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Let's Join Together to End Modern Day Slavery



Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky

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

Every year in our Passover Hag-gadah, we read the Talmudic injunction, "B'chol Dor- In every genera-

tion, we are commanded to feel as if we ourselves were liberated from slavery." Most of us understand this in a metaphorical way, looking to the spiritual ways in which we may not feel fully free. Sadly in our day and age, there are far too many people who experience slavery in a very literal way. In our own city, which we have dubbed a "city of compassion" we have staggeringly high rates of modern slavery – a number that is projected to rise over the next month, as a

result of the influx of human trafficking victims that get shipped into our city to help "celebrate" Derby. Research suggests that online ads for commercial sex acts double during this period and that the majority of those involve children. Accurate data about current statistics is challenging as this is a much hidden population. A few months ago, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center reported that it received 21,947 calls from victims, and it was able to help 1,600 survivors, a 24 percent increase. **SLAVERY** page 7

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Art Recovery Expert to Speak at Annual Communitywide Yom HaShoah Program

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

When the movie *Woman in Gold* was released last year, awareness of the efforts by Jewish families to recover valuable art looted by the Nazis during World War II was elevated substantially. The movie told the story of Maria Altmann's quest to recover a portrait of her aunt painted by Gustav Klimt. Altmann's quest was not unique. The Nazis confiscated thousands of pieces of art and the effort to identify the stolen works and restore them to their rightful owners is an ongoing effort. This year, the annual Jewish Community Relations Council communitywide Yom HaShoah Commemoration to be held on Monday, May 2, at Congregation Adath Jeshurun at 7 p.m., will focus on the efforts being made to restore these

works of art to the families to which they truly belong. "The main speaker," said Yom HaShoah Chair Jeff Jamner, "is a professor from Northern Kentucky University, Jennifer Kreder. Her specialty is working on the legal challenges to restore art stolen during the Holocaust to the families that once owned." In the course of her work, Dr. Kreder came to know Randal Schoenberg, the attorney portrayed in the movie, and has worked with him. Her own work is extensive and ongoing. **YOM HASHOAH** page 14



Jennifer Kreder

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JCRC UPDATE

Welcoming the AlSaid Musafa Family

by Becky Ruby Swansburg, Chair
Jewish Community Relations Council

As we prepare for Passover next month, many of us are reflecting on the words of Leviticus: "The strangers who sojourn with you shall be to you as the natives among you, and you shall love them as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

This year, our Jewish community is living out the words of Leviticus, We are welcoming strangers to our land and loving them as ourselves.

Last year, the Jewish Community Relations Council and PACE, the Pakistani Americans for Compassion, pledged to co-sponsor a Syrian refugee family's resettlement in Louisville. Through this Jewish-Muslim partnership, we hoped to build more friendships between our communities and display Louisville's compassion and interfaith friendship to

refugees arriving to our city.

On Monday, March 7, we started this journey. That evening shortly after 11 p.m., the AlSaid Musafa family arrived in Louisville. The family, who fled Syria several years ago, found themselves at Louisville International Airport after two long days of travel that had taken them from Cairo, Egypt, to Frankfurt, Germany, then on to Chicago, and finally here to Louisville where a group of volunteers from the Jewish and Muslim communities were waiting to welcome them.

Our work had started two weeks earlier. We received notice from the Kentucky Refugee Ministries that a family was arriving in Louisville. We knew little about the family: A husband and wife, and their two children, ages 6 and 9. Despite this limited information, we set to work preparing for their arrival.

With the help of volunteers and donors in our community, we outfitted



Representatives of Louisville's Islamic Center and the Jewish Community Relations Council met the AlSaid Musafa family at the airport.

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their home with couches, beds, tables and lamps. We purchased new bedding and towels. We stocked their pantry with staples and Middle Eastern specialties, so they would arrive to food both new and familiar. We even gathered toys and books for the children to welcome them to their new home.

With all this in place, we headed to the airport to meet our refugee family.

When the AlSaid Musafas walked out of the security check point at the airport, they were visibly tired from two days of travel. But when our Arabic-speaking case worker said *hello*, their eyes lit up. They had left their temporary home in Egypt not knowing who – if anyone – would be at the other end of their journey in Louisville. And here was a group of a dozen volunteers, welcoming them to their new home!

Over the past few weeks, we've gotten the chance to know the AlSaid Musafa family: Maher and Maidia, and their children, 6-year old Tarek and 9-year old Mirna. Maher is a woodworker, carpenter and craftsman. The family fled Aleppo, Syria and has been awaiting refugee resettlement in Cairo, Egypt. They are eager to learn English, so much in fact that by the time we drove them home from the airport, they had already learned how to say "thank you."

In a few short weeks, those of us volunteering with the family have not only welcomed them to Louisville, but become their friends as well. It has been some of the most rewarding and enjoyable work I've ever done.

I hope you'll join me in welcoming the AlSaid Musafa family as they make Louisville their home. If you'd like to help, email Matt Goldberg at mgoldberg@jewishlouisville.org. Here are some ways you can make a difference:

1. **Volunteer your time.** The family is a delight to visit. They are eager to learn English and need to practice. Visit with them during the week or on the weekend. Help them practice their English. Introduce them to something you love about Louisville.
2. **Donate.** The family arrived to Louisville with very little. We are helping them purchase new clothes and other necessities.
3. **Connect with Employment.** We are helping Maher find work. If you know of a lead for a furniture carpenter or woodworker, please let us know.

This Passover, as we remember our journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom in Israel, let us also remember those making that same journey today: from fear and oppression to freedom and joy.

Our work with the AlSaid Musafa family is a poignant reminder of the importance of freedom this Passover season.

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Purim Traditions Include Fun and Helping Those in Need

by Sara Klein Wagner
President and CEO
Jewish Community of Louisville

Purim is probably the most joyous and fun Jewish holiday of the year. It has even provided several words in our everyday vernacular “the whole Megillah” or “shpiel”. There is something for everyone: treats, including Hamantashen, costumes, celebrations, including alcohol, and the retelling of a story that celebrates good overcoming evil complete with audience participation.

The Purim shpiel is the tradition of putting on satire or play of the Purim story. Mishloach manot, sharing baskets of food, and matanot la’evyonim, the tradition of giving charity are all part of the Purim holiday.

The story of Purim also teaches us that one person can make a difference.

Esther risked her own life to stand up for others. We are very fortunate in Louisville to have the opportunity to continue learning and growing Jewishly and to stand up to help others.

I recently met with a long time donor to thank her for her support and learn more about her perspective of our Jewish community. Without a moment of hesitation, she shared her Melton participation as a life changing, incredibly engaging and meaningful experience. She described what she has studied, the instructors and the many members of the community she met and spent time with who she would never have met without Melton.

As I listened to this donor share her pride that Louisville has a strong Melton program while unfortunately other communities have disappeared, she shared her appreciation that the Federation and JCC are partnering with the ini-

tiative led by Adath Jeshurun with support from Congregation Anshei Sfard, Keneseth Israel Congregation, The Temple and Temple Shalom, and generous grants from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the Jewish Foundation of Louisville and the Dorothy Levy Memorial Fund. She is grateful to the Federation for contributing to Melton, ensuring that everyone who wants to make the commitment to Jewish learning has the opportunity to do so.

The Melton experience is providing opportunities for adults throughout our community to explore the complexities of Judaism with a sophistication well beyond the teaching tools we use to teach our children, from noisemakers to costumes.

In addition to celebrating learning this Purim season, I encourage you to participate in the 2016 Federation Campaign if you have yet done so. We are stronger together and aspire to grow the partici-

pation of community members who are committed to helping strengthen and make a positive impact on Jewish lives.

Remembering Jay McGowan

Melton is an integral component on the education scene for the Jewish community, and we are proud to support it. However, there is also some sad news on the education scene in Louisville and it impacts the Jewish community. We join with the rest of the Louisville community in mourning the passing of Bellarmine University President Jay McGowan.


As a community, Louisville lost a passionate, compassionate and committed leader earlier this month. Dr. Jay McGowan led Bellarmine University for 16 years. As Dr. McGowan grew the Bellarmine community, he led the Catholic university to welcome the wider community to campus.

Following a trip to Israel in 2005 with United Jewish Communities and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, Dr. McGowan welcomed Federation leadership at his home to share his life-changing experience and insightful perspective on his Israel experience.

Our Jewish community is fortunate to have partnered with Bellarmine University, guided by Dr. McGowan’s open arms. He enabled us to hold several Yom HaShoah commemorations on campus, ensured that there were Hillel opportunities for Jewish students and just last month hosted the largest opening night of the Jewish Film Festival ever, drawing over 300 attendees.

In recent months, Dr. McGowan connected CenterStage with the Bellarmine Theater Department to explore possible partnerships.

Dr. McGowan opened doors across our entire community. His legacy will have an impact throughout our community for generations to come. May his memory be a blessing.



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FACT: Every Passover we open the door for Elijah, the Hebrew prophet whose unseen presence is felt helping people throughout the world.

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FACT: We invite Elijah in to drink from his cup on our Seder table.

3

FACT: He never drinks. What’s up with that?


4

FACT: The cup isn’t actually for Elijah. It’s for us. To remind us of all the times we’ve been helped by his unseen hand, and to inspire us to return the favor.

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Fact or fiction?

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FACT: Elijah would approve.

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Dalin to Speak at Senior University and JCRC Event

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Rabbi Dr. David Dalin, a widely-published scholar of American Jewish history, is coming to Louisville for two programs on Thursday, April 14. That day he will deliver the keynote address, "Louis D. Brandeis: The First Supreme Court Justice," at 10 a.m. (see Around Town item, page 20) and at 7 p.m., he will speak at the Jewish Community Relations Council's event about American presidents, from Lincoln to Obama and their relationships with the Jews.

Senior University is a daylong annual program that, in addition to the keynote

address, includes a wide variety of workshops, breakfast, lunch and dessert for just \$12. It is a program of The Temple and takes place in their building. Reservations are requested at 502-423-1818.

The JCRC event will take place in the Patio Gallery at the J. It is free and open to the public. RSVP to Development Director Matt Goldberg, mgoldberg@jewishlouisville.org, by Tuesday, April 12.

Rabbi Dr. David Dalin is currently a professor of history at Ave Maria University, a Catholic institution in Southwest Florida, and he has been a visiting professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary and George Washington University, and the Taube Research Fellow in American History at Stanford Uni-

versity. During the 2002-2003 academic year, he was a visiting fellow at Princeton University's James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions.

Prior to entering academia, Dr. Dalin worked as the assistant director of the Jewish Community Relations Council in San Francisco. He now serves as a member of the Academic Advisory Council of the American Jewish Historical Society and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County (Florida) Region of the American Jewish Committee.



Rabbi Dr. David Dalin

Dr. Dalin received his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Brandeis University. He also received his rabbinic ordination and a second M.A., from the Jewish Theological Seminary. In 2015, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Dr. Dalin is the author, co-author, or editor of eleven books, including *Religion and State in the American Jewish Experience* (co-authored with Professor Jonathan D. Sarna of Brandeis University) and *The Presidents of the United States and the Jews*. He is now completing a forthcoming book, *The Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court, from Brandeis to Kagan - Their Lives and Legacies*, that is scheduled for publication by the Brandeis University Press.

Dr. Dalin's numerous articles and book reviews have appeared in a variety of publications, including *American Jewish History*, *Commentary*, *Modern Judaism*, the *Weekly Standard* and the *American Jewish Year Book*.

Dr. Dalin has lectured extensively on American Jewish history and politics, the Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court, Jewish-Christian Relations, and contemporary Jewish affairs.

Dr. Dalin's events in Louisville are co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council and The Temple.

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Editor's note: Some of the information for this article comes from Dr. Dalin's official biography.

2016 Naamani Lecture to Focus on Music

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

Galeet Dardashti will deliver the 2016 annual Naamani Lecture at the University of Louisville Planetarium on Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m. Her talk, "Sacred Music Hits the Israeli Pop Charts: Money, Music and Mizrahiyut," concerns music, culture, and minority identities in Israel.

A cultural anthropologist by training, she is currently a Visiting Scholar at NYU's prestigious Taub Center for Israel and she has published extensively on Israeli music, media, identity, and coexistence efforts.

Dardashti comes from a long line of Persian Jewish vocalists including her grandfather, Yona Dardashti, who was a cantor and renowned singer of Persian classical music in Iran during the days of the Shah; and her father, Farid Dardashti, once a pop star in Tehran and now a well-known cantor.

Significantly, Galeet Dardashti is the first woman in her family to make her own accomplished mark in music. She heads the electrifying all-women Mizrahi band "Divahn," which blends traditional Middle Eastern music with mod-

ern style.

Her wonderful solo project, "The Naming," features beautiful Middle Eastern melodies and women's stories. Singing in Hebrew, Aramaic, Persian and Arabic, this work interweaves the stories of women from the Bible and from Dardashti's Persian Jewish family with the struggles for equality of other Middle Eastern women.

As one reviewer wrote, "her music recalls both the creative power of the voice and a near-divine ability to bring women to life. Dardashti's Persian-Jewish heritage and academic training come together in a beautiful and yet theologically provocative recording. The music is at once traditional and radical."

Other critics have written that "Dardashti's voice is exemplary, floating into earthy and nasal tones seamlessly, as called for by her Near Eastern style of music. Her stage presence is commanding" and her "sultry delivery spans international styles and clings to listeners long after the last round of applause."

It is not often that our community has an opportunity to be so vibrantly reminded of just how multicultural the Jewish world has always been, specifically that Iranian Jews have a history dating back nearly 2,700 years. Too often, our inauspicious present moment allows us to forget the fact that Jews in Iran enjoyed a multifaceted experience intimately interwoven with the Islamic traditions surrounding them.

Jewish Studies of UofL and the Naamani family sincerely hope that

see **NAAMANI** page 11



Galeet Dardashti

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MARCH 24

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MARCH 31-APRIL 10

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

JCC. Adults \$20 each in advance, \$22 at the Door. CenterStage presents this Pulitzer Prize winning musical. Power, sex, ambition, greed ... it's just another day at the office in this satire of big business. Purchase tickets at www.CenterStage.org or call 502-238-2709. (See CenterPiece, page 3)

APRIL 3-MAY 3

Patio Gallery Exhibit

"Two Sisters" by Stephanie Baldyga-Stagg and Julie Baldyga and "Life Is Still Beautiful," Works by Luci Mistratove's Students. Opening reception Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m.

APRIL 4-8

Spring Camp

For children, pre-K and K-6. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Get Up Gang and Stay 'N Play available. Theme: Mother Nature. Arts and crafts, sports, games, fun. K-6 campers swim daily. Register online at www.jewishlouisville.org/springcamp (See CenterPiece, page 2.)

APRIL 9

YAD Havdallah

9 p.m. Celebrate the end of Shabbat and the beginning of a new week with other Jewish young adults. Light appetizers, drinks, good company provided. For the address, contact Benji Berlow at bberlow@jewishlouisville.org.

APRIL 10

PJ Library and Shalom Baby Passover Sing-a-long

Free. At Keneseth Israel. 10 a.m. Cantor Hordes will lead holiday singing. There will also be snacks and activities. For more information, contact Jennifer Tuvlin, jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2764.

APRIL 14

The Temple's Senior University

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The Temple. \$12. Keynote speaker Rabbi David Dalin will talk about Louis D. Brandeis. Program includes breakfast, snack, lunch and a choice of workshops. RSVP to 502-423-1818. (See Around Town, page 20.)

APRIL 14

JCRC Program Features Dalin

7 p.m. Patio Gallery. Free. Rabbi David Dalin will talk about the relationship between American Presidents and the Jews. RSVP to mgoldberg@jewishlouisville.org.

APRIL 16

J Arts & Ideas: Blood, Sweat and My Rock and Roll Years

6:30 p.m. Standard Club. \$54 in advance; \$64 at the door. Steve Kats, a founding member of The Blues Project and Blood Sweat and Tears will speak and perform some well-known hits. Includes cash bar, three-course catered dinner and wine by Anoosh Bistro. RSVP at www.jewishlouisville.org/artsideas. (See CenterPiece, page 1.)

APRIL 18

Interfaith Human Trafficking Seder

6 p.m. JCC Auditorium. Learn about modern day Slavery at this Human Trafficking Seder led by Rabbi Nadia Siritsky. Sponsored by KentuckyOne Health, JCRC, JFCS, NCJW, Compassionate Louisville, ChooseWell Communities and Just Creations. RSVP at www.jewishlouisville.org/HumanTrafficking. (See story, page 1.)

APRIL 20

Summer Job Fair

3:30-6:30 p.m. JCC. The JCC is seeking to fill nearly 100 positions for May-August or September for the Camp, Aquatics and Customer Service Departments. On the spot interviews. Details at www.jewishlouisville.org/event/summer-job-fair-2/

APRIL 22-30

Passover

Passover begins at sunset on April 22. In observance of the holiday, the JCC will close at 7 p.m. on April 22 and April 28 and will be closed on April 23 and 29.

YAD Mixes Purim Fun, Murder Mystery and Campaign



Amy and Ronen Danino



Sarah Bloom, Jessica Kalb and Sharon Davis



Michael Wolk, Heidi Wolk, Lisa and Matt Goldberg



Greg Sokoler, Casey Tuma and Lisa Goldberg during Havdallah



Devon Oser and Brett Hudspeth



Ohad Holzberg, Amy Green and Ariel Kronenberg



Justin Smith, Jacob Efman and Allison Feit



Rabbi Michael and Heidi Wolk



DJ Sasha Chack

by Benji Berlow
YAD Director

On Saturday evening, March 19, members of the Young Adult Division gathered at the Standard Club for a night of murder mystery, costumes, dancing and more. Members of Kiss and the Matrix analyzed the clues, Mermaid Man and Superman danced the night away and Moses and Pharaoh schmoozed at the bar.

Guests soon discovered that they were in the middle of a rivalry between hamantaschen companies competing for money, diamonds and love. Throughout the night, guests were given clues by the *Death by Chocolate Hamantaschen* cast and it all culminated in a final shootout between the characters.

While the mystery and costumes were fun for all, the night took on new meaning when Casey Tuma shared her journey of a Birthright Israel gift that led her to create her own Arts and Entertainment Israel trip where she met the love of her life. "Being Jewish and being supported by other Jews has brought me

to Louisville where I have truly found a new sense of community and have been welcomed with open arms," she said.

Tuma then asked the guests to think about how they could donate their time, talent and treasure back to the community. With the newly established YAD Ambassador initiative, young leaders in the community like Tuma are reimagining what Jewish life can be here in Louisville. They need the support of other young adults to make it happen.

The 80 plus in attendance stepped up to give back. Anonymous donors pitched in to match any first time pledge made that night. Young couples signed up to open their homes for events and newcomers to Louisville. Professionals offered their services and many signed up for a new mentorship program beginning in the coming months. The evening was not only entertaining, but the start of a new chapter for young adults to lead the way for our community.

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



Keren Benabou, Yael Ben Yehuda, and Nitzan and Yariv Benabou



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ACCREDITATION

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shy of reaching the next level.

"Now that we are accredited, you might be asking, what difference does this make?" said Cahen. "This achievement lets you ... know that we strive on a daily basis to have better parent-child relationships, and that our teachers engage in quality programming that is designed to help the children develop greater thinking skills, better attention skills, enhanced academic performance and a better relationship with their peers. Following a developmentally appropriate curriculum allows each child to develop on their own as these years are not a race, but a journey."

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The raters visited the school for an entire day, checked the environment in each classroom, observed routines, hygiene procedures, interactions among teachers and children, communication with parents, teacher/student ratios and examined every detail to ensure that the school meets hundreds of standards for each age group.

They checked to ensure that the furniture is the correct size for the children in each classroom. They checked the arrangement of the rooms to ensure that an area for reading and quiet activities is separated from the activity area where children can be more active.

They checked the pictures on the walls for diversity so children of all backgrounds can recognize people like themselves. They checked the art projects to ensure that they are age-appropriate and child-created. They checked the avail-

ability and appropriateness of books.

Everything the teachers do was evaluated from personal care to the way they talk to children and parents. Ensuring the right balance of active and passive activities, options so older children can make choices, activities that help children develop a wide range of verbal and motor skills, as well as many others.

The outdoor and indoor play areas were carefully checked, too. The raters were particularly impressed with the indoor climbing space.

"They came here on a Friday morning," Cahen said, "and watched our Kabbalat Shabbat program and loved it. They couldn't believe that all the children from infants to five year olds were actively engaged in singing and clapping with the songs. They loved it."

In the infant room, the raters checked the position of the children as they napped, diapering procedures, nursing mothers' access to their children and experiential learning opportunities. As an example, Cahen explained, teachers put paint in sealed plastic bags and let the infants feel it and mush it around as an introduction to textures and as a precursor for when they are able to do art projects.

The snacks the program serves were scrutinized, too. By law, each snack must include two of the three kinds of food: dairy, fruit or vegetable, and a grain. At the J's ELC, the snacks are kosher, Orthodox Union-approved dairy options. That means, Cahen elaborated, "there's no lard in them and they're low sodium and low sugar."

By achieving the Two-STAR accreditation, The J's ELC demonstrates to parents and to the community that the teachers and administration are committed to delivering the highest quality program they can and that the children's development and success is their focus.

SLAVERY

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crease from the previous year.

It is estimated that globally, \$32 billion is generated through 27 million human trafficking victims with more than 100,000 that are in this country. Data indicates that far too many of them are in Kentucky, ties to a stained mattress in motels off of I-65. The Polaris Project estimates that 13 is the average age of victims, but that in Kentucky, the youngest documented victim was two months old.

Catholic Charities, which provides support and training on this issue locally, has begun to see an increase in children who are being trafficked by their parents or caretakers in order to pay a debt related to drug use. Children get "rented" for commercial sexual exploitation or labor. Despite popular misconceptions, only 35 percent of victims of human trafficking in Kentucky are foreign nationals.

Modern slavery is all too real for too many of our neighbors. The Torah commands us not to look the other way, but rather to do our part to try to liberate those who are still in bondage. Please join us for a very special interfaith Passover Seder, that will be part of the Mayor's Give a Day of Service. Marissa Castellanos, Human Trafficking Program Manager for Catholic Charities of Louisville, will be speaking at this special community Seder co-sponsored by KentuckyOne Health, Federation and the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors, the National Council for Jewish Women and Jewish Family and Career Services, as well as Catholic Charities and Compassionate Louisville who are amongst other interfaith partners. Not only will we be raising awareness about this important issue, but we will be raising funds and resources to combat it in our own community.

Jewish Hospital and KentuckyOne Health is proud to play a leadership role in our community to address this issue,

not only from the realm of education, but also in terms of intervention. Recently, we participated in Louisville's first ever "drop-in" center which provided a variety of assistance and support for men, women and children who are trapped in the life of forced prostitution or forced labor. Services included medical care, substance abuse help, advocacy resources and more. Our next event is planned for Derby time.

May the day come soon and speedily when all will be free, and may this Passover help us take one step closer to this day.

Editor's Note: The Human Trafficking Seder will be Monday, April 18, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium at the Jewish Community Center. RSVP at www.jewishlouisville.org/HumanTrafficking. For more information, contact Matt Goldberg

It is co-sponsored by KentuckyOne Health; the Jewish Community Relations Council; Jewish Family & Career Services; National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section; Compassionate Louisville; ChooseWell Communities and Just Creations.

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by Matt Goldberg
Development Director

Louisville native, Chief Financial Officer of the Miami Heat and Chairman of the Broward County (Florida) Jewish Federation, Sammy Schulman made a triumphant return home, speaking at a Federation Campaign Men's Event held at Vincenzo's restaurant on March 1.

Schulman has been back to Louisville many times since moving away but this is the first time that he has appeared at an official campaign event. He was happy to appear before a crowd of 55 Louisville community members, many of them men with whom he grew up and has been friends with since childhood.

Schulman has been working for Miami Heat franchise since its inception in 1987, starting out in the accounting office and eventually working his way up to become the CFO. After being introduced by his lifelong friend Steve Trager, he spoke about what it is like working for the Heat and being involved in the management of an NBA franchise.

He told several stories about different members of the Heat over the years, including a heartwarming story about retired center, Alonzo Mourning. When the Heat received a letter from the parents of a sick child who is a huge fan of the team, management asked several players to visit him in the hospital. Mourning was the star of the team, so it was a big deal when he agreed to the visit.

When he got to the hospital, he cleared everyone out of the room so that it was just this young man and him. He stayed well over an hour – just the two of them – in private without any cameras. This young man's parents said it was the first time the boy had smiled in weeks.

Schulman also talked about how and why he got involved with the Federation. He had not been overly active, but he

decided to start going to a few events, which he enjoyed very much.

Eventually he agreed to participate on the annual campaign and went on a mission to Eastern Europe. While there, he saw the amazing work of a Federation-supported agency, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), which supports poorer Jewish communities around the world.

He met a recipient of this much-needed aid, a woman living in a rundown apartment, no family, disabled, surviving on a meager pension of only \$150.00 per month. She told Schulman and the rest of the group visiting her that without the work of the JDC, she would not be alive. This inspired Schulman to the point where he agreed to become the Federation chairperson, a title he still currently holds.

As a leader in the Jewish community of Broward County, FL, he invited Miami Heat General Manager Pat Riley to appear at a campaign Men's event. He agreed to a reduced fee because Schulman invited him, but he was not entirely sure what the event was all about. After appearing that evening, Coach Riley was so inspired by the event that he agreed to waive his entire fee, symbolically tearing up the check to the delight of all those in attendance.

After the program, Schulman joined many event attendees at the Louisville Cardinals basketball game at the Yum Center.

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



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Friends of the IDF to Bring Adelman to Louisville for Briefing

The Friends of the Israel Defense Forces will present an exclusive briefing and reception featuring foreign policy expert and analyst Jonathan Adelman and the company commander of Israel's 188th Armored Brigade Major Dori Saar on Tuesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. They will address "The Syrian Conflict: How is Russia Influencing the Middle East, Israel and the IDF?" The community is invited.

Dr. Adelman served as a doctoral dissertation supervisor for Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. He has worked extensively with several government agencies in Washington and spent eight

years working for Science Application International Corp. (SAIC) as a senior scientist doing contract work on the Soviet military for the Defense Department.

For over a decade, he has made speaking tours for the State Department, speaking in venues around the world including India, China, Russia, Japan, Mongolia, England,



Jonathan Adelman

France and Germany. In addition in the non-governmental sphere, he served for several years as a senior fellow at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies.

Today, he is a full professor at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver. He has earned four degrees from Columbia University and has written or edited 12 books. In the last two years, he has written 30 op-eds on the Middle East, China and Russia, most of which have appeared on the websites of CNN, the Huffington Post, Forbes, Yedioth Ahroton and Fox News.

Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) was established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors under the leadership of John Klein, z"l, to provide for education and wellbeing of the men

and women who serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) as well as the families of fallen soldiers.

The strength of the IDF, which has been guarding the State of Israel since it declared Independence in 1948, derives from the selfless determination and great capabilities of the young men and women who form it. At age 18, all Israelis are drafted into the IDF. Those who serve commit to uphold the difficult tasks of defending Israel's borders and guaranteeing the safety of its people.

The Israeli government is responsible for training IDF soldiers and providing them with the necessary tools for their service. FIDF is committed to providing these soldiers with love, support, and care in an effort to ease the burden they carry on behalf of the Jewish community worldwide.

Kushner to Speak at Festival of Faiths

The 2016 Festival of Faiths, "Sacred Wisdom: Pathways to Nonviolence," will be held in Louisville May 17-21. Most of the sessions will take place at Actors Theatre Louisville.

The five-day festival of music, poetry, film, art and dialogue. It brings in internationally renowned spiritual leaders, thinkers and practitioners.

One of this year's featured speakers is Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, who will lead a 45-minute session billed as Kabbalah Practice on Friday, May 20, at 8:30 a.m. and will discuss Sacred Wisdom AHIM-SA: Do No Harm from 10 a.m.-noon.

Rabbi Kushner is the Emanu-El Scholar at San Francisco's Congregation Emanu-El and visiting professor of Jewish spirituality at the Graduate Theological Union. Prior to this, he was Rabbi-in-Residence at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City where he taught spirituality and mysticism and mentored rabbinic students. He presently continues

as an adjunct member of the faculty.

Rabbi Kushner is a regular commentator on NPR's "All Thing Considered," and one of the most widely read authors on Jewish spiritual life. He brings his gifts as a storyteller and scholar to his role as a leader of personal and institutional renewal within Judaism.

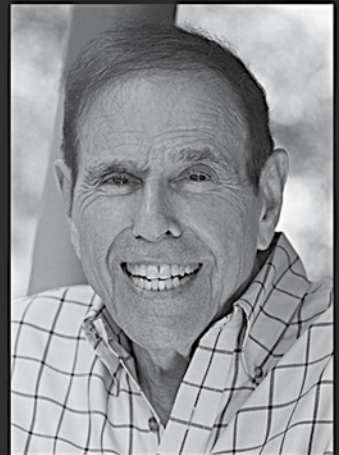
He has a knack for conveying the beauty and the profundity of Jewish mysticism. He can take ancient sacred words, texts, and rituals and make them eminently accessible to the modern mind. This rabbi is also a master storyteller with a keen sense of humor who uses illustrative material from his own life as a touchstone to everyday spirituality.

Teddy Abrams, the music director of the Louisville Orchestra, is also on the schedule along with many other teachers, scholars and leaders.

A full list of speakers and ticket information is available at festivaloffaiths.org.

Happy Passover

My lovely wife, Wilma, and I would like to thank you for supporting the Louisville Jewish Film Festival which celebrates its 18th anniversary this year. Congratulations to Keiley Caster and his Film Festival Committee for continuing to select wonderful films from various nations around the world. Thanks also to our wonderful sponsors and venues. Lest we forget, we thank the one and only Marsha Bornstein, the JCC's marvelous Film Festival Director and also Sara Wagner, CEO, and the entire JCC staff.



We are sorry we cannot celebrate the JCC's 125th Anniversary with you this evening as Wilma is currently recuperating. However, we look forward to seeing you all at next year's Louisville Jewish Film Festival.

Love you! - Louis Levy & Wilma Probst-Levy

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Teachers from Partnership Region Are Coming to Louisville in April

On Sunday, April 10, a delegation of Israeli educators from our Partnership region in the Western Galilee will be coming to Louisville to visit the city, spend time with educators in our Hebrew schools that they share connections with, and meet with teachers and observe classes in JCPS to exchange ideas and best practices.

Partnership2Gether is a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) where communities of in the United States "twin" with communities in Israel. Louisville is a part of the Central Area Consortium, a group of 13 cities in the United States that share a region in Israel, the Western Galilee. Among the Israeli communities in our region are the historic city of Akko, Rosh Hanikra and Nahariya.

Cultural exchanges are an important

part of Partnership, as is a vibrant medical exchange program. In Louisville we are particularly proud of our educational twinning programs, as we have several Hebrew School classes, at both LBSY and the Temple, with partner classes in Israel. These classes exchange art projects, Skype together and share with each other about their communities and their families.

The Jewish Community of Louisville invites the community to dinner and a unique education program with our Israeli delegation on Tuesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. in The J's auditorium. It is a great opportunity to learn more about Israel from teachers who live there. The dinner will cost \$7, and you can register online at www.jewishlouisville.org/partnership-dinner. For more information, contact Matt Goldberg, 502-238-2707 or mgoldberg@jewishlouisville.org.

LBSY NEWS

by Rabbi David Feder, Principal
Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad

LBSY is completing a very busy March and is looking forward to a short, but extraordinarily busy April.

In March, many of our middle school students started participating in the Richtol Challenge, a two-month simulation where students choose five of the 85 Israeli stocks that are publicly traded in this country. In the process of selecting stocks, students were able to learn about Israeli companies and their leadership in science and technology.

Through this challenge, the students track their selected stocks for two months and the student whose stocks show the greatest profit will win either shares of Israeli stocks or an Israeli index fund.

In March, the parents and eighth grade students were also very fortunate to be able to talk with Scott Fried, the Keneseth Israel Scholar-In Residence, about surviving adolescence and its turbulence.

LBSY wrapped up March with a Family Purim Celebration at Keneseth Israel, displaying the artwork created by our *chugim*, a *tzedakah* fair created by our students and a Purim shpiel starring our students.

While April has a very limited number of sessions due to spring break and *Pesach*, LBSY has some exciting programs planned. The school is looking forward to welcoming a delegation of 10 Israeli educators from our Partnership2Gether region, the Western Galilee on April 10-13. There will be a teachers' program on April 11 and a special Tuesday night session of LBSY on April 12, for all of our students to experience Israel.

On the following Sunday, April 17, not only will LBSY have a session on Hebrew Calligraphy with Soferet Julie Seltzer, the David and Reva Waldman Kahn Scholar-in-Residence at Keneseth Israel, but they will also have an interactive Stepping through the Seder program, giving our students the opportunity for hands on Passover learning, just in time to get ready for the holiday.



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Ali Center Honored Suzy Post as a Daughter of Greatness

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The Muhammad Ali Center honored Suzy Post on Friday, March 18, at its regular Daughters of Greatness breakfast, and the Jewish Federation of Louisville cosponsored the event.

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. Post, a lifelong civil rights activist, was a natural choice for this honor.

Each honoree chooses the person to introduce her to those in attendance, and Post tapped Sara Wagner, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville.

Wagner said Post is a natural choice

for this honor and praised the leader for her tenaciousness, passion, loyalty, truth-telling and more. Post, Wagner said, sees the world clearly and never sits on the sidelines. She sees the word "no" not as an obstacle, but as an open door to change the world and make a difference.

Wagner cited the Talmudic teaching that if you harm a single soul, it is as if you harm the whole world, but if you help or save one soul, it is as if you have saved the world. "You have saved many," she said, addressing her remarks to Post, "and we are all grateful."

With her trademark humor and candor, Post shared some memories and fielded a few questions. "The biggest problem of telling my life's story," she stated, "is I have been involved in every single social justice issue" and she enumerated a few: the impeachment of

Richard Nixon, the women's movement, the civil rights movement, the open housing movement, the anti-war movement (Vietnam).

Post said Dr. Lyman Johnson was her mentor, and he was just one of the many interesting people she met along the way.

She called on those present to be aware of what is going on around them and to speak up and become involved. A single individual can make a difference when that person speaks out, explains his/her perspective to others, who, in turn, speak to others.

Post served on the Jefferson County Human Relations Commission where she served on the Women's Committee and looked into Title IX compliance in the schools. She found many instances of girls being put in food prep and homemaking courses instead of math and science. She also looked at compliance (or

the lack thereof) in the area of sports.

To accomplish this task, she recruited more than 90 volunteers from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Council of Jewish Women, and as many other places as she could. When the work was complete, Post and her army of volunteers had documented 93 Title IX violations, which they sent to the national Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Nine HEW investigators came to Louisville and validated every complaint.

The work is not done, Post said. She encouraged those present to pursue social justice issues actively and to hold community institutions accountable for their practices.



Suzy Post

Brussels Bombing Horrifies Community

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

March 22, 2016 – The Jewish Community of Louisville is horrified at the events that took place this morning in Brussels. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, the injured, and all the citizens of Belgium. We join the rest of the world in issuing our strongest condemnation with our hope that the perpetrators of these acts will swiftly be brought to justice.

Unfortunately what happened today in Brussels is just the most recent hor-

rifying example of terrorist acts carried out in the name of a peaceful religion. Whether it is in Brussels, or Paris, or Istanbul, or Tel Aviv, these attacks are meant to sow fear, to intimidate, and to divide us. While we condemn in the strongest terms the terrorists and organizations behind these attacks, we must also build bridges with those who, like us, stand for freedom and peace.

We must also remember that radical terrorists do not speak for our peace-loving friends in the Muslim community. Dr. Muhammad Babar of the Louisville Islamic Center issued the following

statement this morning in response to these attacks:

In these times of stress and helplessness, we need to remind ourselves the lives of Moses, Jesus, Prophet Muhammad and all the other sacred ones (peace be upon them) who faced adversity with godly resolve and humility and let compassion determine the outcome rather than hatred. We should stand tall as Homo sapiens who will not be held hostage by both terrorists and hate mongers.

We may not change the whole world but could continue to strive to keep our own communities away from extremists and terrorists, no matter which creed they belong to.

NAAMANI

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many will attend this event and learn about that exciting past as well as Israel's dynamic cultural present. And enjoy our great musical heritage!

As music critic Alexander Gelfand observes of Dardashti's remarkable work, "Jews have been living in the Middle East and surrounding regions for a long time; the longest time, one might say. And it would be nice if their unique traditions, musical and otherwise, were better known and more widely appreciated within the broader Jewish community.

Dardashti intended "The Naming" to call attention to some of the biblical female figures that have been slighted or distorted down through the ages, but she has also succeeded in calling attention to a vast body of music that has for many years been given relatively short shrift by Ashkenazim like me."

The Naamani Memorial Lecture Series was established in 1979 to honor the

memory of Professor Israel T. Naamani, key educational figure, scholar and teacher at the University of Louisville, and beloved Jewish community member. The series is supported by donations to the Naamani Memorial Lecture Fund.

The community is invited to this free multimedia event on Sunday, April 17, at 2 p.m. at the UofL Planetarium. There is plenty of parking and the venue is disability accessible. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Shari Gater shari.gater@louisville.edu.

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AJ Music Fest: A Cantor Couch Was a Journey Back in Time

by Cynthia Canada
Special to Community

“Art is how we decorate space. Music is how we decorate time.” (OutboundMusic.com via Facebook)

This year's Adath Jeshurun Music Festival, held on Sunday evening, March 13, was an interactive musical time machine that transported the audience back to 1950's Brooklyn – Borough Park, to be precise. Gifted storyteller Cantor Jack Mendelson reminisced in the setting of a therapist's office, about his youthful influences and progression toward becoming a cantor, and the audience went along for the ride across the Brooklyn Bridge and into the synagogue, the home, and the S&M Deli of young Jacky's memory.

The program opened with a choral arrangement of “Adonai S'fatai Tiftach,” by Cantor Stephanie Young. At that hour on the first day of Daylight Savings Time, the brilliant point of sunlight had just slid below the high windows of the sanctuary and the shadows were only beginning to lengthen. Cantor David Lipp began the melody and was joined by Cantor Sharon Hordes and then Jennifer Diamond in successive repetitions. The choir chimed in part by part, until the richly layered harmonies became almost another layer in the visual contrast of light and shade, transporting listeners to a place where sound and color come together.

The moment was echoed later in the program when Cantor Mendelson told of listening to Cantor Moshe Koussevitzky in Brooklyn's Temple Beth-El as a child in the late 1950's. The period is considered the golden age of cantorial music, and Koussevitzky's voice transported

young Jacky. Mendelson said, “I did not know that this was the end of an era. I did not know that the sun was setting on this art. I did not know that this sound had changed my life.” All he knew was that he wanted to sing in just such a way.

He continued with tales of his bar mitzvah, high school misadventures, family drama, and cantorial studies – sometimes hilarious, sometimes heart-breaking, and often both at once. In two acts, Mendelson told the stories of a lifetime. There was Jacky, frantically studying his Torah reading in the bathroom on the eve of his bar mitzvah and there, in the slide show on the screen, were friends and relations who attended his bar mitzvah service and the epic dinner that followed.

“Ninety-nine point nine percent of these people have one thing in common,” Mendelson intoned. “They're all dead.” He proceeded to provoke chuckles, snorts, and occasional howls of laughter as he pointed out face after face and sang, to the tune of “Havah Negilah,” “Dead, dead, dead-dead-dead – put schmaltz on his bread, it dripped and he slipped, now he's dead!” and other snapshot-sized accounts of notable passings in his parents' circle.

Mendelson also told of his mother's hospitalization and treatment for depression (“She got rid of her depression – and it went into me!”) and the struggles that followed. The gloom of his high school years was relieved only by weekly singing lessons with William Bogzester – called “Bogey” by his students – who taught Jacky to sing not with printed music, but by ear, saying that “you can't print the feelings on the page.” In addition to being a great instructor, Bogey was a truly memorable character; he habitually taught (and answered the door) in shined shoes, socks with garters, un-

dershorts, and nothing else, and one had the sense that his expressive and expansive responses to music and to life freed young Jacky to release much of his own anxiety.

Later anecdotes included running away from home, winning and then losing a small fortune at the racetrack (something many Louisvillians can relate to), spending a summer with his brother Sol (also a cantor, and ultimately a mentor) and his best friend, Eddie Fogel. Between stories, he taught the audience to hum harmoniously as he chanted prayers and songs inherent in his stories.

Mendelson was accompanied by pianist Jonathan Comisar, who wrote original music for the show. Erik Anjou, the director of A Cantor's Tale and Deli Man, filmed the show for the upcoming, as yet untitled sequel to A Cantor's Tale, a 2006 movie about the golden age of cantorial singing and Cantor Mendelson's career.

He closed by relating a dream about three famous cantors, including Kous-

sevitzy, who argued about whether the greatest significance of cantorial music was high notes, high art, or sheer entertainment.

In the end, Mendelson concluded that for him, the heart of the matter is keeping the music alive. We no longer live in a “golden age,” and people no longer crowd sanctuaries to hear a particular cantor perform. But through his stories, his music and his passion for teaching, Mendelson does his part to build a new layer onto the foundation of past traditions.

Mendelson's wife, son and daughter-in-law all are cantors, so in the Mendelson household, the song goes on. It goes on in the classroom and studio as well – and it goes on at the movies. When the new movie is released, watch for me in the audience shots. I'm the modern-Jewish-history buff on the fourth row who looks like she may not be all there. And she's not – she's mostly in Borough Park, Brooklyn, circa 1958.

Fried Talks about Gay Rights Movement, Shares Personal Story

by Yonatan Yussman
Keneseth Israel Executive Director

On Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6, Keneseth Israel Congregation hosted Scott Fried, a motivational speaker and author, as its first scholar-in-residence of the year.

Fried spoke at KI after Shabbat services about his identity as a Jewish gay man. He recounted the history of the gay rights movement through gripping stories from his own life, including the painful stories of how he contracted the HIV virus and how he told his mom and dad about it.

Although the overall topics of Fried's speech were about the LGBT movement and his own story as a gay Jewish man, his underlying message centered around the importance of finding your own self-worth, and finding people who will be loving towards you, no matter who you are.

On Sunday, Fried met with parents at Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad (LBSY). His talk was entitled, “How to Have a Conversation with Your Teenager.” Fried revealed the secrets most teens would like to keep from their parents, giving detailed personal accounts of teens from around the world.

He offered specific ideas and techniques on communicating with a teenager through the often difficult time of adolescent angst and their experience as the newest members of the sexual com-

munity. Scott's message was a gentle reminder of what every teen wants more than anything else: the tender presence of a loving other and permission to be whomever they are becoming.

That same afternoon, he visited the 8th, 9th, and 10th graders at the High School of Jewish Studies where he recounted his coming out story and related it to the sometimes painful and potentially destructive secrets that many teens have, and methods they use to survive adolescence.

His workshop taught them to embrace the difficult issues that arise as they grow to adulthood. “I'm here to remind you of what you intrinsically thought as little kids,” Fried said to them. “You are enough.”

Fried told the students that they need to be true to themselves. He said the moment we give ourselves the permission to be who we are, we become the person we want to be. If someone does not do that, then that person can never truly be happy with him/herself. He also mentioned how humans, by nature, have a lot of inconsistencies within themselves. “We don't make sense. We are contradictions,” he said.

This scholar in residence weekend featuring Scott Fried was made possible in part by a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. This grant enabled KI to bring in such a high caliber speaker and to invite everyone in the community to attend his talks at no cost.



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Metro Council and KentuckyOne Health Kick Off New Horses and Hope Mobile Cancer Screening Program

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March 10, 2016 – Representatives from KentuckyOne Health, University of Louisville Hospital, James Graham Brown Center and the Louisville Metro Council welcomed the new Horses and Hope mobile cancer screening unit on its inaugural first stop. The unit will provide free or significantly reduced cost cancer screenings to underserved populations in the Louisville region.

"We are taking the fight against cancer on the road and into our neighborhoods," said Ken Marshall, University of Louisville Hospital President, part of KentuckyOne Health. "The Horses and Hope Mobile Cancer Screening Unit breaks down barriers to access health care and helps deliver wellness, healing and hope to all, including the underserved."

"The Metro Council is excited to continue our work to bring cancer screenings to our districts. The new Horses and Hope Mobile Cancer Screening Unit will bring screenings for seven types of cancer right to people's neighborhoods throughout the year. I am thankful for the leaders at KentuckyOne Health and my council colleagues for joining this worthwhile endeavor aimed at improving our community's health," said Councilwoman Angela Leet, District 7.

The Horses for Hope Cancer Screening Unit is the result of a partnership between the University of Louisville's James Graham Brown Cancer Center and KentuckyOne Health to raise more than \$1 million in private donations to

pay for the new unit. The unit will focus on educating people in the Louisville region about cancer prevention and eventually offer screenings for seven types of cancer types: breast, cervical, colon, lung, prostate, skin as well as head and neck.

"Partnering with KentuckyOne to allow mobile screenings for cancer is a partnership that can save lives. By going to underserved neighborhoods and finding those individuals that would otherwise not have a screening is life changing. Early detection is so important in beating cancer," said Councilwoman Marianne Butler, District 15.

The custom-built cancer screening unit is 40 feet in length, with an exterior design featuring a Horses and Hope theme and acknowledgment of project partners and sponsors.

The interior includes a reception area with monitors for educational videos, patient changing rooms, a patient examination room, digital mammography equipment, space for supportive laboratory services and a passenger cab area. A motorized retractable awning on the outside of the coach will provide expanded space for patient reception, registration and education.

"For more than 25 years, the James Graham Brown Cancer Center has demonstrated the success of mobile cancer screening," said Donald M. Miller, MD, PhD, director of the James Graham Brown Cancer Center. "Our mobile mammography program has provided thousands of breast cancer screenings in local communities across the Commonwealth and made an impact on the fight against cancer. The Horses and

Hope screening van provides additional reach across Kentucky and ability to screen for a range of additional cancers."

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Chavurat Shalom Visits Keneseth Israel

by Charlaine Reynolds

Chavurat Shalom Program Director and

Sara Robinson

Chavurat Shalom Volunteer

On Thursday, March 3, Chavurat Shalom traveled to Keneseth Israel Congregation for their weekly program. Cold, rainy, snowy weather did not keep 53 older adults away. All congregations were represented, as were the Jewish Community Center seniors and non-affiliated seniors.

Rabbi Michael Wolk and Cantor Sharon Hordes presented the program, "Yiddish stories and Yiddish songs." Rabbi Wolk engaged the audience with questions and stories about the attendee's knowledge of Yiddish and ancestry. The stories interspersed with Cantor

Hordes' amazing songs – vocal and guitar. She also provided English translations of the songs and shared some of her family background. Both the stories and the songs contained a lot of humor.

The program appreciates Cantor David Lipp, who donated two tickets to Adath Jeshurun's Music Festival, Kim Toebe and Sara Robinson, who staffed the check-in table and Keneseth Israel Executive Director Yonaton Yussman for the kindness and warm welcome.

The entire staff of Keneseth Israel had a can-do attitude, and the seniors were particularly charmed by the adorable preschoolers who helped with the set up.

The group looks forward to a return visit.

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The Temple Hires Lisa Echsner as Its Administrator



by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The Temple has named Lisa Echsner its Temple administrator, and for Echsner, it feels like a homecoming. "I'm excited about being

here at The Temple," she said, "and the possibilities to get more people involved. It's always been very welcoming."

A native Louisvillian, Echsner says her parents, Mona and Bernie Herzberg and she and her brother, Larry, were members of The Temple and she grew up there. Her earliest memories are of Adath Israel on Third Street, and she recalled that she was born the year before Rabbi Chester Diamond came to the congregation. She was confirmed at

The Temple and was married there. Her mother served as Sisterhood president, and she also remembers Dr. Herbert Waller.

During her teen years, Echsner was also active in the JCC's BBYO program. A member of Modern Femmes, she participated in many local and Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio regional activities, including conventions and dances.

Echsner holds a degree in health administration from the University of Kentucky, and her first post-college jobs were in nursing homes. Following her marriage to fellow Louisville native TJ Echsner, she took a job with the Girl Scouts and has been working in the nonprofit world ever since. Most recently, she did fundraising for Habitat for Humanity.

At The Temple, she explained, "we have a large membership. I hope to keep and grow it." She sees opportunities to do that by reaching out to "unaffiliated younger Jewish people" and providing options for them to get involved.

"That will be the future of The Temple

and every congregation in the city," she added, "so, it's important to make sure that we make them feel welcome." She wants to ensure that the next generation will find that "The Temple is their home, just like it's been ours."

She's also eager to keep the congregation's 35-year-old building in good repair. "We need to work to keep it modern – a place people want to come to have lifecycle events, weddings" and other events.

Echsner is involved with the Kiwanis and has served as the Louisville chapter's president. She also volunteered at her children's schools, helping with auctions and fundraisers, and volunteered for Habitat before going to work for the organization. In addition, she served on the Board of the Heuser Hearing and Language Academy, formerly the Louisville Deaf Oral School.

The Echsners have been married for 23 years and have two daughters, Kate, 19, and Maddi, 16.

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"Prior to entering academia," according to her NKU profile, "she was a litigation associate with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP, in New York, concentrating on Holocaust-era inter-governmental negotiation and property litigation issues, art disputes and class actions."

"Prof. Kreder engages in pro bono and volunteer work in which students often participate," her profile continues. "For example, she has filed amicus briefs on behalf of the American Jewish Congress, the Commission for Art Recovery, law professors dedicated to alternative dispute resolution, Holocaust educators, Jewish community leaders, artists and art historians concerning conflicts law and U.S. executive policy in Nazi-looted art appeals (and a petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court), as well as briefs regarding proper Act of State analysis in cases concerning art stolen during the Russian Revolution."

Jamner identified the overarching theme of this year's commemoration as "tikkun olam in that the returning of the art to the families is part of repairing the world from the deep wounds that happened at that time in history to humanity."

"It connects to our looking ahead to what kind of world we want this to be and what role we can play in it," he continued. "It also is about bearing testi-

mony to the Holocaust. Honoring those lives lost, those who survived and doing it as a community is part of our tikkun olam as well."

The program will also include some elements that have become a regular part of this annual tradition. "We still want to include ... sharing of a story that connects to survival of the Holocaust," Jamner said. "Now, we're beginning to enter a time when there are fewer survivors to tell the tale and it's falling on the next generation to keep those stories alive."

In fact, Jamner's mother, Halina Jamner, is an Auschwitz survivor, and he is going to share her story about Kol Nidre in Auschwitz. The focus, he explained, is about "the interaction in passing the stories I'dor vador, from generation to generation [and to provide a] glimpse through the window of what it was like as second generation survivor, growing up with that as part of your life."

"Sometimes stories came because we asked questions," Jamner continued, "and sometimes spontaneously at times we didn't expect them."

There will be several other participants as well.

In addition to Jamner, members of the committee are Jeff Barr, Fred Gross, Shannon Ked-eris, Carol Klein, Cantor David Lipp, Jessica Loving, Rabbi Stanley Miles, Ranen Omer-Sherman, Daniel Penner, Derek Pugh, Dan Streit and Fred Whittaker.

Duby Shares Passover Planning Tips

by Duby Litvin

Special to Community

Oh Pesach. It's the holiday that we either love, or love to hate. For some, this holiday conjures an image of anxiety, terror, and cold sweats. For many, the mere mention of Pesach brings up feelings of the deer in headlights. It's the time of year that so many people simply dread and rightfully so! There is so much to do!

The good news is, it doesn't have to be this way! There is another way! It is my hope that some of my tips can help make your Pesach preparations smoother and for you to enjoy the Yom Tov as opposed to feeling overwhelmed by it.

I've put together my top 10 tips to help you get yourself more organized and to help shift your perspective about this

holiday season.

Don't Wing It, Plan It:

There are two constants about Pesach. It always comes out the exact same time each year and the preparations for Pesach are always the same. Pesach's never "early" or "late." It is always the 15th of Nissan, exactly four weeks after Purim.

Planning is imperative. Think of your house as your corporation and you are its CEO. You are in charge. Just like a big company would plan out their functions, so too you want to work on "Project Pesach."

When you have a plan in place, things will go much smoother.

Delegate to Your Team

As I said above, you are the CEO. Which means it is your job to delegate all the tasks with you being the supervisor. The more you delegate the better off you will be. From hiring a cleaning lady, sending a spouse or teenager on shopping trips, even if you think the job is small and easy, the less on your plate the better.

Pesach Cleaning vs. Spring Cleaning

Imagine sitting down to a beautiful Pesach Seder – the house is sparkling clean, the chandeliers are glistening, the windows are sparkling ... and you're falling asleep. Chandeliers and windows, while lovely to have them sparkle and shine, are not imperative to Pesach cleaning. We love a perfectly clean house for Yom Tov, but they are not a priority.

Pesach cleaning is any place that there's a very good chance that food was brought in. If you know there was NO food brought there, then it doesn't have to be cleaned. Drapes, window treatments, chandeliers, do not have to be Pesach cleaned, and their dusting and cleaning can be pushed off if needed. Even food that's been stuck on the wall, if it's more dirt than food then it doesn't have to be scrubbed. Even if it's a Shaileh (question) that its food, you're still selling it. For something to be Chametz, it needs to be edible and accessible. Ask your Rabbi of course, but clean with Pesach in mind.

How to Pesach Clean with Little Children

(G-d willing soon I will have this challenge of how to clean with young children underfoot but until then, I had to consult others on their suggestions)

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Passover and Our Love-Hate Relationship

Passover Food Fight

by Rabbi Laura Metzger
Special to Community

First it was about the almonds. My mother used whole almonds, with the skins. Her sister, my Aunt Mickey, insisted the almonds were blanched. "I remember popping them out of their skins and almonds shooting across the kitchen floor," Mickey said. My mother just looked at her with that older sister glare and chopped on.

Next it was about the lemon juice. It was always lemon juice, till my cousin Joan put in grated lemon rind. Mmm, tasty, but not the tradition.

You see, the Rittenberg family recipe for haroset calls for seven ingredients: apples, almonds, raisins, lemon juice, cinnamon, Passover wine and sugar. No one measures, so don't ask me amounts. Just chop them all up in your wooden chopping bowl with your curved-blade chopper, taste as you go and stop when it's just right. Only I don't have an old Passover wooden chopping bowl and chopper; I use a food processor.

Stop right there. A food processor? "That's not the tradition!" you say. Or maybe you don't. Maybe, like me, you've found an easier way. And maybe, like my cousin and me, you've updated the old family recipe and now that's your tradition.

We like the tradition, but even so we make changes. I've dropped the sweet Passover wine; cousin Joan adds grated lemon rind. Any maybe it's even better, these new traditions. If my grandmother had owned a food processor, she would have used it!

In an earlier article ("Cleaning for Passover without the Stress" is available

online at www.jewishlouisville.org), I suggested you free yourself from unnecessary burdens. That was about cleaning. This is about food and the message is the same. If it's not necessary, let it go!

We don't live the same way our great-grandparents did, we don't eat the same way either. At the Seder, by the time we've all gobbled up matzah and maror, haroset and an egg, who needs a seven-course meal with two meats, five side dishes and a magazine-worthy dessert array? Nobody, that's who. Least of all the ones doing the shopping, chopping and mopping.

Our family menu has streamlined year by year to pure essence: spring vegetable soup, lemon-baked fish, roasted potatoes, salad and one dessert accompanied by some chocolates. I've had no complaints.

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zoo, library or pizza shop. While they are out this is when you work on the play areas and the children's bedrooms.

Starting Rosh Chodesh Nissan have only Kosher l'Pesach snacks in the house. (Chips, macaroons, lady fingers etc).

Ages 6 and over (Balaboostas in Training): Start giving them small jobs. Give them a spray bottle and a rag and have them wipe down various toys and surfaces. Keep your expectations low, and only give them jobs that it's OK if it's not done 100 percent to satisfaction.

In the kitchen these little soldiers can do peeling, juicing, cracking nuts or other introductory jobs, similar to a sous chef. Know what kind of job your child can or cannot handle, and let them feel important too!

Same theme goes for the whole week. In brief, eat food. Or the converse, if it's not food, don't eat it. As far as I'm concerned, if it came in a cardboard box, it pretty much tastes like cardboard. Forget the kosher for Passover packages. A couple boxes of matzah, whole wheat for preference, and you're just about done.

When you shift the whole Passover menu to real, whole, fresh food it not only tastes delicious, but you can do your Passover shopping without leaving town and without spending your children's inheritance. One blogger called it eating like an Israeli. Freshest produce, dairy and fish and meat if you eat those. Add nuts and seeds and, new tradition that it is, quinoa, that protein-packed seed from the Andes. Then, as the "eat Israeli" blogger pointed out, you're likely to spend less and you won't even need

the prunes.

Celebrate spring with its riches. Liberate yourself from having to do it the way your great-grandparents did. They probably didn't do it the way their great-grandparents did either. Liberate your family from food traditions that pad the pockets of the manufacturers and pad your belly but don't support your wellbeing. Make this your family tradition.

And may this Passover be as delightful as it is delicious.

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Editor's note: This article is the second of two articles Rabbi Metzger prepared as a series. Due to publication schedules, Community was unable to print the first in a timely fashion. You can, however, read it online at www.jewishlouisville.org.

Poor Man's Bread or Bread that Makes Us Poor?

Pesach is an expensive holiday. Matzah is far from cheap, cases of wine to be bought, fruits and vegetables ... the list goes on and on.

For starters, matzah does not have to be the mainstay of your meal. You need matzah for the Sedarim and for Hamotzei and that is all. Fruits and vegetables that are in season are much cheaper.

Spread out your Pesach shopping so you are not attacked with a big bill all in one week. You can purchase non-perishable items and store them, leaving the perishables for the week of Pesach.

Buying a kosher l'Pesach jar of applesauce will be much more expensive than simmering a pot of apples and making your own.

Don't just browse the aisles in the grocery store. Create your menu, make your shopping list and stick to it. Cross

reference your lists from the previous Pesach so you know how much you really need and use.

Keep in mind: "Is this something I really need, or is this a luxury item?" This will help curb any impulse buys.

Join together with a family member or neighbor and split cases of food items. You will save on the price and still have as many as you need.

Don't Buy an Entire Kitchen Your First Year:

There is a big difference between what you need for Pesach and what you want. Build up your Pesach kitchen appliances slowly. Start with just the few crucial items the first year and each year buy a few more things.

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Editor's note: Duby has several additional tips for Passover. You can read the full article, online at www.jewishlouisville.org.

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California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser

Tuesday, April 19

11 a.m. - 10 p.m. at Oxmoor Mall

Grab some tasty grub in support of Jewish Family & Career Services! When you visit jfcslouisville.org/cpk, print out our special flyer and present it to your server. 20% of your bill will be donated to JFCS. For more information, contact Kim Toebe, 502-452-6341, ext. 103 or ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org.

APRIL 14 Volunteer Appreciation Event 5:30 p.m. at JFCS

You give valuable time and energy to JFCS and we want to show our appreciation in a special evening engagement. For more information, contact Kim Toebe, 502-452-6341, ext. 103 or ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org.

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

EVERY THURSDAY Relationship Solutions 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. at JFCS

JFCS conducts hourly counseling sessions for couples and families at a reduced fee schedule. By appointment only. Contact Kathryn Fetter, 502-452-6341, ext. 258 or kfetter@jfcslouisville.org or more information.

ALL MONTH Solutions to Senior Hunger By Appointment Only at JFCS

If you or a loved one are over 50 years old and would like to receive private, one-on-one assistance to better understand SNAP eligibility and get a FREE prescreening, please schedule an appointment today. Contact Naomi Malka at 502-452-6341, ext. 249 or nmalka@jfcslouisville.org.

NEW NUMBER TO CALL! Call Joy!Ride at 502-452-6341

Joy!Ride is a friendly and affordable door-to-door transportation service for Jewish seniors and adults with disabilities. Joy!Ride is a part of the Passport Around Louisville Service (PALS) that is offered by JFCS. Joy!Ride enables you to maximize their independence by attending religious services, Chavurat Shalom, CenterStage and more, even on weekends! When you call 452-6341, tell the receptionist you are calling for a Joy!Ride!

CAREER SERVICES

APRIL 18 - MAY 9 Jumpstart Your Job Search 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at JFCS

Professionals learn up-to-date knowledge and skills designed to accelerate their employment search. Register with Erin Heakin at 502-452-6341, ext. 246 or eharkin@jfcslouisville.org. More info at: jfcslouisville.org/jumpstart.

MAY 9 - JUNE 7 A.C.T. Preparation Workshop 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at JFCS

High school juniors and seniors meet every Monday and Tuesday for four weeks to learn ACT test strategies to help improve their score and reduce anxiety. Register with Janet Poole at 502-452-6341, ext. 222.

MAY 12 Speed Networking Event 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. at JFCS

Learn networking - Job seekers meet with over 50 professionals, employer representatives and community resource managers. Contact Erin Heakin, 502-452-6341, ext. 246 or eharkin@jfcslouisville.org for more info.

EVERY WEDNESDAY KCCGO! Orientation Sessions 9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. at Kentucky Career Center

KCCGO! is an action-oriented program that plugs you in to career coaching, training and networking opportunities. Want to learn more? Contact Kendall Thirlwell, 502-452-6341, ext. 236 or kthirlwell@jfcslouisville.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS

APRIL 5 Caregiver Support Group 4 p.m.

Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Road. Contact Naomi Malka, 502-452-6341 ext. 249.

APRIL 8 Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group - 2 p.m.

Meets on the second Friday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Kim Toebe, 502-452-6341 ext. 103.

APRIL 14 Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group - 1 p.m.

Meets on the second Thursday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Connie Austin, 502-452-6341 ext. 305.

APRIL 18 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren - 12:30 p.m.

Meets on the third Monday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Jo Ann Kalb, 502-452-6341 ext. 305.

APRIL 20 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren - 10 a.m.

Meets on the third Monday of every month at Kenwood Elementary, 7420 Justan Avenue Contact Jo Ann Kalb, 502-452-6341 ext. 305.

APRIL 21 Adult Children of Aging Parents 7 p.m.

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Mauri Malka, 502-452-6341 ext. 250.

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Together BBYO and Pact In Action Learn about Dating Violence

by Isaac Wolff
Special to Community

Louisville J-Serve is usually confined to the teens of the Jewish community, but this year it was opened up to all teens in Metro Louisville. Thanks to Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky, vice president of mission at Ken-

tucky One Health, Louisville BBYO was able to come in contact and work together with another local youth group, Pact In Action. Their mission is to equip youth with the necessary skills and knowledge to reduce teen dating violence. Together we created an event to educate teenagers about healthy relationship: how to identify unhealthy relationships and how to ensure your relationships are healthy.

The coordinators, Brandon Fant, Abigail Goldberg, Dahabo Kerow and myself visited each other's groups at an event. Through this we were able to incorporate a piece of each group's traditions and include them in J-Serve. Through months of planning we created a rotation based afternoon, covering what we want in a relationship or partner, when it is time to leave a relationship, and the difference between domestic violence and intimate partner violence along with what each one looks like.

Along with meeting amazing new friends, teens leaving this event were left equipped with life skills that can be applied in any future setting. This event was held thanks to the generous support of J-Serve and Kentucky One Health.



Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky

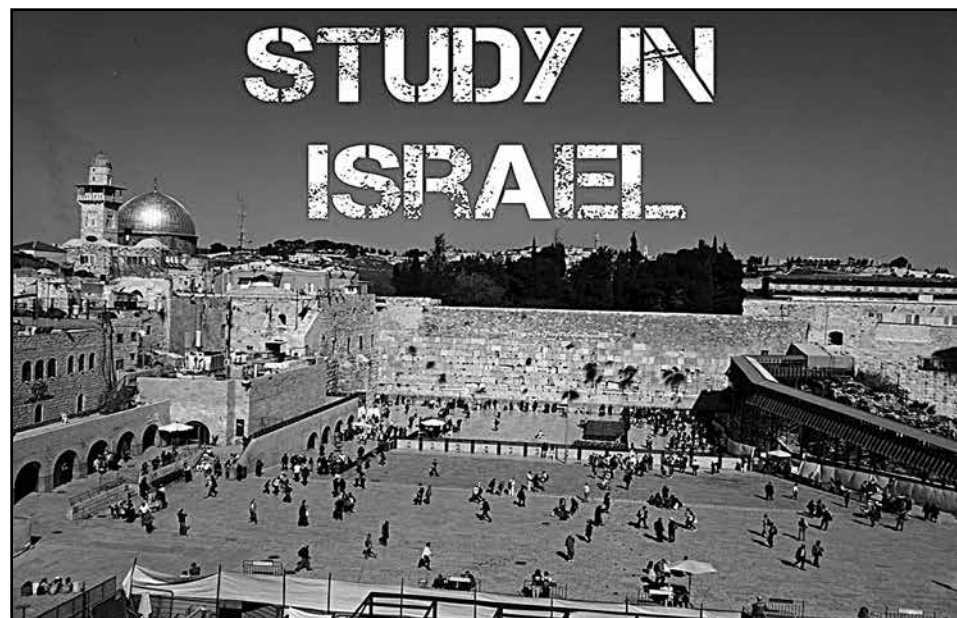


TEEN TOPICS



Jay Levine BBG held a six fold sleepover from March 11-12. The sleepover was steered by Carly Schwartz, Alayna Borowick and Lilah Weiss.

STUDY IN ISRAEL



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NEWSMAKERS

The National Association of Women Business Owners recently announced its 2016 EPIC Award winners. **Summer Auerbach**, owner of Rainbow Blossom won the Large Business Owner award, **Dr. Stacie Grossfeld** or Orthopaedic Specialists won the Small Business Owner award, and **Raquel Koff** of Ro-deo Drive won the Phoenix Award.

Dr. Natalie Polzer, associate professor of religious and Jewish Studies in the Department of Comparative Humanities at the University of Louisville was accepted to attend the 2016 Schusterman Summer Institute for Israel Studies at Brandeis University. This summer,

she will spend a week at Brandeis and two weeks traveling in Israel training to teach courses on contemporary Israeli culture. She will put together an undergraduate syllabus on Contemporary Israeli Diversity through Musical Expression.

Honi Marleen Goldman recently formed and spearheaded a grassroots campaign to protest the recent numerous anti-choice legislation and lawsuits coming out of Frankfurt. Two full page ads ran in *The Courier Journal* on February 25 and 28 with the support of over 500 names, many of them from the Jewish community. Ms. Goldman also wrote an op-ed piece, "We must stop 'band of buffoons' on this issue that appeared in the Wednesday, March 2 *Courier Journal*. More information about this grassroots effort can be found on the group's Facebook page: facebook.com/nolawsinourbodies

Michael Hymson has joined his brother, Sidney Hymson, at Neat and Hymson Estates, Trusts and Business Law Attorneys.

Rita Hight is part of the two-person cast of *I Bet on the Nag*, a fun and funny original comedy by Juergen Tossman. The show, presented by Bunbury Theatre Co., takes place at Churchill Downs one week before Derby. Hight plays a racing newby who has a chance encounter with a wannabe racing expert played by Juergen Tossman. The show, directed by Gene Pelfrey from NYC, runs at the Henry Clay April 7-17. Call 502- 585-5306 for reservations.

The Center for Interfaith Relations

partnered with the Speed Art Museum for their 30 hour Opening Celebration, presenting an Interfaith Blessing of the museum on March 13. **Cantor David Lipp** participated and incorporated a shofar into the ceremony.

Carol Savkovich received an honorable mention from in the Louisville Women's Club art show for her pastel entitled "Curving Road."

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Kentucky has selected **Jewish Hospital** as a Blue Distinction Center+ for Knee and Hip Replacement and Spine Surgery, a part of the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program. Blue Distinction Centers are nationally designated healthcare facilities shown to deliver improved patient safety and better health outcomes based on objective measures that were developed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies with input from the medical community.

Hospitals designated as Blue Distinction Centers+ for Knee and Hip Replacement demonstrate expertise in total knee and total hip replacement surgeries, resulting in fewer patient complications and hospital readmissions.

Hospitals designated as Blue Distinction Centers+ for Spine Surgery demonstrate expertise in cervical and lumbar fusion, cervical laminectomy and lumbar laminectomy/discectomy procedures, resulting in fewer patient complications and hospital readmissions compared to other hospitals.

Designated hospitals must also maintain national accreditation. In addition to meeting these quality thresholds, facilities designated as Blue Distinction Centers+ are on average 20 percent more cost-efficient in an episode of care compared to other hospitals.

To alleviate fears and jumpstart the journey to beat cancer, **James Graham Brown Cancer Center**, a partnership of KentuckyOne Health and University of Louisville, now offers next-day appointments for all newly diagnosed cancers.

Cancer is more beatable than ever, but with days or weeks often between diagnosis and treatment, the wait can be one of the most stressful times. This new program arms patients and their families with answers right away by calling 502-562-HOPE (4673).

Next-day appointments, and in some cases same-day appointments, will be available at both Louisville locations of the James Graham Brown Cancer Center at 529 South Jackson St., as well as at Medical Center Jewish Northeast located at 2401 Terra Crossing Blvd.

Patients will talk with cancer special-

ists during the next-day appointment to begin mapping out a personalized treatment plan. At the appointment, patients will meet with an oncologist who can further explain treatment options, answer questions and next steps.

To better address teens needing a more robust level of treatment for substance use disorders, **Our Lady of Peace (OLOP)** has launched a new specialized residential unit. The program will offer 10 additional beds for adolescents with substance use disorders and 24-hour substance use and mental health treatment, including detoxification, acute care and residential treatment.

The addition of the new specialized substance use residential program was intended to better provide a full continuum of care for adolescents struggling with these issues. OLOP offers three levels of care for these adolescents including a three day per week outpatient after school program, as well as a partial hospitalization program called Crossroads. The facility's other acute inpatient teen programs offer mental health care for a more varied range of diagnoses.

The facility will also expand the Crossroads program in April to better address the issue, adding 12 more spots to the program for teens and hiring two new staff. The Crossroads program runs Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Adolescents in the Crossroads program and new residential program will attend the existing Peace Academy, an onsite Jefferson County Public School.

All OLOP substance abuse programs use the Seven Challenges® curriculum, an evidence-based, nationally-recognized approach to help teens make healthy, drug-free choices. Program participants learn how to think about their decisions, talk about their problems and develop a network of support. The treatment team includes certified alcohol and drug counselors and licensed therapists.

The James Graham Brown Cancer Center, a partnership of KentuckyOne Health and the University of Louisville, was recently presented with the 2015 Outstanding Achievement Award by the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

The James Graham Brown Cancer Center is one of a select group of only 27 U.S. health care facilities with accredited cancer programs to receive this national honor for surveys performed July 1-December 31, 2015. The award acknowledges cancer programs that achieve excellence in providing quality care to cancer patients.

Dr. Divya Cantor was recognized as a health care innovator by *Business First* in its Partners in Health Care section on February. 26. She was recognized for her development of the Mother Baby Device (MB Device), which can detect the onset of early labor in pregnant women, giving health care providers the opportunity to intervene to try to prevent premature births. She was one of just four honorees this year.

Business First identified **Billy Altman**, president of Altman Insurance Services as one of 20 people to know in the insurance industry in its February 12 edition.

Chad Kamen, a senior at Kentucky Country Day who has been engaged in the fight against hunger in a big way since he began his bar mitzvah project, is one of 10 national winners in the Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program. Kamen established Team Food Chain, partnering with the Kentucky Association of Food Banks, and has led his team to participate in the annual Community Hunger Walk. He has raised thousands of dollars through his efforts.

Manual High School student **Michael Pearson** scored a composite 36 on the April ACT. His score places him in the group of 31 area teens in the running to be Presidential Scholars. **Yam Schaal** is also a potential Presidential Scholar.



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AROUND TOWN

Next Unwrap Shabbat is April 1 at Temple Shalom

The community is invited to Temple Shalom for an interactive lesson casually taught along with dinner on Friday, April 1. These lessons are designed for anyone who would like a better understanding of Shabbat Services. The April 1 topic will be "Defining and Unwrapping Havdallah."

The dinner event will be held at 7:30 p.m. following 6:15 services.

RSVPs are required by Monday, March 28, by calling Temple Shalom, 502-458-4739. 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.

Adath Jeshurun Hosts Celebration Shabbat

Come to Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, 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.

The Temple's Adult Education Classes Cover Several Topics

Community members are invited to join Monday Night Adult Education classes at The Temple.

From 6-7 p.m., Advanced Hebrew with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will meet. This class, "Bring Your Hebrew To Life!" is a comprehension-based course on Hebrew reading and grammatical structures, which will guide learners to know what they say when they pray and understand the words of Torah as they were written in their own day. If you can read the prayers by rote or sound out words carefully, this course is for you.

Text Study with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will meet at 7 p.m. The class, "From The Beginning," will read and discuss *The Bible* from Chapter 1 of the book of Genesis. Chapter after chapter the class will examine the 70 ways to understand every verse and every chapter. This class is a challenging and magical journey into the texts that are the foundation of our faith, tradition and culture.

Intermediate Hebrew with Rabbi Gaylia Rooks will meet at 7 p.m. Learn Hebrew through the meaningful lyrics of song and poetry. This class will study familiar melodies and Israeli poets to build vocabulary and comprehension.

Basic Judaism will meet at 8 p.m. The class will begin the second of three six-week cycles. The third session with Rabbi Rapport will cover "Jewish Concepts and Basic Beliefs."

Please note: Adult Education will not meet on Monday, April 4.

Celebration Shabbat at KI Will Be April 1

KI will have a Kabbalat Shabbat birthday celebration on April 1 at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance will celebrate all of the April birthdays and anniversaries. The theme this month is "Chametz and Lox" (a pre-Passover chametz menu). All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Breast Cancer Is Topic of Temple Shalom Adult Education Program

Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg will discuss the inherited basis of breast cancer in Jewish women during the Temple Shalom First Monday adult education series on

Monday, April 4, at 7 p.m. He will discuss the prevention and detection of breast cancer, as well as ovarian cancer and other malignancies and cover what the Jewish community should know about this issue.

Dr. Goldberg is the vice president of medical affairs and chief medical officer for Jewish Hospital and Our Lady of Peace. He is also a gynecologic oncologist and medical director of the cancer genetics program.

RSVP to Temple Shalom, 502-458-4739, by Friday, April 1. Refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend.

Women of Temple Shalom Offer Yoga April 5 and 19

Women of Temple Shalom will offer yoga "Yoga for Every Body" Tuesdays, April 5 and 19 at 7:15 p.m. at Temple Shalom for \$5. Gentle yoga stretches and poses will be led by Lisa Flannery of Yoga Loft. The class is about 75 minutes. Flannery will provide chair modifications for anyone who wants them.

The class is open to women and girls over the age of 9. RSVP to Temple Shalom by Monday, April 4, and Monday, April 18, by calling 502-458-4739.

Special Israeli Guest Will Speak at The Temple

The Temple will host special guest speaker Israeli author Eshkol Nevo during services on Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m. Nevo will speak about his book, *Neuland*, and the journey outside Israel's literary border, about Zionism and about the search for fathers and for mothers. *Neuland* focuses on leaving one's homeland following a personal trauma. This event is generously sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

The Temple's Scholars Program Meets on Wednesdays

The Temple's Scholars Program meets Wednesday mornings.

From 9:30-10:35 a.m. Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will teach "Justice and Righteousness: Personal Ethics and National Aspirations." Using texts from The Bible, Talmud, Jewish philosophy and theology, Jewish history and Jewish mysticism, the class will explore the Jewish values of justice and righteousness and their application in the North American and Israeli public squares.

Questions for exploration will include:

What do "justice" and "righteousness" mean? How have these terms evolved within Jewish tradition?

What is the human responsibility in establishing a just society?

In a world of growing political and religious polarization, do the values of justice and righteousness lose their meaning when they are invoked to justify diametrically opposite positions and actions?

When does the pursuit of righteousness blur into self-righteousness?

How is the personal pursuit of justice different from its national pursuit?

How do the North American and Israeli Jewish communities differ in their discussion about justice? And what are the implications of that difference?

What are the calls for justice in Israel and for world Jewry today?

From 10:50-noon, Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will teach "Jewish Life in the Golden Land." The class will present a multi-layered look at the joys and challenges of American-Jewish life: past, present and future. Who were the first Jews to come to this land? Why did they come? What were they seeking? And, how did their experiences shape our own still today?

Students will learn about the great waves of immigration that brought our people to this land of freedom, famous figures and their connection to our people, and the evolving American expressions of our faith. The class will examine the origins of Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, and Orthodox Judaism in America.

Some math will be required for our discussions of the eternal challenge of "The Vanishing American Jew," and the class will conclude with a discussion of the history and future of the relationship between American Jews and our brothers and sisters in the Land of Israel.

A field trip to Cincinnati to visit Hebrew Union College, the American Jewish Archives, and historic Plum Street Synagogue is planned.

Space is limited. Please call The Temple for registration, 502-423-1818. Temple Scholars will not meet on Wednesday, April 8.

Walk with a Doc Program Adds New Louisville Location

It's time to lace up those walking shoes and prepare to learn about your health from a real, live healthcare provider. KentuckyOne Health's Walk with a Doc program has added a new location in East Louisville for 2016.

Walkers will meet on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the facility, 2401 Terra Crossing Blvd., located in East Louisville off the Gene Snyder at Old Henry Road. This location at Jewish Northeast will replace the former Beckley Creek Park walking location at The Parklands of Floyd's Fork.

Each month, Walk with a Doc events feature a different physician and focus on a particular health topic. Participants can engage in a heart-healthy walk while having the chance to ask the health professional their medical questions in a comfortable, casual setting.

Other Louisville Walk with a Doc locations and times include Iroquois Park every third Saturday of the month, as well as Shawnee Park every fourth Saturday of the month. The program will also take place at Bernheim Forest on April 9. Unless otherwise noted, all Walk with a Doc events take place at 10 a.m.

For more information about the Walk With a Doc program, visit www.kentuckyonehealth.org/walkwithadoc.

PJ Library and Shalom Baby to Hold Passover Sing-a-long

On Sunday, April 10, Keneseth Israel will host a Shalom Baby and PJ Library Passover Sing-a-long. Cantor Sharon Hordes will sing family-friendly melodies, Rabbi Wolk Michael will read a Passover story, and KI's Children's Shabbat leaders Sarah Farmer and Judith Danovitch-Noles will lead a Passover craft activity. Ages newborn to five welcome. Free. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director; yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Get in the Derby Spirit at Temple Shalom Men's Club

The Temple Shalom Men's Club will host Chris Goodlett, curator of the Kentucky Derby Museum, on Sunday, April 10, at 10 a.m. for a brunch meeting.

Goodlett has been the museum's curator for about 13 years. During his presentation, "From the Vault: Treasures from the Kentucky Derby Museum Collection," Goodlett will show images of historic items from the museum's permanent collection.

The Men's Club invites the community to this event. Cost is \$5. RSVPs are requested by calling the Temple Shalom office, 502-458-4739, by April 7.

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Facilitator at AJ Book Club

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 & Inspired a Movement* by Nick Saul and Andrea Curtis. The AJ Book Club will welcome guest facilitator Karyn Moskowitz, executive director of New Roots and sponsor of Louisville's Fresh Stops, to lead the discussion.

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.

KI Presents Jewish Yoga

This is an in-depth, comparative look at the Jewish and yogic traditions, exam-

ining 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. The teachers are Cantor Sharon Hordes and Katey Brichito. The next class is Sunday, April 10, at 3 p.m. at Keneseth Israel. All in the community are welcome to attend; free and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Sunday Night at the Movies to Show Israeli Film

The Temple will show Israeli award winning film *Fill The Void* as part of its Sunday Night at the Movies series on Sunday, April 10, beginning at 7 p.m. In *Fill the Void*, 18-year-old Shira is the youngest daughter of the family. She is about to be married off to a promising young man. It is a dream come true, and Shira feels prepared and excited. When personal tragedy strikes during the joyous celebrations of Purim, Shira finds her plans for the future thrown into disarray.

Senior University Is April 14

This year, The Temple's Senior University program on April 14, will be held in memory of Arnie Friedman.

Friedman's last wish for Senior University was to invite the most memorable and enjoyable speakers from past workshops over the years. The committee is hard at work organizing an outstanding event to honor Friedman and his years as chair of Senior University. It will be interesting, educational and enjoyable for all who attend.

The community-wide Senior University is a daylong program that begins with registration and a continen-

tal breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The keynote address by Rabbi David Dalin, "Louis D. Brandeis: The First Supreme Court Justice," will be at 10 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.

A healthy lunch will be served, and there will be a closing program that includes dessert at 2:30 p.m. Although the workshops are designed to be of special interest to Jewish senior adults, everyone is welcome.

Admission of \$12 covers all food and expenses. You may pay at the door, but pre-registration is requested. Call 502-423-1818.

The Temple Plans First Night Seder

The Temple will host a first night Seder on Friday, April 22, at 6 p.m. Chef Z will cater a traditional Seder meal. The price is \$15 per person for community members; children 13 and younger, free. Payment must be made with your reservation. RSVP to The Temple by April 15 at 502-423-1818.

This event is generously sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

AJ to Host Kosher Community Passover Seder

The community is invited to Adath Jeshurun on the first night of Passover, Friday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. for a fun-filled evening led by Rabbi Robert Slosberg with music provided by Cantor David Lipp.

The Seder is open to the entire community. A Haggadah will be provided for each participant to use. Space is limited to the first 180 paid reservations, which will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until April 15 or until capacity is reached. All reservations received after April 15 will be placed on a waiting list and filled only in the event of cancellations. To reserve your space please visit www.adathjeshurun.com/seder or call the Adath Jeshurun office at 502-458-5359.

Passover Worship Service Schedule at AJ Announced

Adath Jeshurun invites the community to Pesach worship services on Saturday, April 23, at 9:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. for the first day of Passover; Sunday, April 24, at 9:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. (at Keneseth Israel) for the second day of Passover; Friday, April 29, at 9:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. for the seventh day of Passover; and Saturday, April 30, at 9:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. for the eighth day of Passover.

The Temple Offers Congregational Second Night Seder

Temple members and their guests are invited to The Temple's Congregational Seder for the second night hosted by the Confirmation Class of 2016 on Saturday, April 23, at 6 p.m. in the Heideman Auditorium.

This is a creative Seder experience complete with songs, skits and activities for all ages to enjoy with a brand new Haggadah created by the Confirmation Class. All are welcome to participate in the retelling the story of our Exodus from slavery to freedom in a brand new way.

Catered by Chef Z of Personal Touch, the dinner menu includes: matzah ball soup, salad, fruit, roasted vegetable platter, and a choice of an entrée: herb roasted salmon OR garlic and rosemary roasted chicken. Cost: adult Temple members \$10, adult non-members \$15 and children 13 and under eat free.

RSVP by April 19. Payment is required at the time of reservation. Make your check out to "The Temple," or you may reserve and pay on The Temple website, www.thetemplelouky.org. Call 502-423-

1818 for more information.

This event was made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

Adath Jeshurun Hosts Teddy Abrams

Adath Jeshurun will host Teddy Abrams, music director of the Louisville Orchestra, on Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. Abrams will lead a presentation tracing the history of Jewish music and discuss the influence of Jewish musicians on the musical landscape. This event is free of charge and open to the community.

Young Adult Seder to Be Held at The Temple

The Temple will host a free modern young adult Seder for community members age 22-33 on Sunday, April 30, beginning at 6 p.m. in The Temple's Klein Center. Please RSVP by April 20 at www.thetemplelouky.org. This event is generously sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

KI Sisterhood Plans Mother's Day Brunch

The Keneseth Israel Sisterhood will host a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m. During the brunch, a Torah cover will be dedicated to honor the memory of Kimberly Klein.

Reservations and checks must be received no later than Sunday, May 1. Send to: Keneseth Israel Sisterhood, c/o Beth Haines, 2907 Summerfield Dr., Louisville, KY 40220. No refunds will be given.

AJ Marks Derby with a Triple Crown Celebration Shabbat

The community is invited to Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, May 7, for a trifecta celebration to celebrate Derby and honor all who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of May, as well as all moms for Mother's Day. A Kiddush lunch full of Derby-inspired desserts will follow the services which begin at 9:30 a.m.

Jews and Brews Meets Weekly

The community is invited to join Rabbi Michael Wolk for Jews and Brews, a one-hour class where 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 at 11 a.m. at the JCC coffee shop. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman, Keneseth Israel executive director, at yyussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

The Temple Offers Weekly Torah Study

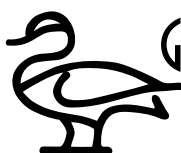
Saturdays year round, meet in The Temple's Fishman Library from 9-10 a.m. before the morning service to read and discuss the Torah portion of the week over good coffee, bagels and other treats. This class is taught by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel.

Learn Hebrew in Adath Jeshurun's Free Hebrew Classes

Adath Jeshurun is offering two free Hebrew classes to anyone in the community interested in furthering their Jewish education. All classes are taught by Deborah Slosberg and will take place on Sunday mornings at 10 and 11 a.m. at AJ. The classes will meet April 3 and 10. For more information, contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359.

KI Has Twice a Month Children's Shabbat Service

On the first and third Saturday of the month, Keneseth Israel has a children's see **AROUND TOWN** page 21



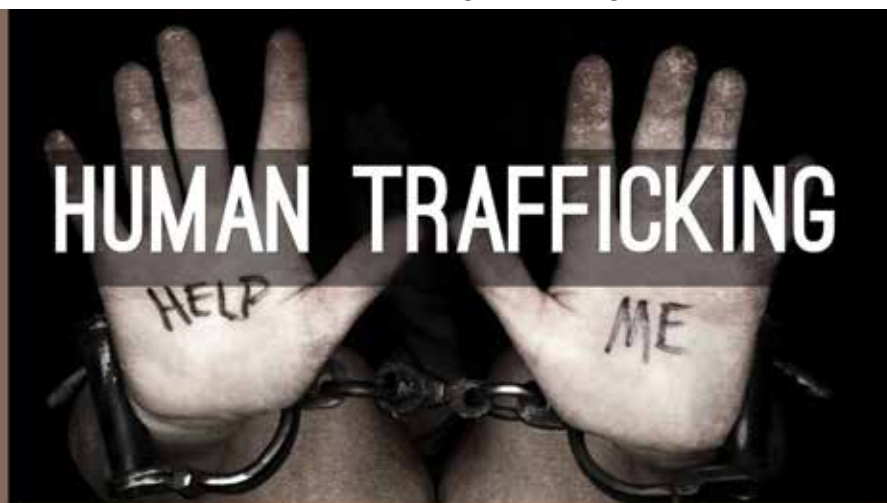
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Births

Piper Ellis Blackford

Harper and Lolly Blackford are happy to welcome their new baby sister Piper Ellis Blackford, born January 29. Her parents are Brooke and John Blackford. Her grandparents are Phyllis and Andy Present and Tish Blackford and the late Bobbie Blackford.



Macey Rae Lefkoff

Ryan and Meredith Fine Lefkoff of Atlanta, GA, announce the arrival of Macey Rae Lefkoff, born March 1. Macey's grandparents are Craig and Faye Lefkoff of Atlanta and the late Dennis and Miriam Gordon Fine of Louisville. Her great-grandparents are Evelyn and Dr. Harold Lefkoff of Atlanta, Elain and Leon Seigel of Aventura, FL, and Barbara and David Gordon of Louisville. Meredith Fine Lefkoff is formerly of Louisville.

B'not Mitzvah

Lindsey Claire Latts

Lindsey Claire Latts, daughter of Kate and Allan Latts and sister of Jake, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m., at The Temple.

Lindsey is the granddaughter of Ellen and Max Shapira and the late Liz and Sandy Latts of St Paul, MN.

Lindsey is in the seventh grade at Kentucky Country Day where she plays on the field hockey, lacrosse and tennis teams. Outside of school, Lindsey plays lacrosse with Bluegrass Premier and loves spending time with her friends. Lindsey also spends her summers at Camp Birch Trail for Girls in Minong, WI, where she has been a camper for five years.

Because of her passion for being active, Lindsey is spearheading Lindsey's LAX Action for Healthy Kids with a goal of raising \$1,800 to help ensure that disadvantaged kids stay active and have access to healthy foods. Middle school lacrosse teams throughout the county will be participating in LAX Action for Healthy Kids culminating with an all-star game in May. For more information on how you can participate and/or

become a sponsor, please visit donate.actionforhealthykids.org/fundraise?fcid=595487. Lindsey is also participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program.

Rachel Delilah Lerner

Rachel Delilah Lerner, daughter of Nancyanne and Guy Lerner and sister of Aaron, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, April 16, at 9:15 a.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.



Delilah is the granddaughter of Elaine and the late Leslie Lerner of Allentown, PA, and Nancy and William Freeman of Berlin, NJ.

Delilah is a seventh grader at Louisville Collegiate School where she plays on the field hockey team and participates in the school's theatrical productions. She enjoys singing, music and hanging with her friends. Delilah will attend Beber Camp in Wisconsin for her seventh straight summer.

For her mitzvah project, Delilah will be providing care packages for Rabbi Robert Slosberg to take with him on his rounds in the hospitals and nursing homes. Donations to this program can be made by calling Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 502-458-5359.

Delilah and her family invite the community to join them for her bat mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.

Weddings



Blount/Simon Ressner/Simon

Beverly Bromley, director of development and marketing for JFCS, is proud to announce the marriage of her stepsons, Noah and Aaron Simon, formerly of Louisville.

Noah Simon married Jennifer Blount in Dallas, TX, on October 17, 2015. Noah and Jennifer live in Lexington, VA, where he is the city manager. Jennifer contin-

ues her work as an engineer. While in Louisville, Noah graduated from Louisville Collegiate School, was president of BBYO and the first winner of the Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award.

Aaron Simon married Rose Ressler at the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C., on April 1, 2015. On September 7, they welcomed family and friends to a wedding celebration at the Ebbits Grill.

Aaron currently is a government agent assigned to Washington, D.C. and Rose is a doctor at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center specializing in infectious diseases

Special Birthday

Dora Garber

Mazel Tov to Dora Garber who celebrated her 100th birthday at Magnolia Springs on March 6 and 7. Her three children, Susan, Linda and Ed, along with grandchildren and great grandchildren, joined in the festivities.

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Shabbat service from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. The community is invited to join KI for a high energy service with stories, singing, prayers, Torah and learning. Both services conclude with a Kiddush over challah and juice and will join the whole congregation in the main sanctuary prayers to lead Ein Keloheinu and Adon Olam. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman, KI executive director; yussman@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Yiddish Theater Exhibition Open

If you get to New York City between now and July, check out the exhibition

"New York's Yiddish Theatre: From the Bowery to Broadway" at the Museum of the City of New York. Former Louisville David Chack consulted on in its beginning stages and helped to get it launched.

The impact of Yiddish theatre on American theatre in its scope, diversity, theatrical forms – from musicals, to dramas, to comedy – is immense, and the little secret that this exhibition reveals is that the story of the Yiddish theatre (truly a passionate love story) is a multicultural American story. For more information go to www.mcny.org/yiddishtheater.

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Obituaries

Major Douglas J. Flack

Major Douglas J. Flack, Air Force (Ret.), of Washington, D.C. passed away on February 16 at his winter home in Naples, FL. He was 92.

A World War II veteran, Major Flack retired with 20 years of service. He flew 47 combat missions over the Pacific and was part of the advance team that carried out the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. Flack went onto a career with Rockwell International Defense Corporation.

Flack is survived by his wife of 43 years, the former Susan Garber of Louisville; his son Eric Flack of Louisville; and his daughters Sarah Lopez (Richard) of Washington, D.C., and Mary Lee Botsaris of Philadelphia.

His loss will also be mourned by his mother-in-law, Dora Garber; and brother-in-law, Ed Garber (Sharon Lamb) of Louisville; his sister-in-law, Linda Garber Sternberg of Davis, CA; and his younger brother, Ron Flack (Daniele) of Paris, France. He is survived by five grandchildren.

Burial was February 26 at King David Memorial Gardens at National Memorial Park, Falls Church, Virginia. Donations were requested to Honor Flight Northland in lieu of flowers.

Louise Norma Adams

Louise Norma Adams, 90, passed away peacefully on February 26.

The elder daughter of Her-

bert and Rose Lowenfish, she was born November 17, 1925, and grew up in the Flatbush neighborhood in Brooklyn, NY. She attended Erasmus High School and enrolled in Brooklyn College at the age of 15. She majored in economics and psychology with hopes of finding a job on Wall Street. This was difficult for a woman in the late 1940's and she found employment after graduation as a social worker with the NYC Department of Welfare. She met Joel Adams at age 16 and they married in 1946 after he returned from the Army service in Iran during WWII.

Joel worked for 38 years as a salesman, trainer and branch manager for Pitney Bowes Corporation and when their children were both in elementary school, Louise returned to college to obtain her education degree and later a Master's degree in guidance from Queens College. Throughout her career, Louise worked as a guidance counselor in many elementary and middle school settings in the New York City area.

She loved to read, garden and visit the many museums New York City had to offer. She and Joel enjoyed traveling and shared many special trips prior to his death in 1986. For the next two decades, Louise continued to explore the world, visiting Australia, Japan and Eastern Europe. She lived 10 years in Lake Worth, FL, before moving closer to family in Louisville in February 2006.

She is survived by her sister, Ruth Wortman; two daughters, Linda Engel (Alan) of Louisville and Nancy Adams (John Burgess) of Boston, MA; five grandchildren, Josh Engel (Hope), Shoshana Engel, Jeremy Engel, Rachel Burgess (Jack Hostetter) and Eleanor Burgess (Nicholas Sedlet); and two great-grandchildren, David Burgess Hostetter and

Harper Rose Engel. The family wishes to acknowledge her dedicated caregivers, Virginia Blandford, Janice Dobbins, Barb Watts, Blanche Luter and Shirley Patterson, as well as the caring staff at Treyton Oak Towers and The Episcopal Church Home, who tended to her as her health declined.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

The family requests that donations in her memory be designated to either The Home of the Innocents or the Treyton Oak Towers Employee Scholarship Fund.

Dorothy Pearson Green

Dorothy Pearson Green ("Dottie"), age 90, died peacefully in her sleep on Monday, February 29.

She was predeceased by her parents, Chaileah (Kreitman) and Max Pearson, and her husband Harold B. Green. She is survived by her sons, Stephen (Helaine) and Max; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial were held on Wednesday, March 2, at Shalom Garden in Los Gatos Memorial Park, Los Gatos, CA.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation, 2531 Taylorsville Rd., Louisville, KY 40205-2224.

Diana Paret Brown

Diana Paret Brown, 85, died Friday, March 11, at her home.

She was a native of Brooklyn, NY, born on June 15, 1930. She was a graduate of Louisville Girls High School, University of Louisville and Columbia University with honors and receiving her Master's Degree. She was a homemaker and a teacher in Westfield, NJ, and with the Jefferson County Public Schools.

Brown was a chairperson for four LGHS reunions, past president of Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority and current alumni president, chairperson of the reunion committee, a member of Woodcock Society, Mortar Board and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Robert Jeffrey Brown; her daughters, Bonnie Maryetta Brown and Jennifer April

Brown; and her sister, Evelyn Lea Figa.

Arrangements were entrusted to Herman Meyer & Son.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Woodcock Society.

Lorraine Janice Abrams

Lorraine Janice Abrams, 69, died Tuesday, March 15, at her home.

She was a native of Louisville, born January 25, 1947, to Annette Kushner and Elwyn Phillip Abrams. She attended University of Kentucky and later transferred to University of Alabama where she received her bachelor's degree. She graduated from University of Louisville, receiving her Master's degree and went on to teach at Central, Shawnee and The Brown School. She later became an observer for new teachers in training for three years before retiring.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Annette Kushner Abrams; and her husband, Stephen Yussman.

She is survived by her father, Elwyn Abrams; and her two brothers, Lawrence Abrams of Louisville and James Abrams of New York, NY.

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

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



Elinor Myers Rothstein

Elinor Myers Rothstein, 81, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 18, at Baptist Health's Palliative Care Unit.

She was born July 2, 1934, to the

late Eva (Zimmerman) and David Myers. A life-long member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, she was a reading tutor and teacher's aide in the Jefferson County Public Schools. Most importantly, she was a devoted mother and grandmother who delighted every day in her children's and grandchildren's accomplishments.

She is survived by her daughter, Shelley Barnes (Harry) of Centerville, OH; two sons, Michael Rothstein (Doreen) and Jack Rothstein (Debbie), both of Chicago; her husband, Joseph Rothstein; her sister, Ruth Anne Myers of Scottsdale, AZ; her brother, Dr. Allan Myers (Diane) of Longwood, FL; and grandchildren, Eric Barnes, Hilary So-roosh (Tim), Evan Rothstein, Connor Rothstein, Nikki Rothstein, and Alex Rothstein; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

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

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be made to the Jewish Family & Career Services.

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D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Avrohom Litvin
Special to Community

I am writing this message on Tuesday evening, March 16. Today was Super Tuesday and the race to be president is upon us.

Who is worthy to be the president? What can we do to make this country great again? The candidates all have different suggestions but which one is right? And what, if anything, does this have to do with the upcoming festival of Passover?

Allow me to present an answer to these important questions by reminding you of the story told of a meeting between the president of the United States and the Israeli Prime Minister.

The president begins, "I am the leader of over 300 million people, and you only have a few million in Israel."

"That is true", responded the prime minister. "In America you preside over many millions of people, but in Israel I must preside over 12 million presidents."

I heard another story of a man who had an amazing idea of what changes could be implemented to make our country great again. He wrote to the president detailing his plan, but just received a form letter in reply thanking him for his correspondence. He then wrote to his senator but got no reply at all. He went to meet with the mayor. The

mayor listened but then ushered him out of the office without even keeping the list of ideas. So he called his family together and said they needed to immediately implement certain changes – but they refused. What was he to do?

So he decided to make a change in himself. He searched within himself, he searched long and hard, and soon found areas that he could make better. Over time, his family saw the change and made similar changes themselves. Then it was his neighbors and soon it was the town.

Before long the city was in the news and people were changing. City after city, state after state, until the entire country changed for the better – all because of one person who made a change.

The holiday of Passover recalls the fact that our ancestors rushed out of Egypt and did not have time to let their bread rise. So we rid our homes of all leavened products and eat only matzah. What is the difference from bread to matza? Bread rises and matzah is flat. Bread symbolizes arrogance (including anger and pride) which seem to puff up and grow while matzah symbolizes humility which stays flat and simple.

On Passover, we need to not only clean our homes of leaven but also to clean the leaven – arrogance anger and pride – from within as well. It is a time to get back to being more of a matzah – with humility, morals and values. Imagine how different life would be if we used the upcoming holiday of Passover to readjust our personal outlook on life in a way that cherishes humility over arrogance?

When G-d gave the 10 Commandments to the Jews, G-d asked that they be "a kingdom of priests and a holy na-

tion." In other words, like the old joke says, each of us is indeed instructed and empowered to be a "president" and do our part in making this country and world a better place.

Maybe the lesson of Passover is that the best candidate for president is you. And me. And all of us, individually and collectively. An upright nation of humble citizens. A nation of presidents. A kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

May G-d bless us all, and may we enjoy a meaningful and inspiring Passover holiday.

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Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, March 25 at 7:42 p.m., April 1 at 7:48 p.m., April 8 at 7:55 p.m. and April 15 at 8:01 p.m.; for Passover and Shabbat on April 22 at 8:08 p.m.; for Passover on April 23 after 9:09 p.m. and April 28 at

8:14 p.m.; and for Passover and Shabbat on April 29 at 8:15 p.m.

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Editor's note: Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, regional director of Chabad of Kentucky, has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.



Rabbi Avrohom Litvin

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