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JCC@125

Beautiful weather and lots of activities drew over 650 people to the JCC to celebrate the agency's 125th birthday. At the end of the day people gathered on the field as Ben Goldenberg soared overhead in a small plane to capture this celebratory aerial shot. See story, CenterPiece, page 1.



Consul General Yaron Sideman



Sen. Mitch McConnell



Rep. John Yarmuth



Dr. Patrick Clawson

Meyer Food Pantry Fund at JFCS to Benefit from Jewish Louisville Team Hunger Walk Fundraising

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
 Editor

There is a tradition in Louisville that, while not a formal part of the fall Jewish holidays, has become an essential part of the season – the Community Hunger Walk. This year's walk will be Sunday, September 27, at 2:15 p.m. in E.P. "Tom" Sawyer Park.

From Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur, we look inward and renew our commitment to God and Torah. One of the holiday Torah readings includes God's instructions to farmers that they must leave the corners of their fields uncut, not pick up grain that falls to the ground after they have gathered it, and

not strip their vineyards of all the fruit. That food must be left for the poor.

Today, most of us are not farmers and those of us who do grow food are unlikely to have poor people come to glean in our fields, vineyards or gardens. That however, does not relieve us of our duty to provide food for the poor.

The Community Hunger Walk is a great way to start the New Year by taking action to fulfill the mitzvah of providing food for the poor.

This year's Hunger Walk not only has a new location, but when you sign up as a member of the Jewish Louisville team, the money you raise will be split equally between Dare to Care and the Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry,

which is a Dare to Care affiliate.

This year's walk will cover the park's one-mile fitness trail loop three times. "It is extremely accessible and beautiful," said Jessica Goldstein, who is chairing the Jewish Louisville team for the Jewish Community Relations Council. It will be a comfortable route for the wheelchair-bound and anyone who finds other routes challenging.

Parking will be in the main lot that serves the indoor tennis facility. There will be plenty of children's activities and much more.

"It was a difficult decision for Dare to Care to leave their downtown route," Goldstein explained, but this year, lo- see **HUNGER WALK** page 5

JCRC Forums Provide Opportunities to Learn about Iran Agreement

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
 Editor

A significant and noteworthy topic for discussion across the country in the last few weeks has been the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the agreement reached by negotiators from the United States and five other parties with Iran to limit Iran's nuclear ambitions and to ease the sanctions it now endures.

The agreement itself is dense and hard to understand. Experts on one side say it permanently puts the brakes on Iran's nuclear aspirations and experts on the other say it paves the way for Iran to have a legitimate nuclear program in 10 see **IRAN** page 8

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Mutchnick Is New JFCS Board Chair

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
 Editor



Stephanie Mutchnick

When Stephanie Mutchnick volunteers with an organization, she likes to immerse itself in it completely. "I like to get involved in things where I feel like I can make a difference and use my skills," she said, "so I tend to go deep in the volunteer activity instead of doing a lot of different things."

Right now, Mutchnick's focus is on Jewish Family & Career Services, where she is now serving as president of the Board and has been an active volunteer for 10 years.

Originally from St. Louis, Mutchnick is an engineer with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University and a masters in Management Science and Engineering from Stanford University. Although professionally, she has "never done the work of a classical engineer ... I've always brought that

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Over the last few weeks, the Jewish communal world has been set ablaze due to the vigorous debate over the proposed deal to limit the nuclear capabilities of Iran. It has been very interesting to see different national Jewish organizations make



Matt Goldberg

public statements and take sides for or against the deal. It has been even more fascinating to see local Jewish Federations around the country also issue statements for or against the deal. The debate has been strong, loud and consequential.

After reading the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on Iran, my head was spinning. This agreement is, as it purports, comprehensive, and it goes into great detail about the new limits of the Iranian Nuclear deal. Different analysts and experts, on both sides of the political spectrum have equally weighed in.

There are compelling arguments for the deal and there are compelling arguments against the deal. This really is one of those cases where reasonable people can disagree, and they have. Because a nuclear armed Iran really does pose an existential threat to the State of Israel (and other countries in the region), passions are very high on both sides. Here are some of the arguments being made by supporters and detractors of the deal:

Those in support:

Before any sanctions relief, Iran must come clean about its past nuclear military activities. It is not in dispute (except by maybe Iran), that research into nuclear weapons was conducted. Iran will have to disclose this information by October 15 or sanctions will remain.

This agreement lengthens the “break-out” time to a bomb, from what is currently three months to a year. The Western powers who negotiated the deal are quite confident that they will know if Iran makes a dash to the bomb, and the scientists who negotiated the deal support that as well.

Its actual ability to produce a nuclear weapon will be severely limited. There will be strict limitations on uranium produced, and its plutonium facility will be converted to non-military use. Additionally, its current stockpile of military grade uranium will, for the most part, be converted to non-military use.

Inspections will be vigorous and surveillance will be invasive. And while there might be a 24-day delay between a suspected problem and Iran having to allow inspections, nuclear material would still be present after any attempt to cover it up.

Those opposed to the deal:

The entire deal only lasts 15 years, and the limits on Uranium enrichment expire after 10 years. This is a huge concern because as sanctions are lifted, 15 years of robust economic activity will put Iran in a strong financial position where it might be able to withstand any economic retaliation should Iran go for the bomb.

Iran is untrustworthy. Its nuclear program has been covert, and it has yet to answer for its obvious past of nucle-

ar weapon research. Furthermore, the deal applies to known nuclear facilities, not the ones we don't know about (Iran's Fordow nuclear enrichment facility was built under a mountain and only discovered by Western intelligence services in 2009). Iran is the leading state sponsor of terror, and it is a destabilizing force for the region.

The inspection regime is not comprehensive. There are no “anytime, anywhere” inspections, and access to some questionable sites could take as long as 24 days should Iran protest the intrusion. Also, so-called “snap-back” sanctions are difficult to reinstate, and world powers might be reluctant to do so for relatively minor infractions.

And these are just a small sample of the pluses and minuses of the deal

It has been a very difficult and contentious time in Jewish communities around the country, as debates rage and tears are shed over how to approach this deal. The Jewish Community Relations Council of Louisville held an emergency meeting this past week, at which it was decided that there really is no consensus in our community to either support or oppose the deal, so our role will be that of educators, trying to present the arguments for and against without taking a side either way.

The deal is certainly no slam dunk as some would have us believe, but it is not the death knell of the Middle East as still others would have us believe. To paraphrase the Reform movement's response to the agreement, Patriotic Americans and committed Zionists can strongly disagree over the effectiveness of this deal.

In its role as educator, the JCRC is convening three briefings. The first, which featured Sen. Mitch McConnell, was held Wednesday morning, August 30, as **Community** was going to press. The summary will be in the September 25 edition.

At the second, on Wednesday, September 2, at 6 p.m., Rep. John Yarmuth, will speak and answer questions about the JCPOA in the JCC's auditorium. Due to limited space, reservations are requested. RSVP to pdeweese@jewishlouisville.org by Friday, August 28.

For the third event, the JCRC is bringing in an Iran expert from the Washington Institute, Dr. Patrick Clawson, who will offer an educational briefing on the agreement on Thursday, September 10, at 7 p.m. in the Patio Gallery. Again, due to limited space, reservations are requested.

For more information about these educational events, see story, page 1.

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Kesher Cafe Uses Teen-Led Ted Talk Format

For Jewish high school juniors and seniors, Kesher Café is an opportunity to engage in enlightening, informal talks about Judaism with local teens. It's not traditional program in a classroom with slideshows, power points or other bells and whistles.

Now in its second year, the Jewish Community Center's Assistant Director of Youth Services Mike Steklof will ensure that the program, which meets Sundays from 12-1 p.m. at Panera Bread, 1801 Rudy Lane, are thought-provoking and engaging.

Participants will be asked to make

presentations for their fellow peers throughout the year. There will also be guest speakers from the Jewish community, but mostly, it will be teens leading discussions and talking about issues that interest them from a Jewish perspective. The conversations will include controversial topics such as what the texts say about sex or relationships.

"I want to meet teens where they're at," Steklof said, "and I want it to be informal."

Formal Jewish education in Louisville typically ends at 10th grade. Kesher Café is a different kind of educational

programming tailored to the needs and interests of 11th and 12th graders.

Last year, Steklof revamped the former Federation Kesher Kentucky program, changing it from a lecture series with leaders in the Jewish community into a small, local, teen-led TED Talk format. (TED is a national nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks of 18 minutes or less.)

Kesher Café costs \$125, \$100 for JCC Members. Contact Steklof at 502-238-2708 or msteklof@jewishlouisville.org to register.

Chack to Help Vaad Hakashruth with Marketing

The Vaad HaKashruth of Louisville has announced the Louisville Vaad HaKashruth and Alexander (Sasha) Chack have entered into an agreement for Chack to provide promotional and marketing consulting services.

Chack will develop programs and events that support the Vaad's mission and services, be responsible for implementing and executing events and activities and will provide mashgiach supervision when necessary with the assistance of Rabbi Hillel Smulovitz and the president and vice president of the Vaad, according to Vaad President Jack Czerkiewicz.

Chack has already begun to develop a Vaad of Louisville presence on Facebook (www.facebook.com/vaadlouisville), Twitter (@vaadlouisville) and Snapchat, which include information

about the rich history of kashruth in the Louisville Jewish community along with details about the new role that the Vaad is undertaking to become a local resource for the entire community.

Chack has just moved back to Louisville, along with his wife, Sandra Lerner, and two-year-old daughter, Isabelle, after after living in New York City for more than 12 years.

In New York, Chack was a professional cook and, in 2008, was part of the original staff to open the 92nd Street Y's downtown arts venue, 92YTribea.

As food and beverage director for the 500-person venue, Chack oversaw a full-service kosher café which had more than 300 customers a day, a full bar with an extensive kosher wine and cocktail program and event planning for everything from small cocktail receptions to 500 guests seminars and in house cater-

ing for clients such as MTV, *NY Magazine* and Comedy Central.

In 2013, after the closure of 92YTribea, Chack opened his own restaurant, Mason & Mug, a strictly kosher, farm to table, small plates, beer and wine bar in his community of Prospect Heights, Brooklyn.

Mason & Mug was open for 15 months and it challenged the Jewish community's perception of kosher, offering unique food experiences, making almost everything from scratch and sourcing quality and organic ingredients from local farms and business.

Chack is excited to start his new journey back in Louisville and will begin to craft a new mission for the VAAD, offering exciting programs, pop-up food events, classes and increased kosher presence to enrich the entire Louisville Jewish community.

HUNGER WALK

Continued from page 1

gistics related to the bridge and other construction projects and scheduling conflicts with other downtown events necessitated the change.

"There are at least four ways you can participate," she continued. "You can form a team yourself – and if you do, we would appreciate it if you would do so under the aegis of the JCL; recruit your friends and family – it is a kid- and family-friendly event; run or walk yourself; and either through social connections or Facebook, announce that you're doing the Hunger Walk and ask for sponsors."

Entry fees are \$25 for adults or \$15 for those 18 and under. If you can't walk yourself, please consider making a donation in honor of the Jewish Louisville team through Dare to Care.

"One in five children in our community struggles with food insecurity, and the \$25 registration fee will provide 100 meals," she stated.

"Each year, Dare to Care increases the way they support the hungry – serving homebound seniors, children and families who are struggling," Goldstein said. "Whenever a new need presents itself, they always rise to the challenge, and the only way for that to continue is for donors to rise to the challenge and increase their support."

Over the years, the Jewish community has raised more money for the Hunger Walk than any other faith group. "We'd like to see that continue," she added, "and we'd like to grow it."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For a full list of Jewish holiday services and events at all local venues, see page 16.

THROUGH AUGUST 30

CenterStage and Hilliard Lyons Present 9 to 5: The Musical

JCC. Last chance to catch Dolly Parton's brand new musical. \$20 in advance; \$22 at the door. CenterStageJCC.org. (See Review, page 10.)

AUGUST 30-OCTOBER 7

Patio Gallery Exhibit

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

AUGUST 30

LOUISVILLE'S GOT TALENT ROUND 1

3-6 p.m., JCC. \$15 fee for participant. Talent competition for youths ages 7-18. Cash prizes. Register at jewishlouisville.org/event/louisvilles-got-talent-round-1-2. (See story, CenterPiece, page ...)

AUGUST 30

J-Forty-Fivers Pool and Pizza Party

5-7 p.m., JCC. Free. Fourth and fifth graders. Register at jewishlouisville.org/event/j-forty-fivers-pool-and-pizza-party/. For more information, contact Mike Steklof, msteklof@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2774.

SEPTEMBER 6

Rosh Hashanah Apple Picking

10-11:30 a.m. Hidden Hollow Orchard, 3200 Apple Hill Rd., Louisville, 40245. U-Pick apples with a PJ Library Book Reading. Register at jewishlouisville.org/event/rosh-hashanah-apple-picking

SEPTEMBER 6

J-Forty-Fivers Sports Day

12:30-2 p.m., JCC. Free. For fourth and fifth graders. Register online at jewishlouisville.org/event/j-forty-fivers-sports-day/. For more information, contact Mike Steklof, msteklof@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2774.

SEPTEMBER 6

Iran Agreement Briefing

6 p.m., JCC Auditorium. Free. Rep. John Yarmuth will discuss the Iran nuclear agreement. Limited space. RSVP at jewishlouisville.org/event/yarmuth-on-iran. See story, page 1.

SEPTEMBER 7

School's Out Days at the JCC

9 a.m.-4 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, swimming, arts and crafts. Theme: Mad Scientist. For more information and to register, go to jewishlouisville.org/event/schools-out-day-mad-scientist/.

SEPTEMBER 10

Iran Agreement Briefing

7 p.m., JCC Patio Gallery. Free. Dr. Patrick Clawson with the Washington Institute will discuss the Iran nuclear agreement. Limited space. RSVP at jewishlouisville.org/event/clawson-on-iran. See story, page 1.

SEPTEMBER 16

NCJW Opening Meeting

11:15 a.m., Verbenna, 10639 Meeting St. No. 104, Prospect. \$25. Lunch and a tour of Bellarmine Show House, "The Charleston," at Norton Commons. Send payment by Sept. 11 to NCJW, Louisville Section, 1250 Bardstown Rd., Ste. 26, Louisville, 40204.

SEPTEMBER 20

Hadassah/JCRC Israel Advocacy Workshop

7 p.m., Private home. JCRC Director Matt Goldberg with discuss how to respond to the BDS movement. RSVP to louisvillehadassah-chapter@gmail.com or 502-645-4739. Reply will include address and directions.

SEPTEMBER 20

Doggie Dip

10 a.m.-3 p.m., JCC. \$12; members \$10. Take your dog swimming. Proof of vaccination required.

SEPTEMBER 20

Limo Scavenger Hunt

12:30-4 p.m., JCC. \$30; members \$25. Teen Connection. For more information, contact Mike Steklof, msteklof@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2774.

SEPTEMBER 30

Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

7:45 p.m. reception; 8:15 p.m. program. AJ. Free. Howard Kushner and Rachel Cowan speak with Rabbi Peter Rubinstein about "Living Well and Aging Well." Free and open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Israeli Consul General Held Meetings in Kentucky



Consul General Sideman talked with JCRC Director Matt Goldberg and JCL Board Chair Jay Klempner.



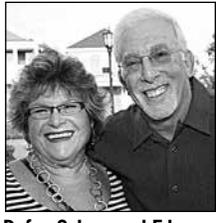
Jon Klein and Bruce Blue



Sideman stood between Marie and Ron Abrams



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Dafna Schurr and Ed Cohen

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

When Israel's Consul General Yaron Sideman came to Louisville on August 17 from his Philadelphia office, he met with a group of community leaders and Israelis who now make their homes in Louisville. While he made it clear that the consulate deals with a wide variety of issues and he was more than willing to discuss any of them, those who came to hear him were focused on the agreement to limit Iran's nuclear capabilities in return for sanctions relief.

Israel's number one foreign policy issue, Sideman said, is to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear power. "We are looking at a Middle East that's unstable and unforeseeable," he stated. "Every day a new bad actor surfaces, creating havoc." None of them, however, poses an existential threat to Israel except Iran.

"We firmly believe that this agreement paves the way for Iran to become a nuclear power in 10 years, legitimately," Sideman continued.

While these were his only comments about Iran during his formal presentation, the consul general left plenty of time for questions and many of those in attendance asked about Iran.

Asked about the mixed and tepid response of the organized Jewish community to the agreement, Sideman acknowledged that the American Jewish community is not united. "The Jewish Federation system has been cautious before producing statements," he said. Many have not yet made a decision. "What we see," he continued, "is responsible reaction, not a knee jerk reaction. Many Jewish communities want to go through the agreement and an education process," but he also urged the communities to "do it quick."

Sideman called the deal "bad on many counts" and added, "it has deficiencies from here to eternity. The main reason it is problematic is it gives Iran a license for a robust nuclear program, and Iran has no other need for a nuclear program other than military."

He also pointed out that the agreement has a "very short expiration date" – just 10 years – and Iran already has a robust



Father and son, Elias Klein and Jon Klein

intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) program. "The agreement stipulates," he said, "that eight years from now, the embargo that exists [on the missiles] will be lifted" and at that time, it will be legal for anyone to help Iran further develop its capabilities in that area.

Asked about the consequences should Congress reject the deal, Sideman said the ball would be back in Iran's court. They could choose to comply with it anyway or to disavow it. If Iran rejects the deal, the sanctions would go back in place, although it would be difficult to bring all the countries back into agreement on the reimposition of the sanctions. If Iran complies, Iran gets what it wants in a few years without the sanctions.

In addition to discussing the Iran agreement, Sideman talked about the importance of the friendship between Israel and the United States. "Israel has no better friend and ally than the U.S.," he said. "The true test of deep friendship is the ability to absorb differences of opinion, to handle them and to be able to deal with disagreements when they arise."

He also talked about the purposes of embassies and consulates and the many partnerships, collaborations and friendships that exist between Israeli and American businesses, institutions and individuals.

Keren and Yariv Benabou hosted the event.

While he was in Louisville, Sideman also met with Rep. Andy Barr, the Lexington Jewish community, Kentucky Secretary of Agriculture James Comer, a number of Kentucky Business leaders and leaders of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Ariel Kronenberg and Dafna Schurr



Keren and Yariv Benabou hosted the event.



Sideman with American Jewish Committee Regional Director Melanie Maron Pell

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Bob Sachs, center, with Maura and Jerry Temes



Dr. Ronit Bar Haim and Dr. Eran Rosenberg



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Bronfman Fellowship Proves Life-Changing Experience for Finke

by Jacob Finke
Special to Community

I was invited to write this piece to share with the community my experience in Israel this summer – what I learned, who I met, how I changed. And I will do my best to relay that here, but I know that – try as I might – I will never be able to truly convey how incredibly life-changing my summer experience as a 2015 Bronfman Fellow was.

The Fellowship was not only a wonderful way to meet Israel for the first time, but also was a learning experience like no other. I was exposed to opposing viewpoints on every topic from the Israeli narrative to gay rights in Israel to Rabbinic and Talmudic interpretation to the Iran Deal to the future of American Jewry.

Perhaps more than anything else, during the Fellowship I felt a part of the Jewish story. At Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem), I felt – for the first time – a deep connection to the Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Growing up, I always saw the Holocaust as history – it was something that had happened, it was something that was over. I never saw the Holocaust as part of a memory, the collective memory of the Jewish people.

However, walking into the Hall of Names at Yad Vashem, that changed. Seeing bookshelves that surround me almost completely, I was perplexed. Hearing that each of the books in those shelves contained not one name, but lists of names on each page, I was horrified. Hearing that not all six million of the names of victims have yet been recorded, I was disturbed. I felt numb, I felt sick, I felt wrong. But at the same time, I felt connected.

There were Fellows on the trip whose grandparents were resistance fighters or survivors of concentration camps. I am not as connected to the memory of the Holocaust as they inevitably are, but I am connected. In that Hall of Names, I felt inextricably bound to the past of the Jewish people. No longer was the Holocaust a moment in history – from that moment on, it has become a moment in memory, a memory that I share with the Jewish people.

Only a week later, at the Shalom Hartman Institute, I felt bound to the future, the survival, of the Jewish people, specifically American Jewry. During a session called “American Jews and Israel,” which was given by Yehuda Kurtzer, the president of the Hartman Institute in North America, I was blown away by the seemingly existential crisis of American Jewry about which I was so oblivious.

Over and over again, I heard referenced the horrifying Pew study (that I had no idea existed) and the dismal future for American Judaism (in reference to the number of American Jews who were raised Jewish but are either no longer Jewish or are planning to not raise their children Jewish).

Hearing about this issue for the first time in such a removed setting – the middle of Jerusalem, the capital city of the Jewish State – I was able to see it more objectively. Why are Jews assimilating? Does it matter if young people don't go to services anymore? Is mainstream Judaism truly a bad thing? Is intermarriage truly a “silent Holocaust” (as it was referred to at some times)?

All of these questions completely occupied my thoughts quite unexpectedly after our session at the Hartman Institute. All of a sudden, I, a Jew who used to be unnerved by the lack of Jewish future, was stricken by the thought that American Jews might disappear. I did not only know about this problem – I cared. Just as I felt immediately connected to Jewish memory of the Holocaust at Yad

Vashem, I felt immediately connected to the Jewish future at the Hartman Institute.

But it was not only the experiences that challenged and provoked me deep into thought this summer – it was the people. The ideological and religious diversity among the Fellows, the faculty, and the staff was incredibly important and interesting to me. Never before had I met a Modern Orthodox Jew. Or a feminist Modern Orthodox woman. Or a *mizrachi* (Middle Eastern) Jew. Or a Jew of Latin-American heritage.

Through classes and seminars, I was exposed to differing ideas. But through the people, those ideas were solidified, argued and expanded upon. Without the Fellows, I never would have heard extensive arguments both for and against the existence of an egalitarian *mechitza* (barrier between men and women) during prayer. I never would have heard extensive arguments both advocating for and against Israel's actions in the West Bank and at the Western Wall.

And although we were all incredibly different – there were those of us who prayed three times a day and those of us who longed for bacon all five weeks – we managed to respect and rebuke each other. We agreed and disagreed, but we did it all while establishing and maintaining incredible bonds for which I will always be grateful.

It may seem that all of these changes are abstract, intangible, idealistic things – fake things that I can toss aside now that I am home. But perhaps the biggest change that occurred this summer is one that nobody else can see. During the summer, I struggled immensely with my sense of Jewish identity. It seemed as if so many other Fellows, especially Modern Orthodox ones, were so comfortable in their Jewish skin. Why couldn't I feel the same way?

I was confronted about this issue on the last week of the Fellowship's summer Seminar by one of the staff members, a Modern Orthodox Jew who wore a *kippah* every day, asked me why I was afraid to wear my Judaism proudly. Why, he asked, didn't I wear Jewish symbols to school? Why did it make me feel uncomfortable?

I floundered for a while and he persisted. I was eventually left without a conclusion, and he reached one for me. It seemed, to him, that I was very fearful; fearful to express my Judaism; fearful, even, to be a Jew.

I have struggled since that conversation, but I think that, because of that conversation, I have come to terms with myself. I do not wear a *kippah* on my head or *tzitzit* on my waist. I am not visibly Jewish.

Instead, I express my Judaism inwardly. I wear, around my neck (and al-

ways under my shirt), a necklace with a *chai* (the Hebrew word for life). My parents gave it to me right before I left for the Fellowship and as I wore it in Israel, I felt at home with it.

Since I've been back, there have been awkward times when I've had to explain it to people. But to me, it is my Judaism. My Judaism is familial (it used to be my father's necklace); my Judaism is personal; my Judaism is complicated.

Perhaps more than anything, that is what my time on the 2015 Bronfman Fellowship taught me. It taught me much more than I could have imagined last November when I started my application. It taught me much more than I could have imagined last April when I signed my commitment to attend after being selected as a Fellow. And it taught me much more than I can imagine right now.

I know that, through the two upcoming seminars, the Bronfman Fellowship will continue teaching me more than I can imagine. I returned to the United States on Wednesday, August 5, a different person in ways that I know I can never truly explain.

Editor's note: Each year, the Bronfman Fellowships selects 26 outstanding North American teenagers for a rigorous academic year of seminars including a free, five-week trip to Israel between the summer of Fellows' junior and senior years of high school.

The program educates and inspires exceptional young Jews from diverse backgrounds to grow into leaders grounded in their Jewish identity and committed to social change. The program was founded and is funded by Edgar M. Bronfman, z"l, formerly CEO of the Seagram Company Ltd. and a vi-



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During the program's seminars, Fellows meet with leading intellectuals, religious and political leaders, and educators, and participate in study and dialogue with the diverse faculty, which is made up of Rabbis and educators, associated with different movements and perspectives within Judaism.

Faculty members have an intimate knowledge of Judaism in North America and Israel and have extensive experience working with emerging adults. Fellows also spend two weeks with a group of Israeli peers who have been chosen through a parallel selection process as part of the Israeli Youth Fellowship: *Amitei Bronfman*.

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Vaughan Joins National Young Leadership Cabinet

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

Growing up in Bowling Green, Ben Vaughan didn't get the opportunity to engage with other Jewish children or the larger Jewish community. When he moved to Louisville, he jumped at the chance to work with the Jewish community in Louisville as a volunteer and lay leader.

After 10 years of volunteering, he decided he wanted something different. Something was missing, he said.

"I discovered that missing piece during a Partnership program in 2012," he said. "This was a new experience for me. Young adults from communities in Budapest, Western Galilee, Louisville and Indianapolis were brought together with an intent to create bonds and understanding." This experience and conversations he had with a couple of Cabinet members at the 2014 GA in Washington, D.C., had Vaughan contemplating another option.

This inspired him to join Jewish Federations of North America Young Leadership Cabinet. The Cabinet is a group of young adults in their 20's, 30's and 40's who gather, travel and volunteer together to help make a difference in their communities.

With more than 4,000 alumni, the Cabinet is the premiere leadership program throughout JFNA. Today, more than 300 young adults from more than 40 communities are active participants. Some of the most highly regarded leaders in the Jewish community today are Cabinet alumni, and many of the rising stars are current members. \$2.4 million is raised annually by current NYL Cabinet members.

"Having previously participated in Birthright [Israel] and solidarity missions, I was amazed at the difference of this experience," Vaughan said. He went to Denver July 29-August 2 for the YL annual retreat. "It opened my eyes, not just to the idea of cross-community par-

ticipation or engagement with Israelis, but to the wider variety of Jewish communities from across the world. Here was a group young adults rediscovering their Jewish roots. After being one of a handful of young participants, I was suddenly surrounded by a community of peers – Jewish peers."

Vaughan was originally apprehensive about joining, fearing he wouldn't be able to make such a major commitment of time and money to a single purpose. But he eventually decided that he wanted to pursue this opportunity to step outside his comfort zone.

Admission to Cabinet requires a nomination from the local community as well as an application and interview. The process is highly competitive and requires a minimum annual gift of \$5,000 to the Federation Campaign. The nomination term is six years, with a possible seventh.

"The feeling of connection that I took away is something I have not experienced before," he said. "Two-hundred young adults, leaders within their respective communities, from across the continent – North Carolina, Arkansas, Toronto, San Antonio, Mexico, San Francisco, etc. – each with a purpose and dedication to their communities. Some had been longtime participants in the Jewish community, while others were just getting started. Yet, we all shared the same intense passion for Jewish causes and peoplehood. Were there conflicts and differences of opinion? In a room full of Jews? Naw."

The group had lively discussions revolving around the nature of community and their connection to the outside world. "But, there was a common goal: To build bridges with others through which support, community, conversation and understanding to improve ourselves and our community. We were pushed forcefully and gently to engage, understand and share our experiences with one another."

Vaughan said he felt comfortable in

the knowledge that, "We do not face our challenges alone. Others see them and stand with us as we confront them. Every community has a voice, purpose, and need.

"In the end we are one giant family, and that is what Cabinet brought to the forefront for all up-and-coming Federation leaders willing to step forward."

Vaughan is a software engineer at Alliant Technologies. He is not affiliated with a synagogue.

Other Louisvillians have been members of JFNA's Young Leadership Cabinet in the past, but it has been several years since our community has been represented. Among them are Karen Abrams, Marc Abrams, Jerry Abramson, Mickey Baron, Tracy Blue, Shellie Branson, Ed Cohen, Ralph Green, Joe Hertzman, Lori O'Koon and Mandy Vine.



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years or less, virtually guaranteeing that Iran will get the bomb.

Israel has declared it an existential threat and a number of Arab Middle Eastern countries are considering their own nuclear programs in response. President Obama is lobbying hard for Congressional approval for the deal which he says makes the world a safer place.

Jewish agencies across the country are being deliberate in their consideration of the agreement, as their constituents are deeply divided in their opinions. A number of national Jewish agencies and local Federations have released statements either for or against the agreement. The Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the national umbrella organization for JCRCs around the country, has chosen to be resource oriented as opposed to coming down on one side or the other. JCPA has arranged webcasts, provided information sheets, and provided links to important web-based information,

providing guidance to Federations and JCRCs, the majority of whom have not taken a position on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Louisville has hosted several in-depth and insightful conversations on this issue. Aiming to help educate our community on this critically-important issue, the JCRC has scheduled a series of educational briefings to give JCRC members, community leaders and community members the opportunity to hear differing points of view. The JCRC is hosting all these events.

Reports on all the discussions will be printed in *Community* and posted on www.jewishlouisville.org. The first two sessions took place earlier this month.

On August 17, Israel's Consul General from Philadelphia, Yaron Sideman, came to Louisville for a general informational meeting and briefing. In his remarks, he touched briefly on the Iran deal, but a significant part of the question-and-answer period was devoted to the topic. (See story, page 6.)

On Wednesday morning, August 26, as the finishing touches were being put on this issue of *Community*, U.S. Senator and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell met with a combined group of Jewish leaders and members of the Evangel World Prayer Center at the Jewish Community Center. Sen. McConnell has come out against the agreement. *Community* went to press as Senator McConnell was speaking, a recap of his remarks will be included in the September 25 edition.

On Wednesday, September 2, at 6 p.m., U.S. Representative John Yarmuth will speak in the JCC Auditorium. Rep. Yarmuth has come out in support of the agreement. Due to limited space, reservations are requested by Friday, August 28. RSVP at jewishlouisville.org/event/yarmuth-on-iran.

On Thursday, September 10, at 7 p.m., Dr. Patrick Clawson will speak in the JCC Patio Gallery. Dr. Clawson is the Morningstar senior fellow and director of research at the Washington Institute, where he directs the Iran Security Initiative. Widely consulted as an analyst and media commentator, he has authored more than 150 articles about the Middle East and international economics and is the author or editor of 18 books or studies on Iran.

Dr. Clawson appears frequently on television and radio, and has published op-ed articles in major newspapers including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post. He has also testified before congressional committees more than 20 times and has served as an expert witness in more than 30 federal cases against Iran.

Prior to joining the Washington Institute, he was a senior research profes-

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Rosh Hashanah: A Time to Look Back; A Time to Look Ahead

by Sara Klein Wagner
President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville

In just a few weeks we will celebrate 5776; we will gather together for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. I look forward to Rosh Hashanah as a time of both self-reflection and to reflect on the world around us.

On a communal level there is a great deal to reflect on from this past year and even from this summer – from celebrations to meeting the needs of the community to global issues. As we approach 5776, I would like to share three examples from the plethora of activities, engagement and communal leadership issues currently being addressed by the JCL, our Jewish Federation and JCC.

First, milestones deserve a major celebration. In 1890, the first big event planned by the newly incorporated YMHA was a family picnic. How appropriate that 125 years later the YMHA – later re-named the JCC – celebrated with an incredible 125 Festival on our campus on Sunday, August 23. (See photo, page 1, and story and additional photos, CenterPiece, page 1.)

Although the picnic baskets of 1890

were replaced by food trucks and today memories are instantly shared on social media with family and friends, there is one obvious similarity between then and now: the love for the JCC of Louisville remains as strong and powerful as ever.

Led by incredible co-chairs Abby and Michelle Tasman, JCC professionals Lenae Price and John Leffert with assistance from many other volunteers and staff, put their time and talent together to create a festival that brought our community together to celebrate 125 years of service to the community and the promise our agency holds for the future. Nearly 100 volunteers and our generous sponsors made it possible for over 650 people to enjoy the day.

Secondly, our role is to understand what the needs of the community are, articulate those needs and help people participate at their own pace and level of commitment. We believe the best way to do that is to listen to the perspectives of our diverse constituency and reaching out to and engaging more people.

Our leadership has identified a need to increase activities and outreach to young adults. In order to fulfill that need appropriately, we recently held a focus group with young adults, in their early 20's to early 40's, to listen to their ideas and perceptions. Sixteen young adults participated in the focus group last week at El Camino, and it was obvious the group enjoyed seeing old friends and making new connections.

It was also evident that many people are interested in being involved but are

not aware of what is available. Those in attendance definitely shared some enthusiasm and energy for a wide variety of opportunities and an interest in connecting with the Jewish community and/or other Jews in Louisville. We will use their feedback, as well as that of others, to continue to improve our role in engaging and developing leaders for the future.

Lastly, the JCL is responsible for taking the leadership role in the community as we convene communal conversations and provide education on issues of the day. Clearly the Iran nuclear agreement is an issue that deserves the attention of the organized Jewish community. It is a complex and serious issue which is being addressed by our JCRC and will be reviewed by our JCL Board. In order to provide our community with as much education and opportunity for questions and dialogue, we are convening three meetings.

Senator Mitch McConnell, and Representative John Yarmuth will address members of the community in separate sessions to share their perspective on the Iran resolution. In addition, Morningstar Senior Fellow and Director of Research at the Washington Institute Dr. Patrick Clawson, will speak at an open public forum to share his understanding of the agreement and its implications, based on the research of the Institute's Iran Security Initiative that he directs.

We are grateful to JCRC Chair Becky Ruby Swansburg and Director Matt Goldberg for organizing and leading

this complex and meaningful community dialogue for our community. (See JCRC Update, page 2.)

As we reflect on the efforts and achievements this past year and the work to be accomplished in the coming new year, I am confident we have a strong foundation upon which to build. On this Rosh Hashanah, my prayer for our community as we enter the new year is to celebrate our roots and strengths, work together to fulfill our needs today, plan for the future, and respect each other's opinions and thoughts, even if we disagree.



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All five came back enthused and prepared to share what they have learned with the rest of the LBSY Faculty.

"It was a great educational conference where we learned a lot about teaching meaningful Jewish lessons that will engage our students," said Roth. "It was a good networking experience and it was nice to be with a lot of other Jewish educators from around the country. We have a lot of new ideas to bring into the classroom."

NewCAJE is a resource for Jewish educators, taking the best from the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education, which closed several years ago, and building a new organization designed to meet the needs of today's

teachers.

This training was made possible by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

The NewCAJE conference capped a very busy summer for LBSY educators. Three teachers participated in the Partnership Teachers Seminar in the Western Galilee (see story from the July 24 issue of *Community*, available at www.jewishlouisville.org), five teachers participated in the NewCAJE conference, and the faculty as a whole taking one dozen online courses through Gratz College.

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sor at the National Defense University's Institute for National Strategic Studies, a senior economist at the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and a research scholar at the Foreign Policy Research Institute.

Due to limited space, reservations requested by Friday, September 8. RSVP at jewishlouisville.org/event/clawson-on-iran.

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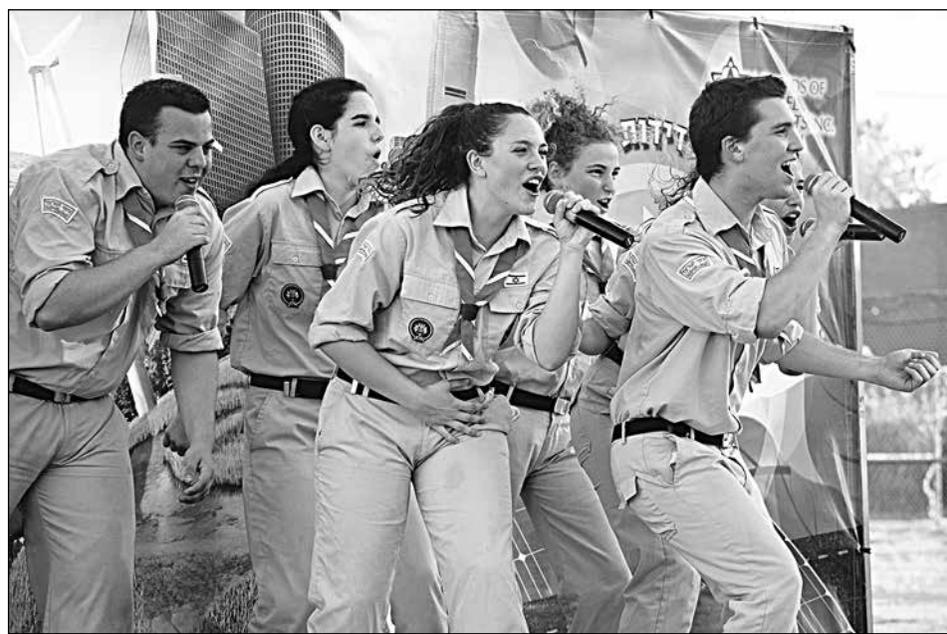
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REVIEW

by David Wallace
Special to Community

It was 1980 when the movie *9to5* was released. It was viewed as a venue for country singer Dolly Parton at the time and did surprisingly well, \$3.9 million on opening weekend.

Part of the reason that it succeeded was the downright quirky casting of feminist Jane Fonda, comedian Lily Tomlin and the effervescent Parton as the three working women who brought down their "sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical, bigot" of a boss, Franklin Hart, Jr., as played by the despicable Dabney Coleman.

The other reason was because the timing was exquisite. The second wave of feminism was at its crest and *9to5* was an easily-digested protest against the many male chauvinists of the world. Almost thirty years later, in 2009, the musical version of *9to5* premiered for a short stay on Broadway with songs written by Dolly Parton.

That brings us now, once again, to CenterStage. The musical retains the central theme of the movie: Three much-abused women, Violet Newstead, played by Julie McGuffey; Doralee Rhodes, played by Jessica Adamson, and Judy Bernly, played by Lauren McCombs, plot the demise of their clueless boss, Franklin Hart, Jr. campily played in fine style by Rusty Henle with a look back at the 1980s, when many men still acted

like it was the 1950's and many women weren't going to take it any more.

The reason the movie worked was because of a feminist movie star, an iconic singer and a memorable comedian. The reason the CenterStage musical works is because of the three core female characters and the choreography that gives them a context to vent their simple message: We're smarter than our clueless boss and we can sure as heck run a company better than he can.

To be specific, the talents of the core female characters shine when they enact a series of murderous fantasies which involve their boss. McCombs as Judy does the "Dance of Death" with Mr. Hart; Adamson as Doralee executes the "Cowgirls revenge"; and McGuffey, as Violet, takes Snow White to a new manic level in "Potion Notion." All three are extremely talented and up to the task of carrying the weight of the female working world as represented in *9to5: The Musical*.

This is entertainment with a gentle bite and underlying it all is the question: has 35 years made a difference? The answer is that we can shake our heads in wonder at the technological advances we have made and recognize Franklin Hart, Jr. as the pig that he most certainly is, but we also realize that we have a long way to go to a place where women won't just strive to be "One of the Boys" as Violet sings at the beginning of the Second Act but, as our Constitution phrases it, one of "we, the people." Right on! as they used to say in the eighties.

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Louisvillians Compete in Milwaukee Maccabi Games

by Lisa Hornung
Communications Specialist

A contingent of teens from Louisville traveled to Milwaukee August 2-7 where they participated in the 2015 Maccabi Games and came home with some medals.

About 850 teen athletes from 20 cities plus Canada, Mexico and Israel competed in the games, which are for Jewish teens ages 13-16. The six Louisville athletes competed in track, soccer, tennis and table tennis. The teens participated in their competitions during the day, enjoyed evening activities with other athletes and were housed with host families in Milwaukee.

The teens also participated in a community service event called JCC Cares. This year, there were four projects, including planting a community garden at the Milwaukee JCC, cleaning up and building exercise equipment at a community park and community center, packing snacks for a community food bank, and the track athletes participated in a unified track meet with the Special Olympics.

The medal count for Louisville was four gold, five silver and five bronze. Two athletes, Andrew Tuvlin and Isaac Wolff, were awarded *Midot* medals, which recognize participants who display one of the six values (*midot*) that embody the spirit (*ruach*) of being a JCC Maccabi participant: Repairing the world (*tikkun olam*), respect (*kavod*), joy (*rina*), pride (*ge'avaah*), open-heartedness (*lev tov*) and Jewish peoplehood (*amiut yehudit*).

The week kicked off with opening ceremonies in the BMO Harris Bradley Center, home of the Milwaukee Bucks, which were much like what you'd see for the Olympics and ended with a state fair-like festival on the grounds of the Milwaukee JCC.

Andrew Tuvlin, 14, won a bronze medal in mixed doubles tennis. He said he was paired with a partner from Akron, OH, because Louisville sent such a small delegation. "I had a lot of fun, and I met a lot of kids from Miami, even though it was in Milwaukee."

He said the competition was tough. "It was the best people from all over the country and the world," he said.

Tuvlin is on the tennis team at duPont Manual High School.

Max Strull, 15, played soccer at the games. Because he was the only soccer player from Louisville, he was placed on a team with kids from Denver, CO, San Diego and San Jose, CA.

"I had a lot of fun," Strull said. "I got to know a lot of different people. My host family was very nice."

Strull, who attends Kentucky Country Day, said he really enjoyed the opening ceremonies. He participated in the food bank project, packing snacks for inner-city children while he was there.

The athletes who went are Levi Wolff, track; Zev Meyerowitz, track; Isaac Wolff, table tennis; Ethan Grossman, table tennis; Andrew Tuvlin, tennis; and Max Strull, soccer.

The Maccabi Movement began in 1895 when the first all-Jewish sports club was formed in Constantinople. The first



Louisville's Maccabi team: Levi Wolff, Ethan Grossman, Zev Meyerowitz, Andrew Tuvlin, Isaac Wolff and Max Strull

world Maccabiah Games were held in Israel in 1932. Now, this two-week competition takes place every four years and has featured many world class Jewish athletes including: Mark Spitz (swimming), Mitch Gaylord (gymnastics), Er-

nie Grunfeld and Danny Schayes (basketball), Brad Gilbert and Dick Savitt (tennis). This year, Louisvillian Nikki Bernstein in the European Maccabi Games. See story, this page.

Bernstein's Team Brings Home European Maccabi Gold for Team USA

by Nikki Bernstein
Special to Community

My journey to Berlin began long before July 25, 2015. For me, it began with a thirst for competition, an interest in meeting new people and forging new relationships with people from all over the world, along with a deeper and more meaningful understanding of my Jewish heritage.

The Maccabi Games are much more than the obvious competition of sports. It's the bond made between Jewish people everywhere, uniting together for a once in a lifetime experience. Some of us are fortunate to recreate these memories in multiple games, others maybe just the one time. Whether it's for one or more games, it's a shared journey had only by few.

Growing up in the Jewish Community Center with my father as an executive director of many, gave me the fortunate opportunity to travel and live all over the United States. Being raised in the JCC meant never being bored, for there were always countless sports to be played and activities to be a part of.

The JCC is where I first began preschool, which later turned into spending every day after school and every weekend at the JCC. It's where I met my best friend, where my 15-year passion on the swim team started, where I spent every birthday party, where my brother and I had our bar and bat mitzvah parties, and where I first learned of the JCC Maccabi Games and thus started the passion.

My family and friends were tremendous in helping me reach my goal in traveling to Berlin. When they learned of this opportunity, they showed selflessness and generosity to help me in my efforts and without their love and support, I would not have been so fortunate.

Our first stop after arriving in Berlin was the ceremony at Track 17 (where

many Jews were transported in cattle cars), traveling straight from the airport, marking the beginning of the emotionally powerful times we spent together. The various Holocaust memorials and the Topography of Terror Museum were educational and necessary to see.

As we marched into the opening ceremony in the Waldbühne Stadium at Olympic Park with over 200 athletes from team USA, over 10,000 Jews were awaiting us, filling the stadium created by Hitler.

Hearing Hatikva was a very powerful experience. Listening to the President of Germany welcome us and opening the city and their country to us, as well as demonstrating and expressing the feelings of guilt as a nation for the murders of our people was moving.

We made history while attending the largest Shabbat dinner ever documented. It was overwhelmingly exciting to see all of us together.

The closing ceremony also brought us all together to trade our team's gear with one another and finally get our hands on the different athletic apparel we had been waiting to trade for throughout our time there. A frenzy of sorts, all capped off with a dance party to spend our last night together.

The list continues and the many events and memories remain, with the pictures continuously flooding our social media accounts to remind us of our time in Berlin. This was a staple unique experience in my life and one that I will continue to reflect upon and remain humble and lucky to have had the chance to experience.

When I first read the European Maccabi Games would be held in the city of Berlin, I have to admit I was dumbfounded. Dumbfounded at the idea and thought of 2,000 plus Jews visiting a city where the extermination of six million Jews began.

This was a big concern and question

of mine before the Games began, but once there, I saw that Germany was more than the Holocaust. There have been tremendous acts of penance toward what was done during the Holocaust and World War II.

The German population has shown remorse, but not only remorse, they have worked hard to rebuild the city and the minds of those living there. I learned a lot by visiting Germany and speaking with Germans, particularly those who are Jewish. I was enlightened to learn that Germany is no longer a country to be feared. Not each German has those same beliefs.

A wise woman reminded me that we in the United States are also guilty of racism, anti-Semitism, war and acts of terrorism. We are not as innocent as we think.

Being selected to represent team USA was an honor and a privilege and one that I will never forget. When we arrived in Berlin and spent the next 10 days touring the city, seeing a different culture than ours, meeting people from all over, and competing in the sport we love most meant everything to me.

The women's soccer team competed in four games throughout the tournament and all while never conceding a goal. We faced the competition with a confident, but never cocky attitude that we were there to compete hard and above all else, win; which is precisely what we did.

Winning the gold medal was a tremendous feeling of pride and gratitude and was a memory that I'll always have.



Bernstein in action against Holland



Following the finals match, Team USA received their gold medals and sang the national anthem in celebration.

A New Year Filled with Blessing; a Time for Return, Reflection

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky
Vice President of MissionKentuckyOne Health

Rosh Hashanah is almost upon us, and with it comes call to return: to return to that which we were created to be, to return to what truly matters, to return to the Eternal One Whose loving embrace calls out to us. The name of our prayer book for this High Holy Day season, the "Machzor," is related to the root of the word "return."

Our tradition reminds us that each of us is created in the Divine image, and yet, when we think about our behavior, individually and collectively, we can probably all think of instances when we have strayed from the mark and failed to treat ourselves or each other with sacred reverence. Now is the time for us to try to make amends, to return to the potential that we have been given and to assist others in this same process.

As Summer turns to Autumn, and the school year begins again, the theme of return seems to be all around us. Unfortunately, the new school year is a painful reminder of the inequalities that plague our most vulnerable. The "al cheit" prayer lists all of our sins and shortcomings as individuals and as a community, asking each of us to reflect on how we have failed our most vulnerable and enjoining us to recommit to healing and justice for the new year.

The National Survey of Children's Health reminds us that poverty increases the likelihood of adverse childhood experiences, trauma and poor health outcomes. For this reason, KentuckyOne Health is a proud supporter of

Bounce, a coalition of leading organizations working together to build resilient children and families.

Bounce is part of a five-year initiative launched in 2012 by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky to improve the future health of children. Bounce seeks to address the root causes of poor health by infusing trauma awareness, knowledge, and skills into Jefferson County Public Schools and out-of-school-time provider agencies to foster the resiliency of vulnerable children and families.

Efforts include training the staff in pilot schools to recognize and respond to symptoms of trauma which can be caused by everything from divorce to an incarcerated relative. In addition, work is underway to educate parents, teachers, and after-school caregivers about adverse childhood experiences – also called ACEs – and to teach techniques to build resilience in their families.

Bounce is based on extensive research that toxic stress in children under age 18 directly correlates to poor health in

adulthood. The more ACEs, the greater the chances of bad outcomes. While it's impossible to protect youth from all of life's ups and downs, there are tools to help them respond effectively to adversity.

One teacher in the pilot school recently shared what this initiative meant for the students in her class, and how she was able to use this to intervene in their lives in a powerful way. After reading the story "If She Only Knew" which describes the life of a student whose volatile home life makes it difficult to focus while at school, the teacher gave her first grade students a paper with a prompt "If my teacher only knew..."

The answers that she received affirmed the transformative power of having a safe place to share our truths, with responses that included this heartbreaking sentence: "If my teacher only knew ... she is the only one who loves me."

The Talmud tells us that if we save one person's life, it is as if we had saved a whole world. This program is a pow-

erful reminder of the importance of relationship to bring healing and hope to countless children who struggle, and feel so alone. Poverty and adverse childhood experiences can set the course of a child's life, but the possibility of return and repair can change everything. It all begins with someone believing in us ... this impacts whether we can believe in ourselves and all of the choices we make in our own lives.

When trauma hits, everything can be derailed. But, our tradition enjoins us to never give up hope. All it takes is the love and faith of someone else. Let us never doubt the power of our words and actions to transform the lives of those around us.

May this new year be the year when no child ever feels unloved again ... when all feel safe and hopeful, with opportunities to grow and thrive into the people that they were created to be. May our return actualize, not only our own sacred potential, and but that of those around us as well.



Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky

Israeli Author Etgar Keret to Speak at UofL in October

by Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman
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Renowned Israeli writer and filmmaker Etgar Keret, who last visited Louisville during the 2008 Festival of the Book, will speak at the University of Louisville on Friday, October 16, at 3 p.m. about his recent critical success, the memoir *The Seven Good Years*. The program will be in the Hassold Theatre, HM100 in the Humanities Building directly across from the Ekstrom Library.

Keret will also be the guest speaker at The Temple during Shabbat services at 7 p.m. the same day.

The seven years of the memoir's title traverse monumental upheavals in Keret's life (his son's birth on a day of terror; his much-beloved father's death), but also frequently pause for ruminations on the pleasures of the everyday. And it is here that Keret's unrivaled voice really shines, offering startling revelations, wry humor, and notes of grace. And for readers who are aware that both of Keret's parents were Holocaust survivors, the connection between that shadow and Keret's literary sensibility proves increasingly revelatory and consequential in these reminiscences.

Keret regales us with how his survivor father's postwar escapades morphed into the unlikely subjects of the bedtime stories that beguiled Keret every night of his childhood, leaving an indelible impact on his adult literary sensibility.

Keret nimbly captures the euphoria of his father's postwar liberation: "Compared with the horrors and cruelty he witnessed during the war, it's easy to imagine how his new acquaintances from the underworld must have seemed to him: happy, even compassionate. He walks down the street, smiling faces wish him a good day in mellifluous Italian, and for the first time in his adult life, he doesn't have to be afraid or hide the fact that he's a Jew."

Recalling those bedtime tales now, Keret has an epiphany: "beyond their fascinating plots, they were meant to teach me something. Something about the almost desperate human need to find good in the least likely places. Something about the desire not to beautify reality, but to persist in searching for an angle that would put ugliness in a better light and create affection and empathy for every wart and wrinkle on its scarred face."

In spite of its brevity, *Seven Good Years* delivers some very big truths about family and society, not only about Israel, but also in its portrayal of incidents from Keret's public life abroad – some heartwarming but others quite chilling, such as when he meets a Hungarian in a bar after a literary event in Budapest, who proudly exposes the huge German eagle tattooed on his chest: "His grandfather killed three hundred Jews in the Holocaust, and he himself hoped to boast someday about a similar number."

As recounted here, the resolutely secular and generally apolitical Keret has siblings who have taken very different paths in life – a brother who embraces anarchism and lives in Thailand and a sister who became ultra-Orthodox and has 11 children.

For many liberal Israelis who have experienced a loved one's sudden choice to become a hozer betshuva (one who repentantly returns to the faith), this can feel like irreparable loss. Indeed, this phenomenon has become so widespread that a popular Israeli genre of mournful songs has emerged, though nobody captures the pain felt by those left in the wake of the conversions more precisely than Keret.

"Nineteen years ago, in a small wedding hall in Bnei Brak, my older sister

died, and she now lives in the most Orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem," he wrote. Though she refuses to let her children read any of the popular children's books Keret has written (not even the specially illustrated "kosher" version he demanded that his publisher create, in which all the characters appear in pious dress), Keret's farsighted and reconciliatory nature prevails. He genuinely regards each of the siblings' lives as embodying equally valid paths toward redemption, through the troika of their dissimilar passions: art, politics, faith.

There are abysses in every life and Keret's memoir demonstrates his quiet courage and wisdom in coping with one particularly horrific week that included his wife's hospitalization after complications that ensue from a miscarriage, the news that his father's cancer has returned, and his own narrow escape from a terrifying car accident.

Seven Good Years sparkles with humor and poignant wisdom, rendering wonderful immersions into Keret's inner landscape, the gentle and deeply affecting ways that both strangers and loved ones stir his compassionate imagination.

Check the next issue of *Community* for the exact location of the lecture.

NCJW Highlights JCPS' Compassionate School Project at Its Closing Meeting

by Sue Paul
Immediate Past President, National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section

The National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, held its closing meeting of the year and installation on Wednesday, May 20, at Vincenzo's Italian Restaurant.

A highlight of the afternoon luncheon was having Mayor Greg Fischer as our guest. He spoke briefly about his goals for education and compassion in Louisville and he introduced the two keynote speakers, Dr. Donna Hargens, superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS), and Barbara Sexton Smith, chief liaison, University of Virginia, Curry School of Education Compassionate School Project (and former Fund for the Arts president and CEO). They engaged the audience with their discussion on the collaboration between JCPS and the University of Virginia in a Compassionate Schools Project.

The six-year project, the largest implementation and most comprehensive

study undertaken to date of a K-5 curriculum designed to foster students' compassion awareness, focuses on integrating the development of mind and body with support for academic achievement, mental fitness, health and compassionate character.

The curriculum, developed by world-class educators, scientists and practitioners, will teach elementary-school students to cultivate focus, resilience, empathy, connection and wellbeing as the basis for academic and personal success. The long-term goal is to impact on children's education nationwide in the areas of academic performance, physical education, character development, and child health policies.

Existing research has shown students do better in school when they are mindful of their own thoughts and feelings, can empathize with others, understand their bodies and practice healthy lifestyle habits.

The curriculum's success in Louisville is intended as a model that can be duplicated. See NCJW page 13



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Camp Gilda's Success Continues

by Helen Wahba
Special to Community

Among the great organizations in Louisville, there are some which help the populace in multiple ways. The women of the NCJW "turn progressive ideals into action" (as expressed in its mission statement) to help others in our community. Gilda's Club Louisville ensures that "no one ever walks a cancer journey alone." Its mission is "To ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community."

For one week every June, the two organizations come together to help up to 40 children affected by cancer, either in themselves or a loved one, have a free camp week of fun, good food, information, exercise and raising money for other organizations in need of their help.

This year, the camp, held June 8-12, had the theme Keeping Gilda's Weird, borrowed with permission from the city's Keeping Louisville Weird campaign. Thus, the campers were called Yo-Yos and the many volunteers from multiple high schools, past campers and teenage cancer survivors were called Gonzos.

Everything possible kept to the theme, including the food and food names on the daily menu. It featured "Freakish Fruit," "Monster Milk," "Licorice Lasagna" (strawberry licorice bites on top), "Scrambled Salad," "Charming Pancakes" (with Lucky Charms cereal inside), "Uncanny Applesauce" and "Holey Bagels" to name a few. The campers loved the "Dogs on a Leash," which was chunks of all beef hot dogs with spaghetti

ti poked through before boiling.

Camp activities were many and varied. Campers participated in groups where they learned or reinforced self-esteem, overcoming challenges and becoming uniquely you. The many informative, fun-filled afternoon field trips included visits to Marengo Caves, the Portland Museum, Faulkner Gallery, a YMCA waterpark, Schimpff's Confectionary Chocolate Shop, the Big Four Bridge and Waterfront Park.

On Thursday, they visited Norton Cancer Institute, where they were given a tour, made radiation masks, learned about different types of radiation and were treated to a Chick-Fil-A lunch. They also met a team of doctors and health-care providers who answered the questions campers felt they could not ask their family members.

It has become a Friday afternoon Camp Gilda tradition to have a carnival. That morning, campers and staff set up booths and activities, and the afternoon included face painting, corn hole toss, Gilda's huge inflatable chair, a dunking booth and a cake walk. Funds were raised through raffles on many donated items and ticket, food and ice cream sales.

Many family members, friends and neighbors came out and enjoyed the fun. Money raised goes to the charity of the campers' choice, and this year, as is often the case, it went to Kosair Children's Hospital.

NCJW will be helping with Camp Gilda again next year, and more volunteers, especially for the carnival are needed. Volunteers feel that it is worth their time and an extremely rewarding endeavor.

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cated in schools of all types across the country.

To cap off the afternoon, Vincenzo donated \$100,000 to the Compassionate Schools Project. For more information about the project, please go to www.compassionschools.org.

Highlights of my president's report on the many successful programs that took place during my second year in office, included a report on the section's successful 120th anniversary celebratory events in April, NCJW's seventh year assisting with Gilda's Club summer camp for children whose lives are affected by cancer, the completion of the Court Watch Position Paper on the monitoring of child abuse and neglect cases, and the success of the David Richart Committee in having its Amicus Curiae ("Friend of the Court") Brief accepted by the Kentucky Court of Appeals. This brief is in support of a lawsuit seeking open records and transparency from the Health & Human Services Cabinet in child abuse fatality and near fatality cases.

I also reported that community service endeavors continue to help families and individuals at various organizations (such as Keystone Learning Academy, Maryhurst, ElderServe, and JFCS) that

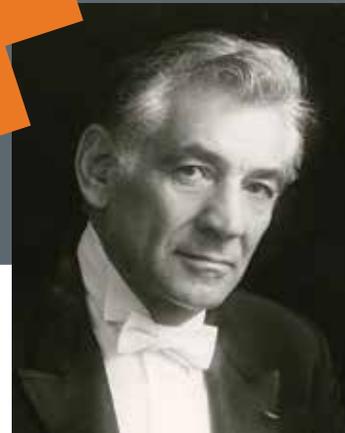
we support with funds raised through NCJW's Nearly New Shop sales.

As this was the annual NCJW membership meeting, the budget was passed for the upcoming fiscal year, 2015-2016, showing \$67,900 to be expended for women, children, and families in the local community.

Mindy Klein, Nominating Committee chair, announced the slate for 2015-2017, and I conducted the installation. They include incoming president, Joyce Bridge and new directors: Susan Gardner, Jan Glaubinger, Sharon Hordes, Janie Hyman, Amy Lapinski, Barbara Pass, Judy Shapira and Helen Wahba. Madeline Abramson will fill a one year unexpired term. All members of the new slate received a long-stemmed red rose.

I concluded my annual president's report by saying, "It has been an amazing two-year experience for me, and I thank each of you for the opportunity to have served as your president."

Joyce Bridge thanked me for my years of service and told the group that it is time to restructure the organization to enable the next generation to assume leadership so NCJW will be here to serve the community for years to come. She also said there would be some exciting "surprises" coming in the fall related to our Opening Meeting and programming events.



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The elements of the liturgy are sung in Latin and interspersed with thoroughly nontraditional elements including Broadway songs, blues, hymns, narration, scat singing, Hebrew prayers and more.

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Pizza for the Pantry Is Fun for a Good Cause



JFCS held its third annual Pizza for the Pantry on Sunday, August 23 at Wick's Pizza Goose Creek. The fundraiser benefits the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. "The event brings the community together in an enjoyable setting to do good while having fun," said Janet Meyer.

Nearly 400 tickets were sold and Temple Shalom was a sponsoring contributor. Tip jars on each table also yielded more than \$200 and many bags of canned goods were collected that day.

Thirty members of the JFCS Food Pantry Committee volunteered to sell tickets and assisted at the event day by turning the tables and pouring drinks. They were Susan and Ray Allen, Nancy

Blodgett, Frankie Bloom, Brenda Bush, Dara and Michael Cohen, Barry Friedman, Shirley Geer, Carole and Larry Goldberg, Linda and Steve Goodman, Sue Goodman, Harold Gordon, Marcia Gordon, Sheilah Miles, Louise Miller, Solange Minstein, Patsy O'Brien, Tom and Jerri Passo, Tami Penner, Jane Shapiro, Carole Snyder, Heddy Teitel, Sara Yamin and Dorrie Zimmerman and Justin Horn,

"JFCS is very appreciative of the community support for the event," added Judy Freundlich Tiell, Executive Director. The food pantry is utilized by more than 130 people each month, and funds raised and food collected make a big impact."

American Flag Made by Camp Inmates for Liberators Goes to USHMM

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Members of the 83rd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, known as the Thunderbolt Division, served together in Europe during World War II and were involved in some of the heaviest fighting at the end of the war.

They landed at Normandy 12 days



The Langenstein flag and photos of the 83rd.



Mary Kay Flege and Matt Goldberg



Rep. John Yarmuth

after D-Day and fought in the war's final campaign. When they arrived at Langenstein, they found and liberated a German Concentration Camp. The camp was a work camp, and when inmates arrived there, their life expectancy was just six weeks.

When the soldiers arrived, the emaciated inmates greeted them as heroes. Somehow, they managed to create an American flag to present to their liberators, and when the Thunderbolt Division left, Sgt. Donald Hall kept the flag.

The bonds among the members of the company remain strong, and they and their families gather annually for a reunion. This year, as the world marks the 70th anniversary of the end of the war, the 83rd Infantry Division met at Ft. Knox.

This year's group added a trip to Louisville's Crowne Plaza to their itinerary. Sgt. Hall has passed away, and while going through his things, his family found the Langenstein Concentration Camp flag. This American flag was created by the liberated prisoners of the Langenstein camp, made out of a burlap sack, the only spare material they had. Knowing the flag's history, his daughter, Mary Kay Flege, contacted the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) and made arrangements to donate the flag to its collection.

Before taking it to Washington, Flege and other members of Hall's family arranged a special presentation of the flag to its Thunderbolt family.

Lt. Col. Retired Kathleen Powers, president of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, exceeded the formal program and recounted the division's history of service.

Flege, speaking on behalf of the 10 Hall siblings, shared an article from Stars and Stripes that was written about Langenstein in 1945. It described the condition of the camp and its inmates at the time of liberation.

"Sgt. Donald J. Hall rarely spoke to us of the war," Flege said, except to recount amusing anecdotes or the "creamed

chipped beef on toast." He had mentioned the flag briefly to his sons, but not to his daughters.

"It is no wonder that this piece of history had a precarious time of it," she continued. "It made its way with the family from Michigan to Kentucky, being shifted from closet to cupboard, finally growing dusty in the attic and nearly being thrown out when we moved mom from the family home.

"But after researching its origin and pooling what little we could find," Flege went on, "we siblings – and there are 10 of us – came to understand that the flag must have been a painful reminder for dad of things he had seen at Langenstein and elsewhere in Europe – things that must have been unbelievably tragic and cruel and heartbreaking, certainly not the kind of thing that he could or ever would share with his young children, much less other adults in civilian life."

She explained that the family decided the flag needs to be shared, and after discussion, they decided the best way to do that, they determined, was to give it to the USHMM. She also expressed gratitude to the 83rd Division for the reception and promised, "We will carry you in our hearts as we give the flag to all citizens when we present it in Washington next week."

Congressman John Yarmuth (D-KY) recognized the World War II veterans of the 83rd Division and expressed appreciation and gratitude for the service and sacrifice members of the division and all members of the military make for their country.

"There's a special sense of courage in your stories," the congressman said. "This was the division that marched across Europe in the name of keeping our world free. Men from all walks of life – different heritages and religions – united in the name of democracy.

"At that very same time," Yarmuth continued, "there was a similar courage held deep in the hearts of those imprisoned or those led to their deaths in camps like Langenstein. Despite the

atrocities that surrounded them – the death, starvation, physical suffering – they had the courage to remain hopeful. And somehow, they found the strength to make a flag for the liberators whom they prayed would arrive soon.

"Remarkably, American flags were made by prisoners in several other concentration camps," he added. "A survivor from one of those camps described his feelings as the American flag they had made was raised over their now liberated camp. He said, 'I barely weighed 90 pounds that day, and like so many others I was too weak to walk, but seeing the American flag rekindled something in each of us. Every star on the American flag stood for something precious we had lost. One for hope, one for freedom, one for justice.'"

Jewish Community Relations Director Matt Goldberg talked about the importance of remembering to the Jewish people. He recalled, the sacrifices of everyday people who hid Jews, took in Jewish children at great personal risk as well as those to fought the Nazis. "The liberators of the concentration camps have a special place in our collective hearts and souls," he said, "I really cannot think of a more perfect example in history of good triumphing over evil than the United States Army freeing the survivors of the concentration camps."

"For the prisoners of these camps, the sight of their liberators freeing them must have been an unimaginable shock for people who have suffered so much. Tokens like this flag represent immense gratitude, relief and, of course, hope for a brighter future."

The event was followed by a reception.



Members of the 83rd Division



Abby Balkin, second from right, and friends in their uniforms at Gadna



In the Jewish Quarter in Prague

Balkin Reports on NFTY in Israel Trip

by Abby Balkin
Special to Community

This past summer, I spent five weeks on NFTY in Israel's L'dor V'dor summer trip program. In a group of 47 Jewish teens from all over America, I spent one week in Prague/Poland and four weeks in Israel. It all added up into being the best summer of my life.

We started off our trip in Prague, seeing old Jewish towns and learning about Jewish life before the Holocaust. Then, we ventured to Poland where we learned about the Holocaust. We visited many concentration and extermination camps, such as Auschwitz and other sites like Oskar Schindler's factory.

The experience of seeing the aftermath of the Holocaust first hand was truly life-changing. It made it all seem very more real, and our group developed very close connections with each other and our shared Jewish history. I will never forget the feelings or bonds I made in Eastern Europe.

The next week, we flew to Tel Aviv, Israel, and so began the most amazing journey I have ever had.

Israel is so completely indescribable and amazing. From the food to the people to the culture, I loved everything about it. We spent our first four days in Israel traveling through the Negev, where we climbed mountains and slept outside. I gained a new love for the desert and all of the kibbutzim that have made wonderful homes out of it. I loved climbing up the mountains and seeing the beautiful, breath-taking scenes.

We then began our travel to Jerusalem, and onwards to the northern parts of Israel. As the days flew by, our group got closer and closer until we were just a giant family. We spent many days going to different shuks (markets), and seeing all of the culture Israel had to offer.

Some of my favorite moments were riding camels, going to the Dead Sea, spending countless hours with my new friends, who became a second family to me, and all of the beautiful Shabbats we had together. There were too many amazing moments for me to write about all of them in just this short summary.

I can still remember our very first Shabbat in Eastern Europe. We went to a small art gallery showcasing artwork from or about the Holocaust. We were confused as to why we were at an art gallery, instead of a temple. However, then a rabbi and four musicians entered and gave us one of the best services I have ever experienced.

There were four instruments used throughout the the service, including a guitar, drums, a flute and a type of xylophone. It was the most lively and fun-spirited service I've ever seen. We all sang along to new versions of songs and spent our first Shabbat feeling on top of the world.

Spending four days in the Ne-

gev Desert was easily one of the highlights of my trip. Not only did my group get extremely close, but I also saw the most beautiful sights. A camera really can't capture the depth and beauty of the desert. We went on two hikes a day, up mountains and down huge sand dunes. Then we would spend the night in the middle of the desert under the stars, with amazing food cooked over a fire. I have never felt closer to a group of people. We were completely isolated in the desert together, and we became even closer as we climbed up mountains and accomplished huge hikes I never knew I could do.

The Dead Sea is indescribable and yet exactly as everyone says. You really do float, completely. It's a feeling I've never felt any other time. Not only was the sand orange and contrasted by the beautiful white salt and blue water, but the sky was completely clear and almost cloudless. In the water, it does sting a little (sometimes a lot), but it's like flying under the water. You can just lay back and without even trying you're floating. It was beautiful and so much fun!

I learned an incredible amount of the history and common conflicts in Israel. We even had the opportunity to spend several days with different Israeli teens.

I was also lucky enough to do a program called Gadna, where I was put into the Israeli Defense Force for four days. It was the most intense four days of my life, but I loved the experience. We lived like the soldiers, and even got to shoot a gun, but I gained a lot of respect for every person in the IDF.

This trip was life changing for me. I learned so much about the Jewish history, Jewish culture and the state of Israel. I feel a million times more connected with Israel now that I have had a chance to experience it first-hand.

I also made 47 new life-long friends who are my second family. This summer was the most amazing experience of my life, and I wouldn't have changed any of it for the world.

I want to say thank you to everyone who made this trip possible for me, including my parents, my temple, and the Cantor Scholarship Program. Words will never be able to express how grateful I am for this opportunity.

I hope to soon go back to Israel and spend even more time there, because in my heart it is a new home I will always be able to go to.



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Congregations and Agencies Announce Holiday Schedules

Note: Candle lighting times for Shabbat and holidays are announced at the end of the D'var Torah on page 27.

The congregations and organizations have provided this information. Please contact the congregation of your choice to arrange for tickets. Some congregations require tickets, some charge for admission for holiday services and some offer services at no charge.

Adath Jeshurun
2401 Woodbourne Ave.
451-5359

Sat., Sept. 5, Selichot
8:45 p.m., Pre-Selichot Program
10 p.m., Dessert Reception
10:30 p.m., Selichot Service

Sun., Sept. 6
1 p.m., Annual AJ Cemetery Service

Sun., Sept. 13, Erev Rosh Hashanah
5 p.m., New Year's Eve Party
5:45 p.m., Ley'l Rosh Hashanah Service

Mon., Sept. 14, Rosh Hashanah 1
9 a.m., Traditional Service
9:30 a.m., Intergenerational Family Service
10:30 a.m., Junior Congregation Service

Tues., Sept. 15, Rosh Hashanah 2
9 a.m., Traditional Service
10:30 a.m., Rabbi Slosberg's Family Service

Tues., Sept. 22, Erev Yom Kippur
7 p.m., Kol Nidre Services

Wed., Sept. 23, Yom Kippur
9 a.m., Traditional Service
9:30 a.m., Intergenerational Family Service
10:30 a.m., Junior Congregation Service
2 p.m., Rap & Reflect with Dr. Bruce Tasch
5:30 p.m., Ask the Rabbis
5:50 p.m., Mincha Service
7:20 p.m., Neilah Service
8:05 p.m., Ma'ariv Service
8:15 p.m., Havdalah and Final Shofar Blowing

Sun., Sept. 27
4:30 p.m. LBSY Family Sukkot Program at AJ

Mon., Sept. 28, Sukkot 1
9:30 a.m., Service

Tues., Sept. 29, Sukkot 2
9:30 a.m., Service

Fri., Oct. 2
6:45 p.m. French Dinner in the Sukkah

Mon., Oct. 5
9:30 a.m., Shemini Atzeret Service and Yizkor
6 p.m., Klezmer Simchat Torah Dinner

Tues., Oct. 6, Simchat Torah
9:30 a.m., Service

Anshei Sfard
3700 Dutchmans Ln.
451-3122

Sat., Sept. 5, Selichos
11:45 p.m., Refreshments
12 a.m. Service

Sun., Sept. 13, Erev Rosh Hashanah
8:30 a.m. Shacharis followed by Hataras Nedarim
7:40 p.m., Mincha followed by Maariv

Mon., Sept. 14, Rosh Hashanah 1
8:30 a.m., Shacharis
7 p.m., Mincha followed by Tashlich
8:15 p.m., Maariv

Tues., Sept. 15, Rosh Hashanah 2
8:30 a.m. Shacharis
7:30 p.m. Mincha

Wed., Sept. 16
Fast of Gedaliah

Saturday, Sept. 19
Shabbos Shuvah

Tues., Sept. 22, Erev Yom Kippur
7 a.m. Shacharis
3 p.m., Mincha
6:55 p.m., Kol Nidre, followed by Rabbi's Sermon and Maariv

Wed., Sept. 23, Yom Kippur
9 a.m., Shacharis
12 p.m., Rabbi's sermon followed by Yizkor and Musaf
6:15 p.m., Mincha
7:15 p.m. Neilah
8:20 p.m. Maariv

Sun., Sept. 27, Erev Sukkos
8:30 a.m. Shacharis

7:15 p.m., Mincha and Maariv

Mon., Sept. 28, Sukkos Day One
9 a.m., Shacharis
7:15 p.m. Mincha and Maariv

Tues., Sept. 29, Sukkos Day Two
8:30 a.m., Shacharis
7:15 Mincha

Sun., Oct. 4 Hoshana Rabba
8:30 a.m. Shacharis

Mon., Oct. 5, Shemini Atzeres
9 a.m., Shacharis
7 p.m., Mincha
7:45 p.m., Maariv with Simchas Torah Celebration

Tues., Oct. 6, Simchas Torah
9 a.m., Shacharis
7 p.m., Mincha

Chabad House
1564 Almara Circle
235-5770

Sun., Sept. 6, Selichos
1 a.m., Selichos Service
9:15 a.m., Morning Service
3 p.m., Chabad Shofar Factory, \$5 per person, RSVP by emailing rabbichaim@chabadky.com.

Sun., Sept. 13, Rosh Hashanah Eve
7:30 p.m., Holiday Services, followed by dinner, \$36 for adults, \$18 for children under 13, free for children under 4. For reservations, call 502-994-9233

Mon., Sept. 14, Rosh Hashanah 1
10 a.m., Holiday Service
12:30 p.m., Shofar Service
6:45 p.m., Mincha followed by Tashlich Service

Tues., Sept. 15, Rosh Hashanah 2
10 a.m., Holiday Service
12:30 p.m., Shofar Service
7:40 p.m., Mincha Service

Wed., Sept. 16, Fast of Gedalia
7:15 a.m. Morning Service
2 p.m. Deadline for ordering Lulav and Esrog for Sukkos

Sat., Sept. 19, Shabbos Shuva
10:30 a.m. Shabbos Service followed by Kiddush
7:25 p.m. Mincha

Tues., Sept. 22, Yom Kippur Eve
3:15 p.m., Mincha
7:30 p.m., Kol Nidrei

Wed., Sept. 23, Yom Kippur
10 a.m., Morning Services
12:45 p.m., Yizkor Memorial Service
6 p.m., Mincha
7:30 p.m., Neila
8:18 p.m. Fast ends

Sun., Sept. 27, Sukkos
7:15 p.m., Service and Celebration

Mon., Sept. 28, Sukkos
10 a.m., Holiday Service
7:15 p.m. Mincha

Tues., Sept. 29, Sukkos
10 a.m., Holiday Service
7:15 p.m., Mincha followed by Holiday Service

Wed. Sept. 30
7:15 a.m., Morning Service
8:30 a.m., Coffee and Kabbala Meditation in the Sukkah
8 p.m., Joyous Sukkos Celebration in Rabbi Litvin's Sukkah, 1622 Almara Cir.

Thurs., Oct. 1
5 p.m., Pizza in the Hut Sukkos Party see **SCHEDULES** page 17

In Israel, the siren you have to worry about is the one you haven't heard yet.



Last summer, no one was expecting Operation Protective Edge. But when rockets started flying, Magen David Adom paramedics were ready to rescue injured Israelis every day thanks to donors like you. As we welcome the new year with reports of continued sporadic rocket fire, we don't know when the next major attack will come, but we do know now is the time to prepare.

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SCHEDULES

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Sat., Oct. 3, Shabbos

10 a.m., Service, Kiddush and refreshments in the Sukkah
7 p.m., Mincha
9 p.m., Hookah in the Sukkah for young adults and professionals

Sun., Oct. 4, Simchas Torah 1

9:15 a.m. Hoshana Rabba Service
7 p.m., Mincha
7:30 p.m., Dancing with Torahs

Mon., Oct. 5, Shemini Atzeres/Simchas Torah 2

10 a.m., Holiday Service
12 p.m., Yizkor Memorial Service and Meditation
7 p.m., Mincha
8 p.m., Dancing with Torahs

Tues., Oct. 6, Simchas Torah Day

10 a.m. Holiday Service
11:15 a.m., Dancing with Torahs

Keneseth Israel

2531 Taylorsville Rd.
459-2780

RSVPs for childcare and all KI holiday activities and events from Selichot through Simchat Torah are due by September 4.

Sat., Sept. 5, Shabbat Selichot

9:30 a.m., Morning Service
8:47 p.m. Havdalah
10 p.m., Selichot Service

Sun., Sept. 6

10 a.m., Cemetery Service
5:45 p.m., Afternoon Service followed by reJEWvenation Workshop

Sun., Sept. 13, Erev Rosh Hashanah

7 p.m., Mincha Service

Mon., Sept. 14, Rosh Hashanah 1

9 a.m., Morning Service
10:30 a.m., Family Service
5 p.m., Tashlich Service at Big Rock
6:30 p.m. New Year's Party
7 p.m., Afternoon Service

Tues., Sept. 15, Rosh Hashanah 2

9 a.m., Morning Service
10:30 a.m., Family Service
7 p.m., Afternoon Service
8:31 p.m., Havdalah

Wed., Sept. 16, Fast of Gedaliah**Sat., Sept. 19, Shabbat Shuvah**

9:30 a.m., Morning Service

Tues., Sept. 22, Erev Yom Kippur

7 p.m., Kol Nidre

Wed., Sept. 23, Yom Kippur

9:30 a.m., Morning Service
10:30 a.m., Family Service
11:30 a.m. (approx.), Yizkor
5 p.m., Study with Rabbi
6 p.m., Afternoon Service
7 p.m., Ne'ilah

Sun., Sept. 27, Erev Sukkot

2:30 p.m., Hunger Walk
6:15 LBSY Sukkah Party
7 p.m., Services

Mon., Sept. 28, Sukkot 1

9:30 a.m., Morning Services
5:45 p.m., Afternoon Services

Tues. Sept 29, Sukkot Day 2

9:30 a.m., Morning Services
5:45 p.m., Afternoon Services

Sat., Oct. 3, Shabbat Chol HaMoed

9:30 a.m. Morning Service
7 p.m., Beer in the Booth

Sun. Oct. 4, Hoshana Rabba

8:45 a.m. Morning Service at AJ
12 p.m., Pizza in the Hut
5:45 p.m., Evening Service at KI

Mon., Oct. 5, Shemini Atzeret

9:30 a.m., Morning Services
11:30 a.m. (approx.) Yizkor
6 p.m., Simchat Torah Celebration

Tues. Oct. 6, Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m., Morning Services
5:45 p.m., Afternoon Service

Signature HealthCare Cherokee Park

2100 Millvale Rd.
451-0990

Mon., Sept. 14, Rosh Hashanah 1

9:30 a.m., Residents will attend services at Adath Jeshurun

Tues., Sept. 22, Kol Nidrei

4 p.m., Services in the SHC Cherokee Park Synagogue

Wed., Sept. 23, Yom Kippur

9:30 a.m., Residents will attend services at Adath Jeshurun
6:30 p.m. Neilah, SHC Cherokee Park Solarium for break the fast

Mon., Sept. 28, Sukkot

10:15 a.m., Services in the SHC Cherokee Park Solarium or Sukkah

Mon., Oct. 5, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah and Yizkor

10:15 a.m., SHC Cherokee Park Synagogue

The Temple

5101 U.S. Highway 42
423-1818

Sat., Sept. 5, Selichot

7:30 p.m., Oneg
8 p.m., Selichot Service (Waller Chapel)
9 p.m. Rabbi's Tisch

Sun., Sept. 13, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6 p.m., Classical Service (Main Sanctuary)
6 p.m., Children's Service – up to age 8 (Waller Chapel)
8 p.m., Regular Service (Main Sanctuary)
8 p.m., Contemporary Service led by TILTY (Waller Chapel)

Mon., Sept. 14, Rosh Hashanah 1

10 a.m., Hugim and Babysitting (Infants through Grade 3)
10 a.m., Morning Service (Sanctuary) Immediately following services – Tashlich (Captain Quarters' dock)

Fri., Sept. 18, Erev Shabbat Shuvah

6:30 p.m., Yahrzeit Service
7 p.m., Erev Shabbat Service with Shir Chadash Choir
8 p.m., Oneg Shabbat

Sat., Sept. 19, Shabbat Shuvah

9 a.m., Torah Study
10:30 a.m., Morning Service

Tues., Sept. 22, Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidrei Services

6 p.m., Classical Service (Main Sanctuary)
6 p.m., Children's Service – up to age 8 (Waller Chapel)
8 p.m., Regular Service (Main Sanctuary)

Wed., Sept. 23, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., Hugim and Babysitting (Infants-Grade 3)
10 a.m., Morning Service (Main Sanctuary)
12 p.m. Service of Healing and Holiness with Rabbi Rooks (Main Sanctuary)
12 p.m., Educational Session with Rabbi David
1 p.m., Educational Session with Rabbi Rapport
2 p.m., Afternoon Service (Sanctuary)

3:45 p.m., Yizkor Service (Sanctuary)
4:45 p.m., Concluding Service (Sanctuary)

Mon., Sept. 28 Sukkot

10:30 a.m., Morning Service

Mon. Oct. 5, Simchat Torah

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Service

Temple Shalom

4615 Lowe Rd.
458-4739

Sat., Sept. 5, Selichot

8 p.m., Program followed by Selichot Service

Sun., Sept. 13, Erev Rosh Hashanah

8 p.m., Service

Mon., Sept. 14, Rosh Hashanah 1

10 a.m., Morning Service
10:30 a.m., Family Service
5 p.m., Tashlich Service at Cherokee Lake off Grinstead Dr.

Tues., Sept. 15, Rosh Hashanah 2

10 a.m., Morning Service

Fri., Sept. 18, Shabbat Shuvah

6:15 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Sat., Sept. 19, Shabbat Shuvah

10:30 a.m., Morning Service

Tues., Sept. 22, Erev Yom Kippur

8 p.m., Kol Nidre

Wed., Sept. 23, Yom Kippur

10 a.m., Morning Service
1 p.m., Family Service
2:15 p.m., Afternoon Service
4:30 p.m., Yizkor Service followed by Neilah

Sun., Sept. 27, Erev Sukkot

4 p.m., Sukkah Decorating followed by Dinner and Service

Mon., Sept. 28, Sukkot

10:30 a.m., Morning Service

Sat., Oct. 3, Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m. Sukkot Tot Shabbat

Sun., October 4, Simchat Torah

10:30 a.m. Service and Consecration

Mon., Oct. 5

10:30 a.m., Atzeret Yizkor

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8:30 a.m. Cycle
8:30 a.m. BP
9:30 a.m. Cardio Challenge
10:30 a.m. Cycle
10:30 a.m. Deep Water

All other classes cancelled for this day.

Sun., Sept. 13, Erev Rosh Hashanah

Closes at 6 p.m.
Group fitness classes that end after 5:30 p.m. are canceled.

Mon., Sept. 14, Rosh Hashanah 1

Closed

Tues., Sept. 15, Rosh Hashanah 2

Closed

Tues., Sept. 22, Erev Yom Kippur

Closes 6 p.m.
Group fitness classes that end after 5:30 p.m. are canceled.

Wed., Sept. 23, Yom Kippur

Closed

Sun., Sept. 27, Erev Sukkot

Closes 6 p.m.
Group fitness classes that end after 5:30 p.m. are canceled.

Mon., Sept. 28, Sukkot

Closed

Sun., Oct. 4, Erev Simchat Torah

Closes 6 p.m.
Group fitness classes that end after 5:30 p.m. are canceled.

Mon., Oct. 5, Simchat Torah

Closed



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AJ Invites Community to Help Make the Food Desert Bloom

The community is invited to help the food desert bloom at Congregation Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, September 5, at 8:45 p.m.

Ten years ago, Adath Jeshurun helped musicians flooded out of their homes and clubs by Hurricane Katrina. The congregation provided them with a weekend of gigs to supplement their income and give them a sense of normalcy among the tumult.

That's when AJ began its pre-Selichot jam tradition. This time, it's about making a food desert bloom.

Many of us in the Jewish community are blessed with the availability of quality fresh foods whether we get them from Paul's, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, or even Kroger. The West End of Louisville is not so flush with opportunities to acquire fresh foods. Further, those Kentucky farmers who participate in

farmers' markets also tend toward the east side of the city.

This year AJ will introduce its Selichot service with a presentation of New Roots, an organization that, through the leadership of Karyn Moskowitz, has worked toward bringing the fresh produce of Kentucky farmers to the West End on a bi-weekly basis so access to healthy comestibles can be shared more equitably.

It's quite simple: Most of us are blessed to be of middle income or higher. For us, a share or grocery bag of fresh produce costs \$25. Shares purchased through

this benefit will help subsidize shares for folks who can't afford that price.

Each Fresh Stop also features a local chef who demonstrates cooking with the vegetables available that week and a flyer with recipe ideas.

AJ's musical guest will be Keyvoko, also known as Mechie, an emerging artist carrying the sound of Soul, R&B, and hip hop to the next destination in time. Mechie, is a graduate of DuPont Manual/Youth Performing Arts School, and attended University of Louisville where he founded the first Performing Arts Organization, THETA BETA in

2006.

Speakers will include Moskowitz, founder and director of New Roots; a spoken word presentation by poet and assistant director Amber Burns; Uber Farm Liaison Mary Montgomery whose life was changed by the organization; Pastor Shirley Burke whose church, Coke Memorial United Methodist, hosts the Smoketown Neighborhood Fresh Stop, and one of the many chefs who help people learn how to make tasty recipes from the veggies and fruits of the week.

Beyond the Bagel: Breaking the Fast with Flair

by Shannon Sarna

NEW YORK (JTA) – By the time the fast is over on Yom Kippur, the last thing you want to be doing is patchkeing in the kitchen to prepare lots of food. And as much as I can't wait to shove a bagel and cream cheese with all the fixins in my face, I also like to enjoy something sweet, something salty and something a little fresh with my traditional post-fast carbs.

I recommend preparing the quinoa salad ahead of time, and when the fast is over, serve it on top of labne for an easy and healthful salad. The rich, sweet coffee cake challah can also be baked ahead of time. And the flavors of the

custom dill lemon caper cream cheese will only intensify when you let them sit overnight in the fridge.

Note: If you plan to make your own gravlax, you must start at least four days in advance of serving, or up to a week, otherwise the fish will not be ready to eat.

Homemade Gravlax

(by Vered Meir)

This recipe for homemade gravlax from California blogger is simple to make and presents so beautifully on a platter. The first time I made this recipe I couldn't believe how easy it was and why it had taken so long. It is the perfect accompaniment for your bagel platter after Yom Kippur or on top of latkes at Hanukkah.

INGREDIENTS

2 pounds fresh center-cut wild salmon fillet, skin on
 ½ cup kosher salt
 ½ cup sugar
 2 tablespoons peppercorns
 2 teaspoons crushed juniper berries (can be purchased at Whole Foods, Fairway, or specialty food stores)
 7-8 large sprigs fresh dill
 1-2 shots of gin or vodka

DIRECTIONS

In a bowl, combine the salt, sugar, peppercorns, and juniper berries.

Line a glass dish that will fit your salmon fillet with 2 large pieces of plastic wrap and sprinkle half of your salt and sugar mixture onto the bottom.

Lay half of your dill sprigs down, then cover with your salmon fillet. Sprinkle the remaining mixture on top of the fillet, then cover with the remaining sprigs of dill and your shots of alcohol, and then wrap everything as tightly as you can in the plastic. Leave it in the dish, as the salt will create a brine for the fish.

Refrigerate for 3 or 4 days, depending on the thickness of your fillet. The lox is finished when the salmon's hue has transitioned from pink to deep orange.

Before serving, discard the dill and rinse the fillet of the brine, peppercorns and juniper berries. Slice thinly against the grain with a sharp knife. Serve with sliced lemon and capers.

Variation: Try a layer of shredded raw beets on the non-skin side of your fillet before wrapping. After the lox is finished curing, each of your slices will have a purple or dark pink edge to it.

Lemon Dill Caper Cream Cheese

Yield: 6-8 servings

What's better than serving your bagels with capers and dill and slices of lemon? Adding them into one tasty homemade cream cheese to serve with

your bagel spread. This can be made one or two days ahead of time

INGREDIENTS

12 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
 2 teaspoons lemon zest
 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
 2 teaspoons whole capers, chopped roughly
 1 tablespoon fresh chopped dill
 Pinch of salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS

Add all ingredients to a bowl. Mix together until flavors are incorporated. Place in a glass bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate 24-48 hours until ready to serve. Garnish with additional dill if desired.

Coffee Cake Challah

Yield: 2 large loaves

Coffee cake is one of my weakness foods, and I love an indulgent slice after fasting on Yom Kippur. This year I decided to combine two of my favorite things to bake into one beautiful and delicious treat: coffee cake challah. This makes 2 large loaves, so it is enough to serve for a large crowd or freeze one to save for later. If you freeze one, wait to add glaze until you defrost it and are ready to serve.

INGREDIENTS

For the dough:

1½ tablespoons yeast
 1 teaspoon sugar
 1 ¼ cup lukewarm water
 4½-5 cups all-purpose flour (I prefer King Arthur brand)
 ¾ cup sugar
 ¼ cup vegetable oil
 ½ tablespoon salt
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 2 large eggs

For the crumb topping and filling:

1¾ cups all-purpose flour
 1 cup packed light brown sugar
 1 heaping teaspoon cinnamon
 ¼ teaspoon coarse sea salt
 1½ sticks cold butter or margarine, cut into small pieces
 1 cup chopped pecans
 1 egg, beaten
 For the glaze:
 2 cups powdered sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 4 tablespoons milk or almond milk

DIRECTIONS

In a small bowl place yeast, 1 teaspoon sugar and lukewarm water. Allow to sit around 5-10 minutes, until it becomes foamy on top.

In a large bowl or stand mixer fitted with whisk attachment, mix together 1 see **BREAK FAST** page 19



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SHANAH TOVA 5776!

Why Shemini Atzeret Is the Pinnacle of the High Holidays Season

by Sarah Chandler

NEW YORK (JTA) – You might not know it, but Shemini Atzeret is the pinnacle of the High Holidays season. Not Rosh Hashanah, when our fates for the year are traditionally written, nor Yom Kippur, when they are sealed. Shemini Atzeret, the oft-forgotten coda that comes at the end of the Sukkot festival, trumps them all.

That's not just my opinion. The rabbis and ancient Israelites knew it, too.

According to the agrarian roots of the Jewish calendar, the date of Shemini Atzeret is timed to the start of the rainy season in Israel. In the holiday's musaf (additional) service, we recite Tefillat Geshem, the prayer for rain, in which we ask God not only for rain but for the right amount of rain – "livracha velo liklala" (for a blessing and not a curse); rain that will sustain a people with fertile crops, not drown them in torrential floods.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur merely functioned as preparation for

this precarious time. In the Yom Kippur Avodah service, the following prayer of the high priest is recited: "When the world is in need of rain, do not permit the prayers of the travelers with regard to rain to gain entrance before You."

The prayers and sacrifices of the High Holidays were meant to prove our worth so that the harvest season continued smoothly and we merited rain once it was time to plant again. In ancient times, Sukkot opened with a water-drawing ritual which, by pouring out the remains of last year's water, symbol-

ized faith that the coming year's rains would fall just in time.

Today we still beat willow branches on the last day of Sukkot, Hoshana Rabba, pleading for salvation in the form of rain. Then, having completed a full week of waving the four species on Sukkot – each of which requires a significant amount of water to produce – we set it down and wait for the ultimate judgment.

It makes sense that Diaspora Jews tend not to focus on the agricultural roots of the High Holidays. As citizens of an industrialized society, praying for rain tends not to be at the top of our to-do lists. Most of us simply take it for granted that substantial food will be shipped in from wherever it can grow.

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BREAK FAST

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1/2 cups flour, salt and sugar. After the water-yeast mixture has become foamy, add to flour mixture along with oil and vanilla. Mix thoroughly.

Add another cup of flour and eggs until smooth. Switch to the dough hook attachment if you are using a stand mixer.

Add another 1-1/2 cups flour and then remove from bowl and place on a floured surface. Knead remaining flour into dough, continuing to knead for around 10 minutes (or however long your hands will last). Don't add more flour than the dough needs – the less flour, the lighter the dough.

Place dough in a greased bowl and cover with damp towel. Allow to rise 3 or 4 hours.

To make the crumb topping: Combine flour, sugar, cinnamon and sea salt in a large bowl. Add cold butter or margarine and mix using a pastry cutter until mixture resembles crumbles. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

After the challah is done rising, split the dough evenly in half. Divide each half into 3 pieces. Roll each piece into a snake and then flatten. Sprinkle crumb topping inside, then pinch sides up to close. Gently roll again to seal in filling. Repeat with all pieces and then braid, forming into a circle and pinching together each end of the braid.

Repeat with second half of dough.

Place each challah on a parchment paper (or silpat) lined baking sheet.

Allow challah to rise another 30-60 minutes, or until you can see the size has grown and challah seems light.

Whisk the egg in a small bowl. Brush on top of each challah. Top each challah with remaining crumb topping.

Bake for 25-26 minutes, or until crumbs are golden brown. Allow to cool 10-15 minutes.

Whisk together powdered sugar, vanilla and milk (or almond milk) in a small bowl. Drizzle on top of challah using small spoon.

Red Quinoa Tabouleh with Labne

I was never much of a quinoa fan until I tried the red quinoa salad at Mish Mish in Montclair, NJ. I fell in love with the salad and have been re-creating my own version ever since. This is a refreshing and yet hearty salad to serve as a side dish.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup red quinoa
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- water
- 8 ounces labne
- 1 large English cucumber or 2 Persian cucumbers, cut into 1/4 inch pieces
- 1 large beefsteak or Jersey tomato (diced), or pint cherry tomatoes (halved)
- juice of 1/2 lemon plus 2 teaspoons zest
- 1/4 cup chopped flat leaf parsley
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint
- salt and pepper to taste

additional extra virgin olive oil

DIRECTIONS

Rinse quinoa well.

Place quinoa and 1 1/4 cups water, 1 teaspoon olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper into a small pot. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to low for 10 minutes. Remove from heat, fluff with a fork and cover again for another 5-10 minutes.

Mix quinoa with cucumbers, tomatoes, lemon juice and zest, mint, parsley, and salt and pepper to taste. This step can be prepared a day ahead and placed in the fridge.

When ready to serve, spread labne all over a large plate. Top labne with the quinoa tabouleh. Drizzle with additional good-quality olive oil and an extra squeeze of lemon juice. Serve immediately.

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JFCS FOOD PANTRY

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- Snack bars
- Cookies
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Registration is Required. Contact Jo Ann Kalb at ext. 335 or jkalb@jfcsloouisville.org for more information.

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS AT JFCS



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

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

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

Caregiver Support Group
 First Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.
 Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Rd.
 Contact Naomi Malka, ext. 249

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups
 Third Monday of the month, 12:30p.m.
 Third Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. at Kenwood Elementary Family Resource Center 7420 Justan Ave.
 Contact Jo Ann Kalb, ext. 335

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group
 Second Thursday of the month, 1 p.m.
 Contact Connie Austin, ext. 305

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TEEN TOPICS

On Sunday, August 16, Louisville BBYO held their fall term elections. The following teens were elected:

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Laina
Meyerowitz,
Izzy Geller,
Marnina
Goldberg,
Ashley Waller,
Abigail Geller,
Alexa Marvin

MUTCHNICK

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approach to problem solving to places where you typically find MBAs. So my background is in corporate strategy, product and program strategy," she said.

As she takes the helm at JFCS, she brings a diverse wealth of experience to inform her leadership. She's worked for large corporations, including General Motors, and smaller ones like a start up in the San Francisco Bay area.

"When I graduated from college, I was a Peace Corps volunteer for a few years," Mutchnick said. "I taught math and science at a secondary school in Ghana. ... it was a very formative experience and a great adventure at the same time.

"I've always been involved volunteering in some capacity," she continued. As a high school student, she volunteered at a nursing home with Alzheimer's patients. "I used to do volunteer work with breast cancer patients when I was in graduate school just helping them try to make sense of all the information that they get when they have a diagnosis." That work was ground-breaking and today, a growing number of oncological practices are turning to patient advocates to help patients navigate the trauma of the diagnosis, the mountains of information and the difficult choices that must be made.

Mutchnick and her husband, Ian, a pediatric neurosurgeon, arrived in Louisville in 2003 so he could do his residency at the University of Louisville and his

subsequent pediatric fellowship in Cincinnati. "We were planning on leaving after that was over," she said, "but a position was available at Kosair and we just decided to stay. Louisville was a good fit for our family."

A year or two later, Mutchnick began the journey that led to her current position with JFCS. She decided to participate in the Jewish Federation's Young Leadership Development program. YLD was a two-year program – a year of meetings during which participants learned about the community and were able to hone their leadership skills and a year of service as an intern on a Jewish agency board.

"I was placed as a board intern at JFCS," she explained, "and that was the year they were doing a strategic plan. It was the first time they had done a strategic plan in quite some time Since I had some background in that, I joined that committee as an intern.

"It was such a great way to get to know about what the organization does," Mutchnick continued. "That was the year that they recommitted to the mission and vision of the organization and had all the intense discussions about identity and principles. I was deeply interested, deeply moved by both the individuals who were around the table and by this organization that had a commitment in these broad areas.

"It was kind of like the best success story for the Young Leadership Development program," she added. "I came in and saw how the organization worked

and ... because I was able to sit in and be a part of that committee, very quickly I got ... a broad knowledge of what the organization was working on and so have continued to serve since then."

The presidency of JFCS is a two-year commitment and Mutchnick is eager to take this high-functioning agency to the next level. "There's a lot going on at the organization and I hope to ... continue the great work that's been done in leadership. I'm really inspired right now by how strong the board is and how engaged individuals are."

Board members not only attend meetings and contribute there, she observed, but they are bringing their interests and skills to many other parts of the organization, she observed. "We have board members who are leaders of various advisory committees that aren't typically board roles. And there are board members who are hosting parties in their houses to help people understand what we do with senior services and things like that."

Mutchnick hopes to facilitate and grow that kind of commitment among other Board members and volunteers, and to increase understanding within the community about what JFCS does, how the agency can meet their needs and how they can find a niche for them to volunteer and use their skills.

JFCS Executive Director Judy Freundlich Teill and Mutchnick share "a strong suspicion" that if more people had a better understanding of JFCS, it would be easier and more attractive for more people to engage and connect with the agency.

"The staff there at JFCS does a great job at helping people be volunteers and helping them be ambassadors," Mutchnick added, "both because they have great experience and they make volunteering a worthwhile endeavor."

In addition to her responsibilities at JFCS, Mutchnick is Board treasurer for the Virginia Chance School.

The Mutchnicks have two children, Gabe, 14, and Mimi, 9.

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Theologically, we've moved away from this as well. Most contemporary religious ideologies no longer equate following God's laws with receiving enough rain for our crops to survive. The Reform movement has even removed from its prayer books the second paragraph of the Shema, which links observance of the commandments to the provision of rain, to make the bold statement that as modern Jews, we do not believe we can influence God to change the weather.

And yet, scientific research increasingly points to the fact that human actions can have an effect on the climate – and, in turn, the weather. Moreover, no matter how technologically advanced our society becomes, life as we know it will continue to depend on sufficient rainfall.

And so we should continue to say *Tefilat Geshem* – not because we believe that fasting and chest pounding will bring rain, but because it reminds us of the delicate balance necessary for life to thrive on this planet.

Our petitions to God are more than requests to act on our behalf. A responsible, modern religious ethos serves two seemingly contradictory functions: On the one hand, our request that God reward

our weeks of repentance with the blessing of rain affirms our lack of dominion; on the other, calling out to God implores us to act by reminding us of our responsibilities.

In modern times, we need both scientists and activists telling us what to do as well as the faith that there are systems beyond our control. It is both a recognition and a release of our power.

As we enter the High Holidays season, a renewed recognition of ancient Judaism's relationship to the earth has great potential to bring us closer to the rhythms of the seasons, and in turn can lead to a more sustainable future for the planet.

The countdown to Shemini Atzeret can be an awakening for us to recognize the sanctity of our planet's resources. Through honoring this often overlooked day, by calling out loud that rain should fall, we ask that our community be aligned with the natural cycles of the earth – for blessing and not for curse.

(Sarah Chandler is the manager of Farm Forward's Jewish outreach campaign, which supports Jewish organizations in promoting conscientious food choices, reducing farm animal suffering and advancing sustainable agriculture. She previously was the director of the earth-based spiritual practice at Hazon's Adamah Farm.)



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NEWSMAKERS

Louisville-based **Almost Family Inc.** announced plans to purchase Jacksonville, FL-based Ingenios Health Co., *Business First* reported on July 24. It's the second acquisition Almost Family has announced this year. The company recently acquired WillCare. Almost Family's CEO is **William B. Yarmuth**.

Erwin Sherman was selected as one of the Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers by National Trial Lawyers. Membership in the organization is limited to the top 100 lawyers in each state.

Barry Bernson has been honored with his seventh career Emmy award from the Ohio Valley chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The award in the Writer/Program category was for the KET documentary *A History of Kentucky in 25 Objects*. The show was also honored with a 2015 national Telly Award.

The Courier-Journal featured New Roots and quoted **Karyn Moskowitz**, New Roots' director on July 27. New Roots is an organization that offers affordable produce to West End residents because there are so few groceries in that area of town.

Louis Waterman was mentioned in *Business First* on July 10. He was hired by Goldberg Simpson to help expand its Family Law Practice Group. Waterman is a former judge of Jefferson Circuit Court, Family Division 4.

Jewish Hospital received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR ACTION Registry – GWTG Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2015. Jewish Hospital is one of only 319 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor.

Patients seeking the expertise of the **James Graham Brown Cancer Center** can now take advantage of a new location. It is inside **KentuckyOne Health's**

Medical Center Jewish Northeast, located off Old Henry Road and the Gene Snyder Freeway at 2401 Terra Crossing Blvd.

Like the downtown location, the Brown Cancer Center at Jewish Northeast offers a broad array of cancer care, including care for cancers such as lung, melanoma, breast urinary tract, bladder, kidneys and prostate.

Eric David Gould, owner of Smoke-town USA, was featured on the Food Network Show *Southern Fried Road Trip* on earlier this month. The show is hosted by Bobby and Jamie Deen, sons of Paula Deen.

Jewish Hospital and University of Louisville Hospital, both part of **KentuckyOne Health**, are among a select group of hospitals and transplant centers nationwide recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for achievement by conducting activities that promoted enrollment in state organ donor registries.

Jewish Hospital and University of Louisville Hospital's awareness and registry campaigns educated staff, patients, visitors and community members on the critical need for organ, eye and tissue donors and thereby increased the number of potential donors on the state's donor registry.

Lou Winkler of Kentucky Select Properties was quoted in *Business First* in an article about the rising home values in Germantown. He said the population there has shifted to younger people who want more affordable homes.

Insider Louisville reported that **Michael Trager-Kusman** opened a new bar in Nulu called Galaxie.

"The concept came from something we thought the neighborhood could use, which was a bar," Beverage Director Doug Petry said. "A neighborhood bar at a reasonable price point."

Jonathan Blue is planning to get back into the sports business, *Business First* reported. Five years ago, he sold BEST, a sports broadcast business, and signed a five-year noncompete agreement. Now that five years is over. He declined to reveal the new brand.

Jonathan Wolff, who has composed music for many TV shows, including *Seinfeld*, has started his own speaking business. He tells stories from his many years as a Hollywood insider. His website is Seinfeldmusicguy.com.

Business First reported that the Republic Building downtown, which is co-owned by Blue Venterra – whose principal is **Jonathan Blue** – and 429 Associates LLC, has been sold to Hudson Holdings Inc, of Delray Beach, FL.

The group, [give] 502, which is made up of more than 40 young professionals,

selected **Paws with Purpose** to be its second grant recipient.

Members of [give] 502 reviewed nearly 70 grant applications to choose Paws with Purpose, which provides highly skilled assistance dogs to help the disabled be more independent. The dogs offer comfort and companionship, break down social barriers and perform various tasks. **Elaine Weisberg**, a Paws with Purpose Board member, said the organization is looking forward to working with [give] 502.

James Reskin, the owner of the Marmaduke Building, was quoted in *Business First* on August 14 in a story about development of South Fourth Street. He said it doesn't matter if a chain store is put there or local stores, as long as there are more options for shoppers.

In a related story, **KentuckyOne Health** announced it will sell two buildings at 535-539 S. Fourth St., *Business First* reported. The sale is meant to cut costs.

In another related story, **Jim Fox** of FBM Properties LLC, who is a major owner in the 500 block of S. Fourth St., said he has no plans to develop or sell his property.

Business First reported that **Benjamin Breier**, CEO of Kindred Healthcare, said his company's integration with Gentiva Health Services is moving faster than expected.

Matt Vamvas was hired as the Jewish Community Center's membership director. He had worked as a trainer.

The Courier-Journal featured a front-page story about Holocaust survivor Eva Kor, who has spoken in Louisville many times, most recently at Indiana University Southeast in February.

The story was about how now-convicted Nazi Oskar Groening, known as the "accountant of Auschwitz," hugged her and kissed her on the cheek during his trial in April. Kor opened the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute, IN.

Heaven Hill Brands has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Deep Eddy Vodka, the fastest-growing spirits brand in the U.S., and its distillery from

Eliza Spring LLC for an undisclosed amount.

Physicians at **Jewish Hospital** are the first in Kentucky to employ the latest transcatheter aortic valve replacement technology from Edwards Lifesciences, the SAPIEN 3 valve. The valve was recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of high-risk patients suffering from severe, symptomatic aortic stenosis, narrowing of the heart valve opening.

David Y. Chack wrote a tribute to the late Theodore Bikel: "Remembering Theodore Bikel, a Mensch Against Hate and Prejudice" that was published in *American Theatre* magazine on July 29.

Insider Louisville reported that the new location of Costco at the old Showcase Cinemas lot will be a boon to real estate in the area. The article quoted **Frank Weisberg**, a partner at FRA Investments, who said that Costco will bring a higher socioeconomic group to the area. FRA Investments owns several buildings in the area.

Mayor Greg Fischer has named **Daniel Frockt** as the new Chief Financial Officer for Metro Government. Frockt has served as the interim CFO and interim director of the Office of Management and Budget since shortly after previous CFO Steve Rowland's arrest. Frockt previously served as the Budget Director of Louisville Metro for 10 years.

JCL Marketing Director **Ben Goldberg** was named as one of *Business First's* "20 People to Know in Non-Profits" on July 24. He discussed the importance of giving back to the community through giving and volunteerism.

The Huffington Post called Louisville's **Festival of Faiths** one of the eight top spiritual sites in America. The Festival, which theologian Richard Rohr has affectionately called "the Sundance of the Sacred," began in 1985 as a local interfaith effort in conjunction with the restoration of the historic Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Assumption. The Festival "has grown to become an internationally recognized event that attracts thousands of people," the author writes.



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Steve Trager Is Named to Inaugural Class of Business First Forty Under 40 Hall of Fame



Steve Trager

Louisville Business First announced in its August 21 edition that it is establishing a Forty Under 40 Hall of Fame "to recognize outstanding Louisville executives who have continued to make im-

portant contributions at their businesses and in the community" after the year they were selected to the newspaper's Forty Under 40 List. The inaugural class includes Steve Trager, Dave Calzi and Patti Swope.

"I am flattered and honored," Trager said. "This award is clearly a reflection of the people I've had the good fortune to work with and the success we've had at Republic Bank. This is not about me. I'm just one of the team."

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U.S. President Barack Obama will have a live webcast on August 28 at 2:10 p.m. to address the North American Jewish Community on the Iran agreement. The event is co-sponsored by the by The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. To register, visit www.jewishfederations.org/president.

AJ Has Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation

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

Rabbi David Leads Study Torah on Saturday Mornings

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

The Temple Young Adults Host Paint. Drink. Have Fun

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

Movies and More Are Shown at Adath Jeshurun

Bring your friends and enjoy free movies and more. All shows begin at 3 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun, 2401 Woodbourne Avenue, and are open to the community. The September showing will be on Tuesday, September 1, and will feature *The Cincinnati Kid*.

Study Torah Wednesdays at The Temple with Rabbi Rapport

Rabbi Rapport's Torah Study will continue with a special Summer Session at 10:45 a.m. Wednesdays. The group will delve into the lives of more fascinating Jews as he continues with "The Torah of Lives Well Lived." This class traces the lives of famous Jewish figures throughout history and the lessons of Torah their lives can teach. Each session stands alone and unfolds a life of meaning and many lessons to be shared from men and women who changed the world, whose lives are a chapter of Torah. No registration is required. The class meets in the Klein Center.

Join Jews and Brews Torah Study with Rabbi Wolk

Join Rabbi Michael Wolk for "Jews and Brews," a one-hour class in which participants study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary while enjoying a cup (or cups?) of coffee. Free and open to the public. Jews and Brews meets on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. at the JCC library. The class will meet September 2 and 9, and then be on hiatus until October 2. For more information contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

KI Family Shabbat Promises Has High-Energy Fun

Join Keneseth Israel for a high-energy children's service with stories, singing, prayers, Torah and learning. At the end of the service, the group joins the whole

congregation in the main sanctuary prayers to lead *Ein Keloheinu* and *Adon Olam*. Services conclude with a yummy Kiddush.

The family Shabbat meets the first and third Saturday of the month at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ Hosts Celebration Shabbat

The community is invited to Adath Jeshurun to celebrate with those having birthdays and anniversaries during September. Celebrants are invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services on Saturday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m.

The Temple Selichot Observance Includes Music and Rabbi's Tisch

The haunting service of Selichot sets the stage for The Days of Awe. Like an overture to a great symphony, it calls to us: time to settle down, time to pay attention, time to begin the sincere work of turning and returning.

The themes for the High Holy Days, both musical and liturgical, are presented in the most meaningful blend of ancient and modern tradition. In the old country, this service customarily began at midnight when our ancestors were literally awakened from their slumber to attend synagogue to recite prayers of penitence.

For more than 50 years, The Temple has held this late night service at 10:30 p.m. so that people would return home by midnight. This year, at the request of the rabbis and the Worship & Ritual Committee, the service has been moved earlier on September 5. With the hopes that more people will be able to participate in this first taste of our annual time of repentance, the dessert reception will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The creative service, with music by Shir Chadash, will be 8-9 p.m. followed by our first ever Rebbe's Selichot Tisch – a mystical, experiential journey of story and song. All are invited to join in any portions of this year's service of forgiveness.

Lost Tribe, Lenz, Cantor Hordes Featured at KI Selichot Service

Jump start the High Holidays with an inspiring Selichot service at Keneseth Israel on September 5. Watch Klezmer band Lost Tribe at 9 p.m., and then Cantor Sharon Hordes and acclaimed jazz guitarist Pat Lentz lead the Selichot service at 10 p.m. Enjoy High Holiday-inspired food such as kreplach, chopped liver, apples and honey, sweet kugel, honey cake and more! Free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ Has Annual Cemetery Service

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

Chabad Hosts Shofar-Making Workshop

Chabad invites the community to blow its horn – literally. Rabbi Chaim Litvin will lead a shofar-making workshop in which each participant will be able to create his or her own shofar from a raw ram's horn. The program will take place on Sunday September 6, at 3 p.m., and will be at the Chabad House at 1654 Almara Circle. Cost per person is \$5, including the shofar. Please reserve by emailing rabbichaim@chabadky.com.

Rabbi Wolk to Lead reJEWvenation Workshop

The High Holidays are considered the

holiest days of the year, set aside for deep introspection. Rabbi Michael Wolk will lead a discussion exploring how you can make Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur into a truly spiritual experience. This session will enrich your understanding and experience of the holidays, no matter your level of observance.

Join Rabbi Wolk after evening Minyan on Sunday, September 6. Minyan begins at 5:45 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Meditation Offered on the Zodiac Signs in Jewish Tradition

The Talmud identifies the 12 signs of the zodiac with the 12 lunar months of the Jewish calendar. In more mystical Jewish teaching, we find that we have the ability to take energy from each Zodiac sign to employ during that month to enrich our lives and our relationships with G-d and with our fellow man.

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin has studied and taught meditation for the past 10 years. He will now lead a guided meditation series on the signs of the Zodiac as they relate to Jewish lore and mysticism.

Classes will be on or just prior to each new lunar month at 7 p.m. at Chabad House, 1654 Almara Circle. The next class will take place on September 9.

A \$5 donation is suggested but not required, and refreshments are served. For more information, call Chabad at 502-459-1770. All are welcome.

KI Has Big Rock Birthday Shabbat – Mitzvah Edition

Keneseth Israel will have a Kabbalat Shabbat birthday celebration on Friday, September 11, at 6 p.m. at Big Rock Park.

Bring your own picnic blanket, dairy/veggie food, drinks and games for a picnic dinner after Kabbalat Shabbat. Some seating is available at the park.

Save room for ice cream and birthday cake. The group will also celebrate all the September KI birthdays! Plus, the group will be sharing all the mitzvah projects they've been working on this past month.

Free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ Celebrates Grandparents

All grandparents are invited to the Adath Jeshurun bimah on Saturday, September 12, for an aliyah in their honor. Grandchildren are invited to accompany their proud grandparents. The service begins at 9:30 a.m.

AJ Has Guest Speaker During Ley'1 Rosh Hashanah Services

On Sunday, September 13, during 5:45 p.m. Ley'1 Rosh Hashanah services, worshippers will hear a talk titled "My Message to the Jews on Rosh Hashanah," given by Dr. Melanie-Prejean Sullivan, director of Campus Ministry at Bellarmine University. Sullivan spoke at this year's Melton graduation ceremony at AJ. The community is welcome to attend.

Chabad Marks Rosh Hashanah with Services and Dinner

Chabad invites the community to celebrate Rosh Hashanah together on Sunday, September 13, with a 7:30 p.m. holiday service followed by dinner. This free program is open to the entire Jewish community.

Dinner costs are \$36 for adults, \$18 for children younger than 13, and free for children younger than 4. Reservations for dinner can be made by calling 502-994-9233 or emailing to rabbisusman@gmail.com.

KI's Tashlich Service Will Be at Big Rock

Join the Keneseth Israel community at Big Rock at Cherokee Park for Tashlich as we cast off our sins (and bread-

crumbs) into the Middle Fork of Beargrass Creek. Monday, September 14, at 5 p.m. The entrance to the park is at the north end of Valletta Lane. Free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

KI to Celebrate Rosh Hashanah with New Year's Party

Come to shul a little early for evening services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, or walk over after Tashlich and join as they usher in a sweet new year with cake and champagne! Monday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Keneseth Israel Congregation. Free and open to the public.

For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

NCJW Has Open Meeting, Tours Bellarmine Show House

The National Council of Jewish Women will have its Open Meeting Event Wednesday, September 16, at 11:15 a.m. at Verbena, 10639 Meeting St. No. 104, Prospect, KY. After lunch at Verbena, the group will tour "The Charleston," at Norton Commons, which is the Bellarmine Show House.

Menu choices are available online at ncjw.org or by calling 502-458-5566. Please make a selection in advance. Cost is \$25 per person, which includes the show house ticket.

RSVP by September 11. Send payment to NCJW, Louisville Section, 1250 Bardstown Road, Ste. 26, Louisville, KY 40204.

AJ Offers Conversational and Prayerbook Hebrew

Adath Jeshurun is offering two free Hebrew classes to anyone in the community interested in furthering their Jewish education. Beginning Conversational Hebrew and Prayerbook Hebrew will be taught by Deborah Slosberg. The classes will take place on Sundays at 10 and 11 a.m. at AJ. The class dates are September 20 and 27. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359.

KI Has Free Jewish Yoga Class

Keneseth Israel has a Jewish yoga class, which is an in-depth, comparative look at the Jewish and yogic traditions. The class looks at ways in which these two wonderful traditions support each other and share many commonalities. In addition to discussion, the workshops always offer an experiential component, such as yoga, meditation and breathing practices. Teachers: Cantor Hordes and Katey Brichto.

Next meeting date is Sunday, September 20, at 3:15 p.m. at KI. Free and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Hadassah, JCRC Offer Israel Advocacy Workshop

As another school year begins, college campuses are again a flash point for anti-Israel campaigns. On Sunday, September 20, at 7 p.m., join Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg for an informative discussion about how to best respond to demands to "Boycott, Divest and Sanction" at the local and national levels. Hadassah members and others interested in learning more about Israel advocacy are welcome. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided, and donations to support Hadassah's Israel programs will be solicited. This event takes place at a private home - RSVP to louisvillehadassahchapter@gmail.com or by calling 502-645-4739 and receive a reply with the address and directions.

KI has Yom Kippur Study Session

Join at Keneseth Israel for an interactive class taught by Rabbi Michael see **AROUND TOWN** page 24

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Wolk. Yom Kippur represents the idea that God gives us a chance to start over. Judaism appreciates the value of incremental growth, realizing that we cannot become perfect overnight.

This class will explore the nature of forgiveness and when we should be forgiving of others. Yom Kippur afternoon on Wednesday, September 23, at 5 p.m.

Free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Break the Fast with KI Sisterhood

The Keneseth Israel Sisterhood invites you to Break the Fast at KI on Wednesday, September 23, following the conclusion of Yom Kippur services at around 9 p.m. There is no charge for this light meal (not just a nosh), but reservations are required. Free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

LBSY Has Sukkot Party at KI

Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad and Keneseth Israel are throwing a party! Join them on Sunday, September 27, at 4:30 p.m. in the KI Sukkah. This family-friendly event includes lulav shakes, milk shakes, an edible Sukkah contest, arts and crafts and more.

Free and open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Lieutenant Governor's Debate is September 28

A coalition of women organizations are working with WAVE-TV to put on a historic and the only televised Lieutenant Governor's debate. The event will

be on Monday, Sept. 28, 7:30-8 p.m.

This live, 30-minute debate at WAVE studios will have Shannon Cogan as moderator, with a three-member panel of political news reporters to ask questions.

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

The coalition group is comprised of: American Association of University Women, Louisville Branch; Business and Professional Women, River City; Coalition of Labor Union Women, Derby City; Louisville Metro Women's Network; Metropolitan Louisville Women's Political Caucus; National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section; and the Women Lawyers Association of Jefferson County.

This group of non-profit organizations have come together many times in past to put on very successful congressional and gubernatorial debates. For more information, please contact Honi Marleen Goldman at 502-451-4564 or e-mail hmgoldman1@aol.com.

Chabad Offers Coffee and Kabbalah Morning Mediation

Rabbi Avrohom Litvin has developed a series of guided meditations based on the classic work of Rabbi Sholom Dovber Schneerson (1860-1920) known as the Rebbe RaShab.

Classes are on the last Wednesday of every month at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Circle, at 8:15 a.m. These classes include a relaxation exercise before and after each meditation. Coffee and refreshments are served. The mediation for this month will be on September 30 on the mystical meaning of dwelling in a sukkah. The class will begin at 8:30 a.m.

due to holiday scheduling.

For more information, call Chabad at 502-459-1770. All are welcome.

AJ Presents 92Y Broadcast on Living and Aging Well

On Wednesday, September 30, at 8:15 p.m., Adath Jeshurun will present the next "Live from New York's 92nd Street Y" broadcast. Howard Kushner and Rachel Cowan will speak with Rabbi Peter Rubinstein about "Living Well and Aging Well." A dessert reception will take place 30 minutes prior to the broadcast. This program is free and open to the community.

AJ Changes Lunch & Learn Sched

This fall, Adath Jeshurun is combining the former Friday Lunch and Learn Mishneh Torah class with Shabbat Text Study, to be held following the Kiddush lunches on Shabbat mornings when there is not a bar or bat mitzvah, sponsored kiddush lunch or a Shabbat Scholar.

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

AJ Plans French-Inspired Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah

On Friday, October 2, Adath Jeshurun will host a catered French-inspired Shabbat dinner in the Chester and Vivian Slosberg sukkah.

The event is open to adults of all ages and will be limited to a maximum attendance of 70 participants. The cost is \$25. All reservations must be made by Friday, September 25. Reservations can be made by calling the synagogue office at 502-458-5359, or online at www.adathjeshurun.com/frenchdinner.

High School of Jewish Studies Now Enrolling

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

NCJW Offers Low-Cost Student Loans

NCJW, Louisville Section is accepting applications for Student Loans.

Students must be attending an accredited secondary school, be Jewish, maintain exceptional grades and be from the Louisville Metro area.

If you meet these qualifications and are interested in obtaining a low-interest or no-interest educational loan contact NCJW, Louisville Section at 502-458-5566 or ncjwlouisville@gmail.com.

JCC Book Club to Discuss Snow in August

The next JCC Book Club will meet Monday, October 19, 11 a.m. in the JCC Board Room. There will be no meeting during September because of the High Holidays. The group will read *Snow in August* by Pete Hamill, a fiction book set in 1947 Brooklyn about an Irish youngster and a Rabbi.

The library, located in the JCC lobby, accepts donations; but reserves the right to not keep all gifts because of minimum shelf room. Stop by any time to relax and read, or just to wait for someone. Sign out materials at the front desk.

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.

September 3 Lunch only.

September 10

Celebrating September birthdays and Grandparents' Day. The Temple Preschoolers will join Chavurat Shalom participants for a fun intergenerational program.

September 13

Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset. May it be a good year for all.

September 17

Jewish Music Trivia with prizes.

September 22

Yom Kippur begins at sunset.

September 24 No meeting.

October 1

Dr. Stephen Mattingly from the University of Louisville School of Music

will bring guitar students who will perform.

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 Charlene Reynolds at 502-992-0749 or email charlene.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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Births

James Bennett Carrara

Tony and Emori Bizer Carrara announce the birth of their son, James Bennett Carrara, born on July 29 in Louisville. James' maternal grandparents are Maxine and Jerry Bizer, and his paternal grandparents are Noemi Carrara and Anthony Carrara. James is named in honor of his father and Emori's father, and in memory of Emori's Aunt Bonnie Bizer.

Whitney Charlotte Bailen

Lisa and Neal Bailen and big sister, Blair, are

thrilled to announce the birth of Whitney Charlotte Bailen on August 9.

Whitney is the granddaughter of Sandy and Jim Bailen and Dot and Charlie Brandenburg. Her great-grandparents are Shirley Bailen and Doris Brandenburg and the late Ursel and Louis Eichengreen, David Bailen, Charles Brandenburg and Frances and Edmund Schultz.

B'nai mitzvah

Nathan Appelbaum

Nathan Appelbaum, son of Dr. Daniel Appelbaum and Karin Bensinger Appelbaum and the older brother of Noa, Tess and Mabel, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, September 19, at Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago.

Nathan is the grandson of Hans Bensinger and the late Chava Bensinger

of Louisville, and Dr. E. David and Barbara Appelbaum of Rochester, N.Y.

Nathan will be an eighth grader at the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School in Chicago and plays trumpet for the Merit Conservatory's Symphonic Band. He is also an avid soccer and ping pong player.

Aaron Nathan Goldberg

Aaron Nathan Goldberg, son of Scott and Laura Goldberg, brother of Tyler and Nicole, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, September 26, at 10:30

a.m. at The Temple. Aaron is the grandson of Murrel and Maxine Goldberg of Louisville, Miles and Helene Beermann of Highland Park, IL, and Leonard and Sandy Goldstein of Deerfield, IL.

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

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

Aaron and his family invite the com-

munity to join them in celebrating this special moment in their lives.

Engagement

Benovitz/Kibort

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Benovitz happily announce the engagement of their daughter Nancy to Mr. Adam Kibort. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Norton Garon and the late Norton Garon and Helen and Bill Benovitz. Adam is the son of Drs. Phillip and Mary Beth Kibort of Minneapolis, MN. His grandparents are Mrs. Ben Kibort of Minneapolis and Mr. Harold Rutstein of Mendota Heights, MN. Nancy and Adam reside in Chicago, where she is a senior account executive for Weber Shandwick Public Relations and he is a partner in Grund and Levitt.P.C. A spring wedding is planned.



Obituaries

Julian Sherwood Goldberg

Julian Sherwood Goldberg, 85, longtime resident of Louisville, died on July 22 after a brief illness.

He is survived by his children Michael (Margaret) of Wilmette, IL, and Nancy (John) Silverman of Cincinnati; three grandchildren Hannah Silverman, Charles Goldberg and Olivia Silverman; and his beloved "honey" Rosalind Weiss. He is



also survived by his sister Judith (Warren) Glauber of Pepper Pike, OH, and his brother-in-law Irving Schuster of Louisville. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Goldberg.

Julian, or "Geeber" as he was fondly known, was born on August 28, 1929, to Bess and Sam Goldberg. He graduated from duPont Manual High School, Dartmouth College and received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. His kindness and sense of humor were his trademarks. He was an institution on Main Street, where he owned and operated G & K Shoe Co. for many years.

Funeral services were at Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave., with in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to a charity of your choice.

Harry Rosen

Harry Rosen, 93, died July 27 at Spring Lake Village in Santa Rosa, CA.

He was a native of Elkhart, IN, born July 17, 1922 to the late Helen and Benjamin Rosen. He was a graduate of Purdue University, a World War II Army veteran and a retired owner of a muffler shop.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Sylvia Lee Rosen; and a son, Jay Rosen.

He is survived by his daughter, Karla Rosen and son-in-law, Henry Perez of Santa Rosa, CA; his granddaughter, Naomi Rosen of New York, NY; and his daughter-in-law, Judy Benstein, of New York, NY.

Graveside services were at Anshe Sfard Cemetery, 721 Locust Lane. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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Bernard B. Goldwin

Bernard B. Goldwin, 82, recently of Plantation, FL, passed away August 3.

Bernie had been a resident of the Binghamton, NY, area for more than 40 years, and a

partner in Kent Drug Stores before sale of the business in 1979.

Originally from Long Beach, Long Island, Bernie attended school in Binghamton, graduating from Central High School and then on to Albany College of Pharmacy before returning to Binghamton to work in the family business. He was a 33rd degree Mason, as was his father, at the former Binghamton Lodge #177.

Bernie was active in the Jewish community, working as part of the team that brought the Jewish Community Center to the area. He was also involved in bringing professional theater to the area in a number of venues. After moving to Florida, he worked in real estate but eventually returned to his first love, pharmacy, continuing to work until about 9 months before his death, mentoring a number of young pharmacists and pharmacy apprentices. The evening before his passing, he watched a Marlins game with one of his daughters and in previous years often attended games with his oldest grandson or his youngest daughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Dora Goldwin and brother Joel Goldwin. Survivors include his brother, Dr. Richard Goldwin (Ellen), daughters Marcia Goldwin, Lori Karpf (Jeff) and Nancy Goldwin (Carol Moran) and his wife of nearly 30 years, Carole (Davis), with whom he shared daughters Michelle Ross (Rob), Jacqueline Davis and Michael Davis (Paula). Numerous grandchildren and two great-grandchildren brought much pleasure to his and Carole's lives. Bernie will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Eleanor L. Baker

Eleanor L. Baker, 98, passed away August 8 at Sunrise Senior Living.

She was a registered nurse who enjoyed a long, rewarding career in her profession, specializing in pediatrics and geriatrics. Eleanor served as a volunteer for the Red Cross Bloodmobile, delivered Meals on Wheels for the Jewish Community Center, where she served on the Board. She was also a tutor for children with learning disabilities at a special school, prior to the merger of city and county schools. Eleanor was a member of The Temple, NCJW - Louisville Section and Hadassah.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Jonas Baker; her parents, Freda and Philip Levin; and her siblings, Irene Ellenberg, Leonard Lewis and Martin Lewis. She is survived by her beloved son, Alan M. Baker; her daughter-in-law Beverly G. Baker; her grandson Philip A. Baker; as well as several nieces and nephews and their children plus many dear and devoted friends.

Funeral services were handled by Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Ave., with burial in The Temple cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the entire staff at Sunrise Senior Living, Hosparus and Elder Care Families for their won-

derful care. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hosparus or The Temple in Eleanor's memory.

Sondra Renco

Sondra Renco, 78, died Thursday, August 20.

Sondra was a wonderful wife, a beloved mother of, Beth (Mark) Pearson, Fred Renco, Laura Thomas and Harry (Eileen) Renco. A beloved grandmother of, Meredith (John) Theisen, Matthew (Becky) Pearson, Diana Thomas, Jenna Pearson and Emily Renco, and two great-grandchildren, Max and Abigail. Her family was her everything and she put them first, always.

Sondra spent years in retail sales and enjoyed time with her lifelong friends and family. She loved to cook, knit, play Bridge and golf. She was a former member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Sisterhood, Hadassah and NCJW-Louisville Section.

She is preceded in death by the love of her life and husband of more than 52 years, Daniel Renco; and her parents, Rose and Irvin Belker.

Funeral services were handled by Herman Meyer & Son, 1338 Ellison Avenue, with burial in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Allen E. "Gene" Rosenstein

Allen E. "Gene" Rosenstein, 74, passed away at his home on August 24.

He was a real estate broker for more than 40 years, and a self-made entre-

preneur. He was a passionate dog lover and family man. He had many "adopted" sons and he was a friend to all.

He is preceded in death by Adora and Gilbert Rosenstein, Dorothy Kramer and JoAnn Rosenstein Musicante.

He is survived by his daughters and best friends, Jessica Anne Rosenstein, Deborah Lynn Rosenstein and Jennifer Leigh Rosenstein; his sister, Linda Rosenstein Goodman (Steve), nieces and nephew; his adored only grandson, Talon Eugene Rosenstein; and his best friend and companion, his dog Sadie; his children's adored partners, Kevin Driskell, Gloria Marshall and James Havens, along with many four-legged grandchildren; and his many loving sons, James Blair, Josh Crenshaw, John Farmer, Dee Johnson, Tim Keehner, Fred Pizzonia, Jesus Robles, Scottie Smith, Ron Wurzel, Jerry Potts; his business partner and long-time friend Ronnie Tasman; long-time friend Jimmy Gardner and many others.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Arrow Fund, PO Box 1127, Prospect, KY 40059, or Bluegrass Boxer Rescue, PO Box 21134, Owensboro, KY 42304.

Rachel "Rae" Lewis

Rachel "Rae" Lewis, 92, was born December 3, 1922, and passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 25, at Jefferson Place Nursing Home.



She was employed by the Federal government for 33 years and was a member of Congregation Anshei Sfarad.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ida and William Bliss; and her brother, Joe Bliss

She is survived by her beloved husband of 59 years, Bernard Lewis; her cousin, Jon Pryweller of Indianapolis; and several nieces and nephews.

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

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

In Memoriam

Lillian Zwimmer

On the 21st anniversary of her assassination, we remember our beautiful cousin, Lilliana Szwimer, 22, who was the killed in the Iranian sponsored terrorist attack on the AMIA (JCC), in the Jewish quarter of Once, in downtown Buenos Aires, Argentina, on July 18, 1994.

This is the first year that the world was able to witness the length to which the Argentine government, under President Christina Kirchner, who would go to continue to cover up its long-term collaboration with Iran. Alberto Nisman, the Argentine prosecutor, who was scheduled to testify before the Argentine Congress about the Government's involvement in the AMIA bombing and its support of Iran, was found shot to death in his home on January 18, 2015, the day before his scheduled appearance.

From Hans Bensinger and Karin Appelbaum

Father's Day Special at AJ - with Pastrami

by CD Kaplan

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The true and experiential transitional moment came during the summer of my 13th year.

This was months after the ritual of my bar mitzvah, where I was called on a cold shabbos morning to say the prayers over the Torah, recite my Haftarah and deliver a canned "Dear parents, grandparents and friends" speech provided by my rabbi. Upon the completion of which, I was considered an adult, according to the tenets of my Jewish faith.

Obviously there was plenty more to learn.

That summer, as with most in my youth, I worked at my parents' handbag store at Sixth and Market Streets. On the fateful day, I was sent to bring back lunch for my dad, Sam Cohen and Joe Rosenthal. They owned the dress and shoe shops on the same block.

I was to go to the deli a couple of blocks away, and bring back sandwiches. I don't recall the name of this deli, since it was not one of the more memorable of my youth. It had neither the panache nor longevity of Greenwald's or Schneider's on Bardstown Road, or the one run by Barry Sherman's dad on Preston Street, where we stopped on Saturday evenings on the way home from the store, to get lox, bagel, corned beef, smoked fish, etc, for that night, and Sunday.

The waitress behind the counter was obviously as unaware as I. Though she had an excuse, since she was not of the Jewish persuasion.

"What can I get you?"
 "Three corned beef sandwiches."
 "On white, ok?"
 "Sure."

A moment later, the proprietor came running out from the back, in more than somewhat of a huff.

"Who ordered the corned beef on white bread?"

"Uh, I did."

"What's your name, son?"

"Chuck Kaplan."

"You been bar mitzvahed yet?"

"Yes, in February."

"You want these on rye bread . . . with mustard!!!!"

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I was reminded of this story last night, when I spent a lovely Father's Day evening at Adath Jeshurun, the synagogue of my youth, where I became bar mitzvah.

There was a deli dinner, which I shared with 180 or so in all, and at a table with my best friend from high school, his bride and daughter (now a judge), three generations of one of Louisville's Cohen families. The nosh was followed by a showing of the beautifully crafted and endearing documentary, "Deli Man."

Then a Q & A with director Erik Greenberg Anjou. He's the fellow I railed against previously, which you can hear at www.culturemaven.com/blog/2015/06/22/fathers-day-with-deliman. That was in jest of course. When I first heard of the movie, heralded in its adverts as including deli mavens everywhere, I was painfully aware that I, a deli aficionado of the highest order, hadn't been asked to participate, despite my deli resumé.

For which absence, "Deli Man," this loving and insightful look at the importance of delicatessens in American Jewish culture suffered not in the least.

While telling the history of delis in the United States and their evolution, it wisely focuses on Ziggy Gruber, an old soul, who is a crusader for the food from the old country as it evolved after Jews landed in droves at Ellis Island.

Part of the film is food porn. There were noticeable gasps in the audience, upon sight of stuffed cabbage, knishes, Ziggy's Mish Mash Soup, and pastrami

sandwiches (On rye, with mustard) so thick, only someone with jaws the size of a hippopotamus could possibly bite all the way through.

There are interviews with deli men in New York, of course, LA, Chicago. But, most of all with Ziggy Gruber in Houston, the fellow carrying the torch.

There are heartfelt and suitably humorous tributes to the food and culture of Jewish delis from such as Larry King and Jerry Stiller.

Documentaries work when they capture and convey the zeitgeist of their subject matter. "Deli Man" certainly does that. In spades.

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In addition to pastrami, corned beef, roast beef and turkey, lox was available at the dinner last night at AJ. Though you had to go to a separate table to get it.

When I inquired of one of the serving ladies, if there was any cream cheese available, she stared at me with disdain. "No dairy."

Of course, the synagogue adheres to the dictates of the Kashruth. Translation: It has a kosher kitchen. Milk products and meat don't mix.

Decades later, I've still not fully shaken that inner kid, the one who dared order corned beef on white.

Shana Tova.

**May 5776
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D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel
Special to Community

Shanna Tova! May we all enjoy a good year, a year of good health, joy and most important a year of shalom, peace and wholeness and wellness. May we see everyone who is living in the land of Israel enjoying shalom and prosperity this year.



Rabbi David Ariel-Joel

Every Rosh Hashanah, we take part in ritualized ceremonies that are intended to help us repent and become better and more worthy people. Every year we read during the holiday the story of the binding of Isaac. Why does this reading appear in Rosh Hashanah service? What is the connection to the message of Rosh Hashanah? How can this story help us become better people?

Jewish tradition sees Abraham as the first believer and as the greatest believer. One reason is the way he coped with the terrible trial of binding his own son, Isaac. We refer to Abraham as *Avinu* – our Father Abraham, since he is the father of our nation.

We are all familiar with the outline of the story. God asks Abraham to sacrifice

Isaac, his beloved son, born after many years of infertility. God promised Abraham that he would have a son, yet now God commands: "Take now your son, your only one, the one you love, Isaac."

The text could have simply stated "take Isaac" or "take your son," or "take your only one." By repeating the same idea four times, the Torah is emphasizing the importance of this message.

A change can be seen in the way this phrase appears on two occasions later in the text. The wording of the Holy Torah is never a coincidence, so it is interesting to reflect on the fact that the later references omit the expression "the one you love, Isaac."

The most important element in the relationship between father and son is love. This is the first time that the concept of love appears in the Torah. The Biblical narrator felt compelled to emphasize the love that existed between Abraham and Isaac. The reason for this is to emphasize that paternal love is not merely a genetic impulse. The Torah wishes us to know that Abraham's love for his son was not a parental obligation.

After the binding, however, the reference to love disappears. What is left in the text is the factual statement that Isaac is Abraham's son. Once Abraham has reached out to take the knife, it is no longer appropriate to use the expression "the one you love" to describe his feelings for Isaac. As a father who picked up a knife with the intention of slaughtering his own son, Abraham may not actually have gone ahead and slaughtered Isaac, but he certainly slaughtered his love for his son.

Through this subtle yet powerful criticism, the Torah tells us that while the binding of Isaac leaves Abraham as a great believer, perhaps *the* greatest believer, his love for his son must now be gravely questioned. For the Torah, this paternal love is a supreme value. This, then, seems to be the greatest message of the whole story. Great belief in God is wonderful, as long as it does not come at the expense of love for humans – and particularly, love for those who depend on you.

This is where Abraham's mistake lies from the standpoint of religious tradition. God seeks to explain to Abraham that religious life not only does not require a father to slaughter his love for his son, but actually demands the full realization of merciful love between father and son, and indeed between all people – otherwise belief in God is hollow and empty.

Here lies the true significance of reading this story on Rosh Hashanah. True holiness cannot be found on Mount Moriah (the temple mount where Abraham bonded Isaac) or in any physical location. It lies in the relations among us all. If we treat other people with love and care, then this is the truest form of religious faith.

This is the Jewish message to the world. If there is anything we can learn from this story, it is that the one most important thing in life is us – human beings. We are blessed with so much.

Let this be a year when we will cherish the love in our life, when we will learn to respect and love each other.

שנה טובה ומתוקה ושבת שלום.

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Candles should be lit for Shabbat on Fridays, September 4 at 7:50 p.m. and September 11 at 7:30 p.m.; For Rosh Hashanah on Sunday, September 13 at 7:36 p.m. and Monday, September 14 after 8:32 p.m.; for Shabbat on Friday, September 18, at 7:28 p.m.; for Yom Kippur on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:22 p.m.; for Shabbat on Friday, September 25, at 7:17 p.m.; and for Sukkot on Sunday, September 27 at 7:14 p.m. and Monday, September 28 after 8:10 p.m.

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Editor's note: Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, a rabbi of The Temple – Adath Israel Brith Shalom (Reform), has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

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