arts scene, but folks often don't realize what that does for our city. A vibrant arts community not only improves our quality of place, but also enhances education opportunities and spurs economic development. In order to build the kind of community we want for our kids and grandkids, we must double down on our investment in the arts."

Evan Williams Bourbon, a product of Bardstown, KY-based **Heaven Hill**

Brands, is partnering with country rock star Kip Moore for the 2015 Wild Ones Tour. The brand will be the "Official Bourbon" at each of the 25 stops on the eight-week tour. Evan Williams will partner on promoted behind-the-scenes videos, arena signage and feature tour cocktails.

Alyce Goodman Abraham, APRN, Nurse Practitioner of the Pelvic Pain Regional Specialty Center at Jewish Hospital East was recently nominated for the 2015 University of Louisville School of Nursing Florence Nightingale Award. The public was invited to submit a short essay nominating a nurse anywhere in Kentucky or Indiana who has "impacted a patient's life through excellent and compassionate nursing care, improved health outcomes in a population or in the community; elevated the profession of nursing to a higher stature; and/or inspired others to consider nursing as a professional career."

Annie Harlow and **Leslie Wilson**, owners of **Hi-Five Doughnuts Food Truck** were selected to participate in the Louder than Life Festival's Gourmet Man Food experience for the second year. They are known for creating pastries with a wide variety of toppings and handmade glazes and their willingness to create new pairings on the spot.

TEEN TOPICS

Teen Connection Laser Tag Event

by Sophia Goldberg

On October 11 at Laser Blaze, a laser tag, arcade, and mini golf facility in St. Matthews, Teen Connection got together to have a fun group outing.

Teen Connection is a youth group for Jewish fifth through eighth graders who meet up, socialize and go on fun outings. It is a great taste of BBYO for those thinking about joining when they get to high school. You do not have to be affiliated with a synagogue to attend events.

One of the laser tag games was a team game: the Teen Connection group against three other groups. This gave them a chance to work together to win.

"It's a rewarding experience for them to learn that by making friends and listening to each other's ideas they can accomplish goals," said Mike Steklof, assistant director of youth services.

Jenna Shaps, a sixth grader who attended the event, said, "It was really fun to hang out with my friends. We're always going to cool places and seeing new things."

"Teen Connection is really fun because you get to do cool things and hang out with friends that are your religion," said Ethan Tuvlin, a seventh grader.

The next Teen Connection event is on Sunday, November 8, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The group will be taken to House of Boom, a new indoor trampoline park. Lunch will be provided. To register or to sign up for Teen Connection, contact Mike Steklof at msteklof@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2774.



Above, Drew Corson AZA enjoying a boys night out



At right, Jay Levine BBG at their October Chapter Meeting

Twenty-five Louisville BBYO teens spent October 9-11 at MARKIO Convention in Carlinville, IL. MARKIO Convention was the first ever combined convention for the Mid America Region and the Kentucky Indiana Ohio Region. Louisville BBYO was the biggest city in attendance. During the weekend, teens learned from their counterparts in the other region, got a taste of the international order of BBYO and participated in many inspiring worship services. Laina Meyerowitz, Joey Schuster, and Levi Wolff served on the steering committee for this event.

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AROUND TOWN

WOTS Plans Mah Jongg at Temple Shalom

Mah Jongg and game fans are invited to Women of Temple Shalom's afternoon of Mah Jongg and games on Sunday, October 25, from 2-4 p.m. Cost is \$5 and includes snacks and drinks. There will also 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.

Basic Judaism Offered at The Temple

The next session of The Temple's Basic Judaism course will meet on Monday, October 26, at 8 p.m. The class, which meets every Monday at the same time, is designed for those wishing to learn more about Judaism, including those interested in conversion. This course teaches about Jewish traditions, holidays, history, and life cycle events in an interactive and engaging way and 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. For more information, call 502-423-1818.

Jews and Brews Meets at the JCC

On Wednesday, October 28, at 11 a.m., join Rabbi Michael Wolk for Jews and Brews, a one-hour class where participants sip coffee and study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary. The class is free and open to the public. Jews and Brews meets every Wednesday at the JCC Coffee Shop. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Levy's Sculptures Are On Display at PYRO Gallery

PYRO Gallery, located at 909 East Market St., presents Altered Reality, a show featuring Kay Grubola and Bette Levy, through Sunday, November 15. Grubola's jewelry pieces, made with natural materials, are explorations of feminism through the traditions of Celtic mythology. Levy's sculptures, which are investigations of primitive and unicellular life forms, are made with pig intestine and bamboo armatures. For more information, visit www.pyrogallery.com.

Take Free Hebrew Classes at Adath Jeshurun

Adath Jeshurun is offering three free Hebrew classes to all in the community interested in furthering their Jewish education. All classes will be taught by Deborah Slosberg and will take place on Sunday mornings at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. at AJ. Class dates are November 1, 8 and 22. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359.

Explore Jewish Mysticism at Temple Shalom

Rabbi Dr. Joshua Golding, a philosophy professor at Bellarmine University and the rabbi at Anshei Sfard Synagogue, will speak at Temple Shalom's Monday, November 2, Adult Ed meeting at 7 p.m. The community is welcome to attend this free event. Rabbi Golding's talk is titled "The Jewish Spiritual Path: The Way of the Name." He will present an introduction to Jewish mysticism by delving into one aspect of the Kabbalah. RSVP to Temple Shalom, 502-458-4739, by Friday, October 30.

Unwrap Shabbat at Temple Shalom

Temple Shalom will host a new dinner service learning program called "Unwrapping the Shabbat," beginning on Friday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m. The program is designed for members or guests who would like to know how to better participate in the Shabbat Service. Participants are welcome to attend Friday night Shabbat Service beginning at 6:15 p.m. Reservations for this adults-only program are required by Friday, October 30. Call 502-458-4739, or email information@templeshalomky.org.

KI Has Semi-Monthly Family Shabbat Service

On Saturday, November 7, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., KI will present a high-energy service with stories, singing, prayers, Torah, and arts and crafts. Family Shabbat Services take place the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Adath Jeshurun Hosts Celebration Shabbat

Celebrate your November birthday or anniversary at Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, November 7. Everyone with a birthday or anniversary is invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Catch a Movie at The Temple

The Temple will screen the movie *Shtisel*, on Sunday, November 8, at 7 p.m. *Shtisel* is the story of an Ultra-Orthodox family living in Jerusalem's Mea Shearim neighborhood.

Be a Hanukkah Helper

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

Paper dreidels listing items requested by parents are available at Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel, Temple Shalom and The Temple.

Bring gifts to the offices of these synagogues by Wednesday, November 11. Tax deductible donations also are being collected and should be made payable to Jewish Family and Career Services.

For more information, call the Temple Shalom office at 502-458-4739.

Happy Birthday Kabbalat Shabbat Set at KI

On Friday, November 13, at 5:45 p.m., Keneseth Israel will have a Kabbalat Shabbat party, complete with birthday cake. KI is also celebrating all the congregation's November birthdays and anniversaries. The event is free and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, Executive Director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Books, Blood and Baubles Comes to The Temple

On Sunday, November 15, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., The Temple will host a jewelry and used book sale and Red Cross blood drive in the Heideman Auditorium. Schedule a blood donation by calling The Temple at 502-423-1818. All proceeds from books and jewelry go to the TORA Fund (Tikkun Olam Relief Account) which helps Jewish families in need.

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

On Sunday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. Adath Jeshurun will present the

next Live from New York's 92nd Street Y broadcast. Congressman Steve Israel, author of *The Global War on Morris*, will speak with Chris Matthews regarding the absurdities of Washington as only an insider can. A dessert reception will take place at 7 p.m. This program is free of charge and open to the community.

Hear the LO at Adath Jeshurun

On Sunday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m., Adath Jeshurun will host the Louisville Orchestra's "Music Without Borders" series. All seating is general admission and tickets are \$20 each. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Louisville Orchestra box office at 502-587-8681. For more information, visit www.louisville-orchestra.com.

Adath Jeshurun Hosts Jr. Congregation

Join Deborah Slosberg on Saturday, December 5, at 10:30 a.m. for Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation, a family service for students in grades K-7, their parents and grandparents.

Adath Jeshurun Changes Weekly Lunch & Learn Study Session

This fall, AJ is combining its 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 a Shabbat Scholar. Prior knowledge of Jewish texts and Hebrew is not required. These lively discussions are open to the community.

The Temple Offers Adult Education Classes

Monday Classes

Text Study with Rabbi David at The Temple meets at 7 p.m. The class is called From the Beginning. This class will read and discuss the Bible from Chapter 1 of the book of Genesis and examine the 70 ways to understand every verse and every chapter.

Advanced Hebrew with Rabbi Rapport meets at 8 p.m. This class, called Bring Your Hebrew To Life!, is a comprehension based course on Hebrew reading and grammatical structures which will guide learners to know what they say when they pray and understand the words of Torah as they were written in their own day.

Wednesday Classes

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

Using texts from the Bible, Talmud, Jewish philosophy and theology, Jewish history and Jewish mysticism, the class will explore the Jewish values of Justice and Righteousness and their application in the modern world.

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.

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B'nai Mitzvah

Zachary Cooper Felsen

Zachary Cooper Felsen, son of Dr. Liam and Claire Geer Felsen, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, November 7, at 9:30 a.m., at Adath Jeshurun.

Zachary is the grandson of Dr. Ira Felsen and Helen Friedman and Sherry and Buddy Kaufman, of Louisville, and Sandra and Ken Fagen of Pompano Beach, FL.

Zachary is an eighth grader at Meyzeek Middle School. He is in the advanced program and enjoys playing soccer and chess.

Natalie Victoria Laber

Natalie Victoria Laber, daughter of Lia Laber and Damian Laber, and sister of Eric and David, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m., at The Temple. Natalie is the granddaughter of Ana Maria and Raul Rodriguez and Felisa and the late Manuel Laber.

Natalie is in the seventh grade at Louisville Collegiate School where she is a member of the field hockey, tennis and lacrosse teams. She loves spending time



Sonny Bass' Tribute to his Sweetheart Gladys, on their 69th Anniversary

"In the summer of 1946, I was with some friends in Cincinnati and decided to "cut" through the lower level of the Netherlands Plaza, where I saw an old friend, Herschel, with a very pretty young lady, his sister, Gladys. Long story short, we were married 69 years ago on October 20, 1946." "There are 25,185 days in 69 years and 50,370 lunches and dinners in that period of time. My dedicated wife, Gladys, has served me all these meals, except when we traveled or went out to eat. Regardless, this is a hell of a lot of meals."

"During our 69 years together our LOVE has grown stronger. We are each other's best friend and continue having fun. We are so proud of our beautiful family: Three sons, Mitchel, Ned and Steve; two daughters-in-law, Terri and Delores; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and three special great-grandchildren. Our family is our True Love. The University of Louisville, where I played football and basketball in 1941-1942 is our second love." "God was with me, to have me "cut" through the Netherlands to find my perfect mate Gladys. I don't know what I would do without her." "People may not hear what you say or do, but remember how they feel when they are with you." Now at our ages, we spend almost all our time together, so we feel great."

with her friends and listening to music. Natalie participated in the Christmas Day volunteering event helping prepare hundreds of sandwiches for the homeless and collected food for The Temple and the JCFS pantry.

Natalie and her family invite the community to celebrate her bat mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.

Engagement

Baron/Gilpin

Mary and Randy Baron happily announce the engagement of their son Dustin to Sarah Gilpin of Pella, IA. Dustin is the grandson of the late C.D. and Lois Baron. Sarah and Dustin reside in Raleigh, NC, where she is the director of education for the North Carolina Symphony and he is a field sales Representative for Costa Farms, Inc.

A wedding is planned for July 3, 2016, in Louisville.

Wedding



Silverman/Suway

Jennifer Lee Silverman and Jason Phillip Suway were married on October 11, 2015 at Adath Jeshurun. The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Robin Silverman of Louisville.

The groom is the son of Wayne and Barbara Suway of Marietta, GA.

The bride graduated from the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising, and is a television and celebrity wardrobe stylist in Manhattan. The groom graduated cum laude from Bucknell University, and received his MBA from Yale University. He is working as a healthcare consultant with the Chartis Group.

The couple will reside in New York City.

Obituaries

Marvin J. Shaffer

Marvin J. Shaffer, 79, passed away Friday, September 25.

He was born in Iron River, MI, on August 17, 1936. He earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in 1958. During a two-year stint in the Army, Marvin was stationed in Germany. Following the end of his military service, Marvin moved to Chicago for two



years and then settled in Louisville.

Marvin spent his career working as a wholesale salesman and manufacturer's representative, before retiring several years ago. Marvin was an active member of his synagogue, Temple Shalom. He served as president of the congregation's Men's Club, and rarely failed to attend Saturday morning services.

He was also an avid fan of the University of Louisville Cardinals basketball team. Immediately following the final buzzer, Marvin would phone his son in Southern California to recap plays and analyze the team's performance. Marvin also loved golfing, and played whenever the opportunity arose.

Marvin is survived by his four children, daughter, Iris Shaffer and husband, Mark, of Chicago; son, Seth Shaffer and his wife, Wynne, of Murrieta, CA; daughter, Hope Levin and her husband, Doug, of Charlotte, NC; and daughter, Gwen Shaffer and her husband, Ken, of Long Beach, CA; as well as nine grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Lorraine Perman, of Chicago.

Memorial donations may be made to Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Rd, Louisville, KY 40220 or made online at www.templeshalom.org.

Evelyn Withrow

Evelyn "Eve" (Nana) Withrow, 79, passed away on Saturday, September 26. She was born in Liverpool, England on May 10, 1936, and became an American citizen in 1962. Eve was also a successful business owner for over 30 years with Union Jack Alterations.

She leaves behind two sons, William T. Withrow II (Kimberly Downs Withrow) and Richard Withrow; and a daughter, Lynette Withrow Johnson (Edward Johnson).

Eve was like a mother to many and a grandmother and great-grandmother to several in the U.S. and England. She was a cherished friend to countless others.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hosparus or the donor's favorite charity.



Carolyn Wolf

Carolyn Wolf, 84, died Tuesday, October 13 at Baptist Health Louisville.

She was born May 31, 1931, and was a former employee of Selman's Department Store and Kobay's Drug Store. She was a member of Congregation Anshei Sfard and the Jewish Community Center's Senior Adult Social Club.

She is preceded in death by her par-

ents Rose Kline and Dr. Bernard Monfried and her son; Stuart D. Wolf.

Carolyn is survived by her beloved husband of 61 years, Simon Wolf; her son, Larry Wolf (Janice); her daughter, Roselyn Donnell (Steve); three grandchildren, Melanie Whitham (Thom), Lauren Wolf and Ryan Wolf; and two great-grandchildren, Connor and Callie Whitham.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the JCC's Senior Adult Social Club or donor's favorite charity.



Steven M. Goldberg

Steven M. Goldberg, 61, died Thursday, October 15.

A graduate of Seneca High School and the University of Kentucky, Steven was a devoted Wildcat

fan. Food was not just his career, it was his passion. Steven would spend countless hours in the kitchen preparing food for friends and family. Steven began his career at Bruder's Meats, a family business. He worked for many years in the food service industry at Sysco, Dawn Food Products, and Dennery Enterprises.

Steven was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Shirley Goldberg.

Steven is survived by his wife of 31 years, Tyler; two sons, Matthew (Alexandria) and Jon; siblings Jeff (Peggy) and Frank Goldberg and Denise McCormack; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Contributions in Steven's memory may be made to Dare to Care, 5803 Fern Valley Rd., Louisville, KY, 40228.

Ilse Freundlich

West Orange, NJ, resident Ilse Freundlich, 86, died on Friday, October 16.

Ilse was the wife of the late Herman and the mother of Judy Freundlich Tiell (Bob) and Wendy Bierman (Andy).

She also leaves behind a brother, Eric Straus (Marlene); and grandchildren Rachel, Jeffrey, Bryan and Scott.

Bernheim-Apter-Kreitzman Suburban Funeral Chapel in Livingston, NJ, handled the arrangements.

Contributions may be made to either Temple B'nai Abraham, 300 East Northfield Rd., P.O. Box #46, Livingston, NJ, <http://www.tbaj.org/>; Jewish Family & Career Services, 2821 Klempner Way, Louisville, KY 40205; or a charity of your choice.



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D'VAR TORAH

Havin' a Laugh: Lech L'cha 5776

by Cantor David Lipp
Special to Community

We often pay more attention to the beginning of a portion than its end. One of the things I like about the triennial cycle is that I am 'forced' to pay greater attention to all parts of each week's portion and sometimes find things I might not have otherwise.

This week, I'm consumed with two questions, the first of which goes something like this: Why does everyone seem to know that Sarah laughs when she's told she'll have a child as a nonagenarian but the parallel story about Abraham is often ignored?

Before I get to question number two, let's try to conquer this one.

1. Perhaps it's because we read the Sarah portion on Rosh HaShanah each year so a critical mass of the Jewish people are more likely to hear about it from their rabbis at least once or twice over the years of their High Holy Day attendances.

2. Perhaps it's because Sarah's story is at the beginning of next week's portion rather than at the end of this one. I haven't done a statistical analysis (where's Nate Silver when you need him?) but my impression is that the classical commentaries tend to concentrate their calligraphic efforts more towards the beginning of the traditional Torah portions rather than the ends or middles.

3. Perhaps Sarah's confrontation with God is more dramatic, associated with the initially ambiguous status of the three guests she must feed at her husband's demand. They only reveal themselves as divine messengers AFTER Sarah giggles at the idea that she'll get pregnant at her advanced age. She has every reason to believe that her 'laughter' is a private matter only.

God's interaction with Abraham towards the end of our portion this Shabbat is more direct and subtle than that with Sarah next week, a conversation

and a command.

Since many have not noticed this story, let me paraphrase it briefly with my own commentary.

Because of her barrenness, Sarah has given her handmaid, Hagar, to Abraham so they can have a child through her. All is well until Sarah, so generous at first, feels belittled by the pregnant Hagar. Sarah makes Hagar's life miserable and so the pregnant handmaiden escapes only to be convinced by an angel to return, assured that her son will be the leader of a great people.

God gives Abram a name change to Abraham and commands the covenantal sign of circumcision on him and all his male descendants.

Then God tells Avraham that his own wife's name is no longer Sarai but Sarah. This is an incredibly powerful name change and it's presented almost as though it was always her name but Avraham had been saying it wrong.

Here's Genesis 17:15 "God said to Avraham, 'Sarai your wife shall no longer be called Sarai because Sarah is her name.'" It implies that Sarai had been, in a sense, a nickname. The word Sar in Hebrew can mean minister; in the case of a woman, it might be translated as 'Princess' or 'Woman of great standing.' Up until now, says God, Avraham has been calling his wife, in essence, 'My Princess.' God alerts Avraham that from now on, she's her own woman.

But there's more.

God then tells Avraham that he will have a son with her. Avraham falls on his face in prayer and laughs to himself, 'Will a 100 year old father have a child? And Sarah 90?' (At least he got her name right after 80 years of saying it the other way. It takes some of us years to let go of nicknames for people who would like to be referred to by the name their parents gave them.) So that's his private thought, much like Sarah's which earns her a rebuke next week ("Why did Sarah laugh?" God will demand.) What Avraham says out loud to God is "Let Yishmael live before you!"

God responds, "No, your wife Sarah will give you a son and you'll call him

laughter (Yitzchak)"

Unlike Sarah, God doesn't rebuke Avraham but indicates implicitly that the laughter was heard. One can anthropomorphically almost see God winking at Avraham, "You think I didn't hear you, but I did!"

That brings me to the second question: Many wonder why Yitzchak of all the patriarchs doesn't get a name change. After all both his father Abram and son Jacob do. Most modern commentators note the relative sedentary nature of Yitzchak compared to the swashbuckling activities of his dad and son. After all, Avraham leads an army and fathers many; Jacob has two wives and two concubines and from him we have our 12 tribes. Isaac, on the other hand, has twins and stays with one woman for his whole life.

But the Jerusalem Talmud (Brachot

1:6) begs to differ. It notes that Abram and Jacob were so named by their parents. Only divine fiat gave them the name changes to Avraham and Yisrael.

Isaac is the only one who was named by God already before he was even conceived. Twice.

Let's not forget the first time.
Shabbat Shalom.

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Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, October 23 at 6:36 p.m., October 30 at 6:28 p.m., November 6 at 5:20 p.m., November 13 at 5:14 p.m., November 20 at 5:09 p.m. and November 27 at 5:06 p.m.

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