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Over 450 Celebrate JCC's First 125 Years Leaders Share Vision for Next 125 Years of Successful Service to Community

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The community came together in a big way on Saturday, February 20, to celebrate 125 years of the Jewish Community Center in Louisville. With over 450 in attendance, the energy in the grand ballroom of the Hyatt Regency was palpable. Multiple generations came together to make this the biggest JCC party in recent memory.

In his invocation, Rabbi Robert Slosberg, president of the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors, captured the essence of the evening. It was filled with a sense of joy, pride and achievement for what has been accomplished in the JCC's first 125 years, and an understanding that it will need help, support, vision, love and perseverance as the agency embarks on its next 125 years.

Jeff Tuvlin, the evening's emcee, pointed out that Louisville's JCC is one of the first to have reached the 125 year milestone, and it has thrived so long because it operates under the national Jewish

Community Centers Association's guiding principle that we are responsible for one another.

Later in the evening, he put the JCC's history into perspective. When the JCC was founded, Cy Young was a pitcher and Ellis Island was the gateway for im-

migrants into the United States. From day one, it has been keeping Jews involved and engaged.

Jewish Community of Louisville Board Chair Jay Klempner thanked volunteers, members, supporters and staff see **JCC GALA** page 8

Wagner Shares Memories and Expectations for JCC's Future



Sara Klein Wagner

by Sara Klein Wagner
President and CEO
Jewish Community
of Louisville

"We welcome you to Ricaree. We're mighty glad you're here. We'll set the air reverberating with a mighty cheer."

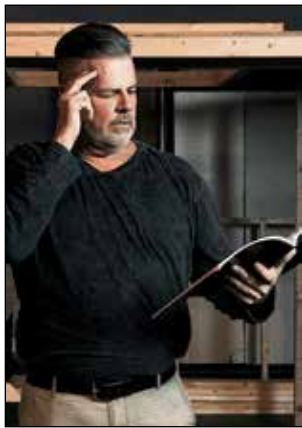
Do you remember where you were when you realized the JCC was special or a place you wanted to go to again and again? For me it was JCC Camp Ricaree – singing songs at the end of the day in the auditorium, learning to swim and being with friends.

The JCC has been more than a destination – it has been a second home. Some people remember the food: Icees at the snack bar or pizza bagels at the cafe. Some remember the sports, com-

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New Arts & Ideas Department Will Help JCC Move Forward

by John Leffert, Director
Arts and Ideas and
Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor



John Leffert

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When you come to the Jewish Community Center for a Center-Stage production, an art exhibit, a drawing class or a lecture, you know you can count on it being a high quality experience. Always looking to improve, the J is taking the arts to the next level by combining all these areas into a single new Arts and Ideas Department.

The JCL, JCC and Jewish Federation President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner announced, "John R. Leffert will serve

as director of the new department and he will work closely with long time JCC professionals Slava Nelson and Marsha Bornstein to create a tapestry that will transform the existing arts programs into a new series of cultural and creative see **ARTS** page 12

New JCC Branding Unveiled

by Ben Goldenberg
Marketing Director

As announced at the 125 Gala, the JCC of Louisville is joining many other JCC's around the country in a new, more unified brand. The new J logo, is bold and dynamic and fits in with the iconic brands of the 21st Century like Facebook and Skype.

But the logo is not the only thing changing. The Jewish Community Center's brand starts with the mission and vision of the Jewish Community of Louisville. The JCL's mission is to build and sustain a vibrant, caring, inclusive community rooted in Jewish values. Our vision is to fulfill the needs of the Jewish community. We will do that by see **BRAND** page 11



Open House Is Sunday

It's Time to Sign Up for JCC Summer Camp

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Summer. For children, it's that wonderful, laid-back time of year when they don't have to get up every morning and go to school. A time to play and grow and goof off.

But what do you want for your child? Imagine your child learning a new skill and exploring a new idea, pursuing special interests, making a friend, being successful all while having fun. That's exactly what you'll find at the Jewish

JCC Camp is the only ACA-accredited Day Camp in Louisville.

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You can learn all the details, meet key staff members and register for the sessions of your choice at the 2016 JCC Summer Open House, Sunday, February 28, from 1-4 p.m.

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Tzedakah Begins Here

Matanot La'Evyonim is the Jewish tradition around Purim of giving to charity and our Jewish Community Relations Council has chosen the Jewish Federation in Flint, MI, to direct our charitable efforts this year.

For the last several months, the city of Flint has suffered a water crisis that is hard to imagine happening in the United States. Their water supply, something that most of us take for granted will be safe when opening our faucets, is so contaminated that it is unsafe for any use.

The water supply for the city was switched to a more polluted source, causing lead in the pipes to leach into the supply ruining it for human consumption. Reports of discoloration, funny smells, rashes and illness were at first dismissed by local authorities but have now been confirmed by scientific testing.

Lead is a very dangerous substance to be ingested, as it has been linked to permanent brain damage for which there is no treatment. What has happened and is STILL happening in Flint is a complete disaster, brought on by a mix of negligence, politics and gross indifference to others' suffering. The fact that Flint is a poor, depressed city, with a large minority population has certainly not hastened calls to action to mitigate the situation.

As politicians on both sides of the political divide discuss and plan how to fix this mess (replacing all the pipes in the city, the only surefire remedy will cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars), we are all called to action. The Jewish Federation in Flint is purchasing bottled water, water filters and water treatment kits

for the entire population affected. While this is only a stopgap measure until a more permanent solution is implemented, it is a necessary one.

We cannot sit by and watch an AMERICAN city be deprived of what should be a basic right not to be poisoned by what comes out of the faucet. Please consider making your pledge to this very important cause. Donate online at www.jewishlouisville.org/purim-appeal-2016 or write Purim Appeal in the note line on your check and send it to Jewish Federation of Louisville, 3600 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY 40205.

Terrorism in Its Many Forms

The current state of things around the world is not good. Large swaths of Syria and Iraq are controlled by a death cult called Islamic State. Its purpose is to terrorize "non-believers" through worldwide terrorist actions like the attacks in Paris and San Bernadino, as well as in its local neighborhoods (just this week the Islamic State beheaded a 15-year-old boy for listening to pop music).

Iran and its allies in Syria like the Assad regime and Hezbollah are committing mass atrocities on a daily basis. Over 400,000 people have been killed in the Syrian conflict to date – most of them civilians and most of them by the Iran backed regime and their allies. This is in addition to the millions of refugees the conflict has created.

Turkey is a perpetual victim of terrorist acts. A car bomb killed 28 people just last week. And this is but a small sample of the terrorist acts occurring on a daily basis, not even mentioning places like Somalia, Nigeria, Yemen and Libya.

For our Jewish community, we are particularly sensitive to terrorism directed at Israel, and things are pretty bad

there too. It seems that there are daily attempts on the lives of innocent people, whether car attacks, stabbings, and even shootings, causing the entire country to be on edge and frightened. Even the threat of terror is causing angst.

In the Gaza periphery, residents are claiming they can hear tunnels being dug beneath them by Hamas, in preparation for surprise attacks on their communities. Just this week the leader of the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah has threatened to attack Israel with their "nuclear bomb," an attack on Haifa's ammonia storage facilities that would kill thousands.

There is no magic solution to any of this, and the depressing thing to me is that we, as a *species*, have yet to learn any lessons from history about the negative consequences of devaluing human life. Military and other security responses certainly have their place and should be used, but they do not address the root causes.

There is clearly no one answer so perhaps we need a complete paradigm shift, and attack terrorism on many fronts. NGOs, military leaders, the U.N., and diplomats need to stop compartmentalizing and work together, maybe a sort of "hack-a-thon" where they all sit in a room and discuss until a solution is found. All other options have already been exhausted...nothing is working.

Jewish and Muslim Communities Work Together to Resettle Refugee Family from Syria in Louisville

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

The Torah is replete with many references to the stranger, from Abraham opening his tent to strangers to being reminded to be kind to them because we were strangers once in Egypt. This commandment is one of the tenets of our faith and it guides us to welcome and help those who need it.

The American Jewish community heeded this call many times over the years, welcoming waves of refugees from many different countries – Jews and others seeking safety from war and persecution. It is now time to extend that welcome again.

Our Jewish community will be partnering with the Louisville Islamic Center to co-sponsor a Syrian refugee family who will be making their way to Louisville on March 7. Over the past few years, the Louisville Islamic Center has become our valued partner on a range of tikkun olam projects. Working together to welcome a Syrian refugee family will serve as an important reminder that Louisville's Jewish and Muslim communities are friends, share values, and have a deep desire to see that this city lives up to its compassionate goals.

"As people of faith who have a lot in common, these acts of service emphasize that essence and foundation of our belief systems are based on compassion and love for others including strangers," said Dr. Muhammad Babar, a leader at the Islamic Center. "Love and compassion do not recognize boundaries and limits in any shape and form."

"Let's rejuvenate this spirit of human brotherhood and sisterhood by supporting this unfortunate family of four that is forced to leave land of their ancestors at the hands of ruthless forces of injustice and oppression," he continued. "Believe that no one knows this strange and brutal feeling of helplessness in a foreign

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Miami Heat CFO Schulman to Speak at Men's Event

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work with professional basketball players? For Sammy Schulman, who grew up right here in Louisville's Jewish community, that's just part of his everyday job because he is the chief financial officer of the Miami Heat, whose responsibilities include player contracts. He's also the Board chair of the Jewish Federation of Broward County.

You can hear firsthand about his experiences with the Heat and learn why he also believes it is important to be a leader in the Jewish community because Schulman is coming to Louisville on Tuesday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m. to speak at the 2016 Federation Campaign Men's Event. The event, at Vincenzo's Italian Restaurant, 150 S. Fifth Street, includes dinner and costs \$25 per person.

Schulman has strong Louisville ties. A member of BBYO throughout his high school years, he has great memories of his youth spent at the JCC. His father, Stuart Schulman, was very active with the Louisville Jewish Federation and served as the director of its endowment program for a time.

Following his father's example, Sammy Schulman has been an integral part of the Jewish Federation of Broward County since 2001.

Growing up in Louisville also means Schulman was raised on basketball, so 25 years ago, when he had the opportunity to combine his love of basketball with his profession, it was a dream come true.

In 1987, Schulman was living in Dallas, TX, and working as an Audit Manager with Peat Marwick Main, a "Big 8"

accounting firm at the time. But when he was recruited to come to Miami to work for the new NBA franchise, it was a no brainer decision for him.

Reminiscing back on his time at the Heat Schulman said, "25 years has honestly gone by in a flash! It's hard to believe that it's been that long."

"I came to work for the Heat in November of 1987, which is about a year before we ever played a game," said Schulman. "And when I got here there were five people in the office, so it was really a start-up." Now the organization



Sammy Schulman

has about 250 employees.

Schulman has had 25 years of unforgettable memories working with the Heat. He fondly remembers the first playoff game at the Miami Arena: "To this day, I don't think I've ever been in a building that loud. Even as loud as this building has gotten [American Airlines Arena], I'm not sure it was as loud as that building was the very first playoff game."

He said, "All of Miami who was there was just so excited, because it was our first playoff game and it was like 'Okay, now we're really in the NBA.'"

Schulman's other favorite moments at the Heat include the two NBA Championships. It was special not only being able to share with co-workers but also being able to share the Championship at the American Airlines Arena in 2012, as well as in Dallas in 2006, with his wife

and three children who are huge Heat fans.

In addition to working with player contracts, Schulman was part of the core team responsible for the construction and financing of the new American Airlines Arena.

Space is very limited, and only a few places remain. RSVP by Monday, February 29 online at jewishlouisville.org/mens-event or to Development Director Matt Goldberg, mgoldberg@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2707.

This event is hosted by MVPs Mark Behr, Andy Blieden, Mark Blieden, Jonathan Geer, Doug Gordon, John Greenberg, Hunt Schuster, Scott Trager, Steve Trager, Andy Vine and Louis Waterman.

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Editor's note: some text for this story was provided by the Miami Heat.

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land better than my Jewish brothers and sisters whose parents and grandparents have lived and survived this tragic experience just few decades ago. Let's join our voices to say 'Never Again.'"

The situation in Syria is a humanitarian disaster and it continues to get worse by the day. The Syrian regime, with allies such as Iran, Russia, and the Hezbollah terrorist group have unleashed a vicious battle against all whom they perceive as their enemy, attacking civilian areas, and destroying many civilian neighborhoods.

Fighting them are rebel groups of all sizes and backgrounds, including the Islamic State, Al Qaeda, the Kurds, other smaller groups, all with varying aims, and some with methods just as brutal as

the regime. Caught in the middle, as is so often the case, are the innocent civilians of Syria.

Over 400,000 people have been killed already, a number that will climb higher. Millions have been internally displaced in Syria, driven from their homes by the constant fighting. And millions of others are now refugees outside of Syria, living in desperate conditions in Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and other countries in the Middle East.

We are co-sponsoring the Alsaïd Mustafa family, refugees from a Damascus suburb who have been living in Egypt since 2013. They are a family of four, including two young children – a daughter, Mirna, who is 9, and a son, Tarek, who is 6-1/2. Their father Mustafa is a carpenter.

The conditions that this family have lived in for years have been quite desperate and although they were safe in

Egypt, their lives were difficult. Syria has been in a civil war since 2011. After five years of unimaginable hardship, we are happy that we can play this small part in making them whole again.

Our community will help with their initial settlement here in Louisville and our sponsorship will cover them for their first three months. We will help with taking them to appointments, making sure their legal status is progressing through our system and helping them acquire the initial cultural skills necessary to thrive here, all while partnering with the Louisville Islamic Center. We will also begin a collection of housewares to provide them with at least some of what they will need.

If you are interested in helping this family, please contact me directly, mgoldberg@jewishlouisville.org.

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Soul to Sole: Women's Event Fetes Shoe Maven Jane Weitzman

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Sassy. Stylish. Jazzy. Dazzling. Chic.

Shoes can make you feel grand. And when it comes to glamorous shoes, Jane Weitzman of Stuart Weitzman Shoes is the reigning queen. But there is much more to Jane Weitzman than just shoes.

On Thursday, March 24, the women in the community are



Jane Weitzman

invited to a two-part Women's Federation Campaign event, at which they will hear directly from Weitzman about her career as a designer, her passion for tzedakah and how the two are interwoven and inseparable in her world.

Meet Weitzman face-to-face and close up for cocktails with Jane at 5 p.m. at Rodeo Drive, 2212c Holiday Manor. Just \$72 buys you entrance to the pre-event reception with the entrepreneur, a signed copy of her book, *Art & Soul*, and admission to the main event.

The main event, *Soul to Sole* will begin at 7 p.m. at Standard Country Club, 8208 Brownsboro Road. There Weitzman will share her inspiring stories and discuss her book.

Drawing from Jewish tradition, Weitzman knows there is no Hebrew word

for charity. The Hebrew word tzedakah means providing for those in need, but it conveys a real obligation to do so. It is not a choice. The Women's event, *Soul to Sole*, will be an evening of celebration, community and giving for women donors to the 2016 Federation Campaign.

Starting with a window display to raise awareness of breast cancer at the then newly-opened Stuart Weitzman store on Madison Avenue in New York, Weitzman incorporated tzedakah into the company's business model. Over the years, she has supported causes from ovarian cancer to inner city schools. Today, Weitzman serves on the executive committee and boards of several local and national philanthropies. This commitment even extended to her book, *Art & Sole*.

Signature cocktails, lite bites and a dessert bar will be available at the main event. The attire for the evening is pumped up chic, and bring along a pair of new or slightly used shoes to donate to the National Council of Jewish Women's Nearly New Shop.

This is a solicitation event for the 2016 Jewish Federation Campaign.

RSVP by March 21 at www.jewishlouisville.org/weitzman or call 502-238-2755.

Julie Ensign is chair of this event. For more information, contact Stacy Gordon-Funk, Jewish Federation of Louisville vice president of philanthropy.

This event is sponsored by Rodeo Drive, Heaven Hill and Masterson's Catering and by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

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YAD Plans Purim Murder Mystery

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Dateline: March 19, 2016.

Scene: Standard Club, 8297 Brownsboro Rd.

Crime: Murder on Purim.

The Young Adult Division invites all Jewish young adults in Louisville to a unique Purim celebration with the theme: A Purim Murder Mystery. The fun begins at 8:30 p.m. and runs until 11:30.

Don't worry about the kids. Reserve a place for them at the JCC's Parents Night Out program and you know they'll be safe when you're in pursuit of the murderer, along with drinks, light appetizers, desserts and dancing. In fact, they might even have as much fun as you will.

It might be best to conceal your identity, so come in costume. Who knows, you might capture the prize for the best disguise. You can even take advantage of free overnight parking, should you find that you have overindulged.

The cost is \$36 per person or \$40 at the door; or \$18 for the 21-30 crowd or \$20 at the door.

This is a Jewish Federation of Louisville Campaign event, so those in attendance will have the opportunity to make their gifts to the 2016 Federation Campaign.

Your YAD event co-chairs are Sasha Chack and Devon Oser. Keren Benabou and Laurence Nibur are the 2016 YAD chairs.

RSVP online at www.jewishlouisville.org/YADevent or email Federation@JewishLouisville.org no later than Sunday, March 13.

This is an evening you won't want to miss.

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One-Armed Israeli Soldier to Speak in Louisville March 22

Faced with the loss of an arm in combat, how many of us would have what it takes to overcome that devastating loss and return to serve and excel in our previous position? Very few.

Yet that is exactly what Izzy Ezagui did, and he's coming to Louisville on Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 to tell his story on the University of Louisville campus in the Bingham Humanities building, room 300.

Izzy Ezagui was born and raised in America and visited Israel with on a Birthright Israel trip at age 18. He went in search of fun and returned committed to joining the Israeli army.

Soon after he finished his training, war broke out on the border of Gaza. Two weeks later, he was hit by a mortar and lost his left, and dominant, arm. Despite this devastating loss, Izzy's first thought

in the hospital was that he must return to combat.

Most people thought he was dreaming, but two months later, he was lucky enough to meet a general who gave him that chance. Soon he was doing one-armed pushups, climbing rope, shooting assault rifles, and pulling out grenade pins with his teeth.

Izzy's story is not over; far from it! He continues to serve in the military reserves in an elite unit that plays a large role in any battle the IDF engages in.

In May of 2011, Shimon Peres, the president of Israel, awarded him the



Izzy Ezagui

highest accolade a soldier outside the battlefield can receive.

Today, Izzy speaks at many charitable events around the world, and he has addressed audiences of well over a thousand on the topics of disabled veterans, victims of terror, and the Israeli army.

Izzy also mentors numerous visiting youth groups, most recently those from the UK and the United States. Since youth groups helped him find himself in Israel, Izzy now gives back by doing what he came to help others to do the same.

This event is cosponsored by the Louisville Hillel and the Jewish Community Relations Council. It is funded by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

For more information, contact Benji Berlow, bberlow@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2715.

Suzy Post Is Daughters of Greatness Speaker

The Muhammad Ali Center, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Louisville, announced its upcoming *Daughters of Greatness* speaker: Suzy Post. Post will speak at the Center on Friday, March 18 at 8:30 a.m.

The *Daughters of Greatness* breakfast series invites prominent women engaged in social philanthropy, activism, and pursuits of justice to share their stories with the Louisville community.

Suzy Post was born in 1933 in Louisville, the daughter of first-generation German Jewish immigrants. She dedicated her life early on to the fight against inequality in this country. After World War II she became a tireless supporter of Civil Rights, joining the NAACP and participating in demonstrations through the 1960's and 1970's.

In 1968, she was elected president of what is now the ACLU of Kentucky and created this Commonwealth's first statewide Women's Conference. Working at the Presbyterian Seminary's Prophetic Ministry Department, she advised students about welfare and tenant rights.

In addition, she organized the largest demonstration in the state's history when our president called for the bombings in Cambodia: 6,000 people assembled in downtown Louisville and marched to a local high school for speeches. She rushed from her son Ben's bar mitzvah to help lead the walk of protesters.

Working at the Jefferson County Human Relations Commission, she addressed issues of school desegregation, and, in 1970, she was elected to the national Board of the ACLU and became its vice president in 1972. She worked alongside national leaders on issues such as women's rights, and was a key resource for helping Kentucky women who were imprisoned or had just been released.

Post became director of the ACLU of Kentucky, and in that capacity, supervised a lawsuit to force the Kentucky High School Athletic Association to name black referees to its rulebook. She also advocated for numerous social causes, and in 1998, she became the founding director of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition.

In October 2013, a Suzy Post Roast and Toast honored her in her 80th year and raised nearly \$200,000 for Louisville Central Community Centers (LCCC), an organization that serves the Russell neighborhood and other economically stressed Louisville areas. Post would only agree to be honored at the event if it raised funds for LCCC.

The *Daughters of Greatness* event will begin with a hot breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and the program will follow from 9-10. Tickets are \$20 for Ali Center Members, \$25 for non-members, \$15 for students with IDs, and \$200 for a table of 10. Seating is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.alicenter.org or by contacting Erin Herbert at 502-922-5341.

Hazzan Mendelson Brings A Cantor's Tale to AJ

by Cantor David Lipp
Congregation Adath Jeshurun

Hearing a Jewish themed concert should inspire. Witnessing a movie in the making should excite. On Sunday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun, you're invited to be inspired and excited.

Here's the deal.

A little over 10 years ago, director Erik Anjou took an interest in a cantor with a very colorful and productive life, Hazzan Jacob Mendelson. Called *A Cantor's Tale*, it had its world premier in Louisville at the downtown Kentucky Theater with both Mendelson and Anjou in town for the screening in conjunction with a taping of the radio program Kentucky Homefront hosted by John Gage.

Fast forward to 2016 and Director Anjou is in the process of creating a new documentary featuring Jackie again along with the future of the cantorate.

At the same time, Jack Mendelson has created a one-man-show, *The Cantor's Couch*, which will be featured at the 2016 Adath Jeshurun Music Festival, largely underwritten by the Adolf and Sara van der Walde and Israel Rosenblum Charitable Fund.

Both will be in town on March 13 to film, perform and delight.

Who knows, in a few years the Louisville Jewish Film Festival may have occasion to show the sequel to *Cantor's Tale*!

Tickets are available for purchase by calling the synagogue office at 502-458-5359 or by going to <https://adathjeshurun.wufoo.com/forms/2016-aj-music-festival/>. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students in advance or \$15 at the door.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For details, go to adathjeshurun.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THROUGH-MARCH 1 Jewish Film Festival

At Village 8, \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$6 students, unless otherwise noted. Details at jewishlouisville.org/filmfestival.
Sat., February 27, 7:30 p.m. *The Fire Bird*.
Sun., February 28, 2 p.m. *Farewell Party*.
Tues., March 1, 6:30 p.m., Louisville Free Public Library Main Branch, free. *Run Boy Run*.

THROUGH-MARCH 29 Patio Gallery Exhibit

Weavings by Wendy Weiss; photos by Jay Kreimer. Reception Sunday, Feb. 21, 2-4 p.m.

FEBRUARY 28

Toddler Topics

10 a.m. JCC. Nicole Y. Willet-Jones Esq. will present information about legal documents for young families. Limited to 20 people. Free child care available. RSVP online at jewishlouisville.org/event/toddler-topics-legal-documents-for-young-families/.

MARCH 1

Men's Event with Sammy Schulman

5:30 p.m. Vincenzo's. \$30. Sammy Schulman, CFO of the Miami Heat, will speak at the Men's Campaign Event. Space is limited. This is a 2016 Federation Campaign event. RSVP at jewishlouisville.org/mens-event. See story, page ...

MARCH 3, 5, 6

CenterStage Academy

7 p.m. each day and 2 p.m. March 6. \$12 for adults, \$7 for children 10 and under. CenterStage Academy Players present *Shrek the Musical JR.* and *Winnie the Pooh Kids*. Visit www.CenterStageJCC.org or call 502-238-2709 for tickets.

MARCH 6

J Serve Children's Activity

Shalom Baby, PJ Library at 10 a.m.; PJ Our Way, Kadima at 1 p.m. JCC Children's Place. International children's community service day. Assemble, paint a Little Free Library. Wear paint clothes. Sponsors: NCJW, PJ Library, Shalom Baby. For more information: Jennifer Tuvlin, jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org or Betsy Prussian, bprussian@jewishlouisville.org.

MARCH 6

J-Serve Teen Activity (grades 9-12)

2-5 p.m. Muhammad Ali Center. "Love is Respect Event." Learn about healthy relationships. For more information, contact Mike Steklof, 502-238-2774.

MARCH 13

Teen Connection

12:30-4 p.m. \$35. Pickup and drop off at the JCC. Pizza at the JCC then go to Mega Quest. RSVP to Mike Steklof, 502-238-2774 or msteklof@jewishlouisville.org

MARCH 13 and 20

CenterStage Acting Out

2 p.m. \$12 adults, \$7 children 10 and under. *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*. Visit www.CenterStageJCC.org or call 502-238-2709 for tickets.

MARCH 13

Adath Jeshurun Music Festival

7 p.m. AJ. Cantor Jack Mendelson's new one-man show. \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors; at the door, \$15. www.adathjeshurun.com/musicfestival or 502-458-5359.

March 19

YAD Purim Murder Mystery

8:30-11 p.m. Standard Country Club. \$36; \$18 for ages 21-30. YAD Annual Event. Costumes, drinks, light appetizers, desserts, dancing. Prizes for the best costumes. This is a 2016 Federation Campaign. Register at jewishlouisville.org/yadevent/. See story, page ...

MARCH 20

Jewish Author Series

5 p.m. JCC. Liel Leibovitz, author of *A Broken Hallelujah*, will speak. See story, page ...

MARCH 22

Speaker on Israel

6:30 p.m. UofL Humanities Building, Room 300. Israel's One-Armed Warrior, Izzy Ezagui to speak. For more information, contact Benji Berlow at bberlow@jewishlouisville.org.

MARCH 22

Live from New York's 92nd Street Y

At Adath Jeshurun. 7:30 p.m. reception; 8 broadcast. Panel discussion of "US Foreign Policy and the 2016 Election." Free, open to all. Questions? Deborah Slosberg, 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

MARCH 24

Soul to Sole Women's Event

5 p.m., Rodeo Drive pre-event, \$72 (includes main event); 7, Standard Club main event, \$36. Jane Weitzman of Stuart Weitzman Shoes will speak at this 2016 Federation Campaign celebration of community and giving. See story, page ...

MARCH 27

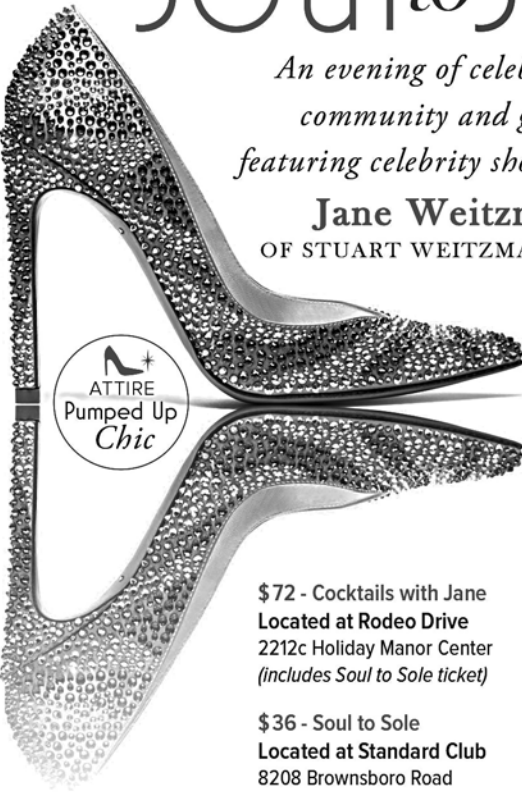
Kadima Chocolate Seder

12:30 p.m. JCC. \$12. For 4th and 5th graders. Program includes Chocolate Seder, pizza lunch and an escort from LBSY.

The Jewish Federation of Louisville Presents

Soul to Sole

An evening of celebration,
community and giving
featuring celebrity shoe designer
Jane Weitzman
OF STUART WEITZMAN SHOES



Thursday, March 24th
One Event, Two Locations!

5-6:30 pm at Rodeo Drive
Cocktails with Jane
Join us at Rodeo Drive for a special Pre-Reception to meet Jane and receive a signed copy of her book, *Art & Sole*. Enjoy special discounts and giveaways!

7:00 pm at Standard Club
Soul to Sole
Evening continues at the Standard Club. Jane will share her inspiring stories and discuss her book, *Art & Sole*.



\$72 - Cocktails with Jane
Located at Rodeo Drive
2212c Holiday Manor Center
(includes Soul to Sole ticket)

\$36 - Soul to Sole
Located at Standard Club
8208 Brownsboro Road

For tickets RSVP by March 21 at www.jewishlouisville.org/weitzman or contact Mary Jean Timmel at 502-238-2722 or mtimmel@jewishlouisville.org.

Please bring a new or slightly used pair of shoes to donate to the National Council of Jewish Women.

Event Chair: Julie Ensigen

Sponsored by Rodeo Drive, Heaven Hill & Masterson's Catering. Sponsored in part by Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

Center for Women and Families Honors Five Women of Distinction

The Center for Women and Families (CWF) will honor five Women of Distinction and present the Joan E. Thomas Lifetime Award for Peacemaking at the 29th Celebration of Service & Survival on Friday, February 26, at the Seelbach.

"The Center for Women and Families has been recognizing outstanding women in the community through the Women of Distinction Award since 1988," says Center CEO Marta Miranda. "An individual honored as a Woman of Distinction has given a lifetime of professional and/or volunteer services that has left an indelible mark on the Kentuckiana community."

Miranda continues, "Women of Distinction have made significant contributions to education, health care, civil rights, the arts, human services, the welfare of children and the advancement of women." To date 157 women have received this honor.

This year's honorees are Sharon Currens, executive director, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Laura Douglas, vice president, corporate responsibility and community affairs, LG&E and KU Energy, LLC; Joni Jenkins, Kentucky State representative, 44th Legislative District; Eileen Recktenwald, executive director, Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs; and Sheila Schuster, Ph.D., executive director, Advocacy Action Network.

Sheila Schuster

Sheila A. Schuster, Ph.D. is a licensed clinical psychologist with graduate degrees from Purdue University and the University of Louisville, where she earned her doctorate in clinical psychology in 1973.

After graduating from UofL, Dr. Schuster spent 27 years in private practice, providing psychological services to families and children. In addition to providing expert evaluations on behalf of children involved in family dissolution issues, she was a consultant to a number of community agencies serving children.

Dr. Schuster has been an Adjunct Professor of Psychology at UofL and has presented numerous workshops and seminars. Leaving her clinical work behind in 2000, she now devotes her full-time work to public policy advocacy on mental health, health care and disabilities issues.

Dr. Schuster is currently the executive director of the Advocacy Action Network (AAN), an umbrella organization which

includes the Kentucky Mental Health Coalition, Kentuckians for Health Care Reform, the United 874K Disabilities Coalition and the KY Medicaid Consortium. AAN provided the initial outreach and advocacy coordination for the Kentucky Voices for Health (KVH) coalition and its 250 member organizations; Dr. Schuster currently serves as chair of the KVH Board of Directors.

Because of her leadership in the 1990's in representing consumers' concerns around health care, Dr. Schuster was appointed by Governor Patton as the first consumer representative on the KY Department of Insurance's Health Advisory Council. She completed two terms as the Chair of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, having helped in its formation and serving on the Foundation's board since its inception.

Dr. Schuster is a member of the KY Institute of Medicine and a graduate of Leadership Louisville. She has been recognized for her advocacy efforts to improve the quality and availability of health care in the Commonwealth and to assure that individuals with mental illness and other disabilities, children, and those without access have the supports and services that they need.

While advocacy is her passion, Dr. Schuster readily admits that her family – and especially her grandchildren – are her joy.



Sheila Schuster



Sharon Currens

Sharon Currens

In May of 1987, Sharon Allen Currens became the first staff person hired by the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association (now Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence), an alliance of Kentucky's 15 regional domestic violence programs.

Relocating to Kentucky from Washington, D.C. where she was the director of government affairs for the American Institute of Architects, Currens now holds the position of executive director for the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

During her tenure at KCADV, Currens

has served on two Attorney General's Task Forces, a Legislative Task Force on Custody and Visitation, a Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence, the Governor's Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and the Kentucky Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Panel.

Laura Douglas

Laura Douglas was named to her current position, Vice President of Corporate Responsibility and Community Affairs for LG&E and KU Energy, LLC, in November 2007.

She is an active member of numerous professional organizations and civic



Laura Douglas

boards including, but certainly not limited to, the Kentucky Bar Association, the Kentucky Women's Forum, the Law Club, and Women Influencing Louisville. Douglas is a board member for the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program, the Muhammad Ali Center, and Actors Theatre of Louisville. She also sits on the board of directors for Republic Bank and the Housing Partnership.

As the result of a mayoral appointment, Douglas has served as chair of the Citizens Commission on Police Accountability since its inception. She also is a former Bingham Fellow, graduate of Leadership Louisville, and a former board chair of the Leadership Louisville Board of Directors. She is also the former Board Chair of Women for Women. Douglas also served on the Kentucky State University Board of Regents for 12 years and served as chair for six years.

Joni Jenkins

Joni Jenkins is currently serving her 11th two year term in the Kentucky House of Representatives as the 44th legislative district's state representative. Her district encompasses southwest Jefferson County and the Shively area.

Joni has spent most of her career within the public sector working for Jefferson County government, the Univer-

sity of Louisville, JCTC, and state government. She also worked at the Center for Women and Families where her interest in women's advocacy developed into a lifelong passion.

As a state representative, Jenkins has been a champion and fearless fighter for women's issues. Her first bill passed by the Kentucky General Assembly required a sexual assault nurse examiner to be the intake official on rape and assault victims.



Joni Jenkins

Eileen Recktenwald

Eileen Recktenwald is the executive director of the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, a statewide coalition of 13 regional rape crisis centers, and she has held this position since 2001.

Recktenwald is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the University of Kentucky where she earned her Master's Degree in Social Work. During her time at Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, a behavioral health service organization located in the Appalachian region of Kentucky.

For the last decade, Recktenwald has been focused on the primary prevention of sexual violence and changing the social norms that encourage interpersonal violence.

The Joan E. Thomas Lifetime Award for Peacemaking recognizes an individual whose work exemplifies a deep commitment to social and economic justice.

On the evening of The Celebration of Service and Survival, the 2016 Joan E. Thomas Lifetime Award for Peacemaking will be presented to Christopher 2X, anti-violence community activist and co-producer of the Hood 2 Hood Movement.



Eileen Recktenwald

Hite Art Institute Presents the International Honor Quilt

by Phyllis Shaikun
Special to Community

Picture two huge gallery walls covered with 539 individual triangular shaped quilt pieces that each pay tribute to a woman, women's organization or women's issues and you can begin to sense the enormity of the University of Louisville Hite Art Institute's exciting new exhibition, "Capturing Women's History."

The exhibit, which is on view until March 19, explores the relationship between women, craft and social engagement and celebrates noted feminist artist, Judy Chicago. The centerpiece, the International Honor Quilt (IHQ), is shown in its entirety for the first time. A third gallery displays the 1985 Hot Flash Fan, a collaborative work initiated by Chicago and Ann Stewart Anderson that features mixed media quilting contributions from 50 Kentucky artists.

Chicago was in Louisville last spring to kick-off the National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section's 120th anniversary celebration. She is best known for her work, "The Dinner Party," first shown in 1979 and now permanently housed at the Sackler Center for Feminist Art at the Brooklyn Museum.

Chicago initiated creation of the IHQ in 1980 as a grassroots feminist art project to "extend the spirit" of The Dinner Party during its world tour and expand the number of women honored in the piece.

"Through the Flower," a non-profit feminist art organization founded by the artist in 1978, issued a call for participation in the quilt project. Each prospective contributor was asked to create a 24-inch equilateral triangle quilt panel and include information about the honoree, the maker, and the materials and techniques used. This resulted in hundreds of panels donated to the organization that comprise the IHQ.

In October 2013, Through the Flower gifted the IHQ to the Hite Art Institute thanks in large measure to the efforts of Shelly Zegart, an international quilt expert, executive director and host of "Why Quilts Matter: History, Art and Politics." She now chairs the governance committee that oversees the integration and use of the IHQ at the university.

"I couldn't be more proud of my hometown university and their forward thinking about this project," Zegart commented. "The enthusiasm of the Hite Art Institute and its leaders and the collaboration of the many departments have brought it to reality and to the

walls of Schneider Hall. I am so pleased I was able to convince Judy to donate the IHQ to UofL and the Hite Art Institute. I look forward to watching all the ways in which students, donors and researchers will use the IHQ as the core of a center for art and change."

Future plans call for providing archival materials to scholars and educators; encouraging greater scholarship and research opportunities in art; initiating collaborative programs and ensuring that women's achievements and contributions have been and are recognized, recorded and honored. For more information about the International Honor Quilt, visit the IHQ database at <http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/ihq>.



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Super Sunday Volunteers Raise Over \$109,000 for 2016 Campaign

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The Jewish Federation of Louisville thanks all members of the community who answered the call and gave generously on Super Sunday, January 31.

Throughout the day, the Board Room bustled with energy and activity as dedicated volunteers and staff called community members to thank them for their participation. That day, volunteers secured 178 gifts were made to the 2016 Federation Campaign, totaling \$109,050.

This represents an increase of 48 percent over gifts from the same donors last year, and all the increases will be generously matched by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Through the Double Your Impact Challenge, JHFE is matching all new and increased gifts to the 2016 Campaign up to \$200,000.

There is still time to make your pledge and help keep our Louisville Jewish community strong and vibrant. To donate online today, go to www.jewishlouisville.org/donate or call the Federation office, 502-238-2739.

To see how the Federation Campaign dollars are used to make a difference in people's lives in Louisville, in Israel and around the world, go to www.jewishlouisville.org/federation/about/financially-responsible or call the Federation office for additional information.

Thanks to 2016 Federation Campaign Chair Leon Wahba for his leadership that day and for the entire Campaign, and to all who helped make calls.

Super Sunday volunteers were Karen Abrams, Jeff Barr, Myrle Davis, Barbara Franklin, Alan Friedman, Harry Geller, Stuart Goldberg, Jane Goldstein, Harold Gordon, High School of Jewish Studies Director Sarah Harlan, Jewish Community of Louisville Board Chair Jay Klempner, Glenn Levine, Jewish Family & Career Services Board Chair Stephanie Mutchnick, Donald Platoff, George Polur, Lewis Rowe, Amy Ryan, Julie Segal, Lisa Sobel-Berlow, Rebecca Swansburg, Jewish Family & Career Services Executive Director Judy Tiell, Jeffrey Tuvlin, Benjamin Vaughan and David Weinberg.

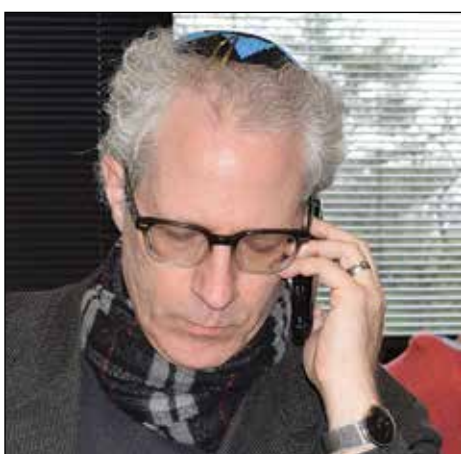
Staff members who helped out that day included Benji Berlow, Kristy Benefield, Grace Ensign, Matt Goldberg, Ben Goldenberg, Stacy Gordon-Funk, Lenae Price and Shiela Wallace.



2016 Federation Campaign Chair Leon Wahba



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Leon Wahba and Federation Vice President of Philanthropy Stacy Gordon-Funk



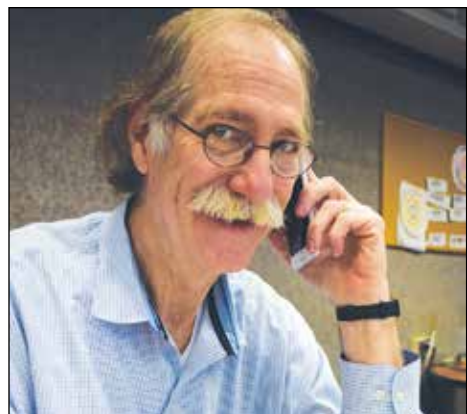
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Stuart Goldberg

Keneseth Israel invites you to our Scholar in Residence Program featuring Scott Fried

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Location Keneseth Israel – 2531 Taylorsville Rd.
9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
11:30am Kiddush Luncheon and Speaker
Topic Scott will share how his own journey as a Jewish gay man has led him to help people make peace with life's demanding circumstances.

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Location Anshei Sfard – 3700 Dutchmans Ln.
10:00am For parents of tweens & teens

Location JFCS – 2821 Klempner Way
11:30am For teens

Topic Scott will speak to parents and teens separately, and will discuss the sometimes painful and potentially destructive secrets thousands of teens have shared with him and the methods they use to survive adolescence.

*All in the community are welcome!
The luncheon and lectures are free of charge.
RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780*

Partially funded by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Co-sponsored by the Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad and the Louisville High School of Jewish Studies.



Scott is an award-winning international public speaker, HIV/AIDS educator and author. For more than two decades, he has lectured to over a million teenagers and adults. Scott's work is based on a core belief that one must understand the value of one's own life and hold it sacred, in order to refrain from dangerous behaviors and other crises. Scott is the inspiration for the musical *Rent*.

JCC GALA

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for making the JCC what it is today. He also shared that the agency is now preparing "to meet the needs of the community for years to come." He promised to seek input from the community as plans are made and noted that the agency will call on the community for support as the plan come together.

125 Gala Chair Robin Miller welcomed everyone and shared a proclamation from Mayor Greg Fischer that made February 20 JCC Day in Louisville. She said the tremendous attendance at the Gala and the recent success of the 2016 Jewish Film Festival, which drew 320 people to its opening event, are a tribute to the successful programming from the JCC.

Miller drew a round of applause when she thanked the Jewish Heritage Foundation for Excellence for its lead sponsorship of the evening.

Many people contribute to the success of an organization that has been operating for 125 years. Miller recognized all past JCC, Federation and JCL presidents, noting that David Kling was the most senior JCC past president in attendance.

JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner reminisced about growing up at the JCC; she also recalled the many ways in which the JCC impacted her family and noted that the beauty and uniqueness of the JCC is its ability to welcome and serve as an open tent to a diverse population.

Wagner shared an overview of her vision of the agency and invited those present on the journey to ensure that the JCC is a hub for the community, that it is welcoming to all and offers a multitude of ways for people to connect and join in. (See story, page 1.)

Rep. John Yarmuth made a similar point. He recalled the JCC as a place where young Jewish boys and girls believed they were good athletes. The Center was the center of our lives, athletically, culturally and socially, he said.

The JCC also provides vital public service, he added, pointing to the public interfaith ceremony during which the entire community stood in solidarity with France in the wake of the terror attacks at Charlie Hebdo and the kosher supermarket.

Some of the talented members of the CenterStage Theatre Company took stations in the lobby at the start of the event to represent some of the activities at the JCC. They also performed during the program. The highlight of the night was a video featuring past presidents sharing their memories and experiences at the JCC and their hopes for the future.

JCL Board member Becky Swansburg announced that the JCC is one of ten to partner with JCCA and Hazon to bring a JOFEE fellow this year to lead programs in Jewish Outdoor, Food and Environmental Education. John Leffert shared a new direction at the JCC, developing a department of Arts and Ideas that will expand the arts and learning opportunities available to the community.

Tracy Geller noted the significance of the JCC's ongoing commitment to youth and families.

Wagner expanded on the idea of changing programs, creating partnerships and ensuring that as we address the building itself, we will ensure that it is the right size and the right space to enable us to move into the future.

When the Sly Band took the stage, people flooded the dance floor and the festivities continued.

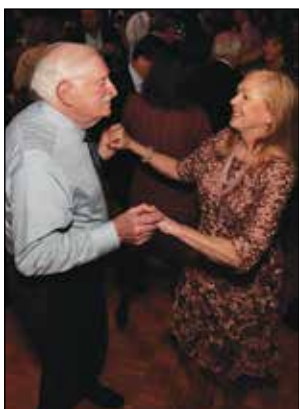
Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence was the lead sponsor of the 125 Gala. Other major sponsors were KentuckyOne Health/Jewish Hospital, Susan and William Yarmuth and Almost Family, Heaven Hill Brands and Eventuali-

ties.

Robin Miller chaired the 125 Gala. Gala Committee members included Dr. Karen Abrams, Dr. Shellie Branson, Logan Buren, Mark Eichengreen, Julie Ensign, Tracy Geller, Abby Green, Meredith Gregory, Kim Hales, Dr. Laura Klein, Dr. Lisa R. Klein, Marjorie Kohn, Tina List, Joanie and Craig Lustig, Marcy Rosengarten, Stephanie Rosenthal, Maxine Rouben, Susan Rudy, Jill E. Simon, Julie Strull, Michelle Cohen Tasman, Dr. Jeffrey Tuvlin, Hunter Weinberg and Frank Weisberg.

Special thanks to JCC Development and Special Events Director Lenae McKee Price, JCC Arts and Ideas Director John R. Leffert and the CenterStage company.





WAGNER

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petition, skit night and Camp Ben F Washer.

The best part is the shared experiences coupled with our own stories and our own experiences that have changed and enhanced our lives.

We are also grateful to the leaders who came before us. Personally, Annette Sagerman and Jay Levine made everyone who entered the building feel at home. I hope our staff carries on that tradition every day.

Keep remembering, but it is also time to look ahead and plan for the future as those before us did.

Our 125th yearlong celebration culminated on Saturday night with a gala celebration.

Congratulations to the committee led by Gala chair Robin Miller and JCC development director Lenae Price for planning a wonderful evening.

We are grateful to the 100 plus volunteers and over 2,600 community mem-

bers who participated in our celebration this year starting last year with the 125 Tip Off last January. We are grateful that we were able to honor Annette Sagerman last spring, thrilled that our JCC 125 float won the Pegasus Parade Grand Prize at Derby time, amazed that our 125 festival welcomed over 700 people and proud of the gala bringing the community together to celebrate our past, present and future.

From strength to strength, it is time to take all of our reflections and memories and look toward the future. The strong history of the Louisville JCC will provide the foundation as we evolve for the future.

The next 125 starts now. We invite you to be a part of the future. In the near future, we will announce efforts to maximize our strengths and opportunities and for you to be part of the journey.

My journey began at Camp Ricaree and my goal is to ensure all members of our community find their entry points and places at our J so they, too, call the JCC their second home.

JCC GALA

These photos and many more will be posted online at www.jewishlouisville.org.

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You might recall her smile in the hallways of Adath Jeshurun Preschool for nearly 50 years. Chances are she touched the lives of your children, and even their children. Harriet Waldman was a Louisville legacy who passed away last year and left behind many wonderful memories.

Now her daughter, Sheryl Rosenberg of Chicago, has vowed to keep her mom's name and creative spirit alive with Harriet's Hides, a line of purses made from natural hair-on cowhides. Harriet loved life and now it's in the bag.

Sold in boutiques throughout Chicago, Harriet's Hides are riding into Louisville as a tribute to their namesake. Each purse is 100% handmade by Sheryl and is finished, or kissed, with a red rose.

According to the purse maker, "my mom touched so many people, I wanted to bring Harriet's Hides to Louisville

to keep her love of this close knit community and her abundant creativity alive."



Harriet's Hides is a labor of love that brings together all sides of Sheryl's family tree. "My father, Irvin, was an engineer who could make absolutely anything, from furniture to machine blueprints, by hand. My mom, Harriet, turned everything imaginable into an enticing art project. And, back in 1947, my Uncle "Goodie" (Goodman Tasman) started a family business processing hides and it is now a global leader in that field. Making purses using gorgeous cowhides was a natural for me!"

Harriet's Hides purses are available in a variety of styles, colors and designs. Each purse is one of a kind. Like Harriet, there are no duplicates.



In Louisville, a donation will be made to the AJ Preschool for every purse purchased.

For more information on where you can buy a Harriet's Hides purse contact:

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Partnering with BBYO to Teach Torah and Do Tikkun Olam

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky
Vice President of MissionKentuckyOne Health

The Torah teaches us the importance of collective responsibility: "Do not stand idly on the blood of your neighbor" (Lev. 19:16). This mandate is one that guides the work of Jewish Hospital and KentuckyOne Health, as we work to bring healing in an increasingly violent world.

Our antiviolenence initiatives span the gamut from preventative initiatives for children to interventions for those who are caught in the cycle of violence. Unfortunately, sometimes it seems like there are opportunities to fulfill this commandment everywhere we look.

This month, I would like to talk about how this issue affects our teens, not just from one neighborhood but all neighborhoods, across our country.

Statistics tell us that one in three teens experiences physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse at the hands of a dating partner. All of our kids are at risk, and this in turn predisposes them to further violence, as well as addiction and poor health outcomes.

The Torah commands us to respond. On Sunday, March 13, we will have an opportunity to do so. Jewish Hospital and KentuckyOne Health have part-

nered with the B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) to create an innovative educational program for all Jewish teens in Louisville, thanks to a grant from J-Serve. This important event will take place at the Muhammed Ali Center on Sunday, March 13, 2-5 p.m. and will serve as our community's J-Serve Tikkun Olam Day. For more information, contact myself, NadiaSiritsky@KentuckyOneHealth.org or Michael Steklof at the JCC, msteklof@jewishlouisville.org.

J-Serve helps more than 11,000 Jewish teens from around the world to come together to serve their communities and make a difference. J-Serve believes that the spirit of *tikkun olam*, (repairing the world) and *zedakah* (just and charitable giving), is realized whenever people come together to better our world. One person in their hometown can make a difference, but when thousands of teens work together, they change the world.

This special day reflects months of planning between the leaders of BBYO and PACT in Action. PACT in Action (Parkhill, Algonquin & California Teens in Action) is a teen dating violence prevention initiative of The Center for Women & Families and KentuckyOne Health, and funded by Catholic Health Initiatives Mission and Ministry Fund.

PACT in Action is a community-based, youth-led initiative that works to mobilize teens in these neighborhoods to achieve a 10 percent reduction in the incidence of domestic violence by the year 2020 (www.pactinaction.org). We will achieve this goal by equipping youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to support and lead efforts to reduce teen dating violence, increasing the engagement and accessibility of caring adults and enhancing the knowledge, skills and engagement of all community members to improve the built environment in ways that will reduce this problem.

This innovative program puts prevention to work to eliminate teen dating violence before it happens by focusing upon approaches that strengthen individual knowledge and skills, promote community awareness, foster coalitions and influence policy and legislation – the real way to make lasting impact.

By bringing together teens from different communities, and providing them with a structured opportunity to learn from each other and address an issue that, sadly, unites them and knows no boundaries, this innovative program has an additional benefit of helping to build even greater understanding and paths for peace and healing in our city.

These teens are modeling the important work of *tikkun olam*, and my prayer is that when they talk to their children, they will be able to speak to an incredulous generation that cannot believe or accept that violence was ever as prevalent as it now is.

Chabad Presents Purim in Moscow at the Hyatt Regency

Imagine yourself standing in Red Square in Moscow or praying in the famous Marina Roscha Synagogue or touring the Kremlin. Imagine a festive meal the way millions of Jews might have celebrated in Russia over the past 500 years with herring and beet salad and chicken kiev with roasted potatoes and sweet tzmimmes.

Well you won't have to imagine it for much longer, because on Thursday, March 24, Chabad will present "Purim in Moscow" and share many of these tastes and experiences in celebration of the Jewish holiday of Purim.

Known in Jewish literature as the most joyous date on the Jewish calendar, Purim commemorates the nullification

of a Persian decree calling for the extermination of the Jewish people throughout the Persian Empire in 356 B.C.E., as told in the Biblical Book of Esther. Chabad's spin on this age-old holiday has helped bring the fun and spirit of Purim to Louisville year after year.

"We are excited to bring the unique Russia flavor to our Purim celebration this year," said Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, director of Chabad of Kentucky. "There is a Jewish renaissance going throughout Russia with thousands of Jews returning to synagogues, Jewish community centers, Jewish summer camps and Jewish day schools. In tribute to this amazing rebirth of Judaism, we have chosen Russia for our Purim theme this

year."

All are welcome to this community-wide program, regardless of Jewish affiliation or background, says Rabbi Chaim Litvin, who helped organize the event. "Everyone is sure to have a great time!" People are encouraged come in costume to bolster the spirit of the event.

The cost of the entire evening including a delicious kosher Russian dinner, drink, music and entertainment will be \$35 per person, \$25 for students and \$15 for children under 12 years of age. All adult tickets paid by Monday, March 7, will be only \$33.

For more information call Chabad at 502-459-1770 or info@chabadky.com.

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With 49 specialty camps to choose from, there is sure to be one that is just right for your child. "The specialty camps run the gamut from arts (dance, visual arts and performing arts) to 12 different Lego camps to science camps and even four different cooking camps with a chef who is an educator as well as a bakery chef," said Senior Director of Camping and Youth Services Betsy Schwartz. There are also sports camps, traditional camps and a new nature camp.

"Camp is education, not babysitting," Schwartz added. Children learn one set of skills in school, she explained, but at camp, they acquire a "completely different skill set that will serve them for life."

The most exciting change this year is the JCC Camp program has earned accreditation from the American Camp Association. ACA Accreditation means that your child's JCC Camp cares enough to undergo a thorough (up to 300 standards) review of its operation – from staff qualifications and training to emergency management.

The American Camp Association collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross and other youth-serving agencies to assure that current practices at your child's camp reflect the most up-to-date, research based standards in camp operation. Camps and ACA form a partnership that promotes growth and fun in an environment committed to safety.

JCC Camp is the only day camp in the immediate area that has earned ACA Accreditation.

In addition, JCC Camp offers several elements that can't be found at other area camps. Every child in the traditional camp program gets swimming lessons, and all campers, including those in specialty camps, enjoy free swim every day, weather permitting.

The camp also employs a number of specialists to enrich the various programs. There will be a *shaliach* or *shlich*, and emissary from Israel who will share Israeli games and songs, Hebrew words and other aspects of everyday life in Israel into the camp program, enriching the cultural experience for ev-

ery camper. Specialists in culture, arts, games, sports and nature will add to the mix.

With funding from the National Inclusion Project, the JCC's Yachad program integrates children with special needs into the camp program as fully as they are able ensuring that all children can participate; all children can learn new skills; all children can be successful and all children can make a friend.

Through Yachad, children receive the level of help needed to succeed, whether that be ensuring that a child with diabetes receives medication at the appropriate time or providing an advocate to work with a child who has autism throughout the day. Yachad advocates are available to families of children with special needs at no additional charge to the families.

Complete information about all camps, the 2016 JCC Summer Camp brochure and online registration are all available online at jewishlouisvillecamp.org. For additional information, contact Schwartz at bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2708.

BRAND

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being welcoming, inclusive and diverse; by promoting and celebrating Jewish culture and heritage; by educating the young and caring for the elderly; by advocating justice and compassion; by developing health and wellness; by supporting Israel; by fostering interfaith relations and by funding Jewish needs.

The JCC is a vital part of the JCL's vision, allowing it to be welcoming, inclusive and diverse; promoting and celebrating Jewish culture and heritage and educating the young and caring for the elderly.

The brand is more than a logo, just like the JCC is more than a building. The JCC is the moms and dads, children and seniors, campers and teens. The JCC is the adults of all ages who enjoy a show, grab a workout, enjoy a social event or come for conversation. The JCC is here for you if you are young or old, Jewish or not, religious or secular.

The J is the sum of hundreds, if not thousands of individuals. The J is community.

If you had to describe The J, our goal is to be smart and funny, cultural and

successful, empathetic and intellectual, philanthropic and entrepreneurial, moral, but not preachy and doing good in the world. We hope you find us to be a smart, funny friend who knows you well and always has something cool going on.

The new brand uses a single identifying mark for almost all programs. This signifies that the strength of one program passes on to the next. The goal is instant recognition. The new mark is bold and is meant to stand out and be noticed.

The JCC is focusing its programs into three core areas: Wellness, Youth and Families, and Arts and Ideas. Using these three core areas, The J will be able to best provide quality programs for everyone to enjoy.

Wellness is here to keep your body fit throughout all stages of life by encompassing the Fitness, Sports, Aquatics and Senior Departments. Starting in June, Our new JOFEE fellowship will develop programming that will help support outdoor, food and environmental education in the wellness area. Youth and Families will ensure that every step of your child's journey is supported by the J. We are combining the efforts of PJ Library and Shalom Baby with the Early

Learning Center. Then adding Children and Camping to the Middle and High School programs for an experience unlike any other currently offered in Louisville, all designed to meet to evolving needs of today's youth and families.

Arts and Ideas will inspire your thoughts and expand your mind. John Leffert will use the growth of Center-Stage to boost The J's artistic abilities in the JCC Patio Gallery, art classes and the Louisville Jewish Film Festival. The J will provide a wide scope of life-long learning, including our partnership with Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, Goldstein/Leibson Lectures and a new Arts and Ideas series (see story, page 1).

We hope that you join us on this journey towards a new and exciting future of the JCC.

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JFCS Welcomes Sobel-Berlow as Engagement Specialist

Jewish Family & Career Services welcomed a new staff member in January. Lisa Sobel-Berlow, a Louisville native, started her Jewish communal service career at JFCS in Louisville 10 years ago as a development intern through the joint internship program between JFCS and the Jewish Federation of Louisville.

Since then she has gone on to work in many different agencies within the Jewish community across the country and describes herself as a "Jewish Jill of all Trades." Her passion is in creating connections between people, groups, causes and organizations, which makes her perfect for her new role as Engagement Specialist.



Lisa Sobel-Berlow

Sobel-Berlow will be working for the next year to help create strategies to connect more people and organizations to the mission of JFCS. She will be working closely with Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell to build a roadmap for the agency to reach more young adults and other groups.

"We are excited about Lisa joining the JFCS team. We believe that in order to continue to attract excellent leaders, volunteers, and interested individuals to JFCS, we must develop new ways of engagement. We are looking for Lisa to explore best practices in engagement, which will be meaningful and relevant in the coming years," said Tiell.

Sobel-Berlow is the daughter of Sue and Tom Sobel and grew up in Louisville, where she was an active member of The Temple before she went to college at Denison University in Granville, OH. During her time at Denison, she helped to rebuild Jewish life on campus and, after participating in the internship program at JFCS, she decided to pursue a career in Jewish communal service.

After graduating with a degree in religion, she moved to Claremont, CA, just outside of Los Angeles, to act as an engagement professional for Hillel as a Jewish Campus Service Corps (JCSC) Fellow. She continued her second year in the JCSC Fellowship at Trinity College in Hartford, CT.

After meeting and marrying Benji Berlow, they moved to San Jose, where she worked as a development director for a Jewish day school and then as a synagogue membership coordinator.

She and Berlow relocated to Pittsburgh, where she focused her work on experiential Jewish education at The Agency for Jewish Learning while getting her MBA with an emphasis in Entrepreneurial Leadership and Strategy at Chatham University.

Benji Berlow is the new Young Adult Director for the Jewish Federation of Louisville.

Sobel-Berlow is excited to be back

home in Louisville working for the Jewish Community. "The chance to make lasting connections between the larger Louisville community and JFCS was an

opportunity that I could not pass up! I am looking forward to meeting and connecting with many community members and leaders," Sobel-Berlow said.

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experiences that will enable participants to engage with a whole spectrum of colors, shapes, threads and textures that interact and illuminate."

"We are excited to create this tapestry together," Leffert said. "With CenterStage, the Jewish Film Festival and the Patio Gallery leading the way, music, literature, culinary arts, art classes and lectures will be added to our tapestry of Arts and Ideas, making the J the center of not only Jewish arts programming, but an arts leader in Louisville."

One of the first new programs is an Arts and Ideas series of speakers who will be featured once a month from March through June. The Arts and Ideas Department will also bring back the Goldstein/Leibson Lecture Series, which, over the years has brought in Jewish luminaries and scholars to speak.

"The passion of the Goldstein and Leibson families hold for Jewish learning and dialogue inspire me," Leffert said, "and I am excited to work with them in creating inspiring and relevant programming to mark the return of this unique lecture series." Watch upcoming issues of *Community* for details.

Liel Leibovitz

Leading off the author series is Liel Leibovitz, who will discuss his emotionally astute and philosophically observant novel, *A Broken Hallelujah: Rock and Roll, Redemption and the Life of Leonard Cohen* on Sunday, March 20, at 3 p.m. at The Pointe, 1205 E. Washington St.

This biography is more than an account of Cohen's life, but instead gives us an intimate look at the passionate poet turned musician delving into the sources and meaning of his work beautifully illuminating what Cohen is telling us and why we listen so intensely. The afternoon will also feature performances by Cantor David Lipp of Cohen's music, including his popular *Hallelujah*. You will have the opportunity to meet Mr. Leibovitz and have your personal copy of the book signed during a reception following the show.

The Pointe is a historically certified space located in the heart of Butchertown, Louisville's once thriving meat packing district. Once a 19th century, leather, lace and cotton sash factory, The Pointe's blend of original industrial features with contemporary architectural design makes it the perfect venue to celebrate this inaugural Arts and Ideas Event.

The cost for this program has not yet been determined.

Steve Katz

Rock and roll legend, Steve Katz, founding member of The Blues Project and Blood Sweat and Tears will speak on Saturday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at Standard Country Club, 8208 Brownsboro Rd.

He not only shares memorable stories from his celebrated music career and best-selling autobiography, *Blood Sweat and Tears and My Rock and Roll Years: Is Steve Katz a Rock Star?*, but he will also perform some of his well-known hits.

From the Monterey Pop Festival with the legendary Blues Project, Woodstock with Blood, Sweat & Tears, and even producing albums with the incomparable Lou Reed, the answer to Katz's question is yes, he is a rock star.

Following Katz's intimate concert, you will have the opportunity to meet the legend as you have a personal copy of his biography autographed.

To make this night even more special, the evening will start with an open bar cocktail hour followed by an elegant catered dinner by Anoosh Bistro, whose name is synonymous with superb dining.

Chef Anoosh Shariat's dazzling talents and eclectic menu of contemporary American cuisine fused with Contemporary European cuisine have given Anoosh Bistro a reputation as one of Louisville's best restaurants.

The cost for this program has not yet been determined.

Old Jews Telling Jokes

What's so funny about old Jews telling Jokes? Everything! Get ready for an outrageous evening of homespun fun with one liners, double entendres and hysterical routines sure to triple you over with laughter. Celebrating the rich tradition of Jewish humor and storytelling, this hilarious show will pay tribute to classic jokes of the past and reinvent some new ones as well.

From birth to death – and everything in between – Jewish people have always showed the need to laugh at it all. Even better, they'll make you laugh at it all.

The fun and laughter will begin on Saturday, May 14, at 7 p.m. at the Standard Country Club with "Old Jews Telling Jokes." When Ed Bornstein, the creator of this event, along with four other local comics take the stage in the rich tradition of stand-up comedy, anything could happen. One thing is certain, hilarity will ensue.

With an open bar cocktail hour, a catered dinner by Masterson's, Louisville's leader in event catering since 1938, and a smash hit show that could be on the stage of any major comedy club, this evening promises to be an evening of unabashed fun.

Like rye bread, Kosher pickles and bagels, there's something for everyone. You'll laugh 'til you plotz.

The cost for this program has not yet been determined.

Lucy Aharish

The Arts and Ideas Series will wrap up with "A Conversation with Lucy Aharish," Israeli News Anchor, Reporter and Television Host on Tuesday, June 28 at the Jewish Community Center.

Aharish currently presents the Evening Edition as the news broadcaster of i24news, and serves as a morning anchor on a current-affairs show on Channel 2. She is notable for being the first Arab news presenter on Hebrew-language Israeli television.

This event is free.

With limited seating available, these events are sure to sell out quickly. Make your reservation today by calling 502-459-0660.

Arts and Ideas Staff

In his 16 years as artistic director, John R. Leffert has built CenterStage into one of the best theatre programs in the area. "I am excited to step into my new role," he said. "There is so much potential here."

"My goal is to utilize this Arts and Ideas theme as a means of making programming here at the J more cohesive," he continued. "Not only do I plan to infuse Arts and Ideas into all programming here at the J, but you will see new collaborations and initiatives throughout the entire community."

"Through quality programming and a wide array of opportunities, members of this community will discover and refine their tastes, deepen their convictions, and develop life-long habits of cultural participation," he added. "Arts and Ideas will become the common thread or glue, if you will, in developing new and enriching programs. We will strive to attract and engage a broad and diverse audience while at the same time building celebrating and building community."

Slava Nelson will continue to lead the Patio Gallery and visual arts classes, but also will work with Leffert to create new programs and opportunities for, but not limited to adults ages 40 and older.

"There seemed to be a gap in programming for this age group," stated Leffert. "We want

to make sure we are engaging people at every age level and not leaving anyone out." Not wasting any time, Nelson has already planned the speaker series described above.

"Slava Nelson is the perfect person for this position. Her energy is incredible and her ideas endless," said Leffert. "I look forward to working together with her and seeing this program grow each year."

Marsha Bornstein, another vital member of the Arts and Ideas team, will continue to serve as director of the successful Jewish Film Festival. This year's festival, with three more films yet to be shown, has been drawing record crowds. (See story, CenterPiece, page 1.)

"I feel so fortunate to have a team that shares my passion for the arts and my vision for this department. Together, I know we are going to do great things," said Leffert.

The new Arts and Ideas department is just one of the many exciting changes happening at the J. While we just concluded our 125 year celebration, we do not plan to stop there. New ideas and initiatives like Arts and Ideas will propel us into the future. Together we will weave this tapestry and with everyone's support can continue to enrich lives and create community.



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Remembering Meghan Steinberg: A Life Filled with Caring

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

There is a Chasidic story that holds there are 36 hidden righteous people in the world at any given time, and it is the goodness of those 36, known as lamed vavniks, that God chooses to sustain humanity.

It is just possible that on January 23, we lost a lamed vavnik when Meghan Steinberg died. At just 33, she lost her 11-year battle with cancer, but throughout her journey as she climbed Meghan's Mountain, as she called it, again and again, she made a difference in this world.



Meghan Steinberg

When she was first diagnosed, the idea started small. People don't understand cancer, she realized, so she hoped to shed light on it by sharing her story and insisting that her father and caregiver, Jerry Steinberg, do so as well. So, in February 2005, they began sending out emails to family and friends.

This was pre-Facebook, and Jerry said they sent out only five emails. What they didn't realize was that their emails were being forwarded to others.

On July 5 that year, Meghan was scheduled for her first bone marrow transplant. They arrived in Seattle early and Meghan's birthday was July 2. Jerry sent an email asking people to send birthday cards. He reported that 550 cards arrived from around the country and even as far away as Africa.

When she returned to Louisville, Meghan decided to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Association's Light the Night campaign. Jerry went out to dinner at the Chick Inn that night and was talking about the plan. The owner overheard and got back to him the next day. She had arranged for her suppliers to donate food and her workers volunteered to work for free.

Restricted from being out in public because of her compromised immune system, Meghan only gave a speech about fighting cancer at the end of the shift. Between that fundraiser and another similar one elsewhere, Meghan raised more than \$20,000.

A year later, when Meghan returned to Seattle for her checkup and was released from her restrictions, Jerry offered to celebrate by taking her downtown and buying her whatever she wanted. Meghan asked to go visit cancer patients at the children's hospital. She stopped in a room with a young Hispanic girl and her mother. The mother didn't speak English so the girl had to

translate all the doctor's comments for her. Even though it was mid-Summer, Meghan asked the girl what she wanted for Christmas. A boom box, the child replied.

Later, when they left the room, Meghan asked her father what he saw in the room. Jerry started describing the medical equipment and furnishings. Meghan stopped him and said, "You weren't looking closely." That child didn't have cards on her wall or a computer or anything else. "You want to buy me something?" she asked. "Buy a boom box." Meghan had the boom box gift wrapped and delivered it to the child's room.

Jerry said this incident was the start of the Meghan's Mountain Foundation, and the purpose of the foundation is to meet the individual needs of cancer patients and their families because Meghan believed that the big corporations could take care of funding research.

Former University of Louisville Coach Denny Crum often makes hospital visits, and shortly after Meghan was diagnosed, he visited her. She touched him with her spirit and he became a close friend and a fundraising partner.

Among the things Meghan made happen through her foundation were one week of free camp for cancer patients and Indian Summer Camp or Camp Quality; a respite night at Gilda's club for the parents of pediatric cancer patients where sitters stayed with the young patients freeing up the parents to come to Gilda's Club for a nice dinner with wine; a week for teens cancer patients at Red River Gorge; and Christmas gifts for patients at Kosair Children's Hospital.

McGhan saw things that others didn't, Jerry said. She got Kosair Children's Hospital to provide a room then purchased a washer and dryer so that parents of pediatric patients from distant communities who were in the hospital

for extended periods would have a place to do their laundry. She bought exercise equipment for the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle so patients preparing for and recovering from transplants would have a place to build up their strength. She bought blanket warmers and comfortable recliners for the James Graham Brown Cancer Center.

She never knew a stranger and had an uncanny ability to talk to people, giving them the courage and strength to climb their own mountains. Even if she was in pain or feeling ill, Meghan was always ready to help others in any way she could and to thank those who helped her.

While she was in Hosparus, Meghan asked him to carry on her foundation after she was gone. At first Jerry said he didn't think he could, but Meghan convinced him that the good he would be doing would help him cope with the pain.

Since Meghan's death, Jerry said, cards have come in from all over the

world, and many of them have handwritten stories about how Meghan helped them. In addition, Jerry has received almost \$13,000 in her memory.

What will he do? Expand the Meghan's Mountain Advisory Board and continue Meghan's unique way of doing tikkun olam, one cancer patient at a time.

Was Meghan Steinberg a lamed vavnik? Maybe, maybe not. But she certainly touched many people and made a difference for good in this world.

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Purim this year is March 24. The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Community of Louisville invites you to honor this Purim tradition by contributing financially to the Flint Jewish Federation. Amid the ongoing water crisis in Flint, MI, where seven percent of local homes test above the federal safety standard for lead, the Flint Jewish Federation urgently needs our donations to provide bottled water, water filters, water testing kits and other needs for immediate distribution.

To help the JCRC support the Flint Jewish Federation, send your Purim contributions to Jewish Community Relations Council, 3600 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY 40205. Please indicate in the memo line on your check that your contribution is for our 2016 Purim Appeal. You may also make your donation online at www.jewishlouisville.org/purim-appeal-2016.

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AJ Concert Was an Evening of Caffeinated Fun

by Bob Sachs

Special to Community

Coffee is a taste I have yet to cultivate. But you don't have to like coffee to have loved the Caffeinated Cantors Concert on Saturday, January 23, at Adath Jeshurun. After a meaningful Havdalah service at 7 p.m., things turned decidedly upbeat, caffeinated and, above all, humorous.

The concert featured Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo and his wife, Lisa, from Ferndale, MI, a Detroit suburb. Cantor Sharon Hordes from Keneseth Israel, Cantor David Lipp and the Jewish Community Choir rounded out the singers. Hank Evans provided the piano accompaniment.

Cantor and Mrs. Lanzkron-Tamarazo and their two daughters, Nicoletta and Doris, joined Cantor Hordes for a spirited Gilbert & Sullivan medley of songs from *The Pirates of Penzance*. They focused, in the main, on Frederic, an apprentice pirate, who was in love with Mabel, daughter of the famous Modern Major General. Fred had agreed that his apprenticeship would last until his 21st birthday, but he was born on leap day, February 29. So his 21st birthday is far in the future (originally, 1940, now 2080!). Mabel agrees to wait for him. It was great deadpan humor and very well done.

Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo and his wife then did duets on the theme of coffee: "The Coffee Song" (There's an awful lot of coffee in Brazil.) and "You're the Cream in My Coffee." Cantor Lanzkron-Tamarazo is a coffee purist and a successful entrepreneur with a lively café in a Detroit suburb. He would never put cream in his coffee and he admitted it was tough to sing that song to his wife.

They decided, appropriately, to forego singing Java Jive made famous years ago by the Ink Spots.

I love coffee, I love tea
I love the java jive and it loves me
Coffee and tea and the java and me,
yeah

A cup, a cup, a cup, a cup, bong.

Two of my favorite songs of the evening were "Taylor the Latte Boy," performed with perfection by Cantor

Hordes, and "I'm Five" sung equally well by Cantor Lipp. Both songs were sweet and funny and captured the tone of the evening.

Cantors Lipp and Lanzkron-Tamarazo turned to more traditional chazanut with songs like "Shomer Yisrael" and "Sim Shalom," before moving on to a song very popular in Israel ("Yoshvim b'Veit Kafe" – Sitting in the Coffee House) by a group known as Teapacks.

KI Concert Links Jazz, Jewish Music

by Cantor Sharon Hordes:

Keneseth Israel Congregation

On Sunday, February 14, people from all across Louisville braved the wintry, snowy weather to come to the "Stars of David: Jewish Voices from the American Songbook" concert at Keneseth Israel. In addition to myself, the concert featured world class jazz pianist Harry Pickens, Cantor David Lipp, Jennifer Diamond, piano accompanist Angie Hopperton, and Brigid Kaelin, Laura Ellis and Susan Crocker of the local Andrews Sisters style trio, The Birdies.

Harry Pickens gave a wonderful talk, interspersed with outstanding piano playing, about the Jewish influence on what we commonly refer to as *The Great American Songbook*. At the turn of the last century, when there was a mass influx of new immigrants coming together into the crowded urban neighborhoods of our major cities, the various musical styles that the immigrants brought with them combined with the jazz that was forming in the African American communities to create something entirely brand new. The most famous "crucible" for this new, American brand of music was Tin Pan Alley, centered

on West 28th Street between Sixth and Broadway in Manhattan.

I happen to have a great affinity for the music from this era, specifically the songs George Gershwin created with his brother, Ira. But beyond catchy rhythms and fun lyrics, I am drawn to the stories behind the music. The stories of African Americans and Jews working together, influencing one another and eventually giving rise to the new music that has entertained and inspired us as Americans for over a century.

I am inspired by the fact that Louis Armstrong, the great jazz trumpeter and singer, wore a Jewish star around his neck for the better part of his life as a way of honoring the Karnofsky family who took him in as an orphan, gave him a job and invited him into their family.

At a time when Yiddish and Jive, the urban slang spoken by the "hepsters," were synonymous with "cool," Cab Calloway recorded his hit song, "Abi Gesunt" which moved seamlessly from one language to the other. Calloway was said to have known enough Yiddish to be able to communicate with his Jewish immigrant fans.

George Gershwin was uniquely adept

play/One day."

Near the end of the program, Sunder Iyer spoke to the crowd about the familiar Hindu greeting of "Namaste," which literally means, "The divine presence in my soul greets the divine presence in yours." He explained the belief that in every living thing, there is a bit of the divine, and that if we can learn to salute that divinity in all things, we will have a more peaceful world. From Hindu scripture, Iyer read, "Walk in divine love without thought for the fruits of that love. Just walk, and the fruits will come."

The program closed with Harry Pickens' performance of two songs on piano, followed by a reintroduction of his

Cantor Lipp explained that originally the band was named after the correction fluid Tipp-Ex, but the name was then changed so as not to infringe on the well-known brand, while keeping the pronunciation in Hebrew the same.

There was a good crowd, thinned a bit perhaps by the snow. Or the thought of snow. It was the perfect kind of concert to brighten up those of us who had been housebound for a while. It seemed to end all too soon.

at blending jazz sounds he heard around him with the traditional music he heard in the synagogue. He incorporated those elements in his first job as a pianist and "song plugger" for a Tin Pan Alley music publishing firm as well as in his later works.

I find these stories of cultural collaboration to be so uplifting in these troubling times in America when stories of fear and mistrust of "the other" dominate the headlines. That is why I chose to create this musical program of songs from *The Great American Song Book*. The overarching theme of the concert was that music has served as a bridge between the various ethnic communities in America.

Here in our own Jewish community, music has certainly served as such a bridge. Since I began serving as cantor of Keneseth Israel 8-1/2 years ago, I have always been able to count on my fellow sweet singers of Jewish music from throughout the city to join me in performing in our KI musical programs and, many times, I have been graciously invited to sing in their houses of worship.

The effect of this musical cross-fertilization here in Louisville has been significant in warming our relations with one another and strengthening our ties to our fellow congregations.

"One America" Comes Together at Peace Concert

by Cynthia Canada

Special to Community

We filled the house: fans of world music, fans of jazz musician Harry Pickens, and fans of peace. In conjunction with World Interfaith Harmony Week, Interfaith Paths to Peace sponsored a concert on Saturday, February 6, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in the Highlands, bringing together fans and turning them into friends. The audience of more than 300 people, including the Louisville refugee community as honored guests, was entertained by musicians from many religious traditions and cultures as distant as a Tibetan monastery and as close as next door.

Haleh Karimi, Executive Director of Interfaith Paths to Peace, noted in her opening comments that we are statistically more likely to have negative views of each other – Muslims, Jews, Christians and others – than positive. It's simple, really – organizations that disseminate messages of hate and fear make more noise and thus gain more publicity, power, and influence than groups that promote understanding and peace. Interfaith Paths to Peace wants to counteract that negativity by making a harmonious noise to bring our community together, celebrating differences in faith and cultural backgrounds.

Master of ceremonies Harry Pickens, well known locally as a peace activist as well as an accomplished performer, spoke even more plainly about current cultural trends. "We are at a clear crossroads in our history," he told the gathering. "More and more voices are speaking in support of hate and rage. ... By being here in this room, you are making a stand for what we are all about – people of all sizes and shapes and shades and nationalities and cultures, coming together in love."

The musical program traced a wide

circle, beginning and ending in the U.S. and spanning the globe. The opening *a capella* rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner," sung by Victoria Garr, was beautifully performed, although the message seemed incongruous given the theme for the evening. Garr was followed by concert pianist Nada Loutfi, a native of Lebanon, who performed a Brahms piece based on a Hungarian folk tune.

From there, both the geography and the musical tradition leapt across mountains to a Buddhist monastery in Tibet. Monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery began with a vocal bass note that probably is not on any Western musical scale: deep, penetrating, the pitch so low as to seem otherworldly.

Over two hours or so, we traveled through Muslim, Jewish, Baha'i, Sufi and Hindu cultures, musically celebrating diversity and understanding. Cantor David Lipp represented the Jewish community with a performance of four songs, accompanying himself on guitar. He offered thanks to the organizers for moving the time of the program back an hour so he could participate; it originally was scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., which would have overlapped with the close of Shabbat, and so was changed to 7 p.m. to allow him to be there.

The first three of Cantor Lipp's songs touched on themes of hope ("We Can Rise" by Chana Rothman), peace ("Hine Ba HaShalom" by Nurit Hirsch and Ehud Manor), and recognizing holiness in all people ("Holy Ground" by Craig Taubman). Most moving was his rendition of Matisyahu's "One Day," which he performed as a folk-style ballad. The second time we heard the chorus, it already seemed familiar; by the third repeat, the audience was quietly singing along, "All my life I've been waiting for/I've been praying for/For the people to say/That we don't wanna fight no more/They'll be no more wars/And our children will

LBSY NEWS

by Rabbi David Feder, Principal

Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad

LBSY students have concluded a very busy month and are looking forward to an even busier month ahead.

Educators from the Dror Educators kibbutz in Akko in Israel's Western Galilee, Louisville Partnership region, led LBSY's 5th-8th grade students on a journey through the causes of the Holocaust and the responses made by the Jewish community on January 31 in honor of International Holocaust Memorial Day. Students were actively engaged by these skilled educators and emerged with a deeper understanding of the growth of Zionism, emigration to Israel and the expansion of anti-Semitism leading up to the Holocaust.

Students also made presentations on what they learned about Shabbat during their most recent cycle of chugim. Students learned how to crochet kippot, made duct tape tallitot, created candlesticks, produced animations, crafted musical parodies and debated forms of Shabbat observance.

song, "We Are One America," which the audience sang along with the Karen (pronounced Kah-REN) Baptist Youth Choir, made up of young refugees from Burma. Pickens wrote the song in response to the anxiety and intolerance that arose in the wake of the 9/11 attacks; audience members who had sung before in choirs he has organized were familiar with it, and the lyrics printed in the program helped the rest along. "We Are One America" celebrates the knowledge that while our origins are as vast as the world, we are united in our search for a home, for peace, and for justice – "not convenience," Pickens said, "Not conformity, but liberty and justice for all."

Looking forward, LBSY's 6th-8th grade students will participate in the Richtol Challenge, a national Israel stock simulation activity for March and April.

Award-winning international public speaker, HIV/AIDS educator and author Scott Fried will speak to parents and teens on March 6, and will discuss the sometimes painful and potentially destructive secrets thousands of teens have shared with him and the methods they use to survive adolescence. A session for parents of tweens and teens will be at 10 a.m. at Anshei Sfard; and for LBSY 8th graders and High School of Jewish Studies students at 11:30 a.m. at Jewish Family & Career Services.

LBSY's Family Purim Celebration will take place on Wednesday, March 23 at Keneseth Israel Congregation. Dinner and Purim activities, including a Tzedakah Fair created by LBSY students will take place from 5-6 p.m., with chug presentations and a family-friendly Megillah reading following at 6 p.m. The adult Megillah reading will begin at 7:15.

Dinner is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Please make reservations by March 18 at <http://lbsy.org/Purim.htm>.

Western Wall Prayer Fight Ends with Historic Compromise

by Ben Sales

TEL AVIV, January 13, 2016 (JTA) – Israel's government on Sunday approved a compromise to expand the non-Orthodox Jewish prayer section of the Western Wall, putting to rest the decades-long fight between Women of the Wall and Israel's haredi Orthodox religious establishment.

The deal achieves what had been an elusive goal: an interdenominational consensus on Judaism's holiest site with official recognition. The non-Orthodox prayer section at the wall will become much larger and more accessible. But haredi control of the Orthodox section will also be solidified, though non-Orthodox leaders have long protested that monopoly.

The deal, a copy of which JTA obtained ahead of the Cabinet vote, still contains a few unknowns. It is unclear how long construction will take. It does not say whether clear signage will direct visitors to the non-Orthodox section. Nor does it say exactly when Women of the Wall, an embattled women's prayer group, will move its monthly services from the Orthodox Jewish main prayer section to the non-Orthodox one.

Still, the Conservative and Reform movements can declare victory. The size of the non-Orthodox section of the Western Wall will double to nearly 10,000 square feet – half the size of the Orthodox main section just to its north. A committee of non-Orthodox leaders and government officials will manage the non-Orthodox section. And a single entrance will lead to both sections.

"Jewish Federations, along with the Conservative and Reform movements and many others, including Women of the Wall, Jewish Agency for Israel Chairman of the Executive Natan Sharansky and Israeli Cabinet Secretary Avichai Mandelblit, have been deeply involved in this effort for years, as we have long called for one Wall for one people," said Jewish Federations of North America President and CEO Jerry Silverman.

"There is still more to do," he continued, "but with today's vote, the Israeli government sent a powerful message to Israel and to Jews around the world acknowledging the value of Jewish pluralism."

The Western Wall's haredi Orthodox management, called the Western Wall Heritage Foundation, also safeguarded its interests. Non-Orthodox leaders had campaigned for a share of control of the Orthodox section of the wall, but the Heritage Foundation will retain full authority over it and the larger plaza behind the prayer sections. And when the plan is implemented, Women of the Wall will move to the non-Orthodox section, one of the Heritage Foundation's long-standing demands.

"They all came to the conclusion that they must make serious compromises because they want it to remain one Kotel for one people," Jewish Agency for Israel Chairman Natan Sharansky told JTA, using the Hebrew term for the site. "It's the place that must unite us more than anything else, and it turned into the most ugly war."

Plans for the non-Orthodox section's expansion, spearheaded by Sharansky, began in December 2012. In October of that year, police had arrested the Women of the Wall's chairwoman, Anat Hoffman, for wearing a tallit during the group's monthly service – an act that at the time was illegal at the site.

Talks on a plan to expand the non-Orthodox section of the wall, located in an archaeological park known as Robinson's Arch, began in April 2013. Sharansky and outgoing Israeli Cabinet secretary Avichai Mandelblit led the negotiations, which included representatives of the Reform and Conservative movements, the Heritage Foundation and Women of the Wall.

Nearly three years later, the deal enacted Sunday calls for the creation of an "official and respected," 9,700-square foot prayer space in the non-Orthodox section of the Western Wall, running along a 31-foot segment of the wall, that Sharansky said will fit approximately 1,200 people. It will have a government-fund-

ed staff, Torah scrolls and other ritual objects, and be open to all forms of Jewish prayer. Sharansky estimated its construction could take up to two years.

Even after it is completed, the non-Orthodox section will remain smaller than its Orthodox counterpart. The Orthodox section measures some 21,500 square feet, adjacent to a nearly 200-foot segment of the wall, and has some 27,000 visitors on an average day.

The area is divided into two sections: a larger one for men and a smaller one for women. The rules prohibit women from reading from Torah scrolls in the Orthodox section.

A committee composed of two Reform leaders, two Conservative leaders, two non-Orthodox women representatives, the Jewish Agency chairman and six government officials will run the non-Orthodox section.

The Orthodox and non-Orthodox sections of the Western Wall will share an entrance near the Old City of Jerusalem's Dung Gate, one story above the Western Wall plaza's current entrance. Currently, the path to the non-Orthodox section is long, narrow and accessible only through a gateway tucked in a back corner of the plaza. The deal will create a wide and visible walkway to the section.

The deal does not specify, however, whether there will be signs at the entrance informing visitors of the non-Orthodox section or anything else notifying visitors of its existence.

"The vision of the new section of the Kotel is a physical and conceptual space open to all forms of Jewish prayer," a statement from Women of the Wall read. "Instead of splitting up the existing pie into ever more divided, smaller pieces, we are making the pie much larger and sharing the new space."

The Western Wall's haredi management, headed by Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz, has long pushed for Women of the Wall to leave the site. Under the deal, the women's group has agreed to move to the non-Orthodox section only once the deal is implemented. And a faction of Women of the Wall has vowed not to budge from the Orthodox section – regardless of what the deal says.

The Western Wall's religious status has been under contention for decades. Women of the Wall was founded in 1988 to advance women's prayer at the site, which is prohibited under haredi Orthodox Jewish law. Until 2013, much of the group's activity contravened the Heritage Foundation's regulations and thus was illegal. Police regularly detained members of the group.

Non-Orthodox groups also suffered persecution at the site. In 1997, an egalitarian Conservative Shavuot celebration behind the prayer section was attacked by protesters throwing bottles, diapers and refuse at the worshippers. The incident led to the establishment of the non-Orthodox prayer section at Robinson's Arch in 2000.

Following an international backlash to Hoffman's 2012 arrest, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tasked Sharansky with forging a compromise solution to the dispute. An outline Sharansky proposed in April 2013 called for the non-Orthodox section to be equal in size and elevation to the Orthodox section, but it proved unworkable due to objections from the Israel Antiquities Authority and the Waqf, the Islamic body that governs the Temple Mount.

In August 2013, Diaspora Affairs Minister Naftali Bennett tried for an interim solution by building a 4,800 square-foot platform that created more space in the non-Orthodox section. Women of the Wall rejected the platform, calling it a "sundeck." Now the architects of Sunday's compromise hope that all sides of the debate will be able to put their differences behind them for the sake of the Western Wall's symbolism.

"This contains the hope that the Western Wall will no longer be an arena for disputes, and will regain the uniting character that befits its special place for the entire Jewish people," the agreement reads. "May this also bring peace among us."

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Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah in Louisville through September 2016 Announced

The information on the following list was provided by Louisville's synagogues

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Benjamin Burke
The Temple
Madeline Greenbaum
Temple Shalom

March 5

Brian Schwartz
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March 19

Daniel Greenberg
Adath Jeshurun
Adrian VonRoenn
The Temple

March 26

Shayna Goodman
Adath Jeshurun
Elia Saltzman
The Temple

April 2

Sophie Stone
Anshei Sfard
Steven Stone
Anshei Sfard

April 16

Lindsey Latts
The Temple
Rachel Lerner
Adath Jeshurun

April 30

Emily Waterman
The Temple

May 14

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The Temple
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Adath Jeshurun

June 4

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Joan Simunic, Ilean Rowe,
Beth Haines
Keneseth Israel

June 18

Emily Chazen
The Temple

August 20

Jacob Samuel Horvitz
Anshei Sfard
Gregory Welenken
The Temple

September 3

Harrison Russman
Keneseth Israel
Elijah Resnik
Adath Jeshurun

September 17

Emma Charney
Adath Jeshurun
Rebecca Ciriano
The Temple

September 24

Annabeth Cohen
The Temple

Lustig Distributes Flowers for Her Pledge 13 Project

Jillian Lustig has always loved flowers and making people happy, so it was natural for her to choose to make people happy using flowers for her Marjorie and Robert Kohn Pledge 13 project.

The Pledge 13 program was established at Jewish Family & Career Services to organize, oversee and encourage bar and bat mitzvah students to give a minimum of 13 hours of community service.

Jilly decided to focus on seniors in long-term care facilities. She solicited area flower shops, collected the donated flowers and made flower arrangements with the residents. The flowers were distributed throughout the facilities, and she also made "bedside bouquets" for hospice patients, which were distributed by their staff. Recipients couldn't help but smile when presented with the beautiful flowers, which, along with Jilly's friendly visit, brightened up otherwise dreary days.

Jilly found this project fulfilling when she saw how happy getting flowers with a smile made people feel. The experience of dealing with businesses to ask for donations was rewarding too, and Jilly now realizes how generous people can be when asked to help a good cause.

Jilly embodies the concept of tikkun olam by making the world better for others while experiencing for the true joy of giving.

For more information about the Pledge 13 program, contact JFCS, 502-452-6314.

B'nai Tzedek Program Helps Teens Learn to Become Philanthropists

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

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

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

The Jewish Federation's B'nai Tzedek program helps teens recognize the importance of fulfilling the mitzvah of tzedakah and teaches them to be philan-

thropists in a responsible adult way that reflects their values.

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

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

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

Timeline Helps Reduce Simcha-Induced Stress

Planning for a bar/bat mitzvah can be a real challenge. Community offers this timeline to help you with your planning.

One to Two Years Ahead

Set the date of the bar/bat mitzvah with your synagogue. (Many rabbis like to set the date even earlier.)
Reserve the hall for a kiddush after services.

One Year Ahead

Set a budget.
Reserve a place for the reception.
Reserve the entertainment.
Child begins study with the Rabbi.
Contact Mike Steklhof at the Jewish Community Center for information about the B'nai Tzedek program, msteklof@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2774.

Six to Eight Months Ahead

Choose a caterer, florist and photographer.
Choose a theme and decorations.
Figure out about how many guests to invite.
Contact Jewish Family and Vocational Service about the Pledge 13 program, 502-452-6341.
Purchase tallit and tefillin.

Three Months Ahead

Finalize the guest list.
Order invitations, napkins, kippot, etc.
Plan and reserve a location for Friday night dinner (if applicable).
Shop for clothing.
Reserve hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests. (If you have a holiday weekend, or Derby Festival time for your event, you might want to do this

even sooner).

Two Months Ahead

Choose the menu.
Address and mail invitations.
Plan Sunday brunch (If applicable).

One Month Ahead

Arrange aliyot. (The honor of reciting the blessings before and after the Torah reading).
Meet with the rabbi.
Make a seating chart and place cards.
Send the announcement and photo to the Community at newspapercolumns@jewishlouisville.org.
Order the cake.
Arrange for table skirting.
Confirm final arrangements with the band, caterer and the florist.
Order thank you notes.
Make arrangements with the pianist (if applicable).

Two Weeks Ahead

Confirm the hotel.
Give a preliminary guest count to the caterer.
Send honorary gift to the synagogue.
Confirm delivery of the flowers.
Prepare your remarks to the bar/bat mitzvah.

One Week Ahead

Give a final guest count to the caterer.
Review arrangements for getting out-of-town guests from the airport to the hotel.
Purchase party favors.
Have a final rehearsal of the speech and Torah portion with your rabbi.



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B'nai Mitzvah Section

Making a Case for of the Big Fat Bar/Bat Mitzvah Party

by Beth Ain

(Kveller via JTA) – I took my first baby steps into bat mitzvah planning this week, and I had a lot of feelings – but mostly a twinge of nostalgia. Somehow a girl who was once a toddler with a furrowed brow, a desperate love of Little Bear, and a staying asleep problem is going to lead an entire weekend of Shabbat services and later, an entire evening of hors d'oeuvres and hora dancing.

Did I mention I am – ahem – planning for a weekend that is a year and a half in the future? I know. I've got time. This is all insane.

What I do not have, and which I very much expected to have, are mixed feelings about throwing a big party to celebrate the occasion. A quick Google search about b'nai mitzvah planning reveals comment sections so fierce (and defensive and judgmental), I thought for a moment I had accidentally time traveled back to 2005, when Urban Baby posts and the anonymous moms whose persistent debates about nursing versus formula haunted my every thought. Me, waiting in line to check out at Duane Reade with armfuls of formula and lots to say about it, having imaginary conversations with opinionated women I hoped never to meet. A memory for another time.

This is something else, though. This is not formula or breast milk, work at home or stay at home. This is about a simcha – a celebration. And you know what? We just don't get that many of those.

Lately, I've heard a lot of bad news. Lately, very young mothers are getting breast cancer diagnoses. Lately, I lost an uncle far too soon. Lately, a wonderful 40-something husband and father in my town dropped dead – smack in the middle of his life. So lately, I've been thinking we should gather together more often, in large groups, and hoist people up on chairs just so we can make our faces hurt with smiles and feel the pinches of our aunts and our uncles.

Lately I've also been missing childhood and the things about it that stand out for me. One of those things is my own bat mitzvah party, the video footage (on VHS) of which I refuse to watch for fear it will ruin the hazy montage that lives in my memory as a raucous mix of sock-sliding Coke and Pepsi games mixed with twinkling lights and appropriate amounts of tween and family drama.

I suppose for 1980's semi-rural Pennsylvania, having a Saturday night affair was maybe a little bit extravagant, my mom's party planning prowess put to the test by the advent of tacky '80's things – managing the balloons-inside-balloons trend with great sense and style. Earlier, we had put glitz aside for earthiness by hand-making my invitations together at the kitchen table, coloring in little leaves with green felt-tip pens next to the words "Be a Blessing." Such was my theme.

I also remember riding my bike to the cantor's house, his wife fumbling around in the kitchen while he and I went over and over "Song of Songs" and where he taught me not just the words and the tune but the meaning. To me, this man and his thick Yiddish accent actually embodied meaning and Torah and the history that no balloon-inside-balloon centerpieces could ever take away – but OK, they might just add to it.

Because I also remember having all of my relatives there for the service and later for the party, all of them – dancing and smiling and smelling like themselves – cologne and maybe hints of ci-

gar on some, vodka and red lipstick on others. So many of them are gone. My grandparents, my great-aunts and -uncles and now, even my own maternal uncle, who played his guitar on the bimah after the Havdalah service was over, and whose presence that day and later at my various graduations and my wedding was important and the memories lasting.

We can debate what a party is worth, what it should cost, if you should take a trip to Israel instead, have a little kiddush luncheon and call it a day. It's all good. It's all wonderful. There are so many ways to mark an important milestone – klezmer music and high heels is only one of them. What bothers me is when one's values are called into question because you want the whole shebang.

I'm guilty of it myself. It's a wedding for a 13-year-old, people might say. Well, sure. The same way a wedding is for the bride and the groom, I suppose that's true. But how can we say that the wedding isn't also for the parents of the bride and the groom, the grandparents, the college friends and camp friends who only get to be all in one place so many times in life – and let's be honest, as we get a little older, not all of those times are good times. Every other day in life is a series of piecing people together – a dinner date here, a birthday brunch there, a holiday card sent to the faraway people and places when you wish you could send for them instead.

The truth is, I don't know yet what kind of party I will throw for my daughter's bat mitzvah. I'm feeling it out. I only want it to be a moment where we live in the present and in memory at once – preserving the smell of people and the feel of them pinching your cheeks, and squeezing your hand and maybe drinking too much, opening up too much. (Perhaps your uncle will even hook up with your cousin on the other side of the family – I'm not saying that did happen, I'm just saying it could.) It's OK to throw a party. It's OK not to. Just let people have their simchas, however they want to have them. No comments.

One last thing about my bat mitzvah, though. Most of what you need to know about my mother is that she quoted both

Robert F. Kennedy and "Ferris Bueller" on the bimah that day, and the latter is the one that stays with me: Life moves pretty fast – if you don't stop and look around once in a while, you might miss it.

(Beth Ain is a children's book author and creator of the "Starring Jules" chapter book series published by Scholastic.

Learn more about Beth and her books at bethain.com.)

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Partnership Educators Bring Holocaust Program to LFPL

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Throughout January and February, the Louisville Free Public Library has been offering a variety of Holocaust education opportunities. A display of Anne Frank family photos has been on display there since January 30. If you hurry, you can still catch it. The final day for the display is Saturday, February 27.

The LFPL also offered a well-attended class facilitated by Holocaust educator Fred Whittaker. (See story, this page.)

Another unique offering brought two educators from Israel's Akko Educators' Kibbutz from the Dror Israel movement to Louisville on January 31. A project of the Partnership2Gether Arts and Community Task Force, Amit Briness and Ari Levy brought the Holocaust Day Project "Rebellion of Hope" to the library and guided attendees through it.

The project was designed for the Israeli docents to guide small groups through the exhibit, interacting with individuals, challenging them and encouraging them to think. However, more than 70 Louisvillians showed up that day, so Briness and Levy adapted their project and made a more formal presentation.

The exhibit weaves stories and ques-

tions into a constructive narrative of the Holocaust, while strengthening the memory of the Holocaust and its lessons in a way that challenges participants to examine their own thoughts and actions.

Briness and Levy discussed the wide variety of choices made by individuals and organizations during the Holocaust. They talked about the psychological assaults the Nazis used to reeducate the population. Food could be withheld, leading to violence and the acceptance that some people were not deserving of adequate food or humane treatment.

The different badges issued to prisoners in Auschwitz – yellow for Jews, green for criminals, pink for gays, etc. – fostered a stratified status system, putting one group above another. This enabled the Nazis to post only five to 10 guards in prison camps where thousands were confined. The prisoners would guard other prisoners or even kill them to keep themselves alive.

Briness and Levy also covered the resistance movement and pockets of culture that survived even within the camps.

A number of the founding members of the Akko Educators' Kibbutz were survivors of the resistance movement. "Antek was my favorite," Levy said. "He was the

oldest of the group." Living in Warsaw, he was about 21 when the war broke out. As conditions in the ghetto worsened, he began doing things to resist. Sometimes it was as simple as refusing to remove his hat when a Nazi guard passed. Sometimes they didn't notice; other times they beat him.

Then he begins making books about suffering and heroism throughout Jewish history. He began recruiting girls as couriers between the large Warsaw Ghetto and the smaller one. He started an illegal school to teach poetry, philosophy and history. Antek was also one of those who participated in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

It was out of the lessons learned from people like Antek that the Dror Israel came into being.

The exhibition was created by the Dror Israel movement and is guided by its experienced educators all over Israel. It has been translated and adapted to the needs of an English speaking audience. It is a project of the Akko Educators' Kibbutz and is based on the values of democracy, peace, tikkun olam and shared existence.

Through Partnership2Gether, our Louisville Jewish community has been enriched with medical, educational and cultural exchanges since the program



Ari Levy

began in 1997. The Jewish Community of Louisville is a member of the Central Area Consortium of communities partnered with the Western Galilee.

Survivor, Historians and Actors Help Tell the Story of the Holocaust

by Sara Loy
Louisville Free Public Library

"A million-and-a-half children all just disappeared. And I carry that around whenever I speak," Fred Gross told a room of nearly 150 people at the Louisville Free Public Library on Thursday, February 4. Gross was describing his experience as a child in Hitler's Europe when he paused to share his purpose

for speaking. "I've dedicated my story to the children who were lost in the Holocaust," he said.

Gross's story was part of the larger Holocaust Short Course put on by the Public Library. The six-week, college-level course used a variety of instructors, including local teachers Shannon Kederris and Dan Penner, to teach about different aspects of the Holocaust.

While the course started with the

history of Hitler's rise and the resulting resistance, it also focused on voices of those who went through it personally: Gross, the author of *One Step Ahead of Hitler*, spoke about his childhood experiences, CenterStage performed *And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank*.

The Holocaust Short Course was facilitated by St. Francis of Assisi teacher Fred Whittaker, who has trained at both the U.S. Holocaust Memorial and Yad Vashem. Most recently, Whittaker led a group of Jefferson County Public School teachers to Washington, D.C. to visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum with the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Of the current course, Whittaker said, "We were approached in the summer [by the LFPL] and asked to do something that would be meaningful, and that was more than just history. So we were hoping that people would walk away appropriately respectful of and in awe of those portions of human nature that can create this kind of darkness, and at

the same time be incredibly aware of the moments of light that can be seen if you look into the lives of the people who have survived the Holocaust."

Attendees expressed gratitude as well as satisfaction for getting an in-depth look at the Holocaust. Jeb Skora said that what he wanted to gain from the course was "a greater understanding of why did this happen, why did we permit this to happen, and to make sure that it never happens again." Mary Wheatley agreed, adding, "I honestly wasn't satisfied with what I was reading about why the Holocaust took place. And I thought that some of the answers I was reading about weren't complete." Skora and Wheatley both said they enjoyed how the course educated them in a compelling, personal way.

Whittaker said his ultimate goal was to "open both eyes and hearts" of participants. He concluded, "We were hoping to be able to visit the lives of those who perished in the Holocaust with a sense of honor and dignity."



CenterStage's Acting Out company performed *And Then They Came for Me* at the Louisville Free Public Library as part of a six-week Holocaust education course.

REVIEW

by David Wallace
Special to Community

Big Fish

Big Fish, based on the novel by Daniel Wallace (1988) and the movie written by John August and directed by Tim Burton (2003) is much in the vein of James Thurber's *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* (1939), a short story about a man who dreams his life away.

Like Walter Mitty, Edward Bloom makes up stories in which he is the hero. He tells his son, Will, tales of derring-do where he encounters witches, catches a big fish, kisses a mermaid and, among other things, rescues his hometown of Ashton, AL, from a menacing giant who comes with Edward to join the circus where he falls in love with his future wife, Sandra.

The problem is that there is a fine line between fact and fantasy and Will outgrows the stories while Edward never does. In the end, Edward is dying and Will wants the facts for himself and the boy he is about to have with Josephine,

his fiancée. He also wants to unravel the mysterious relationship between Edward and his childhood sweetheart, Jenny Hill, played with poignant verve by Jennifer Poliskie.

He discovers the link between Jenny and Edward but finds the rest of the task to be impossible and, in the end, helps Edward to finish his life story by telling his father one last Edward Bloom story before he dies. Edward is buried near the river he loved and where the first of his stories, an encounter with a big fish, took place.

The strong performances by Pete Lay, who plays Edward Bloom; Melissa Kenney Shepherd, who plays his wife, Sandra; and Mitch Donahue, who plays Will Bloom, are the heart of this fractured fairy tale where truth and reality are fuzzed and their love for each other is all that matters.

In the end, Will accepts the myths that his father has spun throughout his lifetime because their essence is based in truth and it is a fact that Edward Bloom was a man who was a teller of glorious tales who loved his son.

Next up is *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying*, March 31-April 10.

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Berlow's Host YAD Havdallah

On Saturday, January 30, over 30 young adults came to a Havdallah program hosted by Benji Berlow, the new Jewish Federation of Louisville Young Adult Director, and Lisa Sobel-Berlow, the Jewish Family & Career Services Engagement Specialist at their apartment.

Some of those present were accompanied by their children.

Berlow led the Havdallah service and encouraged people to mingle and share their ideas for new programming with YAD.



Niki DeShurko, Doby Litvin, & Becky Beyer-Bloyd

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Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunrise Senior Living of Louisville
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This is a great mitzvah opportunity for your entire family! RSVP to Kim Toebe at 502-452-6341, ext. 103 or ktoebbe@jfcsloouisville.org.



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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 Road
 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

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TEEN TOPICS



The Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio regional delegation at the BBYO International Convention

BBYO International Convention

Mike Steklof, Jewish Community Center assistant director of youth services and 19 teens from Louisville BBYO joined more than 4,000 teen leaders, educators, professionals and philanthropists from 48 states and 27 countries who gathered in Baltimore February 11-15 to hear from distinguished change makers and break a Guinness World Record for the largest Shabbat dinner ever at BBYO International Convention (IC) 2016.

With an attendance growth of 182 percent since 2012, IC 2016 served as a dynamic meeting place and real-world classroom providing today's teen leaders invaluable opportunities to join together for insights, shared leadership resources and new skills.

For the second consecutive year, The Jim Joseph Foundation, The Marcus Foundation, the Joseph and Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds and The Schusterman Family Foundation hosted the Summit on Jewish Teens during the first 24 hours of IC 2016. With nearly 350 of the Jewish community's most influential thought leaders and philanthropists in attendance, the Summit served as a unique opportunity for participants to discuss bolstering teen engagement in Jewish life now and in the future. This year's featured speaker was *New York Times* Commentator David Brooks.

"As enormous changes unfold around us and throughout the world, BBYO's leadership, both teen and adult, realize that the future of the Jewish community is brighter when we all come together," said Matthew Grossman, BBYO chief executive officer. "With 2,400 teens joining together at IC 2016, this event truly offers a unique opportunity for them to see how the BBYO local experience translates into being part of something bigger than themselves – the global Jewish people."

Cornell Brooks, president and CEO of the NAACP; Justin Baldoni, American actor and director; Casey Neistat, film director and popular YouTube Creative; Meghan Stone, president of The Malala Fund; Dr. Einat Wilf, Israel's roving ambassador; and award winning singer and songwriter Jason Derulo were all a part of IC 2016. Other highlights of the event included:

- Surprise welcome videos by Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu and newly elected Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau: During IC Opening Ceremonies, attendees were surprised by welcome videos from two prominent world leaders who encouraged teens to "celebrate their Jewish identity, learn from one another and make their voices heard." Prime Minister Trudeau further congratulated the BBYO Canadian delegation on reaching a milestone 90-year anniversary in Canada.
- Opening ceremonies also included

remarks and guest appearances by Alan Gill and Jonathan Kolker, CEO and past president, respectively, of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; Jeffrey Kalinsky, vice president and designer fashion director at Nordstrom and BBYO Alum; Ira Lipman, CEO and founder of Guardsmark; and Rabbi Carolos Tapiero, deputy director general of the Maccabi World Union.

- BBYO Leads Plenary: A morning of guest speakers inspired IC participants to further their leadership skills, global awareness and impact on the world. Speakers included Cornell Brooks, president and CEO of the NAACP; Gideon Lichtman, retired U.S. Air Force pilot and founding member of the Israeli Air Force; Daniel Lubetzky, founder and CEO, KIND Snacks; Geena Rocero, transgender advocate and model; and Dr. Einat Wilf, Israel's roving ambassador.
- BBYO Leadership Labs: BBYO offered nearly 30 Leadership Labs across Baltimore for teens to learn



Drew Corson AZA won the KIO BBYO basketball tournament.

about advocacy, philanthropy, marketing, social entrepreneurship, political engagement, civic leadership, Israel, education, environmental protection and chapter and program development. Participants gained real world insights from leaders and experts across the spectrum of organizations, companies and industries including the Maccabi World Union, SONY PlayStation, Signature Bank, AIPAC, John Hopkins University, Baltimore Community Toolbank, Repair the World and the National Aquarium.

- A Record Breaking Shabbat: In addition to choosing from 23 pluralistic teen-led Shabbat services, teens took part in the unique experience of breaking a Guinness World Record by joining together for the largest Shabbat dinner ever at IC 2016.

Other notable events included the State of the Order from current leaders, grand aleph godol, or president of AZA, Colin Silverman (Chicago, IL) and international n'siah, or president of BBG, Lauren Keats (Scarsdale, NY) alongside

their peer leaders on the International Board, followed on Sunday by the election of the next International Board, a 10-member teen board that will help chart the organization's vision for the coming year and provide leadership and support to teen leaders in local communities throughout the BBYO system.

On Sunday night, the IC body closed out an incredible week of fun and learning with a celebration of all they accomplished and all they have to look forward to. This celebration was a concert featuring performances by electronic dance music group Cash Cash, alternative rock band The Mowgli's and, headlining the night, award winning singer and songwriter Jason Derulo.

Drew Corson AZA Wins KIO BBYO Basketball Tournament

Drew Corson AZA won the annual Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio Basketball Tournament on Sunday, January 31, in Cincinnati, OH. Drew Corson AZA last won the basketball tournament in 2012. The team was coached by Andrew Segal and Jacob Kupferman.

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NEWSMAKERS

Chavurat Shalom has launched a new website, chavuratfriends.org.

"I'm very excited to unveil the new Chavurat Shalom site, which was designed and launched by **Quantum Communications**," said **Linda Schuster**, owner of Quantum. "It was my goal to make the new site a place where anyone who's interested in the program can get all the information they need in one place and we've definitely achieved that."

"It was also important to make it as simple to use as possible, so that no matter what device people are using to access the site – be it a laptop, tablet, phone or whatever else – they can easily find what they're looking for," she added.

The website features an events calendar, a blog, and a "contact us" form. It is easy for the program director to update and will take the program into the 21st century.

Southern Living magazine has announced its list of "50 Best Places in the South Now." And among three Louisville places featured on the list, **21c Museum Hotel** in downtown Louisville, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary came in at 49. The Louisville-based chain has opened locations in other cities, including Cincinnati, and is described by the magazine as a combination of boutique hotels and art museums, according to *Business First*.

The *Culture Trip* website identified Louisville as one of the 15 Best Cities in the World for Food, saying "Louisville is becoming a new epicenter for food lovers in the United States. The city is on the rise, and its culinary scene has rapidly evolved to include fine dining at casual and classy establishments alike."

"Going out for a burger has transformed into a gourmet experience," *Culture Trip* continued, "and Southern cooking has been molded into a culinary affair by blending traditional recipes with unique ingredients that emphasize fresh, seasonal, and local produce. These high-quality eateries are quirky and affordable, and they signal the start of a budding culinary capital that fully departs from Kentucky's well-known fast food chain."

The photo that accompanied the article was of a dish from **Rye** owned by **Michael Trager Kusman**.

Miranda Polzer Crowdus, (BMus, University of Louisville, 2007) will take up a five year research and teaching appointment in ethnomusicology at the Hanover University of Music, Drama and Media in Hanover Germany at the beginning of February 2016. In affiliation with the European Institute for Jewish Music, she will be researching trans-denominational, contemporary Jewish women's musical performance in synagogue ritual.

She has just completed her Ph.D. at City University, London, England, in ethnomusicology on contemporary Israeli Hip Hop performance in Jaffa and South Tel Aviv. She and her family will soon be moving to Hanover, part of the broader process of reestablishing Klal Yisrael in Germany.

Chicago is one of the world's most forward-looking dining cities, so it stands to figure that the Windy City is home to the "culinary beer" trail blazers at **Moody Tongue**. Brewmaster **Jared Rouben** has a culinary background, and many of his self-billed "liquid dishes" are made using culinary techniques such as brewing coffee, steeping tea, baking chocolate, and brandying fruit. Popular varieties include sliced nectarine IPA, caramelized chocolate churro Baltic porter and a steeped lemon saison.

Rouben is the son of David and Maxine Rouben.

OnlyInYourState compiled a list of "11 Restaurants You Have To Visit In Kentucky before You Die." **Louisville's Smoketown Barbecue**, owned by **Eric David and Lynn Gould**, made the list.

Allan Weiss, spoke at the Locust Grove Lecture Series about Kentucky by Design, a book recently published by the Frazier History Museum and the University Press of Kentucky. The book is devoted to the Index of American Design a WPA art project, led in Kentucky by Adele Brandies, a niece of Justice Brandies. It is the first book to ever examine the Index of American Design in a single state. An exhibition by the same name will open August 6, at the Frazier History Museum. The book and exhibition was the vision of Weiss, who did the research for the book and exhibition and wrote the Foreword to the book.

Nate Pincus earned the Ner Talmud Award, the Boy Scouts' highest Jewish award. Rabbi Michael Wolk of Keneseth Israel presented the award at February 6 Shabbat services. Nate studied and completed the award requirements over 12 months.

Derek Pugh, founder and president of DP Strategy and one of Louisville's YAD Ambassadors, helped to facilitate a session on civic engagement at BBYO's International Convention for 1000's of Jewish teens in Washington, DC.

Stand UP: Civic Engagement and Voicing Your Vote, sponsored by Evergreen Museum & Library in partnership with political engagement and voter empowerment network OurTime.org, enabled participants to connect with professional political operatives, candidates and elected representatives from all ends of the political spectrum.

Serge Katz is the chef at the new restaurant Mercato Italiano.

Deborah Topcik has been named director of marketing for National Harbor, the 350-acre, new community across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. In addition to overseeing marketing for more than 7.3 million square feet of the master-planned, mixed-use community (including more than 150 unique retail shops, 30 restaurants, seven hotels, marina, Tanger Outlets, MGM National Harbor, and special events and programs), Topcik assists with marketing of the National Harbor Convention & Visitors Association. The organization was recently created to oversee promotion of the extensive tourism assets of the property.

Billy Altman was among the Insurance "People to Know" listed in the short profiles section in *Business First's* February 12 edition.

Allan Rosenberg, known for his restaurant, **Fontleroy's**, has opened Citizen 7, a restaurant in Norton Commons that focuses on South American street food.

Republic Bank has signed a three-year agreement with the Louisville Bats to serve as the Triple-A ball club's official bank, according to a *Courier-Journal* story published on February 12.

Developer and preservationist **Andy Blieden** has purchased nine abandoned structures in Butchertown that he plans to renovate and redevelopment for retail and residential use according to a February 5 *Business First* story.

In a January 29 *Business First* story about Bucks for Brains at UofL and UK, **Dr. Robert Bolli**, director of UofL's institute of Molecular Cardiology was cited as an example of the success of the program.

Heaven Hill Distilleries is planning a \$15.5 million expansion at its Bernheim Distillery in West Louisville. According to *Business First's* January 29 story, it will add about 4,600 square feet to one building, making room for a new beer well, three new fermenters and a new still.

Jeffrey Barr authored a guest column in the January 29 edition of *Business First*, urging readers to think about personal health as "our most important asset."

Chad Kamen, a senior at Kentucky Country Day, has won a Kohl's scholarship for his ongoing efforts to fight hunger. As his bar mitzvah project, he created Team Food Chain to raise money for the Community Hunger Walk, and he has continued to organize and raise money to fight hunger ever since.

The Barret Avenue building that used to house Speier Hardware has been purchased by Community Real Estate, *Business First* reported on January 22. The company's partners are **Ronald and Marda Tasman**, and they are working with the affiliated company, Tasman Properties, run by partners Ronald Tasman and sons Barrett and Aaron. The newspaper reported that the family would like to see the property developed into a bar or restaurant.

Attorney **Mark Oppenheimer**, the managing partner of Bingham Greenebaum Doll's Louisville office, was profiled in the January 22 *Business First*. In addition to information about his law practice, the article focused on his hobby of stone sculpting that he shares with his brother, Brett Oppenheimer.

In a January 22 *Business First* article about what law firms look for when recruiting law school graduates, **Jonathan D. Goldberg**, managing member of **Goldberg Simpson LLC** said, "Associates should have a strong academic performance and an ability to project their personality."

Rainbow Blossom Natural Food Markets is changing the focus of its Springhurst store to serve as the permanent location for its growing class and coaching session offerings according to a January 26 *Courier-Journal* Features section cover story.

When Gilford Flooring LLC, owned by Blue Equity, merged with Johnson Wholesale Floors Inc. of Atlanta, investor **Jonathan Blue** made keeping the new company headquartered in Louisville a priority according to a January 15 *Business First* story.

Hunter Borowick, a 16-year-old junior at Walden School was named a *Business First* First Honors student in December.

One of Kentucky's former top health officials has joined the leadership team of KentuckyOne Health to coordinate population health initiatives across the system. **Stephanie Mayfield Gibson, MD**, a board-certified anatomic and clinical pathologist with a 10-year record of public health management, will serve as vice president of population health for the KentuckyOne Health system and chief medical officer for KentuckyOne Health Partners, the Medicare approved Accountable Care Organization (ACO) formed by KentuckyOne Health.

Early-stage breast cancer patients will soon have a new one-day breast cancer treatment option at the **James Graham Brown Cancer Center**, jointly operated by **KentuckyOne Health** and the University of Louisville. The cancer center is the first in Kentucky to offer this new technology.

Patients who meet specific selection criteria will be able to be treated with intraoperative radiation therapy (IORT), a one-day breast cancer treatment option that offers multiple patient benefits, including added convenience, fewer treatments and reduced costs.

IORT allows radiation oncologists and breast cancer surgeons to work together to deliver a full, concentrated dose of radiation in one day at the time of lumpectomy, targeting cancer cells and sparing healthy tissue, such as the heart, lungs, and ribs. This compares to traditional breast cancer treatment, which involves daily radiation five days per week, for six to eight weeks. With IORT, radiation is delivered from inside the breast rather than externally, as is done during external beam radiation therapy (EBRT).

The **James Graham Brown Cancer Center** will be the first in Kentucky to offer the Xofig® Axxent® Electronic Brachytherapy (eBx®) System®, which is FDA cleared, CE marked and licensed in Canada for the treatment of cancer anywhere in the body, including early-stage breast cancer, gynecological cancers, and nonmelanoma skin cancer.

The Xofig System uses a proprietary miniaturized x-ray source, which is inserted into a flexible balloon-shaped applicator, then temporarily placed inside the lumpectomy cavity. A full course of radiation is then administered in a single dose, lasting as little as eight minutes, which directly targets cancer cells.

Our Lady of Peace, part of **KentuckyOne Health**, earned a place on the 12th Annual Best Places to Work in Kentucky list, which identifies and recognizes Kentucky's best employers. Our Lady of Peace was recognized in the large companies category, with more than 500 employees, and was one of three KentuckyOne Health facilities that made the list statewide.

The **Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management** recently released the Kentucky list, presented by Kentucky Career Center and the State Information Data Exchange System. The selection process, managed by Best Companies Group, is based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey.

The winner rankings will be announced at an awards dinner on Wednesday, April 20.

Ten patients in need of various outpatient surgeries received the medical help they required thanks to doctors volunteering their time at **Medical Center Jewish South**, part of **KentuckyOne Health**, on Sunday, January 24.

The 10 surgeries were part of the Surgery on Sunday program that provides essential outpatient procedures to those in need. January's session included four colonoscopies, one laparoscopic cholecystectomy, three hernia repairs, one hand surgery and one anorectal fistulotomy.

University of Louisville Women's Basketball fans participated in a unique hands-only CPR event during halftime of the UofL vs. USF game on Monday, February 15. The event was part of a statewide initiative from **KentuckyOne Health** to train 35,000 Kentuckians in hands-only CPR during the month of February – American Heart Month. Individuals can be trained in hands-only CPR in as little as five minutes.

Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital has been recognized as one of the first healthcare facilities in the nation to re-



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Women and Girls Invited to Yoga at Temple Shalom

Yoga with Lisa Flannery of Yoga Loft will be held on Tuesdays, March 1 and 15 at 7:15 p.m. at Temple Shalom. Bring a mat or plan to use an available chair for relaxing, gentle yoga. Women and girls over age 10 are invited.

RSVP to Temple Shalom, 502-458-4739, by Mondays, February 29 and March 14.

Rabbi Wolk Leads Jews and Brews

Join Keneseth Israel's Rabbi Michael Wolk for "Jews and Brews," a one-hour class during which participants study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of both ancient and modern commentary while enjoying a cup (or cups?) of coffee. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public.

Jews and Brews meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. in the JCC Coffee Shop. For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

KI Marks Celebration Shabbat

Keneseth Israel will have a Kabbalat Shabbat celebration on Friday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m. KI will celebrate all of the March birthdays and anniversaries with decadent desserts, as well as celebrating March Madness for all the basketball fans. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ Hosts Short & Sweet Junior Congregation

Join Deborah Slosberg on Saturday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m. for Short & Sweet Junior Congregation at Adath Jeshurun. Short & Sweet is a family service for students in grades K-7, their parents and grandparents. The community is invited.

KI Children's Shabbat Service Held Twice a Month

The Keneseth Israel Children's Shabbat service is held the first and third Saturday of the month from 10:30 a.m.-12

p.m. This high energy service includes stories, singing, prayers, Torah and learning. Both services conclude with a Kiddush over challah and juice, and participants will join the whole congregation in the main sanctuary prayers to lead "Ein Keloheinu" and "Adon Olam."

For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Scholar-in-Residence Program Scheduled at KI

Keneseth Israel Congregation is bringing in Scott Fried as a Scholar in Residence. He will speak at the synagogue on Saturday, March 5, at 11 a.m.

Fried is an award-winning international public speaker, HIV/AIDS educator and author. For more than two decades, he has lectured to over a million teenagers and adults. His work is based on a core belief that one must understand the value of one's own life and hold it sacred, in order to refrain from dangerous behaviors that could lead to HIV infection and other crises. Fried shares his own life story of contracting and dealing with HIV.

Fried will speak to teens in the community as well as adults. He will speak to parents from the High School of Jewish Studies and Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad on Sunday, March 6, at 10 a.m. at Anshei Sfard, and to teens at 11:30 a.m. at Jewish Family and Career Services. All parents and teens in the community are invited, whether they attend LBSY or HSJS or not.

For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ Offers Several Hebrew Classes

Adath Jeshurun is offering three free Hebrew classes to anyone in the community interested in furthering their Jewish education. The classes, Conversational Hebrew, Prayer Book Hebrew and Modern Hebrew, are taught by Deborah Slosberg and take place on Sunday mornings at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. at AJ. Classes will meet March 6, 13 and 20. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

com or 502-458-5359.

Hope and Healing Ceremony to be Held March 6

In partnership with Interfaith Paths to Peace and the Louisville Metro Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the Hosparus Grief Counseling Center will host "Hope & Healing," a program to remember those who have died a violent death by homicide, suicide or accident, on Sunday, March 6, at the Muhammad Ali Center, 144 N. Sixth St.

From 4-5:30 p.m. art materials will be available for individuals, families and children to create memorials in honor of those who died. Counselors and trained volunteers will be on hand to assist. There will also be refreshments, music, time for reflection and community fellowship.

At 5:45 p.m., there will be a Remembrance Ceremony with readings, music and messages of hope. Survivors will share how they have coped and moved forward after experiencing sudden and tragic loss.

Registration is preferred. Please call 502-456-5451 or 888-345-8197 or e-mail Jeanne Omer at jomer@hosparus.org.

This event is made possible through the generosity of the Muhammad Ali Center and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

Haleh Karimi to speak at Temple Shalom

Haleh Karimi, the executive director of Interfaith Paths to Peace, will discuss "What It Means to Be a True Moslem – an Overview of Islam" at the Temple Shalom First Monday Adult Education session on Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m.

Interfaith Paths to Peace works to foster peace, increase interfaith understanding, and cultivate inter-religious cooperation through education, programs and events.

Karimi plans to review the history

and discuss the Qur'anic values to show that Islam is not a barbaric medieval system of dogma and rigid rules, but a faith that can contribute greatly to social justice, peace and harmony.

RSVP to Temple Shalom by March 5 by calling 458-4739. Refreshments will be served following the program, which is free. Direct questions to Norm Cummings.

Attend Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wolk

Rabbi Michael Wolk of Keneseth Israel announced a downtown lunch and learn program on Thursday, March 10, at noon at the Bristol on Main Street. Every month thereafter, the class will meet on the first Thursday of the month. Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, 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 an 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, who has studied and taught meditation for the past 10 years, will lead a guided meditation series on the Signs of the Zodiac as they relate to Jewish lore and mysticism. Classes will be held at the beginning of each new lunar month at 7 p.m. at Chabad House, 1654 Almaria Cir. The next class will take place on March 10. A \$5 donation is suggested but not required and refreshments are served.

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

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Jewish Hospital, part of **KentuckyOne Health**, is one of the first in Kentucky to offer robotic partial knee resurfacing and robotic total hip replacement procedures. The procedures are performed with the MakoPlasty™ using RIO™ Robotic Arm Interactive Orthopedic System marketed by MAKO Surgical Corp. RIO is a surgeon-controlled robotic arm system that enables accurate alignment and placement of implants.

A cardiothoracic surgeon at **Jewish Hospital**, part of **KentuckyOne Health**, recently performed the first MOMENTUM 3 Clinical Trial implant in Kentucky.

The surgery was performed on a 61

year-old male with ischemic cardiomyopathy, a disease of the heart muscle, resulting in a decrease in the heart's efficiency to contract and circulate blood.

Jewish Hospital is currently one of 60 select centers chosen to evaluate the Thoratec® HeartMate 3™ Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD), a new advancement in mechanical circulatory support (MCS). The MOMENTUM 3 trial is expected to enroll more than 1,000 patients nationwide.

The HeartMate 3 LVAD is an implantable mechanical device that helps circulate blood throughout the body. Sometimes called a "heart pump" or "VAD," it is designed to supplement the pumping function of the heart for patients whose hearts are too weak to pump blood adequately on their own.

CORRECTION

In the January 22 edition of Community, it was reported that StageOne and the Kentucky Center for the Arts received \$50,000 grants to work with schools on Anne Frank Projects. The article failed to state that the grants were made by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. We apologize for the error.

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Next Unwrap Shabbat is March 11 at Temple Shalom

The community is invited to Temple Shalom for another interactive lesson casually taught along with dinner on Friday, March 11. These lessons are designed for anyone who would like a better understanding of Shabbat Services. The dinner event will be held at 7:30 p.m., following 6:15 services.

The March 11 topic will be "A Definition of the Amidah."

RSVPs are required by Friday, March 4, by calling Temple Shalom, 458-4739. Sitter service will be available on request.

This program is made possible through a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. There is no charge to attend. Questions should be directed to Dorrie Zimmerman at Temple Shalom.

'Incredible Inman' to speak at Temple Shalom Men's Club

The Temple Shalom Men's Club will host the "Incredible" David Inman at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 13 for its brunch meeting.

Inman is the author of seven books and is a TV trivia expert whose columns once appeared in about 25 newspapers across the country, including *The Courier-Journal*.

The Men's Club invites the community to this event. The cost is \$5. Reservations are requested by calling the Temple Shalom office, 502-458-4739, by March 10.

KI Offers Yoga Classes

Cantor Sharon Hordes and Katey Brichto look forward to the next yoga class on Sunday, March 13, at 3 p.m. at Keneseth Israel. This class is an in-depth, comparative look at the Jewish and yogic traditions. It will look 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. Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Adath Jeshurun Presents 2016 Music Festival

Adath Jeshurun's Annual Music Festival will be held on Sunday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at the synagogue. Cantor Jack Mendelson will be performing his new one-man show, "The Cantor's Couch" with Director Erik Anjou on hand to shoot footage for the film sequel of A

Cantor's Tale. Come to AJ to hear an amazing talent and be a part of a movie in the making.

Tickets cost \$12.50 per adult and \$10 per person for seniors and students. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the night of the event for \$15 per person. Sponsorships are available and qualify for a tax deduction as allowed by law. Visit www.adathjeshurun.com/musical for more information and to make advanced ticket reservations.

KI Hosts Purim Carnival

The entire community is invited to a fun Purim carnival at Keneseth Israel on Sunday, March 20, 12:45-3 p.m. There will be bounce houses, slides, inflatables, face painting and many more games, prizes, food and drinks. Purchase a wristband for \$10 to enjoy all the fun. Food and drinks sold separately.

For more information, contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ Hosts Trivia Night

Adath Jeshurun is hosting Trivia Night on Sunday, March 20, at 7 p.m. The moderators for the evening will be Louisville Trivia, and they are sure to bring many fun and challenging questions.

AJ will furnish all of the set-ups. Just bring yourself and whatever you wish to drink. Each table will be a team so bring a group of friends. The cost is \$10 per person. Reservations can be made at www.adathjeshurun.com/trivia or by calling the Adath Jeshurun office at 502-458-5359. The community is invited.

JCC Book Club Reads The Last Lecture

The JCC Book Club will discuss The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch at its monthly meeting on Monday, March 21, at 11 a.m. in JCC Board Room. The author is a Carnegie Mellon University professor, diagnosed with terminal cancer, who gives a series of lectures "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams." Print copies are available in the Sr. Adult Lounge.

In February, the group read A Pearl in the Storm by Louisvillian Tori Murchen McClure. This was a fantastic, first person account of storms, roll-overs, etc. that she encountered as she single-handedly rowed across the Atlantic Ocean.

Everyone is invited to join the group which meets the third Monday of every month.

Next Broadcast from New York's 92nd Street Y to Focus on Foreign Policy and the Election

On Tuesday, March 22, Adath Jeshurun will present the next "Live from New York's 92nd Street Y" broadcast, "U.S. Foreign Policy & the 2016 Election," featuring Walter Russell Mead, Gideon Rose, David Rothkopf, and Bret Stephen.

A dessert reception will take place at 7:30 p.m., followed by the broadcast at 8. This program is free of charge and open to the community.

Celebrate Purim at KI

Join Keneseth Israel for a community-wide Purim celebration, co-sponsored by KI, Adath Jeshurun, Temple Shalom and Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad, on Wednesday, March 23, at Keneseth Israel. At 6:15 p.m. there will be a family-friendly Megilla reading and spiel, followed by a full adult Megilla reading at 7:15.

On Thursday, March 24, KI will hold morning minyan at 7 a.m., which includes a Torah service and Megillah reading.

For more information, contact Yona-

tan Yussman, KI executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ Hosts Free Louisville Orchestra Concert

The Louisville Orchestra will perform a free concert at Adath Jeshurun on Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m. This concert will be a small ensemble of musicians with Teddy Abrams and Andrea Levine on the clarinet featuring the piece "Golijov's Dreams and Prayers of Isaac the Blind."

Reservations are not needed. This program is free of charge and open to the community. This concert is made possible by a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

Women of Temple Shalom's Sisterhood Shabbat is March 26

The community is invited to join the Women of Temple Shalom for their annual Sisterhood Shabbat on Saturday, March 26, at 10:30 a.m. The service will focus on the week's Torah portion and Purim themes. A Kiddush luncheon will follow. RSVP to Temple Shalom by March 24, by calling 502-458-4739. There is no cost for the luncheon.

Coffee and Kabbalah/Morning Meditation Offered

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 held on the last Wednesday of every month at the Chabad House, 1654 Almara Cir., at 8:15 a.m. These classes include a relaxation exercise before and after each meditation. Coffee and refreshments are served. On March 30, the mediation for this month will be "Giving Thanks for Life."

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

Celebrate April Birthdays and Anniversaries at AJ

Come to Adath Jeshurun on April 2 to celebrate your birthday or anniversary. All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of April are invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services beginning at 9:30 a.m.

AJ Book Club to Focus on Food

Join Deborah Slosberg on Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m. for the next meeting of the Adath Jeshurun Book Club. The group will discuss The Stop: How the Fight for Good Food Transformed a Community and Inspired a Movement

by Nick Saul and Andrea Curtis.

Karyn Moskowitz, executive director of New Roots and sponsor of Louisville's Fresh Stops will be the guest moderator.

For more information on the AJ Book club or to order a copy of The Stop, contact Slosberg at 502-458-5359. The Book Club program is free of charge and open to the community.

Senior University 2016 Announced

The Temple's annual community-wide Senior University will take place on Thursday, April 14. This daylong program begins with registration and a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. There will be a keynote address at 10 a.m., followed by a choice of nine different workshops led by rabbis and community experts, spread over three "class periods" throughout the day.

Topics include health, religion, sports, history, senior issues, and music.

The program also includes a healthful lunch and closing program at 2:30 p.m. that features dessert. Although the workshops are designed to be of special interest to Jewish senior adults, all are welcome.

Admission is \$12. Please pay at the door, but pre-registration is requested. Call 502-423-1818.

Food Pantry Donations Needed

The Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry requests that donations in March include toilet paper, matzah, gefilte fish and matzah ball soup.

Food must be donated in its original packaging before its expiration date. Monetary donations may also be made to the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund.

To donate to the JFCS Food Pantry, please contact Kim Toebe at ext. 103.

Discount Tickets Available Now for 2016 Festival of Faiths

The 2016 Festival of Faiths will focus on Sacred Wisdom: Pathways to Non-violence. It will be May 17-21 at Actor's Theatre of Louisville, and the lineup of speakers includes Karen Armstrong, Pico Iyer, Vandana Shiva, Jim Wallis, Bell Hooks, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, Ingrid Mattson, Anam Thubten, Arun Gandhi and Teddy Abrams.

Weeklong passes for the event are now on sale, and if you purchase them by March 31, you will receive an Early Bird Discount of 25 percent.

For the latest information about the Festival of Faiths or for ticket information, go to festivaloffaiths.org.

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.

March 3

Chavurat Shalom meets at Keneseth Israel Congregation. Rabbi Michael Wolk and Cantor Sharon Hordes: "Yiddish Stories and Yiddish Songs"

March 10

Anna Ludwig, Engage Life Director from St. Matthews Atria performs on the French horn

March 17

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport: Purim

March 25

Conrad Reynolds, Philatelist: "Jewish Heritage on Postage Stamps"

March 31

Jennifer Diamond, vocalist and Kendall "Keyz" Carter, pianist - Jazz

Standards. Lunch for this program in the Heideman Auditorium, performance in the Waller Chapel

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 502-509-9416 or email charlene.reynolds@gmail.com.

Transportation to Jewish events, such as Chavurat Shalom, can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services at 502-452-6341. Transportation to Chavurat Shalom 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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B'nai Mitzvah

Brian Jacob Schwartz

Brian Jacob Schwartz, son of Ann and Robert Schwartz and brother of Sarah and Greg will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m. at The Temple.



Brian is the grandson of Ellen and Howard Mermelstein of Delray Beach, FL, and Elise and Morton Schwartz of Boca Raton, FL.

Brian is a seventh grader at Meyzeek Middle School and patrol leader of Troop 30 at The Temple. He is also a member of the Beta Club, robotics team, tennis team and Science Olympiad team. For his bar mitzvah project Brian built the risers for the Temple's chapel and participated in the Pledge 13 program.

Brian and his family invite the community to join them in celebrating this joyous occasion.

Daniel Edward Greenberg

Daniel Greenberg, son of Rachel and Craig Greenberg and brother of Benjamin Greenberg, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, March 19, at 9:30 a.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.



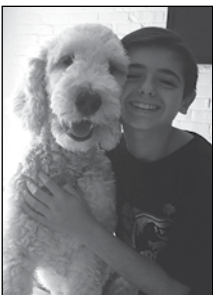
Daniel is the grandson of Ruth and Ron Greenberg and Dale and Paul Martellino of Newport, Rhode Island.

Daniel is in the seventh grade at Louisville Collegiate School where he is on the Quick Recall, Math Counts, basketball, tennis and golf teams.

The Greenberg family invites the community to join them as they celebrate Daniel's bar mitzvah.

Adrian von Roenn

Adrian von Roenn, son of Stacy von Roenn and Kenneth von Roenn III, brother of Isabella von Roenn and Ivy Washburn, will be called to Torah on Saturday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at The Temple.



Adrian is the grandson of Marge Brown and the late Jerry Brown, Martin Raff and Pat Donnelly, Kathy von Roenn and Ken von Roenn Jr.

Adrian is a seventh grader in the MST program at Meyzeek Middle School. He plays saxophone in the school band and enjoys tennis, soccer, and camping. He has chosen to volunteer at the Humane Society as part of his JFCS Pledge 13 and is also sharing his dog Butter with the residents at a long term care facility.

Adrian and his family invite the community to share their celebration at the Havdalah service.

Elia Molly Saltzman

Elia Molly Saltzman, daughter of Lynn



Abramson-Saltzman and Matthew Saltzman, will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday March 26, at The Temple.

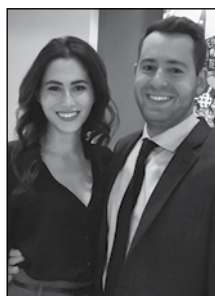
Elia is the sister of Illana and Ben Saltzman and the granddaughter of Sunny and Ira Abramson and Barbara Saltzman and William Saltzman.

Elia is in middle school at Kentucky Country Day and participates on the field hockey and lacrosse teams as well as a member of the Community Service Club. Elia is full of spirit and is currently working on numerous charity events.

Engagement

Klein/Chaimovitz

Laura and Jon Klein happily announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to David Chaimovitz of Highland Park, IL. Rachel is the granddaughter of Beverly and Elias Klein as well as the late Alex and Shirley Roter.



David is the son of Denise and Donald Chaimovitz and the grandson of Beverly Stein, the late Sol Stein, Beverly Bloch Stein Seedman, Dorothy and David Chaimovitz.

Both Rachel and David graduated from Indiana University at Bloomington.

They reside in Chicago where she is a marketing associate for Jewish National Fund and he is director of sales for CMT Manufacturing.

A wedding is planned for October 2016, in Louisville.

Obituaries

Arnold S. Friedman



Arnold S. Friedman, 86, passed away Thursday, January 21, at his home.

He was a retired 42-year journalist, associate editor of the Long Island Press in New York, editor of the Springfield (MA) Union-News and Sunday Republican. In 1950, he received his B.S. degree with joint majors in advertising and journalism from Syracuse University. He was an adjunct professor of journalism at Westfield State College, Westfield, MA, and American International College, Springfield, MA. He was also a freelance editor, book editor, and proofreader.

He was a member of the Massachusetts Board of Regents, American Society of Newspaper Editors, New England Society of Newspaper Editors and New England Associated Press News Executives Association. In 1992, he won the Yankee Quill Award from the New England Chapter, Society of Professional Journalists (SDX) and awards for editorial writing.

He was a member of The Temple, The Temple Board and Brotherhood and the Louisville Bridge Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Edith Ramer Friedman; and a granddaughter, Sarah Friedman.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bette Harris Friedman; his two sons, David Friedman (Elise Medinger) and Marc Friedman (Jane Ramerth) of St. Louis Park, MO; his brother, Norman Friedman of Hampton Bays, NY; his grandchildren, Michael Friedman, Rachel

Dowlat and Laura Friedman; and his great-grandchildren, Brielle Elizabeth Dowlat and Sean Anthony Dowlat.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or the ACLU.

Ned Goldin

Ned Goldin, 91, died January 23 in Long Island Jewish Hospital in New York, after a lengthy illness.

He was a native of Lima, OH, and lived in Louisville for several years after World War II, prior to moving to New York, obtaining a degree in pharmacy and settling in Queens, NY. He practiced pharmacy until his retirement several years ago.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor; son, Mark; and grandson, Jacob.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandra and her husband, Michael Zaccagnino, of Tucson, AZ; and his brother, Dr. Albert Goldin, of Louisville.



Sarah "Meghan" Steinberg

Sarah "Meghan" Steinberg, 33, of Louisville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 23, after a long, brave battle with cancer.

Steinberg was the founder of Meghan's Mountain Charitable Foundation, Inc., and dedicated herself to ensuring that no cancer patient would have to climb his/her mountain alone. She attended Ballard High School and University of Louisville. A gift to us all, Meghan was strong, selfless and kind.

She is survived by her father, Jerry Steinberg; mother, Freeda (Douglas) Louthan; brother, Justin Steinberg; sister, Libby (Jonathan) Treinish; her loyal companions "Hutch" and "Miles"; and loving friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ben and Sally Steinberg of Louisville, and Shirley and Lucille Morris of Lexington.

Funeral services were held at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, with burial in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, Meghan asked that expressions of celebration for her life be made to Meghan's Mountain Charitable Foundation Inc., 5600 Harrods Cove, Prospect, KY, 40059, where her legacy will live on. All donations directly benefit cancer patients and their families. Contributions may also be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Barbara Perelmutter Alper

Barbara Alper passed away on January 24 at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Born in 1942, Alper's early years were spent in Louisville where she graduated from the University of Louisville. She met and married Bill Alper, also of Louisville, in 1962. They soon moved to New Jersey and then to Houston, TX, where she received her M.Ed. in psychology from the University of Houston.

As a psychotherapist, she worked in private practice for 20 years. She became the Houston version of Dr. Ruth Westheimer and appeared on many panels, radio and television shows.

Alper loved to cook, and there was always room at her table for extra guests. She was proud of her Kentucky heritage and held elaborate annual Derby parties, a tradition she continued throughout her life. It was not uncommon for Louisvillians to opt to spend Derby Day in Houston.

After the death of her husband, Bill, in 2003, she moved to the Hampton Galleria. Here she enjoyed organizing and participating in many activities, dinner parties, bridge, Scrabble and mah jongg games with her many friends.

Alper was preceded in death by her parents, Frimi and Sam Perelmutter, and her beloved husband, Bill.

She is survived by her two sons, Allan Gregory (June) and Brian Strong Alper (Kristin); three sisters, Marsha Bornstein (Edwin), Susan Bledsoe (Sam) and Anita Chambers; her adored grandchildren, Sophie, William and Ian Alper and several nieces and nephews.

The family is grateful for the wonderful help and friendship of Nelda Wyatt, her caregiver.

Funeral services were held at Temple Emmanu El Cemetery on January 31 in Houston.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Jewish Family & Career Services or the Jewish Community Center.



Yvonne Sarah Abner

Yvonne Sarah Abner, 92, beloved wife of Carl Edwin Abner (1920-1984); mother of Brian (Ruth Baumann), Erika (S. John Page), Anthony (Deborah)

and Bernard (Sara); grandmother of Justin, Leah, Hannah, Adam, Noah, Talia, Max, Caleb, Kaylie, and Jared; and great-grandmother of Sydney and Aidan, died peacefully Monday, January 25, at the Oaklawn Health and Rehabilitation Center after a long illness.

Yvonne was a woman of great spirit, creativity, and kindness. She was truly

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a pioneer: Growing up in London, England, she was a graduate of the Royal Academy of Ballet, then travelling across the Atlantic at the end of World War II to her new family in Montreal; working outside the home as a dance teacher while raising a family; returning to school initially to earn a diploma from the Cordon Bleu School of London and then to obtain her Bachelor's degrees while she was in her late 50's; and continuing to work after retirement as a teacher of English as a second language to Jewish immigrants.

She contributed to the Jewish community both through her dance teaching at the Jewish Community Center and her support of Congregation Adath Jeshurun. She transmitted her love of teaching and learning, of the creative arts, and of community to her children and grandchildren.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

Jerry B. Weinstein

Jerry B. Weinstein, 85, died Sunday, January 31, at Westport Place Health Campus.

He was a native of Pittsfield, MA, born January 21, 1931, to the late Sarah Schechter and Theodore Weinstein. He was a resident of Pittsfield, MA, Louisville and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. He was a dec-



orated Korean War veteran, serving in the US Air Force as a pilot and Sergeant First Class. He was an accomplished athlete who played professional baseball in the minor leagues and an award-winning spirits salesman for Vertner Smith, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the American Legion Highland Post 201 and a Kentucky Colonel.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Max Weinstein; his nephew, Alan Weinstein; and Nita Bayman, his partner in life for over 50 years.

He is survived by his nephews, Mark and David Weinstein; and nieces, Jessica and Kinsley Weinstein.

Burial was in Agudath Achim Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation or Hosparus. The family would also like to thank the caregivers and staff at Westport Place and Jefferson Place for their loving care.

Joan M. Klein

Joan M. Klein, 89, died peacefully Tuesday, February 2, at Westport Place Health Campus.

She was born March 4, 1926, to the late Harrietta and William Meyers. She attended the University of Illinois and University of Louisville. She was a member of The Temple, where she served on the Board of Trustees and Women of Reform Judaism. She served on the Board of Planned Parenthood and was very active in the



PTA at Belknap Elementary, Highland Jr. High, and Atherton High School.

Klein was a loving and caring mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She enjoyed playing bridge with her friends. She was part of a knitting group at The Glenview, The Knit Wits, who knitted clothing articles for charitable causes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 60 years, Jerome Klein; and her brother, Ted Meyers.

She is survived by her daughters, Cathy Schuster (Lon) and Vicki Davis (David); her son, Randal Klein (Bobbi) of Farmington, UT; her grandchildren, Dr. Bryce Schuster (Dr. Julie), Corey Schuster (Alison), and Michael Davis (Cara); and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at The Temple, and burial in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

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

David "Doc" Friedlander

David "Doc" Friedlander, 68, took his last ride on Sunday, February 7.

He is survived by his sister, Harriette Friedlander (Alan Bernstein); his beloved nieces, Sarah and Rebecca Bernstein; and countless club brothers.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Elder Serve or the University of Louisville Department of Geriatrics.

Arnold Morton Fox

Arnold Morton Fox, 93, of Louisville, Kentucky, formerly of Pittsburgh, PA, died peacefully on Monday evening February 8.

He was the youngest of three children and the only child born in the USA to



Viktor and Bertha Fox, after they emigrated from Russia. Born on June 26, 1922, he spent his early childhood in Pittsburgh before moving to Brooklyn, NY, where he remained through his college years.

After graduating with a degree in Electrical Engineering from City College of New York, he served as an officer in the US Navy during World War II in the Pacific theater. Having completed his military service, he married Gladys Ullman on June 16, 1946, and returned to Pittsburgh to work for the Pennsylvania Transformer Company (later a Division of McGraw Edison), where he remained as an employee holding various positions in management and international sales and licensing until retirement.

He thrived on converting business acquaintances into life-long friendships as he traveled to many parts of the world, helping to bring electrification to countries with less developed economies.

After retirement, he and Gladys relocated to Louisville, where they made new friends and were active members of the Louisville community. Fox was an avid sports fan and tennis enthusiast, playing in a senior tennis league until the age of 90.

He was a loving father to Sandra (Fox) Herman and husband, Richard of San Diego, David Fox and wife, Susan Bornstein of Louisville, and Victor Fox and wife, Nancy Liu of Weston, MA. He was proud of his grandchildren, Jessica Herman, Benjamin Fox and Miriam Fox, Lea (Herman) Rackoff and husband, David and great-grandchildren Dana and Aaron Rackoff.

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D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Stanley Miles
Special to Community

The *Shabbat* prior to the publication of the next issue of community, March 18-19, is *Shabbat Zachor*, the Sabbath of Remembrance. Shabbat Zachor is always the Sabbath prior to Purim. We read Deuteronomy 25:17-19 as an extra section of Torah on this Shabbat, which briefly describes the perfidy of the Amalikites and instructs us how to deal with them in no uncertain, yet strangely contradictory terms.

The Amalikites were the first foes encountered by the Israelites after they witnessed God's vanquishing of Pharaoh's army in the Red Sea. Perhaps because they were the initial enemy, they became the archetypal foe for all time.

To me, the reason for our hatred for Amalek is even deeper. It is not only that Amalek attacked but of greater importance, how Amalek attacked. The Amalekites chose to attack us when we were tired and to go after the folks in the rear; not the soldiers but the most vulnerable. The Amalekites made short work of the young and the old, cowardly avoiding our soldiers. Brutal as it was, the strategy of the Amalekites was quite effective.

These verses from Deuteronomy end

with a totally puzzling contradiction, "when...God grants you safety from all your enemies ... you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget!"

We are command to remember the deed while blotting out our memory of the perpetrator. To me, this is impossible. Indeed, I find myself in good com-

pany as Rashi, the Torah commentator par excellence, barely deals with it.

So what do we do? Our celebration of Purim provides an answer. According to tradition, that wicked, wicked man, Haman, descended from the Amalikites. When his name is read in the *Megillat Esther* you know what we do. With raucous noise and grating greggers we blot out that sound. When we hear it we remember immediately what to do: we blot it out!

Chag Sameach Purim!

Happy Purim

Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, January 29 at 5:44 p.m., February 5 at 5:52 p.m., February 12 at 5:59 p.m., February 19 at 6:07 p.m. and February 26 at 6:14 p.m.

Editor's note: Rabbi Stanley R. Miles, the rabbi of Temple Shalom (Reform), has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.



Rabbi Stanley Miles

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Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Temple or the Alan and Marilyn Bornstein Fund for Family Therapy at Jewish Family & Career Services.

Florence Ruth Morguelan

Florence Ruth Morguelan, died Monday, February 15.

She was a native of London, KY, born to the late Rose Volk and David M. Robinson. She came to Louisville as a young girl for school and job opportunities, eventually meeting the love of her life, Morris Morguelan. Florence Ruth Morguelan was a long time member and contributor of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, the JCC and NCJW, Louisville Section. Along with being active in her Jewish community, she loved to paint, cook and read.

She is survived by her children, Dr. Barry Morguelan of Los Angeles, CA, Robin Simon (Fred) and Linda Cooper (Alan) of Potomac, MD; her three grand-

children, Stuart Klein (Jamie), Randy Klein and Abby Lutz (Mike); and her three great-grandchildren, Margot and Ashley Klein, and Simon Lutz.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Morris Morguelan Youth Maccabi Fund at the JCC, 3600 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY 40205.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the ladies at Home Helpers and other caregivers for their devotion and care shown to Florence Ruth.

Ann Leslie Hess

Ann Leslie Hess passed away the morning of February 19, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She lived most of her life in Louisville. She attended Carnegie Mellon University and graduated from The University of Michigan and received her doctorate in psychology from The University of Louisville.

Dr. Hess was a long-time employee of Disability Determination Services of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. She was a member of The Temple and the American Psychological Association (APA).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joel Sokoloff.

Survivors include her son David; mother, Sonia; and siblings, Allen (Elaine), Steven (Wendy) and Barbara (Jay McCrensky). In addition, she will be missed by her nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and -nephews, cousins and her dog, Renne.

Burial was in The Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Albert & Betty Hess Camp Fund at The Temple or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.



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