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## Wahba Offers New Pesach Tradition

Dear friends,  
I am much too often surprised when good folks I am soliciting for our all important Annual Campaign ask me who benefits from the monies raised? ... what Jewish agencies share our allocations? So here's a novel new tradition you may want to start at your Passover Seder. Much like when you cheerfully recite the "Chad Gadya" please challenge your guests to read the names of all of the below listed recipients in just one breath:

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Thangam "Sam"  
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## JFCS Names MOSAIC Award Winners

A pioneering cardiologist, a retired medical missionary, a paralympic medalist, an engineering entrepreneur and a progressive social and community builder. These five individuals have made their mark in our community and will be recognized for their accomplishments at the annual MOSAIC Awards to be held on Thursday, May 26, at The Louisville Downtown Marriott.

This fundraising event, which benefits Jewish Family & Career Services, honors international Americans who have made a significant contribution in

their profession and in our local/global community. This year's honorees are Dr. Emma Birks, Dr. Manuel Grimaldi, Oksana Masters, Thangam "Sam" Rangaswamy and Dr. Riaan van Zyl.

"JFCS was founded to assist newcomers to Louisville, and this event honors its original mission," said Judy Freundlich Tiell, JFCS executive director. "To date, the event has recognized 52 international Americans who make our community a richer and more interesting city, creating a mosaic of many colors and perspectives." see **MOSAIC** page 6



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# JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director

*Jewish Community Relations Council*

## Worrying Developments in Israel

This past year has seen an amazing development in Israel as far as its respect for the many different forms of Judaism, but it is in danger of being undone.

After years of negotiations and protests (particularly by the Women of the Wall), the State of Israel announced several months ago that an agreement was reached to provide prayer space at the Western Wall for those who wish to worship in a manner not in accordance with strict orthodox Judaism. The Diaspora Jewish community was ecstatic, and there were many expressions of thanks to the present Israeli government for their efforts to bring it about.

Non-orthodox Judaism (with which the vast majority of American Jews identify) is discriminated against. Reform and Conservative Rabbis in Israel are not allowed to marry people or convert people. They are not eligible to be employed by the State as rabbis. They are looked at as inferior by select segments of the government. But the Western Wall agreement was looked upon as a first step towards religious equality.

Now, this agreement is in jeopardy. The Ultra-Orthodox leadership has threatened to quit the government if this agreement stands, and the Netanyahu government has such a narrow majority in the Knesset, that just one minister can bring down the coalition.

As such, Netanyahu, who championed the Western Wall agreement when it was first announced, is backtracking, unwilling to risk his government falling over this issue. Meanwhile, it is those Jews in Israel who are committed and proud Jews but happen to worship in a

non-Orthodox manner who will suffer, as will the vast majority of American Jewry who supports them.

This is a situation that, once again, will lead to further rifts between Israel and the diaspora. Israel claims to recognize the fact that these kinds of issues are important to us but the fact remains that there is little improvement for the Reform and Conservative movements there.

Time and again the vast majority of American Rabbis, the Rabbis who predominate at our weddings, b'nai mitzvah, funerals and brit milah ceremonies are being disrespected. At a time when the worldwide Jewish community needs to be united in the face of growing anti-Semitism, an Iranian threat, ISIS, the BDS movement ... the Israeli government, which preaches about Jewish unity, is, in fact, undermining it.

As a Zionist community, we should not be afraid to criticize the Israeli government when we see things we do not like. Part of being a Zionist is caring so much about the State of Israel that you want to see it live up to its potential as a light among the nations and will speak up when it strays from that path. I hope that Israel hears our collective voices soon.

## Earthquake in Ecuador and Japan

This week, destructive earthquakes caused mass devastation in Ecuador and Japan, with search and rescue efforts still underway. IsraAID, an Israeli relief organization already has teams on the ground coordinating different aspects of relief efforts. In Ecuador in particular, they are assisting with rescue efforts, temporary housing and water purification.

The American Joint Distribution Committee has started raising money for Ecuador, and already granted \$25,000 to

their partner organization in Japan. For more information on helping, please visit [www.jdc.org](http://www.jdc.org).

## A Night to Honor Israel

On Sunday, May 15, at 5 p.m., The JCRC encourages you to attend A Night to Honor Israel, a celebration of the State of Israel held at the Evangel World Prayer Center, 6900 Billtown Rd. EWPC has supported the State of Israel for years and has made financial contributions to support several social justice projects there.

At this event, there will be music and powerful speeches praising Israel and showing unity with all those who see Israel as a light among the nations as the only democracy in the Middle East. Please make every effort to attend.

Have a safe, Kosher, and Happy Pass-over!!

# TRADITION

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And as you recite the list of all these well vetted and much deserving organizations, take the time to share with all your loved ones all the good services and programs that they provide.

The 2016 Campaign will end at the end of this month and, unfortunately, we are still quite a few shekels short of what we know is needed to sustain the vibrancy of Jewish life in Louisville. Please help us fund all the good that Jewish folks overseas, as well as our local friends and neighbors, derive from the fine services and programs that are provided.

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I also urge you to please join me in thanking our volunteers, our newly appointed Vice President of Philanthropy Stacy Gordon-Funk and her hard working associates, Matt Goldberg, Kristy Benefield, Lenae Price and Benjie Berlow, and our President and CEO Sara Wagner. They deserve our sincere thanks and support for all their good (and hard!) work. It's been my great pleasure and honor to work with them.

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# J Arts and Ideas Presents a Night of Humor

**S**kip the gym, two Jewish doctors and one lawyer will give you quite the core workout with more laughing than you can handle as they headline "Old Jews Telling Jokes" presented by J Arts & Ideas on Saturday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Standard Club.

Get ready for an outrageous evening of one liners, double entendres and hysterical routines sure to triple you over with laughter. Celebrating the rich tradition of Jewish humor and storytelling, this hilarious show will pay tribute to classic jokes of the past and introduce some new ones as well. From birth to death – and everything in between – Jewish people have always showed the need to laugh at it all. Even better, they'll make you laugh at it all.

Join the funniest people around for an evening of fun and laughter as J Arts & Ideas brings you "Old Jews Telling Jokes." When Ed Bornstein the creator

of this event along with three other local comics take the stage in the rich tradition of stand-up comedy, anything could happen. One thing is certain, hilarity will ensue. Accompanied by Jewish food, the night will be a smash hit show that could be on the stage of any major comedy club and promises to be an evening of unabashed fun.

Tickets are \$36 and include dinner and drinks. Make your reservation today by calling, 502-459-0660 or by visiting The J's website, jewishlouisville.org. Like rye bread, kosher pickles and bagels, there's something for everyone. You'll laugh 'til you plotz!

Louisville native Mark Klein who's been making laughter his living for 30 years will be the emcee. He's made his name as a stand-up comedian in comedy clubs from Alaska to Florida, headlining top rooms across the country. With accolades that include appearances on

A&E's *Comedy on the Road*, Showtime's *Comedy Club*, Forbes Magazine and more, he will keep the laughs rolling.

## About the Comedians:

Louisville native Lowell Katz, says he's the funniest retired colorectal surgeon in his neighborhood. He was a cut-up in and out of the operating room and for several years, was a stand-up comedian.

Katz is currently working on his autobiography, tentatively titled "Still Crazy After All These Years." He believes that humor can make bad situations more tolerable and help people stay healthier and recover more quickly.

Attorney Ed Bornstein is a native of Louisville and has been telling jokes and stories longer than he can remember. He helped start the *Old Jews Telling Jokes* web series in 2010 and 2011 and is excited for the night of jokes.

Bruce Tasch is a Louisville native and a Psychiatrist in private practice and has been writing comedy since college. In medical school he co-wrote a musical comedy and a student film. He's had material accepted by Late Night with David Letterman. Currently, he delivers comedic sermons (divrei Torah) at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, and can sometimes be found at home, amusing himself.

## Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with Music and Fun

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, at The J on Sunday, May 22 with great family activities from art projects and games to cotton candy. The fun starts at noon and continues until 4. Bring your own picnic or purchase Israeli treats like falafel and hummus.

With a special concert, award-winning Cantor Shiree Kidron will add song to mix. She is a unique and versatile vocalist who is as comfortable with classical music and oratorio as she is with Jewish classical and folk music. Recently, Cantor Kidron celebrated a musical Kabbalat Shabbat with a bluegrass flavor.

"Every year we celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut and also remember what led us to this joyous day," said Yom Ha'atzmaut Chair Dovrat Netz. "When David Ben-Gurion made the Israeli Declaration of Independence on May 14, 1948, the entire nation was emotional. To them, it was not a thing of little importance – it was everything.

"After surviving years of persecution," she continued, "which came to a horrific peak during World War II, they finally had the one thing they wanted – a home. Celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut enables every Jewish person around the world to feel the unbreakable bond to the State of Israel and all the good it represents, even without being there physically. The fact that in this day and age we still encounter anti-Semitism, makes this day even more important.

"I encourage everyone to come and take part in this celebration," Netz continued, "for it is not just a celebration for the state and citizens of Israel, but for those around the world who believes in the values for which it stands."

A brief Yom Hazikaron ceremony for Israel's Memorial Day will precede the celebration, during which the Louisville Jewish community will take a few moments to remember those who paid the ultimate price for Israel's survival and security.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Committee members are Netz, Amy Danino and Faina Kronenberg.

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### THROUGH MAY 3

#### Patio Gallery Exhibit

Life Is Still Beautiful Opening! Works by Luci Mistratove's Students.

### APRIL 22

#### Passover

First Seder. The J closes 7 p.m.

### APRIL 23-30

#### Passover

The J closed April 23 and 29. The J closes at 7 p.m. April 28 and classes that begin after 6:30 p.m. that day are cancelled.

### MAY 2

#### Yom HaShoah Program

7 p.m. At Adath Jeshurun. This year's community-wide Holocaust commemoration, A Time to Remember; A Time to Reclaim, will feature Dr. Jennifer Kreder who has devoted her life to restoring art stolen by the Nazis to its rightful owners. See story, page this page.

### MAY 8-17

#### Patio Gallery Exhibit

The J. Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Commemoration Exhibit. Opening reception Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m.

### MAY 11-22

#### CenterStage in Rep

The J. Adults \$20 each in advance, \$22 at the door. Purchase tickets for both shows at [www.CenterStage.org](http://www.CenterStage.org) or call 502-238-2709. See CenterPiece, page 3.

**Patsy Cline: A Life in Concert** Back by popular demand, Melissa Kenney Shepherd presents her acclaimed one-woman foot-stomping tribute to country music legend Patsy Cline. This year, she will be joined by Mike Fryman.

#### The Rocky Horror Show

A fast-paced potpourri of camp, sci-fi and rock 'n' roll, among other things, this show is a musical horror parody based on the popular cult film.

### MAY 14

#### The J Arts & Ideas

Standard Club. 7 p.m. "Old Jews Telling Jokes." Ed Bornstein and four other local comics will take the stage in the rich tradition of stand-up comedy. Dinner and drinks catered by Masterson's. Cost TBD. RSVP online at [jewishlouisville.org](http://jewishlouisville.org) or call 502-459-0660.

### MAY 19

#### YAD and JFCS Career Mentoring

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### MAY 22-JULY 5

#### Patio Gallery Exhibit

Bette Levy Retrospective. Opening reception Sunday, May 22, 2 p.m.

### MAY 22

#### Yom Ha'atzmaut

12-4 p.m. JCC. Free. Lots of family activities to celebrate Israel's Independence Day. Bring your own picnic or purchase Israeli style food. Enjoy a concert by Cantor Shiree Kidron. There will also be a brief ceremony for Yom Hazikaron to remember Israel's fallen. See story, page 4.

### MAY 26

#### MOSAIC Awards

Louisville Downtown Marriott. 5 p.m. \$125. Join Jewish Family & Career Services in honoring five outstanding individuals who have made their mark in the community. For reservations, contact Beverly Bromley, 502-452-7341, ext. 223, or [bbromley@jfcslouisville.org](mailto:bbromley@jfcslouisville.org). See story, page 1.

## A Time to Remember; A Time to Reclaim

# Yom HaShoah Commemoration Is May 2

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Commemoration Day, is a time to remember – a time for the community to come together to hear survivors' stories, remember those who perished and learn how to make the world a better place.

This year, Yom HaShoah is also a time to reclaim. This year, the annual Jewish Community Relations Council communitywide Yom HaShoah Commemoration, to be held on Monday, May 2, at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, will focus on the efforts being made to restore works of art stolen by the Nazis to the families to which they truly belong.

In addition, Yom HaShoah Chair Jeff Jamner will share a small part of his own mother's story. Halina Jamner, is a 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 l'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.

"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."

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

The program will also include elements that have become traditional. The 11 million who perished, including 6 million Jews, will be remembered. Young people will participate in the program. The names of family members who perished and whose relatives now live in Louisville will be recalled. The Kaddish will be recited.

This year's theme was chosen because 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.

"The main speaker," said 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 Randol Schoenberg, the attorney portrayed in the movie, and has worked with him. Her own work is extensive and ongoing. "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 can we play in it," he continued. "It also is about bearing testimony to the Holocaust. Honoring those lives lost, those who survived and doing it as a community is part of our *tikkun olam* as well."

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



Jennifer Kreder

## USHMM Expert to Discuss How International Tracing Service Aids Holocaust Families

Diane Afoumado, the chief of the Research and Reference Branch at the Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource

Center at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., will be in Louisville on Thursday, May 12, and she will speak on "How the International Tracing Service Aids Holocaust Families" at Chavurat Shalom at The Temple.



Dr. Diane Afoumado

Lunch is available at noon in the Heideman Auditorium for \$5 per person and the presentation will be at 1 p.m. in the Waller Chapel. Advance reservations are required for lunch and kosher meals are available upon advance request. RSVP by Monday, May 9, to Charlaïne Reynolds, 502-509-9416 or [charlaine.reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:charlaine.reynolds@gmail.com).

The International Tracing Service archive (ITS) is located in Bad Arolsen, Germany, and until November 2007, when the Museum-led effort to open it succeeded, it was the largest closed Holocaust archive in the world. It was established by the Allied powers after World War II to help reunite families separated during the war and to trace missing family members.

The Allies placed millions of pages of documentation captured during the war in the ITS. Since then, the archive has continued to grow as new records, both originals and copies, have been deposited there.

The archive is overseen by an 11-nation International Commission comprised of Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Originally, the archive was administered by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). In 2013, administration was transferred to the German Federal Archives. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington, D.C., is the United States' repository for the International Tracing Service (ITS) collection.

The archive contains more than 185 million digital images of documenta-

tion on millions of victims of Nazism—people arrested, deported, killed, put to forced labor and slave labor, or displaced from their homes and unable to return at the end of the war.

The ITS collection contains various documents such as camp arrival lists, grave locations, transport lists, prisoner cards, forced labor lists, death lists, displaced person applications for assistance, deportation lists, emigration applications/questionnaires, registration and work cards, and even some photographs.

The USHMM staff helps people find their families and learn their fate using several million documents. The Holocaust survivors and Victims' Resource Center ensures that the individual experiences of survivors and victims of the Holocaust and Nazi-era persecution are collected, preserved and disseminated for future generations.

Prior to her work with the USHMM, Dr. Afoumado served as assistant professor of contemporary history at the University of Paris X-Nanterre and the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO) in Paris, and she worked for the two French commissions related to compensation to Jewish victims. She also worked as a historian for the Archival Division of the Centre de Documentation Juive Con-

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# JWRP Offers Young Mothers an Affordable Trip to Israel

by Dara Woods

Special to Community

Last fall, I saw a week's worth of Facebook photos documenting a friend's trip to Israel. She used the words "inspired" and "life-changing" when describing the experiences she was having. All I could think when I saw these pictures and words was "I'm So Ready." But with two children who are still too young to appreciate a trip like that, I felt as if this experience would be something to put on my bucket list for years down the road.

Truth be told, I was never ready before. I went through Hebrew School and was a bat mitzvah but through my childhood, I didn't really know anyone with a personal connection to Israel.

My parents went in the 80's but left us kids home as, like my kids now, we were too young to appreciate the trip. I had the opportunity to do Birthright Israel after college, but chose not to, and through my 20's and into my 30's, going to Israel was still off my radar.

It wasn't until I had my children and their Jewish identities were at stake that I began to hone in on the adult version of mine. Between PJ Library sending us the most amazing books and CDs and my daughter embracing every holiday (through the help of Jewish pre-school), my Jewish identity started to bloom all over again. It was only through my children, did I realize how important carrying on our traditions really were.

Now, my daughter asks to listen to Debbie Friedman CD's in the car and we happily sing every word to every song. They use the same Yiddish words at home that I heard though out my childhood. My parents, needless to say, just kvell about this.

My connection to Israel began to grow though having children and understanding the importance of this land to me, to

them, and to future generations of Jews. Now when I think about going to Israel, I literally get chills. I'd say that now is my time.

Upon my friend's return from her trip, I learned that this trip was a collaboration between her local Jewish agency and the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project, an organization I had not yet heard of. And she even reported that it was FREE!

I went to the JWRP website, which unfortunately revealed that Louisville did not participate in this program. Women wanting to go on this trip had to be affiliated with a local agency and I immediately made it my mission to make that happen.

As a member of the JCC, I reached out to Sara Wagner, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville, and sat down with her to discuss the possibility of bringing this opportunity to Jewish moms in Louisville. She was so receptive to my agenda of getting Jewish moms in our city to take a trip like this together.

Sara told me that "our ultimate goal is to energize and inspire members of our community to have a meaningful and personal experience so that they will want to be involved in programs and take on active leadership roles." What better way to do this than by offering a free trip to the place that is the epitome of Jewish connection and a Jewish identity. She was on board. And here we are, only a few months later, presenting this opportunity to the community!

The Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP), an international organization working in partnership with the Israeli government, is helping to strengthen Jewish families and cultivate future community leaders by providing heavily subsidized trips to Israel for Jewish mothers. The participants are only responsible for their flights, tips, and application fee.

In return for this generous gift, the participants agree to take part in a 12-month leadership development and education program which takes place one evening each month. Our trip will take place November 7-17 2016.

We want to give everyone in the community an opportunity to apply for a spot on the trip and will hold a recruitment event on Wednesday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at a private home. A staff person from JWRP will be here in Louisville to present the information about the trip to prospective participants and to answer questions. To receive the address, RSVP to [www.jewishlouisville.org/jwrp](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/jwrp).

Since it is our first time doing it, we will only be able to take 12 participants on the trip. There are a few criteria that women must meet to be selected for the program: Participants must have children under the age of 18 living at home and preference will be given to those who have never been to Israel before. If you feel that you meet these requirements, I welcome you to join us for this informational meeting.

For me personally, I feel that this trip



Charley, Dara and Hailey Woods.

has the potential to create new female connections with other moms in Louisville who are raising their kids in Jewish homes. More than likely, there will be much commonality in our upbringings and values, making it easy to become fast friends.

I believe the group of moms who take this journey together will ultimately come back a cohesive group of women who will continue to do things together and possibly even become future leaders in our Jewish community. I am so excited that we succeeded in bringing this program to our community and hope that this is the first of many trips offered for Jewish mothers here.

## MOSAICS

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A cocktail reception at 5 p.m. will feature a showcase of new micro-businesses created by entrepreneurs who have received training and financial assistance from the JFCS Navigate Enterprise Center.

"Many new businesses only have a small budget for marketing," explained Jarett Duker, Navigate director. "By introducing our businesses to the people attending the MOSAIC Awards, we hope to generate interest in the products and services they provide and create new clients for them."

Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is the title sponsor and WLKY 32 is the media sponsor. Papercone Corporation, PharMerica and Kindred Healthcare are also major sponsors.

Event Chair Barbara Sexton-Smith said, "We are happy to have Viki and Paul Diaz as our honorary chairs this year. Paul is a past honoree and executive vice chairman of Kindred, and we hope that their participation will generate a whole new level of interest for the event."

Tickets to the event are \$125 per person, and table sponsorships begin at \$1,500. For reservations, contact Beverly Bromley, JFCS director of development, at 502-452-6341, ext. 223, or [bbromley@jfcslouisville.org](mailto:bbromley@jfcslouisville.org).

### Honorees

Dr. Emma Birks from Great Britain is a professor of medicine and director of the Heart Failure, Transplantation & Mechanical Circulatory Support program in the Cardiovascular Division at the University of Louisville and Jewish Hospital, Kentucky OneHealth.

She developed a myocardial recovery program and the burgeoning Ventricular Assist Devices and Transplant programs in Louisville. She currently teaches cardiology fellows and residents and started a heart failure fellowship program.

Dr. Birks works closely with cardiothoracic surgery and biomedical engineering and is involved in translational studies. Her research focuses on inducing myocardial recovery and on the underlying molecular mechanisms in recovery; i.e. in the reversal of heart failure.

She has an international reputation in her field. She has lectured nationally and internationally and published widely in the area of heart failure, left ventricular assist devices and transplantation, and is a frequent research contributor to the American Heart Association.

Dr. Manuel Grimaldi came from Spain to the United States in order to be certified in internal medicine (1976) and medical oncology (1977). He joined the practice of Drs. Beard, Fuller and Dobbs currently known as CBC in 1977.

He has won numerous accolades, including the American Cancer Society Physician of the Year Award in 2010 and The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Award. Upon retirement, he became a volunteer through the Greater Louisville Medical Society, donating his time, knowledge and service in medical missionary trips to Nicaragua and Belize.

Dr. Grimaldi has traveled to Nicaragua numerous times with Hand to Hand Ministries, visiting hospitals and clinics where he provided families, women and children with routine health care that would otherwise be unavailable to them. He raised funds to build homes in Belize and also served as a medical missionary for homebound families living with HIV.

Oksana Masters from Ukraine was born with several radiation-induced birth defects. She was abandoned and lived in orphanages until she was seven. She endured surgeries, amputations, hunger and physical abuse, something no child should have to endure; yet she survived.

Masters and her partner, Rob Jones earned a bronze medal in trunk & arms rowing at the 2012 Paralympics. This was the first medal for the USA in this category. She was then named US Rowing Female Athlete of the Year in 2012, first time ever for a para-rower.

In 2014, after one full season on sit-skis, Oksana earned a silver and bronze medal in Nordic Cross Country at the Paralympics. In 2015, during her next season on snow, she earned cross country World Championship medals and was World Cup Leader.

She also earned a bronze medal at the Paracycling World Championships in 2015 as well as numerous medals in World Cup competitions in cross country, biathlon and handcycling.

Thangam "Sam" Rangaswamy from India is the president and principal engineer of Rangaswamy & Associates, Inc., which he started after receiving his Ph.D. in engineering from the University of Kentucky.

He has taught concrete courses at the U of L Speed School of Engineering. He is the founder of the Structural Engineering Association of Kentucky and served as its president, director and secretary. He has also served as Kentucky Minority Business Development Council treasurer, secretary and board member.

Rangaswamy was given the U.S. Small Business Administration Person of the Year Award in 1985. He is a registered engineer in nine states and has received many national structural engineering and concrete masonry design awards.

He is currently serving on the Parking Authority of River City Board (PARC) and the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure. Dr. Rangaswamy was a founding trustee involved in the building and opening of the Hindu Temple of Kentucky and organized the India Community Foundation of Louisville.

Originally from South Africa, Dr. Riaan van Zyl's leadership and involvement in progressive social matters has developed solutions that work, such as the first alcohol safety program in South Africa's criminal justice system and programs for those with epilepsy for which he became director of national services.

He founded the South African Association of Mediators, facilitated the national aging policy for the National Department of Welfare and united all of South Africa's schools of social work in a transformation process that developed high educational standards, and helped to reform the prison systems.

Dr. van Zyl continues work in the area of prevention of HIV/AIDS in Africa. In 2000, he became the associate dean for research at the Kent School of Social Work. He set about creating a new environment for research, building relationships with community people and creating a collaborative environment where faculty would work with each other to solve community problems. He positioned the school to be one of the fastest growing in the country in terms of federal research dollars.

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# Visiting Partnership Teachers Share Learning and Fun

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

A delegation of 10 teachers from Louisville's Partnership2Gether region, the Western Galilee, visited Louisville April 10-12. They visited Louisville's Jewish religious schools and preschools as well as some secular schools, sharing their ideas and practices and learning from ours.

Efrat Srebro, a leader in the Partnership's Education Task Force and director of the Musical Kindergarten in Akko, served as spokesperson for the group. She explained that the group was in the United States to share the work of the Education Task Force.

Currently this task force is developing a series of games designed to strengthen the ties among students in Israel and the United States. They brought three games to share.

"We have Match Match," Srebro explained. "It's about everyday life, what is the similarity and what is the difference between life in Israel and America." The game works similarly to The Match Game. A variety of pictures are spread out face down and the players have to find the matching pairs.

This game is unique, however, because the matching pairs are not identical. Instead, players have to pair a photo representing how something is done in Israel with how it is done in America. For example, Srebro said, a picture of a cat in Israel would pair with a squirrel in the U.S., and clothes drying on an outdoor clothesline in Israel would pair with a dryer here.

The group also brought history and holiday games. They have plans to develop an entire bank of fun educational games and make them available to teachers across the Partnership. They are looking for ideas for other games from other Partnership communities so

this project is a true collaboration.

Another new Education Task Force program involves music. Louisville's Kathy Karr will be heading up the Singing Together program. The American communities will choose one song and the Israelis will choose another. On both sides of the ocean multiple generations of families will learn the songs together and then via Skype everyone will sing in both Hebrew and English.

In a final program Tuesday evening, LBSY and The Temple Hebrew School students, teachers and their families met at Anshei Sfard to enjoy the new games and to learn a new Israeli dance. Los Angeles folk dance teacher Jane Bernard, who visits Louisville regularly, taught the dance until Americans and Israelis were able to do it together.

Rabbi David Feder, principal of the Louisville Hebrew School and his wife, Karen Feder, coordinated the Israeli delegation's visit and handled all the details. The Israelis, Karen Feder said, "have so many ideas and so much to offer us ... and they're offering it freely."

She said the Israelis are offering more than games. "They have other bigger picture programs ... [like] Generation to Generation." This program "involves bringing children together with either grandparents or other older people in the community. ... The kids are paired with elderly people. The older people give the kids the stories and the kids teach the older people to use the technology."

Feder, who was part of a Louisville delegation that visited the Western Galilee last summer, is excited about all the possibilities and feels strongly that the Louisville Jewish community needs to become more involved and supportive of Partnership programming and more people need to participate.

Another Louisville teacher who visited the Western Galilee last summer and participated in some of the activities in

Louisville this month is Bernard Pincus. His class at The Temple is one of several in Louisville participating in the twinning program. He's been doing it for four years and is enthusiastic about the program and the connection he sees his students building with their Israeli counterparts. He enjoyed this visit as well.

LBSY also participates in the twinning program.

Jon and Laura Klein, Louisville's Partnership2Gether chairs, also enjoyed the visit and the concluding program.

Members of the delegation from the Western Galilee were Karen Donner Ascher, Anat Avisrur, Etti Gimani, Gil Klempert, Galit Kohan, Ariel Lifshitz, Odelia Melamed, Etti Shostik, Efrat Srebro and Toni Ziv.



Abby Mazur and Graham Bennett wear their stickers from Israel



The Pomegranates with the new Israeli teacher friends.

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Efrat Srebro



LBSY Principal Rabbi David Feder coordinated the Israelis' visit.



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Delilah and Bari Calderon, Rose (front), Tracy and Kendall Geller



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# Weitzman Shares Her Passion for the Work Federation Does

Talks about How Selling Shoes Led to Art Shoes and Incorporating Regular Charitable Giving into Weitzman Shoes' Business Plan



Jane Weitzman with her book *Art & Sole*



Event Chair Julie Ensign and Robin Miller

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Undeterred by pouring rain, women from across the community came out on Thursday, March 24, for the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Women's Philanthropy event, Soul to Sole, with Jane Weitzman. Weitzman share her passion for JDC's (the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) vital work, made possible by Federation campaigns, including Louisville. She has served on JDC's Board for 25 years.

As the event featured the former marketing maven and owner of Stuart Weitzman Shoe Stores, it was appropriate that the evening started with a shopping event and reception at Rodeo Drive. Weitzman was available to sign copies of her book, *Art and Sole*, and to visit with those in attendance.

For Weitzman's main presentation, the group moved to Standard Club, made available to the community by Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

During introductory remarks, the evening's emcee WLKY news anchor Vicki Dortch said, "It's an honor to be surrounded by such caring, passionate busy women – women who take good care of their families, their children, their parents, their careers and volunteer. Now volunteers don't necessarily have a lot of time, but they have a lot of heart, and I commend you for all of the work that you do making philanthropy, caring and this community priorities in your lives."

Event Chair Julie Ensign welcomed everyone and introduced Weitzman, who successfully integrated *tikkun olam* into her Stuart Weitzman Shoe Stores, through the use of art shoes, window displays and a genuine concern for making the world a better place.

Starting with anecdotes about a prominent New York physician who misattributed the Talmudic saying that if you save one life, it is as if you saved the whole world to the Chinese and a woman who, at a fundraiser, said, "you can make a huge difference for \$5 million,"

Weitzman focused on the wonderful things that the Jewish community accomplishes, particularly through JDC, "the rescue arm of the Jewish people," for much smaller amounts of money.

After the fall of the Soviet Union, Weitzman participated in JDC's first mission to St. Petersburg. Her group visited an elderly woman who lived in a communal apartment. Seven families with nothing in common had been thrust together into what had been built for a single family. All of them, including several children, shared a kitchen and a single bathroom. The woman had her own very small room and, since she couldn't make it to the chesed, the JDC-run Jewish community center, social workers from the chesed visited her regularly.

Asked if she experienced anti-Semitism, the woman replied, "There's a woman who lives here who goes out of her way every day to tell me how much she hates Jews, but there's no real anti-Semitism." While she was answering this question, Weitzman noticed an ancient television in the room. A crocheted doily hung down blocking part of the screen. Weitzman asked if the set worked and was told, no, it hadn't worked in years. It was just one of the woman's possessions – a piece of furniture.

When Weitzman left the apartment, she asked the social worker how much a new TV costs and was told about \$150. "I pulled the cash out of my pocket, gave it to him and forgot all about it," Weitzman said, "because we went on to see people living under much worse conditions."

"Several months later," she continued, "I got a big envelope from JDC's office in NY and in the envelope were photographs of the woman, the social worker and the TV set, and the woman and the TV set. You would think I had given them \$5 million."

There were also two letters in the envelope – the original, in Cyrillic, and a translation. "It said something like you have saved my life, you have given me a life," Weitzman said. "I have theatre; I have movies; I have concerts. You have

changed everything for me."

Upon discovering the impact of her \$150 gift, Weitzman brought the issue to the next JDC Board meeting and through JDC, inaugurated a program to repair or replace televisions for elderly, isolated Jews like the woman she had met, and made a real difference in their lives.

Another issue JDC identified in the huge Soviet apartment buildings is that although people shared space and lived in very close proximity, they didn't know each other. As JDC identified Jewish clients in the same buildings, the agency connected them to each other, breaking down their isolation.

For thousands of years, Weitzman pointed out, Jews have taken care of each other. "That's really how we survived," she said. But she is worried that today, we're losing that connection.

"We have so many opportunities to do good and help people," she explained. "We give to medical research and the arts and all the things we love to do, but we've forgotten that we need to take care of our own people."

"Our children do not understand that this is their legacy," she continued, "so bar and bat mitzvah projects all over the United States are not Jewish. That's fine, but they also need to have a second project that is Jewish and they need to learn that they are responsible for their own people."

Using a brief slide presentation, Weitzman pointed out ways that JDC helps Jews around the world from an old age home in Mumbai India to support for the last 11 Jewish women living in Cairo, Egypt to a family displaced by the violence along Ukraine's border with Russia to a young man in Israel who was so traumatized he lost the ability to speak but today runs a restaurant. For all these people and many others, support from Federation Campaigns, including the one in Louisville, has made the difference.

In Havana, Cuba, Weitzman explained, JDC figured out a way to get food to the impoverished Jewish com-

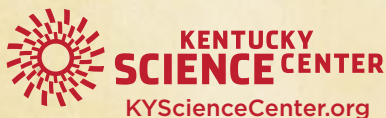
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munity, telling authorities that the Jewish community needed to eat chicken on Friday nights. That reasoning was extended and by insisting that Jews needed kosher food, JDC was able to open kosher markets to provide food to the community.

Weitzman is very hands-on in her tikun olam endeavors. In Israel, public schools get out a 1 p.m. For poor children, that often means they don't have lunch. So working with JDC, Weitzman found a school where most of the students were from poor families and she adopted three classes with a total of 160 children. By providing for these children, she created opportunities for them to learn and succeed and look toward the future. "At least I know that these kids will all go to college and if they don't, they will learn some trade. They will go to fashion school or culinary school or something so that instead of being a burden to the state, they will be assets."

In addition to her work with JDC, Weitzman devotes time and energy to support cancer awareness and research. Initially her efforts focused on breast cancer, but, she pointed out, there has been such emphasis on breast cancer that most people know the symptoms of breast cancer and what steps to take to detect and treat it.

So, after losing two friends to ovarian cancer, she shifted her focus and challenged all the women in the room to become familiar with those symptoms. "Every single symptom is a duplicate symptom [of another illness]," she stated,

urging those present to become vigilant. "So if you have the symptoms, you probably don't have it, but you could." (See sidebar at [www.jewishlouisville.org](http://www.jewishlouisville.org).)

During the question and answer period, many of the questions focused on shoes.

Weitzman's husband, Stuart, grew up in a family that manufactured shoes, and from an early age, he designed and created shoes that are stylish and comfortable.

When she was working, Weitzman ran the brick and mortar stores, starting with the store on Madison Avenue. She used the store's windows to promote causes as well as sell shoes. Art shoes, created by artists to tell a story and never intended to be worn, dominated the displays. She would bring in real merchandise only when it complemented the art shoes and their message.

Jewish Community of Louisville President and CEO Sara Wagner closed out the evening by sharing some highlights from the past year's JCC at 125 celebration and the current Campaign, and focusing on the future.

She called on those present to take an active role as participants and leaders in the community as volunteers and supporters. "It's not your mother's Federation or your grandmother's Federation anymore," she said.

She identified three areas the 2016 Campaign is focusing on: children and youth; caring for the vulnerable; and connecting with the global Jewish community. Wagner called on those present to give generously to the Campaign, and

encouraged everyone to contact Vice President of Philanthropy Stacy Gordon-Funk, Development Director Lenae Price or herself to learn about specific opportunities to volunteer and to explore ways to connect with the global Jewish community, to see the work of JDC first-hand.

Weitzman spent two days in Louisville prior to the event and a series of volunteers made sure she stayed busy, taking her to the Speed Museum, the mansion at Churchill Downs and much more.

Rodeo Drive offered specials and, thanks to Raquel Koff and Michelle Tasman, donated a percentage of the sales to the Federation Campaign. Heaven Hill, thanks to the Shapira and Latts families, provided the beverages, including Pama and champagne.



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# J Arts & Ideas Event: Good Food, Good Music, Good Friends



by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Standard Club buzzed with excitement as a sell-out crowd turned out to hear musician Steve Katz talk about his memoir, *Blood Sweat and My Rock 'n' Roll Years: Is Steve Katz a Rock Star?*, at the J Arts and Ideas event Saturday evening, April 16. The evening also included a catered meal from Anoosh Bistro.

With an easy-going manner, Katz presented highlights and memories from his life interspersed with his own songs and songs written and performed by others that influenced his own music – from jug bands to blues to folk songs to jazz.

Best known for his years with Blood Sweat and Tears and the Blues Project, Katz went to high school on Long Island, but spent a lot of time hanging out in Greenwich Village. He studied guitar with Dave Van Ronk and often found himself in the company of Bob Dylan, Noel Stookey (better known as Paul of Peter Paul and Mary), Phil Ochs and many other then-struggling artists.

In the Village, Katz connected with other musicians in their late teens. When they decided to form a band, they found the only thing they had in common was jug band music. Their first album was



Steve Katz

produced live because going into a studio and producing a record was beyond their means.

Touching on The Blues Project, Katz explained that the song on the second album called “Steve’s Song” is something he wrote, but its real title is “September Fifth.” Apparently, when they

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# Jacob Finke Receives Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Throughout his high school years, Jacob Finke has been active in BBYO at The J, has assumed leadership responsibility and has been a role model. Now as he finishes high school and prepares for college, Finke has been named the recipient of the Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship.

"I'm really grateful for all of the opportunities the JCC, the Jewish Community of Louisville, the Federation and the Jewish community as a whole have given me throughout my life," he said, "especially through scholarships and grants. I am honored to receive the Jo-

seph Fink Scholarship and to be part of his legacy."

An active member of Drew Corson AZA throughout his high school years, Finke served as BBYO Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio regional vice president. In that capacity, he helped plan programs at regional conventions and oversaw the chapter s'ganim (vice presidents).

Prior to that, he served two terms as chapter godol (president), one term as s'gan and one term as mazkir (communications vice president). He has also attended numerous conventions and conferences, including an 18-day Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC) at Camp Beber and International Leadership Training Camp (ILTC) at Camp Perlman in Eastern Pennsylvania.

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temporaire - Mémorial de la Shoah.

She is the author of several books: *L'afiche antisémite en France sous l'Occupation*, (Berg International, 2008); *Exil impossible. L'errance des réfugiés juifs du paquebot « St. Louis »* (L'Harmattan, 2005), co-author with Serge Klarsfeld of *La spoliation dans les camps de province*, (La documentation française, 2000).

She also contributed to "The 'Care and Maintenance in Germany' Collection - A Reflection of DP Self-Identification and Postwar Emigration", In: *Jahrbuch des International Tracing Service*, (Wallstein Verlag, 2014). *Repicturing the Second World War. Representations in Film and Television*, (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007); *Evoking Genocide. Scholars and Activists Describe the Works That*

*Shaped Their Lives*, (The Key Publishing House Inc, 2009) and wrote more than 20 articles related to the Holocaust.

Her cousin, Louisvillian Leon Wahba, says, "The Holocaust and all its aspects have been Diane's passion all of her life. She has researched it, written about it, and spoken about it for decades. And she has traveled the world speaking about it."

Chavurat Shalom is a community of Jewish older adults in the Louisville area who meet regularly on Thursdays. Funding for Chavurat Shalom is provided by the Jewish Community of Louisville, National Council of Jewish Women, a Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence grant, The Temple's Men of Reform Judaism and Women of Reform Judaism, and many other generous donors.

This special program is open to the community.

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recorded the album, the producer called the group's manager to ask the name of the track, the manager thought for a moment to identify the track in his own mind and replied, oh, yeah, that's Steve's song, and the producer ran with that name. "I would never name a song after myself," he said, obviously still bothered by it. Then he performed "Steve's Song" for the crowd.

From there, Katz touched on highlights of his career and the many musicians who are well known today with whom he crossed paths. Although it is well known that Blood Sweat and Tears performed at Woodstock, for him, playing at the Monterrey International Pop Festival was more meaningful.

Throughout his presentation, Katz wove songs and anecdotes together for an enjoyable presentation and then answered questions before closing out with a book signing.

The event was organized by The J's

CenterStage Artistic Director and Arts and Ideas Director John R. Leffert, Senior Adult Programming and Cultural Arts Director Slava Nelson and CenterStage Administrative Assistant Anne Ensign-Urtega. It was held at Standard Club and was made possible by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

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# Pressma Awards Go to Daniel Hemmer, Jesse Hymes, Audrey Nussbaum, Bradley Schwartz, Emily Schulman

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

For many Jewish teens in Louisville, BBYO is a major part of their lives throughout their high school years. Those who participate in the program develop leadership skills and strong Jewish identities.

In recognition of their achievements in BBYO, Daniel Hemmer, Jesse Hymes, Audrey Nussbaum, Bradley Schwartz and Emily Schulman will receive Stuart Pressma Student Leadership Awards.

All of the students expressed gratitude for the awards.

## Daniel Hemmer

For Daniel Hemmer, BBYO was a way to stay connected with his friends. His best friends in Louisville were members of Drew Corson AZA, so Hemmer enjoyed going to chapter activities to hang out with them.

When his younger brother, David, joined the chapter, he enjoyed the opportunity to spend more time with his sibling and to get to know his friends.

Camp Livingston has also been a big part of his life – he spent six or seven summers there. Since most of his Livingston friends live in the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio (KIO) BBYO region and they are active in their hometown BBYO chapters, Hemmer went to a lot of BBYO regional conventions to maintain those connections.

Locally, he served a term as chapter moreh (recruitment vice president), and chapter membership doubled from 20 to 40.

A member of The Temple, Hemmer has worked as a sixth grade teaching assistant since his bar mitzvah. He enjoys teaching the prayers the students will need for bar and bat mitzvah as well as Hebrew vocabulary.

A senior at Ballard, Hemmer has been on the school's varsity tennis team for three years. Next fall, he will attend the

University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Although he has not settled on a major, he is interested in the medical business field.

Hemmer is the son of Caryl and Todd Hemmer and he has two siblings, David and Elizabeth.

## Jesse Hymes

Jesse Hymes joined BBYO in the eighth grade and has been active ever since. In the Jay Levine BBG chapter, she held the position of s'ganit (vice president of programming) for two years. "I loved doing that," she said. She has also served as mazkira (vice president of communications) on the KIO Regional Board.

When she was younger, her favorite part of BBYO was being friends with the older girls. "Now, I'm one of the girls that the others look up to."

Last summer she participated in a BBYO trip to Bulgaria, and experience she shared with the community at the Federation Campaign's Major Gifts Dinner. "My group was a close knit group of ... 30 American and 40 international teens from Bulgaria, Serbia, Turkey and beyond. For 12 days, I learned about the Bulgarian society, took part in community service projects and formed new friendships," she said.

Although members of the group spoke 10 different languages, they managed to communicate and form lasting friendships. After returning home, the language barrier became more of an issue over social media. Determined to maintain the connections she had made, Hymes organized a six-day regional fundraiser, and as a result, was able to bring some of the international teens to the U.S. for a convention in October.

She also participated in J-Serve, an international day of youth service, every year.

Hymes is the 2016 recipient of the March of the Living Scholarship provided by the fund established by Natania Lipp, and is currently on the March.

She is a senior at Ballard High School, where she played field hockey and served as editor of the school's yearbook. Next year, she will attend the University of Kentucky, where she will major in journalism.

Hymes is the daughter of Dena and Bill Hymes, and has a sister, Kelly, and two brothers, David and Robert.

## Audrey Nussbaum

Since the eighth grade, Audrey Nussbaum has been an active and involved teen in the Jewish community – first as a member of the Teen Connection and later as a member of Jay Levine BBG. Freshman year, she ran for a board posi-

tion and was elected mazkira (vice president of communication and secretary of the chapter's website).

She received the Ellen Faye Garmon award that enabled her to attend BBYO's International Convention in Atlanta and attended the Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC) at Camp Beber. Since then, she coordinated a Regional BBYO convention.

A student at Kentucky Country Day, she plays field hockey and managed for the team. She also plays lacrosse and has a passion for theater. In the fall, she will attend Indiana University where she will major in speech and hearing sciences.

Audrey's parents are Halle and Jay Nussbaum and she has two older brothers, Brett and Adam. The family belongs to The Temple.

## Bradley Schwartz

Bradley Schwartz is a member of Drew Corson AZA who likes to come to BBYO whenever he can because he enjoys hanging out with his fellow chapter members, including the younger members.

Schwartz has served his chapter as s'gan (vice president) and moreh (recruitment vice president). In those roles, he helped plan a lot of programs.

Last year, he received the Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award which enabled him to attend the BBYO International Convention. He also attended International Kallah.

The Kallah program was especially meaningful to him. The participants were there to learn, he said, and the program addressed topics like leadership with a Jewish spirituality focus. One discussion about the environment led the group to write a motion to make BBYO a greener organization. That motion was brought to a vote at the International Convention and passed.

The Louisville native is a member of The Temple, where he works as a tutor for the fifth grade on Wednesdays and Sundays. He also enjoys playing guitar in services.

Schwartz also enjoys public speaking. Earlier this month, he competed in the American Legion Speech Contest. He won the local, regional and state competitions.

Next year, he will attend Vanderbilt University.

He is son of Matt and Cindy Schwartz, and has a younger sister, Carly.

## Emily Schulman

Emily Schulman is graduating from Sacred Heart Academy as an All-State Academic Athlete and scientific scholar ranked in the top 10 of her High School class. Despite attending an all-girl Cath-

olic High School, she has remained steadfast and true to her Jewish heritage, traditions, and identity.

Schulman has attended over 12 BBYO conventions, served as the morah (recruitment vice president) for Jay Levin BBG and social actions chair for the KIO Region. Last year, she received the scholarship from the March of the Living Fund established by Natania Lipp and participated in the March of the Living trip to Poland and Israel. She says this experience taught her the true meaning of "Kol Yisrael arevim zeh baze," all of Israel is responsible for each other.

Schulman is vice president of the National Honor Society at Sacred Heart Academy, serves as a Student Council Representative, and is member of Beta Club and Future Doctors of America Club. She also participates in the Y Club's Kentucky Youth Assembly and serves as President of the Engineering Club.

Additionally, she is the captain of Sacred Heart's varsity softball team and was named to the All-District Tournament Team her Junior season. She received the Spring Athletic Award for the top student athlete, and recently received the Unsung Hero Award from Louisville Rotary Club. Last summer, Schulman attended the Brandeis University Global Youth Summit on the Future of Medicine Conference. She is an International Baccalaureate graduate for which she completed a four-month interdisciplinary scientific research project.

Schulman works as a camp counselor at the JCC Summer Camp, where she taught herself sign language to communicate with a five-year-old deaf girl assigned to her group at camp. She has also volunteered for four years at the Little Sisters of the Poor.

She will attend the University of Tennessee this fall on an academic scholarship where she will major in biomedical engineering.

She is the daughter of Butch and Robin Schulman and the sister of Benjamin, Halle, and Matthew Schulman. The Schulmans are members of Adath Jeshurun.

## The Stuart Pressma Student Leadership Awards

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# Friends of the IDF Presents Briefing on Israel's Security

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Many members of the Jewish community regard Israel as a special place – a homeland for the Jewish people and a critical part of their Jewish identity. As such, Israel's security is also a high priority.

Since its establishment in 1948, Israel has faced existential threats. Surrounded by hostile neighbors, Israel has fought war after war. Even in times of relative peace, Israel must deal with threats and attacks.

Thanks to the Israel Defense Forces, Israel has survived and grown strong. The American organization Friends of the IDF, wants to be sure it stays strong, so they undertake a variety of activities to provide support for Israel's soldiers.

Jewish Community of Louisville Board Chair Jay Klempner was introduced to FIDF two and a half years ago and participated in one of the group's missions so he could see exactly what they do. Impressed with their work, he became an FIDF supporter and was eager to offer the group a forum in Louisville when the group's Atlanta, GA, office expanded throughout the southeastern region of the United States.

On Tuesday, March 29, FIDF Southeast Regional Director Seth Baron came to Louisville to introduce the community to FIDF. He was accompanied by Middle East expert Dr. Jonathan Adelman, a professor at the Joseph Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver, who provided an analysis of today's threats to Israel, and Jamie Perry, FIDF's director of development.

What Does the FIDF Do?

Baron provided an overview of FIDF's work, from support of lone soldiers – young men and women who travel to Israel without their families to join the IDF to educating IDF officers about the Nazi death camps in Poland.

FIDF connects lone soldiers with families in Israel so they have a place to go for Shabbat for a home cooked meal, a shower and a place to do laundry. They are providing holiday gift cards for Passover and they do for other holidays as well. The agency also provides tickets to enable the soldiers to visit their families wherever they live in the world one time during their years of service.

At the conclusion of Operation Protective Edge during the 2014 conflict in Gaza, FIDF made sure that the approximately 1,800 lone soldiers "got additional flights home to be reconnected with their families," Baron said. That effort cost about \$2 million.

FIDF also provides financial relief for soldiers in need and \$4,000 a year scholarships for veterans to attend any of the more than 90 colleges and universities in Israel. A \$4,000 scholarship in Israel is a full tuition scholarship. The veterans who take advantage of this opportunity are also required to give 130 volunteer hours back to the State of Israel.

Baron described the program as a way to help the soldiers "transition into life that financially they would not have otherwise been able to afford" that enables them to "become positive citizens of the State of Israel" instead of burdens on society.

FIDF also provides support to those wounded in their service.

The Southeast Regional office has adopted the Combat Intelligence Brigade and directs most of their efforts to that group. "Their job is to look after Israel," he said, "ours is to look after them."

Threats to Israel

To transition into an analysis of the current threats to Israel, Dr. Adelman said Baron's presentation made him wonder if there were no organization like IDF, what would have been the fate of the Jewish people. When the Romans conquered Jerusalem in the year 70, they destroyed the Second Temple and either

killed or expelled the rest.

"At that time, there were by one study, 7 million Jews in the world," Adelman said. "According to the demographer, if nothing bad had happened to the Jewish people, just by virtue of the number of children that they typically have had and a number of other factors, there should be in the world today, they decided, about 100 million Jews. That means that 87 percent of them were either killed, forcibly converted or other terrible things happened."

When Israel was founded in 1948, it was a weak third world country and there were a number of times through the years whether this haven for Jews everywhere would survive as a nation was in question.

Today, Israel is a strong, capable first world nation that excels in agriculture, water development, high tech and more. Still, there are still challenges to Israel's security, and Adelman put them into three categories: existential threats, threats that would inflict great damage but not destroy the state and minimal dangers.

Iran, Adelman said, is the only "country in the Middle East today that wants to thoroughly destroy the State of Israel." Just a few weeks ago, Iran test fired missiles that reiterated their intent to annihilate Israel.

The agreement that is supposed to keep Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons is problematic, according to Adelman. It leaves Iran just three to 12 months from acquiring the ability to destroy Israel.

Things have changed a great deal since the Cold War, he pointed out. At that time, rockets used liquid fuel and it took hours to prepare for launch, and if the Soviet Union had launched a rocket, it would take hours to cover the

6,000 miles to reach its target. In addition, the United States is so large. 3.5 million square miles, that even with a volley of nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union would have been able to destroy the United States. It would not even have been able to eliminate all its nuclear weapons.

Fast forward to today. It takes only minutes to prepare a missile to launch. Israel is barely 600 miles from Iran, so it would take a missile just 11 minutes to reach Israel. In addition, Israel is only 8,000 square miles in size and its population is concentrated in 42 percent of the land.

One Israeli study, Adelman stated, estimates that a nuclear first strike on Israel would kill 800,000 people. A volley would destroy the country and 11 minutes from launch to strike would not give Israel time to protect its population.

In addition, Iran's proxies in Hezbollah, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard forces and the Shiite militias it supports are only a couple of dozen miles away.

"The core issue for Israel," he said, "is to develop the capacity to be able to deal with the kind of threat that the United States did not have to face during the Cold War."

In the intermediate level, "enemies capable of inflicting significant destruction on the State of Israel, but ... not capable of destroying the country," Adelman points to Hezbollah and Hamas.

Hezbollah has amassed an arsenal of 150,000 rockets, Adelman claimed. If they were launched in salvos of 100 or 200, Iron Dome, Israel's defense weapon that intercepts rockets, would be unable to keep up and there would be significant loss of life and damage.

There is good news, too, Adelman said. In addition to its financial and

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# One-Armed Israeli Soldier Shares Story of Resolve and Determination

by Matt Goldberg, Director  
Jewish Community Relations Council

Israeli Army veteran and reservist Izzy Ezagui spoke at the University of Louisville on the evening of March 22, with many people in attendance including anti-Zionist protestors holding placards and Palestinian flags. Ezagui treated everyone with respect and kindness and the event happened without incident.

Ezagui relayed his compelling life story and what led him to join the Israeli Army. He was born in New York, but grew up in Miami where, at the young age of 8, he was told by his parents that the family was now becoming religious.

Initially resistant to this big change (he said he did not want to give up cartoons on Saturday mornings), he started going to Jewish day school and Yeshiva. He was not particularly enamored with school but he did take an immediate liking to the subject of Jewish history.

Learning for the first time about the Holocaust at age 12, he was deeply affected and was concerned about the wellbeing of the present day Jewish community. For his bar mitzvah, he and his family went to Israel where he had a very close call with a terror attack, just missing the bombing of Sbarro's Pizza in Jerusalem which killed 15 people.

A Birthright Israel trip was an epiphany for him. The most profound part of his trip was his exposure to the Israeli soldiers and the realization that they were risking their lives for their fellow

Jews. Shortly thereafter, while walking the streets of Jerusalem, he made his final decision to join the IDF, which he did less than a year later.

After 9 months of training and learning the language (he said the best way to learn a new language is to join the military), he was informed that his unit was being sent to the border with Gaza and that they were at war.

Ezagui hid the fact that he was actually in a war zone from his mother, never telling her that he was in danger. As he was contemplating whether to tell her about the precariousness of his situation, the decision was made for him. A 120 mm mortar landed right near him, taking his dominant arm off instantly. Despite the pain and the blood loss, Ezagui said, his biggest fear was that his mother would find out he was hurt by seeing him on TV.

When Ezagui woke up from surgery, he resolved to return to a combat position in the army. After relearning how to do the basic tasks of everyday life with one hand, he committed himself to months and months of brutal retraining.

After realizing that he was never going to return to combat if he was still taking his pain medication, he quit cold turkey. He finally made it, joining the Special Forces as a sharpshooter. Currently, he is in the reserves and returns to Israel every year to continue his service.

During the question and answer period, Ezagui was generous in letting the protestors ask some of the questions.

One question was about the unfairness of Birthright Israel bringing Jews to Israel, while Palestinians have no such program. Ezagui responded that the Palestinians have squandered millions of dollars in international aid, and since Birthright is privately funded, the Palestinians are more than welcome to create a similar program.

When questioned about Israel's actions in Gaza during Operation Cast Lead, he replied that he was there and that every Israeli soldier he came into contact with was simply trying to protect innocent civilians in Israel and that the death of anyone on either side of the conflict was a terrible thing.

Finally when asked about the prospect for peace, he admitted that over the years he has become more pessimistic about a permanent peace, but he wishes that there could be peace between Israel and the Palestinians.



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Ezagui visited Louisville to provide an alternative and Zionist narrative about Israel on the University of Louisville campus. His talk was co-sponsored by Hillel and the Jewish Community Relations Council, and was made possible by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.



Izzy Ezagui

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Matt, Bradley, Carly and Cindy Schwartz

## Crowd Satisfies Cravings at “Keep It Kosher”

by Karen Siegelman  
Special to Community

The sign outside Galaxie Restaurant in NuLu touted “Louisville’s Greatest Margaritas,” but on a recent Sunday morning, it was the bistro’s kosher menu that attracted a large crowd.

Galaxie Restaurant, along with Rye on Market and Nancy’s Bagels, joined together with Vaad HaKashrut to host a “Keep It Kosher” Community Brunch on Sunday, April 17.

The Vaad, which has been dedicated to promoting Jewish life in Louisville for over a century, has taken on a new role of becoming a local resource for the entire community. Sasha Chack, who was recently hired to develop programs and events that support the Vaad’s expanded mission and services, has experience in operating kosher restaurants in the New York City area. The “Keep It Kosher” Community Brunch is among the many events, programs and classes he wants to offer to increase kosher presence in Louisville.

Chack said the “Keep it Kosher” event

was unprecedented. “The Vaad has never collaborated with three non-kosher businesses to offer a kosher food experience,” Chack said. “This event brings not only the Jewish community, but the whole community at large, together to experience Jewish food.”

Doug Petry, one of the owners of Galaxie, said the long line that began forming outside of the restaurant just after the doors opened at 10 a.m., said, “The crowd shows that there are a lot of people who like eating this way. This is something that is not present in Louisville. There are plenty of options for finding other types of cuisine, but not kosher food.”

The “Keep It Kosher” brunch attracted not only those who craved kosher food, but some who needed an explanation of menu items such as “pickled herring” and “salmon gravlax.”

Melissa Bales admitted she had no idea what she was getting into when she accepted Ben Winter’s invitation to the brunch. Winter advised his co-worker to try the halva truffles, but not the pickled herring, for her first kosher experience.

“I have a little knowledge about bagels, but that’s about it,” said Bales. “I am going to take it slow and not be too adventurous today. If I like what I eat here today, I’ll definitely try kosher food again.”

Ben Winter said he was “surprised and delighted” to see the line extend “out the door.” He and his wife brought along their 20-month-old daughter, Louise, and wanted her to sample pickles, while they feasted on smoked salmon.

“There is nowhere to get kosher food in Louisville,” Winter said. “We end up having to bring kosher food back with us from New York anytime we visit our family there.”

Julia Winter added that she and Ben both grew up in the Northeast and “had the option of eating at so many different kosher restaurants.”

“It’s comfort food to us,” said Julia Winter, “and we want to be able to have our daughter experience kosher food too.”

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technologic success, the alignment of countries in the Middle East is changing. Iran is a threat not only to Israel, but also to many of its neighbors.

Recently the Grand Ayatollah Khomeini’s chief of staff was asked what Iran’s ultimate goal is. Adelman said, “He said our grand goal is simple. We want to resurrect the Persian Empire in the Middle East and move our capitol to Baghdad.”

“For the first time,” he said, “we see Sunni Arab states that want to line up with Israel in public.” Egypt’s president Abdel Fattah el-Sisi is working with Israel against terrorist organizations in the Sinai.

An advisor to Saudi Arabia’s King Salman “came out in public and said it’s time to stop looking at Israel as the enemy. Israel is a country we need on our side.”

Jordan has long been friendly with Israel. An Israeli paper even reported that Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu meets monthly with King Abdullah to coordinate action. In addition, Adelman said it was reported that Netanyahu told the Jordanians, “Don’t worry. If ISIS comes too close to the border, we’ll stop them.”

Adelman also discounts Syria. He believes it will never again be a unified state, but will reemerge as three, four or five separate parts.

Another sea change is Israel’s acceptance in the world. In the late 40’s and early 50’s, he explained, Israel was recognized by about 30 countries. By 1988, that number had climbed to 80. Today, 162 countries recognize Israel and it is succeeding in establishing ties with countries like Russia, China and India for the first time.

In addition, Israel’s ties with the United States remain strong and its connection to the American Jewish community is viewed as critical.

The purpose of the meeting was to raise awareness and support for FIDF in Louisville. For more information about the organization, go to [www.fidf.org](http://www.fidf.org).

## JFCS Annual Meeting Is May 31

Jewish Family & Career Services will celebrate its 108th anniversary on Tuesday, May 31, at 7:30 p.m. at JFCS. Board president, Stephanie Mutchnick, will preside over the meeting and share some of her thoughts on her first year in office.

Debbie Friedman, chair of the Board governance committee, will announce the proposed slate of board members and officers.

Nominees to to be elected for three-year terms on the Board are Lisa Klein, Rachel Greenberg, Amy Gilbert and Karen Sherman.

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Six members who will be leaving the Board are Billy Altman, Laura Klein, Larry Kass, Janet Hodes, Carlyn Altman and Stephi Wolff.

The Annual Meeting provides the opportunity to thank the JFCS staff for their efforts and the excellent services they provide. Also, the Mary Gunther Award for best program of the year will be awarded.

The community is invited to join the Board and the staff of JFCS as they celebrate their 108th year of service to this community.

Desserts will be served after the meeting.



Austin Cummins and Michele Hill enjoy trying some kosher food at the recent “Keep It Kosher” Community Brunch.





# Rothstein Honored for Service to Senior Adult Department

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

The 2016 Elsie P. Judah Award for volunteer service to the Senior Adult Department will be presented to Joe Rothstein at the Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting in June.

Although Rothstein still works, selling

promotional products, on most weekdays he can be found in The J's Senior Adult Lounge where he helps serve lunch and lends a hand wherever his help is needed. He also exercises regularly and is a member of a walking group, and on Wednesdays, he enjoys participating in Rabbi Michael Wolk's Jews and Brews study group that meets in the J's Library.

In fact, The J has always been an im-

portant part of Rothstein's life. "I grew up at the YMHA," he said, "and my kids grew up at the JCC." His earliest memory of the organization is participating in a gymnastics performance at the State Fair for the YMHA. He enjoyed sports and was a member of the Cardinals Intermural which became AZA 404. Several years later, he served as president of the YMHA's young adult group.

The award came as a surprise to him and he insists that he really doesn't do that much for the Senior Adult Program.

He shared that his wife, Elinor Myers Rothstein died less than a month ago, and much of his time in the last few years was spent visiting her.

Joe Rothstein's three children are Shelley (Harry) of Centerville OH, Michael (Doreen) of Chicago, and Jack (Debbie) also of Chicago. Joe's grandchildren are Eric Barnes, Hilary So-roosh (Tim), Evan Rothstein, Connor Rothstein, and twins Alex and Nikki Rothstein. Michael Rothstein is a former chair of the Anti-Defamation League's

Chicago Regional Board.

Throughout his life, Rothstein worked in retailing. He's also tech savvy, and served on the Board and as software editor for KIPCUG, a personal computers users group.

Rothstein said he was raised at Adath Jeshurun and his wife was raised at Keneseth Israel, so when they married, they joined KI. Today, he is a regular member of KI's Thursday evening minyan.

Elsie P. Judah and her friend, Ronetta Mayer, established the Golden Age Group for active seniors when the Jewish Community Center was built on Dutchmans Lane. When she died in 1972, she left a bequest to the JCC, and her son, Clarence F. Judah designated the proceeds for the Elsie P. Judah Award to be made annually to a Club 60 member for meritorious service.

Watch for details about the JCL Annual Meeting in the next issue of *Community*.

## When Tragedy Strikes, We Must Choose the Manner in Which We Respond

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky  
Vice President of MissionKentuckyOne Health

On Wednesday, May 4, we will mark Yom HaShoah. The word "Shoah" literally means catastrophe or destruction. On this day, we mark the senseless tragedy of millions who were slaughtered in the name of the "purification" of the human race, and we fearfully recollect the power of hatred, fear, ignorance and complicit apathy to ignite horrors that should haunt us until the end of time.

Elie Wiesel wrote: "Because I remember, I despair. Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair. [...] Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope too can be given to one only by other human beings. [...] We have to go into the despair and go beyond it, by working and doing for somebody else, by using it for something else." There are many ways that we can commemorate Yom HaShoah, but I believe that one powerful way that each of us can honor the memories of all those who were murdered and perished, is to do our part to ignite hope and work toward peace.

It is no accident that our Israeli national anthem is "Hatikvah" which literally means "the hope." Hope is the most powerful and transformational force we can generate. Elie Wiesel warned of the dangers of indifference. Each of us has a responsibility to fight against a culture of indifference, to ensure that we never be desensitized against violence and intolerance. When we turn on the news or read the paper, and we learn about yet another act of violence or yet another instance of prejudice and intolerance, what is our internal reaction? Do we feel hopeless? Do we feel inspired to work even harder to bring peace in our community and in our world?

We must learn from what we have endured and survived, in order to do what we can to ensure "Never Again." One important way that we can begin to make a difference in this world is by working to ignite passion and hope within our own spheres of influence. While thankfully, our circumstances are radically different, the tragedy of despair remains one that each of us must confront – in our families, neighborhoods, communities and world.

At moments of crisis, every person has a choice: to choose despair, fear, apathy or rage, or else to choose hope. Often, when tragedy befalls us, the question is asked: "why?" From his own experiences in the death camps, Dr. Viktor Frankl emerged with the following insight: "We needed to stop asking about the meaning of life, and instead think of ourselves as those who were being questioned by life – daily and hourly. Our answer must consist, not in talk and meditation, but in right action and in right conduct. Life ultimately means taking the responsibility to find the right answer to its problems and to fulfill the tasks which it constantly sets for each individual."

As a second generation Holocaust survivor, I feel uniquely called to do the work of *tikkun olam* (the healing of the

world). This is at the core of why I decided to become a rabbi – to help rebuild the Jewish people, and to do whatever I could to ensure "Never Again" – working to protect the world from the plague of hatred, intolerance, violence and fear, and seeking to do everything I can to plant the seeds of hope and healing in our world.

This is at the heart of why I feel so grateful to be able to serve as a mission leader for Jewish Hospital and KentuckyOne Health, where the miraculous work of healing and hope happens every day. Not only do I help to preserve and strengthen the Jewish identity of Jewish Hospital, but I am humbled by the opportunity to provide education and awareness about Judaism to thousands of people who may not have ever met a Jew nor understood our faith.

When I help someone experience Judaism in a positive manner, I believe that I am contributing to "never again." When someone experiences healing at Jewish Hospital or at Jewish Family & Career Services, they have a radically transformed perception of what Judaism is or can be. When the Louisville Jewish community supports the work of Jewish Hospital, Jewish Family & Career Services and the Jewish Community Center, I believe that these are all important ways that we work to fight the scourge of anti-Semitism in our world by transforming people's experience of Judaism.

Working at Jewish Hospital and KentuckyOne Health, we seek to create peace and understanding in a world that is far too broken and where violence and intolerance seems to be on the rise. This is part of our organizational call to bring wellness, healing and hope to all. In our hospital and in our community, every day we encounter individuals and families who are plunged in despair. The way we work to support those in crisis has ripple effects that impact us all. This is the work of *tikkun olam* healing the world, one person at a time.

One of the many pieces of Torah that I have learned from Elie Wiesel is that hatred and intolerance has many forms, and that our task, as Jews and as human beings, is to bring light to darkness, hope to despair and passion to indifference. Every time an individual undergoes a trauma or a loss, they have a choice as to how they will respond.

Being able to intervene in those moments, with generosity, compassion and loving-kindness, can heal the most angry of hearts. Being able to provide support to patients and family members in need, thanks to the help of our Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation and its downtown campus patient and family assistance fund is just one way that we are able to bring light to those who need it.

If you would like to be part of this important work, please contact me at Jewish Hospital, and I would be happy to share with you some of the miraculous *tikkun olam* that we make possible, every day.

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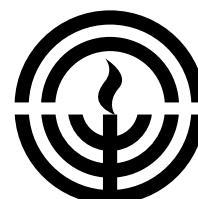
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## Happy Passover! Chag Sameach!

## Human Trafficking Seder Tells of Bondage Today

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

**A**t the Passover Seder each year, we retell the story of our exodus from Egypt and the bondage we endured under Pharaoh. As we sit at our tables, enjoying our freedom, knowing that we are safe, with plenty of food on the table and family and friends all around, we don't usually think of slavery today.

But there is slavery today. It takes the form of human trafficking, addiction, oppression and poverty. On Monday, April 18, KentuckyOne Health; the Jewish Community Relations Council; Jewish Family & Career Services; Na-

tional Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section; Compassionate Louisville; ChooseWell Communities and Just Creations joined forces to raise awareness of these issues through a Human Trafficking Seder at The J.

Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky, KentuckyOne vice president of mission, put the Seder together and organized the event.

When people think of human trafficking, the first thing that comes to mind is prostitution, but that is only one aspect of the problem. Human trafficking also encompasses all forms of exploitation through which people are held against their will and/or forced to do things they might not want to do. The victims are being coerced, lied to and threatened.



Marissa Castellanos

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Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky

Marissa Castellanos of Catholic Charities explained that in addition to sex workers, those who are enslaved today are victims of labor trafficking. Farm workers, miners, restaurant and hotel workers are often among those who are trafficked.

The young are the most vulnerable. In Kentucky, she said 332 victims of human trafficking have been identified – 197 of them children, and the youngest was just two months old. Young people, ages 15-17 are the most frequent victims.

Angela Renfro, the founder of the Kristy Love Foundation, was passionate in her plea for help for the victims of trafficking. She shared that she had been a victim of sex trafficking and did not escape until she was 29 years old. Today, the Kristy Love Foundation rescues people from traffickers, providing them a safe place to stay and a path to independence and freedom. The Kristy Love Foundation relies on donations to fund its work, and she made an appeal to those present.

Tricia Lloyd-Sidle of Just Creations explained that another way to combat human trafficking is to buy Fair Trade products. They may cost a bit more, but as a buyer, you know that the people who produce Fair Trade products are paid a fair wage for their work and are not coerced to do it. Just Creations is a nonprofit store that sells only Fair Trade products.

KentuckyOne's Shane Fitzgerald, vice president of mission for Our Lady of Peace and Sts. Mary and Elizabeth and Flaget Memorial Hospitals, said KentuckyOne's mission is to bring wellness, health and healing to all including the underserved. He explained that when he and Rabbi Siritsky talk about mission, it encompasses not only KentuckyOne, but

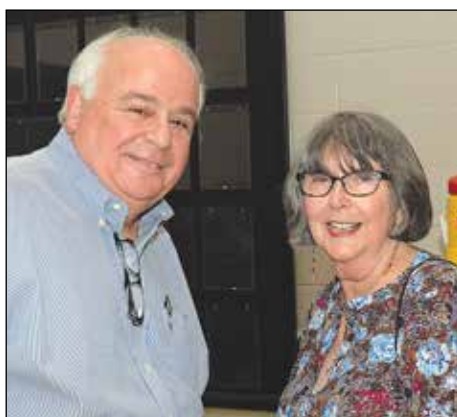
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Shane Fitzgerald passed the matzah to Angela Renfro



Tricia Lloyd-Sidle



Leon Wahba and Joyce Bridge



Shiela Steinman Wallace, Cantor Sharon Hordes, Cantor David Lipp and Rabbi Gaylia Rooks

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# Happy Passover! Chag Sameach!



## The Seder of the Eight Questions: A Lesson in Respect

by Moshe Ben-David  
Special to Community

Months before Passover, I started working with my daughter, Neeli, who was then four years old. Since she was not able to read Hebrew at that age, I taught her to chant the four questions by rote. To add to the excitement, we kept it as our secret.

The day before the Seder, I listened to her for the last time. She could put to shame any 10 year old. The next night we assembled at my wife's cousin's house – 22 people in all. When it was time for the four questions, a youngster was assigned to it, but I pulled the evening surprise, stating that Neeli was the youngest and it is she, who should ask them. Some laughed, but upon realizing that I was serious, everyone stared at her with amazement and expectation.

At my cue the four year old started

chanting. Face flushed with excitement and voice initially shaky, she started, "Ma nishtanah ha-laylah hazeh mikol ha-laylot?" I was a bit tense, but at the end of the first question, I relaxed realizing that she was doing just fine. All of us were either following in the Haggadah or looking at her, smiling.

Neeli was as flawless as a thoroughbred in the Kentucky Derby and now she was turning the corner toward the finish line; that is, chanting the last question. Toward the end she made a small mistake – mispronouncing the word "me-soobin". Instinctively, I corrected her. That was a big mistake. She stopped, pouted her lips as if she was ready to cry, and darted an indignant look at me.

"I'm sorry, sorry", I hastened to say, but I was too late. Her face flushed again, except this time it was a different hue. She was livid.

"I knew how to say it! I knew it and you stopped me in the middle. You, meanie."

Two tears representing both, frustration and anger, appeared in her eyes as she kept protesting. I tried to soothe her unsuccessfully. Her mother did the same. Her grandparents joined in and so did a couple of aunts. Everyone assured her that she was wonderful, but the little one was not consoled. Finally I said, "Can we continue now?"

"No!" she said.

"Okay. Would you like to repeat the last question?"

"No!" she declared. "I want to do it aaaaaall over again."

Many years ago in my history class we were discussing world dictators, when our teacher quipped that the big-

gest dictators are children. That Seder night I realized exactly what he meant. The Seder came to a halt and we could not do anything about it. If we wanted to continue the Seder, we would have to acquiesce to the little dictator.

"Ma nishtanah ha-laylah hazeh," she started all over again.

None of us dared look at her, smile, cough or bat an eye for the duration. The irony of the situation did not escape me. Here we are, three generations of Jews sitting around the festive table, celebrating freedom from tyranny, yet all of us surrender to the whim of this ... this four-year-old taskmaster.

### LBSY NEWS

by Rabbi David Feder  
Director, Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad

Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad is in session a very brief time in April and May, but we are making the most of those hours.

On Tuesday, April 12, we had a special session with the delegation of 10 educators from our Partnership Region in the Western Galilee to actively engage with Israeli life and culture. The previous day, our teachers had the opportunity to learn with our fellow educators, as we shared a lavish spread at Ramsi's Café on the World.

On Sunday, April 17, we had a special treat as we learned about the task of writing a Torah scroll and Jewish scribal arts from Soferet Julie Seltzer. Students had the opportunity to practice Hebrew calligraphy with actual quills.

That program was immediately followed by our interactive Pesach program, "Stepping Through the Seder." Students were able to paint a doorpost with "blood," sample and vote for their

favorite karpas, participate in a matzah drop to see who could get the most even break, create their own charoset, take part in a afikoman treasure hunt, practice Pesach yoga, write their own psalms in haiku and cinquain, and record sections of Chad Gadya, complete with animal sounds. Students completed fourteen stations in all, discovering creative ways to learn about the Seder.

On Wednesday, April 20, students in our 6th grade participated in the model Seder with the Senior Adults at the JCC.

On May 1, our last Sunday, we will begin with a special Mimouna celebration. Mimouna, emerging out of the Moroccan Jewish community, but now observed throughout Israel marks the conclusion of Pesach and the return to chametz. We will serve mufleta (Moroccan pancakes), shakshuka, Israeli salad and more, accompanied by Moroccan Jewish music and other activities.

On Sunday, May 15, at 10 a.m., at Adath Jeshurun, LBSY will honor our 8th graders as they transition to the High School of Jewish Studies, as well as present siddurim to our third graders. We will also honor those students who have won awards in each grade.

### BONDAGE

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the entire community.

Fitzgerald echoed Castellanos' remarks. There is human trafficking in Kentucky and KentuckyOne is working to educate its staff to recognize the victims of human trafficking and offer victims hope.

As the Human Trafficking Seder was an open event that drew people of many faiths, the rest of the Seder was designed to explain parts of the Seder to those who might not be familiar with the traditions while drawing parallels between the Hebrew slaves in Egypt and the victims of human trafficking today. It included tastes of matzah, maror, parsley and charoset.

Cantors Sharon Hordes and David Lipp, Rabbi Gaylia Rooks and Shiela Steinman Wallace presented music to reinforce the message and encourage action, including an updated version of Bob Dylan's "Blowing in the Wind."

Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg wrapped up the evening by sharing the text of the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act now under consideration by Congress. The bill would expand funding for research, data collection and collaboration; create a Na-

tional Runaway Youth Hotline; and require those who receive grants from the existing Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to have a plan for working with outreach programs to attract runaway or homeless youth who are victims of trafficking.

He urged those present to contact their senators and representatives urging passage of this bill and even provided a sample letter. The information sheet about the proposed act and the sample letter can be found on [www.jewishlouisville.org/humantrafficking](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/humantrafficking).

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# Kamen Receives Kohl's Scholarship for Dedicated Service to Others

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Selecting a mitzvah project has become an important part of preparation for bar or bat mitzvah in Louisville, and young teens are selecting many worthy causes for their efforts. It is rare, however, for that project to become a passion that blossoms into a series of related projects that engage the young person and his or her family throughout high school and even plays a role in determining what college he or she chooses.

Yet, that is exactly what happened with Chad Kamen, and his efforts have paid off in an unexpected way. Kamen is one of 10 recipients of a \$10,000 Kohl's Cares Scholarship nationwide. And this is not the first time Kamen has received a high honor. Last October, he received a 2015 Youth Service Bell Award.

The journey started seven years ago. "I was trying to plan my bar mitzvah project and I was looking for something that I could do for speech team," he said. Not wanting to do two separate projects, Kamen decided to focus on something about which he was passionate – food.

To fulfill his obligations, he devised a two-pronged project that focused on hunger relief and "trying to get back family dinners into American society," he explained. "So I went on a mission my first year to try to become an event sponsor for the Hunger Walk."

That was no mean feat for a 12 year old. The price tag to become a sponsor is \$10,000. Kamen was undaunted. He created Team Food Chain, talked with all his friends at Kentucky Country Day and The Temple, sought corporate sponsors and worked with organizations like the Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council and corporations like Whole Foods.

"My first year was crazy," he said, but

it was also successful. "I raised \$15,000 and I really got some momentum back into the walk, which was nice. And then I've continued to do the walk, I continued to do it every year since."

"There's only so much you can do with the walk," he observed, "and at some point and the enthusiasm starts to die off." Undeterred and looking to find his voice again, in 2012 or 2013, Kamen "decided I would try to take Team Food Chain to the state and see if I could bring my project to effect, not just one county, but 120 counties all across the state."

Kamen partnered with the Kentucky Association of Food Banks (KAFB) and tackled two initiatives: to get a license plate for hunger relief and to lobby for an appropriation for the Farms to Food Banks Program. He even became incorporated as a 501c3 nonprofit organization in the process. While he was not successful in his efforts to get a license plate, he did succeed in securing support for Farms to Food Banks. Through these efforts, he also raised \$22,500 for KAFB.

Farms to Food Banks, he explained, is an innovative program in which farmers get compensated for grade B produce, which "they can't sell to supermarkets but is still perfectly fine to eat" and that healthy food goes to food banks. In April 2014. The state legislature included \$1.2 million for the program in its two-year budget.

Today, Kamen is working with the Compassionate Schools Project, a partnership between the University of Virginia and the city of Louisville. The project is an "integrative approach to education in which they're trying to bring ... whole wellness education into public schools rather than just focusing on one aspect or another," he explained. It addresses "the whole of the child," covering nutrition, understanding emotions and learning how to deal with conflict

with others by discussing differences in a productive way.

Last summer, Kamen was an intern with New Roots, "which is a really awesome food justice nonprofit that works out in the West End." He also helped the Sandefur Dining Hall, a project of the Cathedral of the Assumption that has been feeding the hungry since the Great Depression, with their Let's Dance fundraiser last June.

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport "has been my mentor the entire way through and has been my true link to the Jewish Community of Louisville, Kamen said. He also named Dare to Care as a major partner and singled out Viki and Paul Diaz for their help on the license plate initiative and Barbara Sexton Smith for the Compassionate Schools Project.

"Team Food Chain itself was born out of a relationship between me and the Jewish community," Kamen said, and over the years, he also counts The Temple, which is his home congregation, the Jewish Federation and the entire Louisville Jewish community among his partners.

"I could go on forever about all the people who have helped me," he said. "It's been beyond my wildest dreams how incredibly engaged everyone wants to be."

Of his many partners, however, Kamen said his family has always been an integral part of his efforts, particularly his mother, Abby Kamen. "I've gotten to watch myself grow up," he observed, "and also to watch her have this own journey on her really, not the side even. ... We've been partners in this ... [and] I'm so thankful for everything that she's done for me."

"I can say for a fact I would not be the same person I am today without her," he added. "I owe everything to her and my family. It's been an incredible ride, not

only getting to work alongside her as a family member but also as a business partner and someone who's looking to change the world."

He also credits his sister, Samantha, for helping him with social media and collaborating with him on a song for the project, and his father, Craig, for his constant support.

While his volunteer activities have consumed large amounts of time, Kamen still found time for some normal teen activities. At Kentucky Country Day, he has been in the spring musicals and he runs cross country. "I try to keep myself sane by also balancing work and having friends and playing guitar and listening to music on the side, so mostly, my other hobbies are mostly just things to relax and unwind while school and this project have taken up a lot of time."

This fall, he will attend the University of Virginia. While he is undecided about his major – he's considering both media studies and public policy – he has found a "really awesome minor, ... social entrepreneurship which is something I definitely want to explore. It is basically a way to make business models that are also that are helpful to the communities they are engaging with" creating a sustainable stream of funding for charities.

Going to college will change things, Kamen acknowledged, but he still plans to continue his project. "My mom and I are trying to figure out where to go next," he said. "We're in a restructuring phase, seeing what our options are."

"I know for sure that we're pairing up with the Compassionate Schools Project," he said. When I committed to UVA, that was actually in the back of my mind. ... I'm already partnering with them, now I just get to continue my efforts. And so for sure Team Food Chain will definitely continue."

## Dardashti Shows How Mizrachi and Ashkenazi Traditions Meet in Israel

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

The Rauch Planetarium at the University of Louisville is an incredible space for a program, and when Galeet Dardashti delivered the 2016 Naamani Lecture, "Sacred music Hits the Israeli Pop Charts: Money, Music and Mizrahiyut," there on Sunday, April 17, it was clear that the location was perfect.

Dardashti, a Jew of Persian descent with a strong family singing tradition, traced the development of Middle Eastern music, particularly piyyutim from Jewish communities living in Arab countries, from their original religious purposes to their usage in modern Israeli pop music today. Along the way, she shared many examples, performing a few and sharing clips of others performed by a variety of artists.

A piyyut, she said, is hard to define. It is often translated as sacred song, but it is often artful Hebrew poems, some of it dating back to the Middle Ages and produced under Arab rule. Some of it doesn't distinguish between sacred and secular.

When the State of Israel was established, Dardashti explained, the dominant culture was Ashkenazi – the culture of European Jewry – and Mizrahi Jews – Eastern Jews, mostly from Arab lands – were often treated as second class citizens and their culture was disdained.

Today, thanks largely to the investment of Avi Chai, that has changed. Avi Chai is a private foundation endowed by Zalman C. Bernstein, that is committed to the perpetuation of the Jewish people, Judaism and the centrality of the State of Israel to the Jewish people.

Avi Chai funded a study of piyyutim



Dr. Galeet Dardashti, Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman and Aviv Naamani

and began teaching Mizrahi music in casual secular settings. In their forums, men and women, Haredi (ultra-Orthodox Ashkenazi Jews) and Mizrahi, observant and secular, came together to learn piyyutim. It evolved so that all sang together and women sometimes lead the sessions.

With Avi Chai's support and encouragement, Mizrahi sounds and piyyutim transitioned into popular music as well.

The many video clips in Dardashti's presentation were projected on the planetarium's dome above her head so everyone in attendance could see clearly and even the smallest type was legible. The state of the art sound system made the whole range of audio clips at real treat. It was almost as if those present were attending a concert rather than a lecture.

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.

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# Dalin Discusses Presidents' Relations with the Jews

by David Wallace  
Special to Community

Rabbi Dr. David Dalin, a distinguished professor of history at Ave Maria University in Florida, spoke on Thursday, April 14, at the Jewish Community Center. During the event, sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council, he spoke about the relations between American presidents and the Jews, dating from Abraham Lincoln to Barack Obama.

His presentation was scattershot and uneven while covering a great deal of history in the course of 45 minutes. He moved in random fashion from Bill Clinton who made the most Jewish appointees and garnered 80 percent of the Jewish vote in his two campaigns back to the beginning of significant Jewish connections with Abraham Lincoln, the first president to have important affiliations with Jews before and during his terms in office. He also described Judah Benjamin's importance in Jefferson Davis's term of office as president of the Confederate States of America during

the American Civil War 1861-65.

During the course of his presentation he mentioned the following Jewish connections:

- Oscar Strauss, owner of Macy's Department Store and as Grover Cleveland's ambassador to Turkey, introduced Cleveland and his family to matzah. The family love it so much that Strauss made a point of sending a case of the Passover staple to them every year.
- Woodrow Wilson appointed Louisvillian Louis Brandeis to the Supreme Court.
- Franklin Roosevelt appointed Henry Morgenthau as the first Jewish Secretary of the Treasury
- Harry S. Truman was the first executive of a country to recognize the state of Israel against the wishes of

his wife, Bess, and Secretary of State George Marshall;

- John F. Kennedy appointed Arthur Goldberg to the Supreme Court;
- Barack Obama appointed Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court;
- Madeline Albright was selected as the first female Secretary of State by Bill Clinton. Her mother was born Jewish but converted to Catholicism during World War II and she claimed she didn't know about her roots until it was uncovered by a journalist during her tenure in that position.

The list goes on and on the seminal point of the presentation being that Jews have been a key factor in many presidential administrations since the time of Abraham Lincoln.

To supplement this interesting presentation it might be a good idea to read

Gary Phillip Zola's *We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry* which goes into fascinating detail about the origins of Jewish connections with American presidents and the mystical ties between the nation's leaders and the Jewish community down through the years.



JCRC Chair Becky Swansburg



Rabbi David Dalin

## Dalin Spoke about Brandeis at Sr. U.

by Matthew Derrenbacher  
Special to Community

The Temple's Senior University 2016 was a success, thanks to a group of the articulate and influential speakers. This series was brought back by demand from past participants, this year was titled "Back by Popular Demand."

The program included a number of speakers from many professions, who spoke knowledgeably and with passion. The keynote speaker was Rabbi David Dalin, who is a Conservative rabbi, who has authored and co-authored an impressive number of books on American Jewish history and politics, as well as Jewish-Christian relations.

In his keynote address, "Louis D. Brandeis: The First Jewish Supreme Court Justice," Rabbi Dalin discussed the struggles and successes that faced Brandeis, both leading up to his appointment by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court, as well as during his time in office, 1916-1939.

In the face of seemingly overwhelming anti-Semitism, Brandeis's appointment to the Supreme Court was approved. He was a radical advocate for social reform and was able to lobby for significant change.

The program also included a number of workshops including Jewish Magic and Superstition, Shakespeare, Israeli Politics, Passover Desserts, Medical Ethics, Genetics, Political Campaigns in a Country Divided, Haggadah Musical Musings, and even a bit of comedy.

Senior University continues to thrive and grow thanks to the contributions of both the presenters and the attendees. The committees, volunteers, planners and all those involved have helped to make this program an amazing experience for everyone.

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Students and staff at UofL Hillel's Seder. Cantor Sharon Hordes, center back, facilitated the Seder.



The Afikoman Search



Rabbi Wolk facilitating at Bellarmine's Interfaith Seder

## Hillel Hosts Interfaith Sedarim on Campus

by Benji Berlow  
Hillel Director

Local college students shared the Passover holiday with their campus communities with two interfaith Sedarim – one at Bellarmine University with Campus Ministries facilitated by Rabbi Michael Wolk on Wednesday, April 6, and another at the University of Louisville with the Interfaith Center facilitated by Cantor Sharon Hordes on Wednesday, April 13.

Miriam Amchin, a senior at UofL and president of the UofL Hillel, shared, "I appreciate the interfaith Seder because not only does it give me the opportunity to share my religious practices with others; it also feeds me!"

For more than a decade at both schools, the interfaith Seder has become an annual tradition providing the opportunity for diverse faith communities to come together, learn about the Passover story and experience the Seder. About 30 students and staff from a variety of backgrounds attended each. Both included a Passover meal with matzah ball soup, afikoman search and active discussion.

Lilly Pinhas, a sophomore at Bellarmine and co-president of Bellarmine Hillel, reflected, "This year was different because we had a larger turn out and we tried to encourage more questions and discussion. I was really happy with

the outcome of the event and got a lot of great reviews from friends who went."

"This is one of my favorite events that we do in the Interfaith Center!" said UofL Campus Minister Sarah Fellows. "We are so grateful for the opportunity for our students to learn and have a great time – exploring traditions that are new to them but that also feel familiar in a variety of faith contexts. The cantor was fun and knowledgeable, she really helped the students engage in the experience."

"We've been hosting Interfaith Seders at Bellarmine for the past 16 years," noted Melanie-Prejean Sullivan, director of campus ministry. "We have worked with several representatives of the Jewish community and each one has been a wonderful experience for our students. It is especially gratifying when students see the connection between story and ritual – the human need to remember, especially how our respective traditions choose to use similar rituals to teach and transmit the story of redemption."

"I was especially pleased to observe how Benji facilitated the preparations and how our leaders, especially Lilly Pinhas, took the reins of guiding the Hillel students as they hosted a very successful Interfaith Seder," she added. "And, thank you to Rabbi Wolk for his excellent facilitation."

This Passover weekend, Louisville Hillel has been connecting students with community and home-hosted Sedarim throughout the Louisville community.

## AJ Confirmation Is May 21

Adath Jeshurun will celebrate the Confirmation Class of 2016 on Saturday, May 21, at 9:30 a.m. The confirmation students will help lead the worship service and a Kiddush luncheon honoring the class will follow. The community is invited.

The AJ 2016 Confirmation students and their parents are:

Benjamin Berdichevsky, son of Emma and Dmitry Berdichevsky;

Eric Gray Cohen, son of Shari and Corey Cohen;

Abigail Dalia Geller, daughter of Betsey and David Geller;

Noah Howard Goldberg, son of Deborah and Brian Goldberg;

Dana Naomi Hubscher, daughter of Lori and Charles Hubscher;

Emily Grace Rosenthal, daughter of Mark Rosenthal and Stephanie Rosenthal;

Bennett Frasier Schramko, son of Mona and Frank Schramko;

Max Elliot Strull, son of Julie and Greg Strull;

Andrew Benjamin Tuvlin, son of Jennifer and Jeffrey Tuvlin;

Isaac Albert Wolff, son of Stephi and Jonathan Wolff; and

Levi Gordon Wolff, son of Stephi and Jonathan Wolff.



Students and staff at Bellarmine Hillel's Seder



## YAD Gathers to Sample Wine and Charoset

On April 10, YAD gathered at Westport Whiskey & Wine for a Charoset & Wine Tasting. Recipes included California, Yemenite and more from around the world.

Above, Lisa Sobel-Berlow, Hannah Hatch, Duby Litvin, Lisa Goldberg, Olga Itkin, Sarah Bloom

At right, Ben Vaughn, Justin Horn, Justin Smith, Shmully Litvin, Benji Berlow

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## Louisville BBYO Chapters Earn International Honors

### BBYO AIT/MIT Convention

From April 15-17, 25 Louisville BBYO members attended AIT/MIT Convention at Camp Campbell Guard in Hamilton, OH. This convention is designed to give new members a taste of BBYO and to teach them the traditions and rituals of BBYO.

At the convention, Louisville BBYO received word that Drew Corson AZA had been awarded the Henry Monsky International Chapter Excellence Award and Jay Levine BBG was awarded the Miriam Albert International Chapter Excellence Award. Only one other chapter in the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio Region was recognized with an international chapter excellence award.

It coincided with 12 other BBYO Conventions taking place around the world. The simultaneous conventions came together via webcam for a song session on Saturday night.

The following Louisville BBYO member served as members of the steering committee for this convention: Carly Schwartz, Ava Schumacher and Zev Meyerowitz.



The Jay Levine BBG Delegation



## MAZEL TOV!

**Drew Corson AZA, for receiving the Henry Monsky International Chapter Excellence Award**

&

**Jay Levine BBG, for receiving the Miriam Albert International Chapter Excellence Award.**



## JCC Summer Camp Teams Up with PJ Library

The JCC of Louisville Day Camp is receiving 25 books from PJ Library, a program within the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, for the summer of 2016. Over 65 JCC camps are receiving these books this summer for campers ages 4-8 to enhance Jewish literacy in JCC day camps. This new partnership between the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) and JCC Association reinforces the importance of Jewish literacy at a young age through day camp programs.

Through this partnership, JCC Day Camps throughout North America will enhance their programs by using PJ Library books in their daily programming. These 25 books, filled with stories of Jewish values and assorted holidays, will help infuse Jewish literacy throughout the summer.

"Over the past three summers we have partnered with PJ Library to integrate PJ Books into our day camp," said Mike Steklaf, assistant director of youth services. "We are so excited to receive more books to further integrate PJ Library into our camp curriculum."

"I'm delighted that PJ Library and HGF have chosen to partner with us to add the richness of PJ Library books to the resources that our day camp staff will have available to bring Jewish learning to life," said Alan Mann, interim president and CEO of JCC Association.

"JCC day camps are the entry point into Jewish life for over 65,000 children each summer, and we believe by providing valuable tools to enhance summer learning and programs, connect campers to a life of Jewish engagement," said Aaron Greenberg, senior consultant for Day Camp Initiatives at JCC Association.

"There's also incredible potential to reach the 12,000 young adults who work at JCC day camps each summer," Greenberg added, noting that for most day camp staff, working at camp is not only their first real job, but their first exposure to Jewish communal work.

JCC day camps serve over 65,000 children and engage thousands of young adults as staff. Quote from chair of day camp committee/executive director/parent on impact of your day camp. This grant is another example of the broad-based support we receive from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF), both

for JCCA and for local JCCs throughout the country. HGF currently provides fundraising incentives and consulting mentors to 24 JCC day camps and 24 JCC residential camps throughout the US. In addition to marrying Harold Grinspoon's two passions (Jewish camp and Jewish books) the PJ Library® grant for day camps helps unite two great arms of our local JCC partners.

"We are delighted to partner with the JCCA to offer this wonderful opportunity to day camps across the country," said Mark Gold, Executive Director of HGF's JCamp180. "Many JCCs are partnering with their local PJ Library programs to provide another way for the community to impact families raising young children. Since PJ Library sends the gift of Jewish books and music to children through age eight, this is one of many opportunities for mutual marketing support and joint program development."

"When we work together, we can make a bigger difference," said Marcie Greenfield Simons, Director of PJ Library. "By requiring, wherever possible, that a conversation take place between the JCC day camp staff and their local PJ Library program coordinator, we hope to encourage greater collaboration that will lead to greater impact on families." PJ Library often brings out families who have not yet been connected to the organized Jewish community. Working together, JCC camps and PJ Library provide two key resources which can keep young Jewish families engaged year round.

This partnership and program is part of JCC Association's Day Camp Initiative – a continental effort to raise the programming and profile of Jewish day camp.

What started as a small project sending books to 200 children in Western Massachusetts in 2005, PJ Library now delivers more than 130,000 Jewish books per month to children throughout North America. Last month Mr. Grinspoon personally delivered the five-millionth PJ Library book to a three-year-old in Natick, MA. His Foundation also invests over \$2.2 million annually in Jewish summer camps, much of which is leveraged by those camps to provide \$151 million in total impact. For more information visit [www.hgf.org](http://www.hgf.org).



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### FOOD PANTRY

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

#### Suggestions for May:

- Crackers
- Cereal
- Dry beans
- Toilet Paper

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

## Volunteering Can Lead to New Job Opportunities

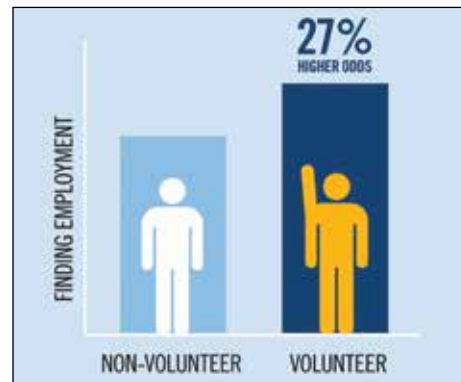
*In honor of Volunteer Appreciation Month, JFCS recognizes our most valuable volunteers who uphold the belief that contributing is the essence of belonging.*

A computer programmer who was out of the work force for two years, volunteered at JFCS as a technology coach for various clients. Her volunteer experience helped her stay current with her field and subsequently she was able to secure a job as a programmer in the Health Care field.

One JFCS client, a psychology student contemplating a career in counseling, was encouraged to volunteer for Seven Counties Crisis and Information hotline. After being a successful volunteer for about a year, he was hired.

Can volunteering make a difference in your next interview? Research from

Source: Corporation for National & Community Service



the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) provides evidence of a positive relationship between volunteering and finding employment.

As these stories show, volunteering has become a pathway to employment for many Americans. Volunteering can increase employment prospects by helping job seekers learn new skills, expand their networks and take on leadership roles.

According to CNCS, volunteers have a 27 percent higher likelihood of finding a job after being out of work than non-volunteers. Volunteers without a high school diploma have a 51 percent higher likelihood of finding employment. The study also found that volunteering is associated with an increased likelihood of finding employment regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, geographical area, or the job market conditions.

Research has shown that volunteering can increase a person's social connections and skill sets; two factors that have been shown to be positively related to employment outcomes. Some workers see volunteering as a possible entry route into an organization where they would like to work.

Learn more about volunteer opportunities at JFCS by contacting Kim Toebbe, Volunteer Coordinator.

### COUNSELING & SUPPORT

#### MAY 11 FREE WORKSHOP for Adults 50 and Older 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at JFCS

For older adults with food insecurities, JFCS offers assistance for determining SNAP eligibility. JFCS counselors take clients through the entire application process. Contact Naomi Malka for more info.

### CAREER SERVICES

#### APRIL 27 & APRIL 28 Entrepreneurial Discovery 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at JFCS

Curious to learn if you have what it takes to become an entrepreneur? Contact Janet Poole at JFCS for more info.

#### MAY 9 - JUNE 6 Jumpstart Your Job Search 7 - 9 p.m. at JFCS

Job seekers accelerate their job search with JFCS Career Specialists. Contact Eryn Heakin at JFCS for more info.

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

High school juniors and seniors learn ACT test strategies to improve test scores. Contact Janet Poole at JFCS for more info.

#### MAY 11 & MAY 18 Learn LinkedIn 3 - 5 p.m. at JFCS

Career Specialists get your professional brand into shape for job search, networking and more. Contact Erin Heakin for more info.

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

Job seekers speed-meet with representatives and community resource managers. Contact Erin Heakin at JFCS for more info.

### EVENTS



## The 2016 MOSAIC Awards

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**MAY 31**  
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**7:30 p.m. at JFCS**

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### MAY 3 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.

#### MAY 12 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.

#### MAY 13 Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group - 2 p.m.

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

#### MAY 16 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.

#### MAY 18 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 10 a.m.

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

#### MAY 19 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.

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

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# NEWSMAKERS

**Janet Jakubowicz** was named in the 2015 edition of "Benchmark: Top 250 Women in Litigation." The annual publication honors female litigators from around the country for their achievements in the field.

Seiller Waterman LLC announced that **Neil Bordy, David Cantor, Glenn Cohen** and **Alan Linker** have been selected as Super Lawyers for 2015-16. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Goldberg Simpson LLC announced that **Kevin Weis** has been voted as a non-equity member of the firm. Weis specializes in personal injury law, automobile negligence law and products liability law on behalf of patients.

Goldberg Simpson LLC partner, **Louis Waterman**, has been elected chairman of the board of the Cardiovascular Innovation Institute, a research collaboration between the University of Louisville and the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

Fultz Maddox Dickens PLC hired **Corey Shapiro**. He joins the firm with more than 12 years of experience in large, complex commercial litigation cases.

A new Vietnamese restaurant plans to bring fast-casual fare to Butchertown area. **Pho Ba Luu** will go into a space at East Main Street and Story Avenue owned by Louisville developer, **Andy Blieden**. Blieden also owns Butchertown Market and sees this restaurant as the anchor to a larger developmental project he has going in Butchertown.

**Daniel Grossberg** and **Marsha Segal** are among Semonin Realtors' list of top agents in Real Estate awarded to people with outstanding achievements in sales and customer service in 2015.

**Reed Weinberg** is among three Louisville commercial real estate profes-

sionals named to the Midwest Real Estate News Commercial Real Estate Hall of Fame. Weinberg is president and principal of PRG Commercial and Property Advisors. The report said Weinberg has become one of the foremost brokers in the Louisville market specializing in multifamily real estate.

Freshman **Pamela Niren** has been elected president of Chabad at the University of Kentucky. She was also named to the Dean's List last semester.

**Amy Niren** was honored with an Outstanding World Language Award in French at Atherton High School, where she is a freshman.

Louisville Orchestra music director, **Teddy Abrams**, won the Bittners Arts Innovation Award for "fueling innovative work in the arts," according to *Business First*. Through national media and collaborations with other local arts organizations such as the Louisville Ballet and the Speed Art Museum, "Abrams uses his classical background and passion for all styles of music to create musical experiences that are relevant for the community as a whole."

According to *Business First*, **Steve Trager**, CEO of Louisville-based Republic Bancorp Inc. (NASDAQ: RBCAA), has proposed the construction of two two-story medical and office buildings on a vacant tract he owns at 4208 Simcoe Ln. The development plan, which is unchanged from the original proposal filed several years ago with the city, shows one building with 24,000 square feet and another with 16,800 square feet.

According to *Insider Louisville*, expect to see more Rally's restaurants develop in the Louisville area in the coming years. The Louisville market has a new franchisee for the brand in **Joe Hertzman**. He's a longtime franchisee for the brand, first signing with the company just after it launched in Jeffersonville in

1985. He's had stores across Louisville, in Columbus, OH, and Bloomington, IN, and in Bowling Green, Radcliff and Owensboro, KY. He's now in Louisville after closing a deal to buy 23 Rally's locations here and in Lexington last month.

"I told him for years, 'when you're ready to call it a day, come knock on my door,'" Hertzman said.

He got what he asked for. And he's got plans for what comes next. Hertzman expects to invest about \$2-3 million in renovations at existing stores.

**Jewish Hospital** unveiled a new lab that will advance cardiac care on Thursday, March 24. Several doctors gave a tour on the brand new invasive cardiology area including the electrophysiology (EP) labs. The \$3.3 million project will make heart care more family-centered and efficient for staff. Funded by the Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's Foun-

dation, the new lab will also include new equipment to treat abnormal heart rhythms.

Becker's Hospital Review recognized **Damian "Pat" Alagia III, MD, CMO**, of KentuckyOne Health, as one of "100 Hospital and Health System CMOs to Know." The magazine recently released the 2016 edition that features esteemed clinical leaders from healthcare organizations across the nation. Alagia is an experienced clinician, health care executive and entrepreneur. "We are pleased that Dr. Alagia has been recognized on a national level for his commitment to excellence and strong leadership," said Ruth Brinkley, president and CEO, KentuckyOne Health. "This is another recognition that demonstrates KentuckyOne Health's commitment to lead the future of health care for Kentucky and beyond."

## CHAVURAT SHALOM



Chavurat Shalom meets at the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42, unless otherwise designated in the listing. It is a community-wide program and all synagogue members and Jewish residents are welcome.

### April 28

No meeting.

### May 5

Mother's Day Tea - Wear Your Derby Hat! Architect, historian and author Steve Wiser will speak about "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports"

### May 12

Dr. Diane Afoumado from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will discuss Germany's International Tracing Service Archives and How They Are Used to Help Survivors, Their Families and Families of Victims

### May 19

Speed Museum Day Trip and Lunch at the University Club

### May 26

Dan Lane will present a music program with guitar and voice

A healthy and nutritious lunch is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Kosher meals are available for \$5 upon request in advance. Walk-ins welcome, but to ensure that a lunch is available for you, RSVP by Monday of the week you plan to attend to Charlene Reynolds at 502-509-9416 or email charlene.reynolds@gmail.com.

Transportation to Jewish events, such as Chavurat Shalom, can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services at 502-452-6341. Round trip transportation to Chavurat Shalom is \$5.

Funding for Chavurat Shalom is provided by the Jewish Community of Louisville, National Council of Jewish Women, a Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence grant, The Temple's Men of Reform Judaism and Women of Reform Judaism, and many other generous donors.

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# AROUND TOWN

## The Temple Hosts WRJ Women's Seder

The Temple invites women members of the congregation to the Women of Reform Judaism Seder on Wednesday, April 27, at 6 p.m. in the Klein Center. This annual event is sponsored by the WRJ and is open to all women who attend The Temple. The cost is \$10 for adults. Children 13 and under are free. A vegetarian option is available upon request. RSVP to the Temple by Monday, April 25, by calling 502-423-1818.

## The Temple Holds Italian-Style Rabbi's Shabbat Dinner

The Temple will host an Italian-style Rabbi's Shabbat dinner on Friday, April 29, at 6 p.m. This is the perfect time to enjoy the rest of Shabbat with the community – and the congregation's rabbis. Dinner is \$5 for adults; children under 13 eat free, thanks to a generous donation from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

RSVP by April 27 to 502-423-1818.

## Free Modern Young Adult Seder at The Temple

The Temple will host a free modern young adult Seder for community members ages 22-33 on Sunday, April 30, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in The Temple's Klein Center.

RSVP by April 28 at [www.thetemplelouky.org](http://www.thetemplelouky.org).

## Temple Shalom Men's Club to host Teddy Abrams

Louisville Orchestra Music Director Teddy Abrams will speak at the Temple Shalom Men's Club on Sunday, May 1, at 10 a.m. The Men's Club invites the community to join them for a tasty \$5 brunch and to hear Abrams' presentation on "Jewish Music and Jews in Music." An unusually versatile musician, Abrams is an acclaimed conductor, as well as an established pianist, clarinetist and composer.

Reservations are requested by calling the Temple Shalom office by April 28 at 502-458-4739.

## JewLou Goes to Chow Wagon

Young adults will meet at the Chow Wagon at Waterfront Park on Sunday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. Meet there for great food, great fun and great people.

## The Temple Shows Israeli Movie

The Temple will show the award-winning Israeli movie, *The Law in These Parts*, on Sunday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in the chapel. In *The Law in These Parts*, acclaimed Israeli filmmaker Ra'anana Alexandrowicz has pulled off a tour-de-force examination of the system of military administration used by Israel since

the Six Day War of 1967 –featuring the system's leading creators. In a series of thoughtful and candid interviews, Israeli judges, prosecutors and legal advisers, who helped devise the occupation's legal framework, paint a complex picture of the Middle East conflict and the balance among political interests, security and human rights that has come with it.

## WOTS Hosts Yoga

The Women of Temple Shalom will host \$5 gentle yoga with Lisa Flannery of Yoga Loft on Tuesday, May 3, and Tuesday, May 17, at 7:15 p.m. Bring a mat or do instructor-guided poses in a chair. The classes are open to women over 10 years old.

For more information, please call the Temple Shalom office, 502-458-4739. RSVP for the classes the day before by calling Temple Shalom.

## Bellarmino Hillel Plans Mellow Mushroom Fundraiser

The Bellarmino University Hillel will host a fundraiser at Mellow Mushroom Highlands on May 4, from 4-9 p.m. The group will receive 15 percent of all receipts dropped into the GroupRaise.com donation box. For more information, go to [www.groupraise.com/events/12333](http://www.groupraise.com/events/12333).

## Adath Jeshurun Hosts a Triple Crown Celebration Shabbat

Adath Jeshurun will celebrate Derby and honor people celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of May on Saturday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m. The Shabbat will also be a time to honor mothers for Mother's Day. A Kiddush lunch with Derby-inspired desserts will follow the services.

## Temple Shalom Adult Education

Ken Stammerman will speak on Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m. for Temple Shalom's adult education program. Stammerman is retired from the U.S. Foreign Service and has extensive experience in the Middle East, including Israel. He will discuss "The Status of Jerusalem, Key Factor in a Two-State Solution." The community is invited to attend and stay for refreshments after the presentation.

RSVP to the Temple Shalom office, 502-458-4739.

## The Temple Hosts Blue Jean Shabbat/Retirement Celebration

Marie Bukowski, Debbie Willian and Charlene Smith have been pillars for The Temple's preschool for many years. This year will be their last, and the congregation invites the community to come celebrate their retirement at a special Blue Jean Shabbat on Friday, May 13, at 6 p.m.

Dinner from Goose Creek Diner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the service at 7 p.m. in the outdoor chapel (Mishkan T'filah).

RSVP for dinner by Wednesday, May 11, at 502-423-1818. Adults \$5, children under 13 are free. The congregation hopes to see many current and former students and their families.

## The Temple Hosts Guest Speaker Rabbi Dan Judson

Rabbi Judson, a financial structure professional, will speak Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m.

Judson teaches at the Hebrew College Rabbinical School in Boston and serves on the national faculty for the Union of Reform Judaism as an expert on synagogue finances. His research on synagogues that have eliminated dues has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *Reform Judaism* magazine, and the New York newspaper *The Jewish Week*.

He recently completed his Brandeis University doctoral dissertation about the history of synagogue finances, *Pennies From Heaven: The History of American Synagogues and Money*, and he will be at The Temple discussing his findings.

All community members are invited to attend and hear Rabbi Judson speak about his research.

## The J Book Club Discusses 'Hunger Games'

The J's Book Club will read and discuss *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins on Monday, May 16, at 11 a.m. The book takes place in the future country of Panem, where one boy and one girl from each district participates in games during which they fight to the death. The final winner receives awards. Although written for older teens, discussions and themes will be appropriate for everyone. The discussion is led by Evie Topcik, former librarian, and Slava Nelson, senior adult programming and cultural arts director.

## Adath Jeshurun Hosts Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation

Join Deborah Slosberg on Saturday, May 21, at 10:30 a.m. for Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation at Adath Jeshurun. Short & Sweet is a family service for students in grades K through 7, their parents and grandparents. The community is invited.

## The Temple Holds Jacksonland Lecture Series

The Temple will hold The Gertrude Polk Brown Lecture Series: *Jacksonland* on Monday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. *Jacksonland* is the thrilling narrative history of two men – President Andrew Jackson and Cherokee Chief John Ross – who led their respective nations at a crossroads of American history.

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At stake in this struggle was the land of the Five Civilized Tribes. In shocking detail, *Jacksonland* reveals how Jackson, as a general, extracted immense wealth from his own armies' conquest of native lands. Later, as president, Jackson set in motion the seizure of tens of millions of acres – *Jacksonland* – in today's Deep South.

*Jacksonland* is the work of renowned journalist Steve Inskeep, cohost of NPR's Morning Edition, who offers a heart-stopping narrative masterpiece, a tragedy of American history that feels ripped from the headlines in its immediacy, drama, and relevance to our lives.

This event will be hosted by The Temple and will take place in the Heideman Auditorium. Complimentary tickets are available upon request for Temple Members courtesy of the Filson Club. If you are interested call, The Temple, 502-423-1818.

## Join the Temple for a Great-Grandparents and Grandparents Shabbat

The Temple will hold its second annual Shabbat for Great-Grandparents and Grandparents on Friday, May 27. Enjoy a very special service honoring great-grandparents and grandparents beginning at 7 p.m., followed by a joyous Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Doing Committee.

Plan to join the congregation for a family dinner at 6 p.m. Great-grandparents and grandparents will attend the dinner free as honored guests. The Temple will also have a photographer to take "memories" of the great-grandparents and grandparents with their families. Dinner is \$5 for adults. Children 13 and under eat free.

RSVP to the Temple Office at 502-423-1818 by Wednesday, May 25.

## The Temple Hosts Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Saturday's year round, interested people are invited to 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 coffee, bagels and other treats. This class is taught by Rabbi David.

## Community Invited to Rabbi Miles Retirement Events

The community is asked to save the date for several events related to the retirement of Rabbi Stanley R. Miles from Temple Shalom. Rabbi Miles has served the congregation and community for 39 years. There will be an Oneg Shabbat at Temple Shalom before evening services on Friday, June 17, from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Also, the community is invited to Shabbat morning services on Saturday, June 18, at 10:30 a.m., and to a community-wide open house celebration on Sunday, June 19, from 2-4 p.m.

## AJ Hosts Deli with Dads

Adath Jeshurun will host Deli with Dad's to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. for a special Father's Day program. AJ will show the film, *Touchdown Israel: Tackle Football in the Holy Land* on a large screen, and serve deli food from Ben's Best New York Deli. AJ will accept reservations until Wednesday, June 8. Reservations can be made online at [www.adathjeshurun.com/deli](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/deli).

## Adath Jeshurun Offers Shabbat Lunch and Learn

Adath Jeshurun invites the community to attend Shabbat mornings for Lunch and Learn following worship services. Join Rabbi Robert Slosberg and Cantor David Lipp for a lively discussion that is open to all.

## The Temple Offers Classes

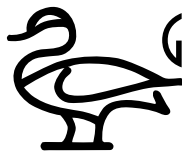
Advanced Hebrew classes at The Temple with Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will meet on Monday nights from 6-7 p.m. This class, called "Bring Your Hebrew to Life!" offers a comprehension-based course on Hebrew reading and grammatical structures which will guide learners to know what they say when they pray and 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 classes with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel at The Temple will meet on Monday nights at 7 p.m. In these classes, called "From the Beginning," students will read and discuss the Bible from Chapter 1 of the book of Genesis. Chapter after chapter they 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. It will conclude on Monday, May 2.

Intermediate Hebrew classes with Rabbi Gaylia Rooks at The Temple will meet on Monday nights 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.

The Temple Scholars Program meets to study texts in the Bible and *Jewish Life in the Golden Land* at The Temple Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. It will conclude on May 4. Space is limited. Students will journey in exploring the Jewish values of justice and righteousness and their application in the North American and Israeli public squares.

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## Birth

### Shelby Nicole Schaeman

Julia and Scott Schaeman of Atlanta are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Shelby Nicole Schaeman, on February 26. Shelby is the granddaughter of Phyllis and Jim Fine of Louisville, and Arlene Schaeman and Jeff Altman of Henderson, Nevada, and the late Stephen Schaeman.

## B'nai Mitzvah

### Benjamin Morgan Futrell

Benjamin Morgan Futrell was called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, April 16, at Temple Sinai of Las Vegas, NE.

He is the son of Robert and Susan (Small) Futrell; grandson of Clara Small and the late Irving Small, Beverly Futrell and Karen Jones, and Richard and Janet Futrell. Futrell lives with his parents along with his brothers, Jacob, 11, and Mason, 5.

Futrell is in seventh grade at Hyde Park Middle School Academy of Science and Math. He enjoys his school and has been fortunate to enroll in the robotics program. Futrell has interests in architecture and design, and hopes to one day put his thousands of hours of Lego building to work in an engineering or design field.

Futrell is an accomplished guitarist. He recently performed as a lead in his school concert. He especially likes the

Beatles and performs several of their songs. Futrell is also a natural athlete and loves soccer, basketball, and especially rock climbing. He is a member of the Red Rock Climbing Center. He loves nature and enjoys hiking and camping with his family.



### Samantha Rose Ogburn

Samantha Rose Ogburn, daughter of Staci and Patrick Ogburn, and sister of Aaron, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. at The

Temple.

She is the granddaughter of Marlene Ornstein, John and Jana Ornstein, Birdie Ogburn and the late William H. Ogburn.

Samantha is a seventh grade advanced program student at Meyzeek Middle School, in the Math, Science and Technology Program. She is a member of the Meyzeek Beta Club, for which she does volunteer work; she is the first chair clarinet in the school band and is a past All-County Band member.

Samantha is a competitive dance team member at Elite Academy of Dance and Performing Arts where she enjoys ballet, lyrical, jazz, and contemporary dance. In her spare time, she loves to read and spend time with family and friends.

The Ogburns invite the community to join them in celebrating this special moment in their lives.



### Emily Waterman

Emily Waterman, daughter of Kelly and Michael Waterman, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, April 30.

Waterman is the granddaughter of David and Cindy Waterman, Margie Waterman, Dick and Marcia Kruse, and Margaret Turner, of blessed memory.

Waterman is a seventh grader at Collegiate where she is involved in drama (she loves to sing!), Mock United Nations and rows on the crew team. She is a self-proclaimed fan-girl of Dr. Who and enjoys playing video games. She loves animals and has recently started taking riding lessons. She is creative, funny and likes to spend time with her friends. She looks forward to summers when she can spend a month at GUCI with her friends from all over the country.

She has volunteered at the Shamrock Foundation, where she gets to spend time with animals. Part of her mitzvah project is building and donating games to charity.

The Watermans invite you to share in their celebration at her Havdalah service.

### Jared Solomon Shuster

Jared Solomon Shuster, son of Melissa and Brett Shuster and brother of Julian will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.



Shuster is the grandson of Harriet and Robert Serge of Scottsdale, AZ and of Claudia and Carl Shuster of Lenox, MA. He is in the seventh grade at North Oldham Middle School and plays the baritone in his school band.

Shuster enjoys playing basketball, disc golf and skateboarding. He is a fan of the Louisville Cardinals basketball and football teams. This June, he will be returning to Camp Livingston for his fourth summer.

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

## Wedding

### Ford/Bass

Patti and Frank Ford of Louisville announce the marriage of their daughter, Rachel Suzanne to Jared Stuart Bass, son of Dr. Jonathan and Stephany Bass of Beachwood, OH.



Rachel is the granddaughter of Arlene and Harvey Kaufman and Louis and the late Imogene Ford. She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Indiana University and works as a labor and delivery nurse in Merriam, KS.

Jared is the grandson of Lenore Kesler of Chagrin Falls, OH, the late George Schatel and the late Max and Ruby Bass. He earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from Indiana University and is a second year student at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

Rachel and Jared were married April 3 in Louisville. The ceremony took place at the Louisville Marriott Downtown with Rabbi Robert Slosberg and Cantor

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David Lipp presiding.

They will reside in Kansas City, Missouri.

## Obituaries

### Sherrie Dean Nussbaum Urbach

Sherrie Dean Nussbaum Urbach, 82, died March 24.

She leaves behind her husband of 60 years, Stuart; her children Kathy (Bruce Holzman), Rob (fiancée Kirsten Schatz), and Mike; grandchildren Amelia Holzman, and Kelsey and Kallie Urbach; and beloved nieces and nephews.

For 30 years, Urbach could often be seen jogging around the Highlands. She also passionately supported many social justice causes with her time and her wit. If you would like to honor Sherrie's memory, she would have appreciated a donation to ACLU at 315 Guthrie Street, Suite 300, Louisville, Kentucky 40202 or the charity of your choice.

### Rosalyn "Roz" Friedman Nussbaum

Rosalyn "Roz" Friedman Nussbaum, 83, of Wellington, FL, passed away peacefully on March 28, surrounded by her children.

She will always be remembered for her compassion and love for animals, as a long-time volunteer at the Palm Beach County Animal Care and a lifetime member of Hadassah.

She was deeply loved by her late husband, Eddie Don Nussbaum, of 63 years; her parents, Ed and Lolly Friedman; and her grandson, Evan Wishnia.

She is survived by her children, Scott F. Nussbaum of Louisville, KY, Gregg N. Nussbaum (Jillo) of Wellington, FL, Karen Roth (Ron) of Boca Raton, FL, and Julie Hanson (Jim) of Clermont, FL; her grandchildren, Ryan Hanson and Joel Wishnia; and her nieces, nephews,

cousins and her beloved caretaker, Sharon Spence.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Donations may be made in Nussbaum's honor to Temple Shalom, ASPCA or the Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control, 7100 Belvedere Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33411.

### Nancy Pollock Wolff

Nancy Pollock Wolff, 60, died Sunday, March 27, at Baptist Health of Louisville.

She was a native of Fairmont, WV, born July 6, 1955, to Elaine Markowitz and the late Norman Pollock.

Wolff was a 1973 graduate of Fairmont (WV) High School, a retired concierge with the Monogram Experience Center at General Electric and a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

She is preceded in death by her father and her sister, Susan Pollock.

She is survived by her husband, Jerome Wolff; her daughter, Alyssa Goldwater (Adam) of Chicago, IL; her granddaughter, Miriam Sheva Goldwater; her mother, Elaine Markowitz Pollock of Fairmont, WV; her sister, Cookie Kushner (Stuart) of Savannah, GA; her brother, Scott Pollock (Marcy) of Pittsburgh, PA; her niece, Michelle Barsanti; her nephews, Jordan Pollock and Brandon Spellman; and her aunts, numerous cousins and many wonderful friends.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Cancer Society or Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

### Joseph Tsozik

Joseph Tsozik, 85, died Friday, April 8, at Baptist Health of Louisville.

He was a native of Russia, a former manager with New Haven Moving Equipment Company and a member of The Temple.

He was preceded in death by his son, Alek Tsozik.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalie Tsozik; his son, Yefim Tsozik (Sofia); his sister, Zina Dubrovsky; his grandsons, Alex Tsozik and Eugene Tsozik (Misha); and one great-grandson, Oliver Tsozik.

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



### Miriam "Mimi" Metz

Miriam "Mimi" Metz, 92, died Sunday, April 10, at Nazareth Home.

Born March 7, 1924, she was a native of Louisville and a graduate of the University of

Louisville. Metz was an advertising executive with The Courier-Journal, a director with Selman's, Besten & Langan and a member of The Temple.

She is survived by her loving husband, Milton Metz; her son and daughter-in-law, Perry and Nancy Metz of Bloomington, IN; her granddaughter, Meredith Metz of Bloomington, IN; and her sister, Florence Horwitz of Cincinnati, OH.

A memorial service was held at The Temple.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to WHAS Crusade for Children, Jewish Federation of Louisville or The Temple.

The Metz family would especially like to thank the people at Nazareth who did

such a wonderful job of taking care of Miriam.

### Rita G. Klein

Rita G. Klein, 90, formerly of Louisville, died Wednesday, April 6, at Cedar Village Rehabilitation Center in Mason, OH.

She was a native of Trenton, NJ, born June 3, 1925. She was a graduate of University of Kentucky and a retired lab technician. Klein was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, the JCC, NCJW – Louisville Section, a life member of Hadassah and a volunteer for Jewish Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Helen Milvich and Samuel Greenwald; and her husband, Norman Klein.

She is survived by her children, Howard Klein (Wendy) of New Zealand, Mark Klein of Erlanger, KY, and Melissa Klein of Sacramento, CA; and her grandchildren, Lilly Klein, Norman S. Klein, Shilo Klein and Sage Klein.

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

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# D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel  
Special to Community

May it be a meaningful Passover for us all!  
"Once the young student, Abaye, was invited to the Seder of his teacher Rabbah. While still at the beginning of the Seder, Rabbah ordered the servants to clear the table. Amazed, Abaye asked, 'Why are you removing the Seder plate before we have even eaten?'"



Rabbi David Ariel-Joel

Rabbah exclaimed, "Your question has served the same function as the usual four questions of 'Ma Nishtana'. Let's dispense with those set questions and proceed directly to the telling of the story." (Talmud Pesachim 115b)

"It was taught, Rabbi Eliezer says: 'We snatch Matzos on the night of Pesach, on account of the Children, so that they should not fall asleep' (Talmud, Pesachim, 109a).

What does the Talmud say? Passover night should be the best show in town. We should drive the kids crazy, so that they ask – why, "Ma Nishtana" – what is it that has changed?

On this night, we have a very special duty – to find creative ways to explain the meaning of this holiday and the meaning of who we are and what we ought to be as a people.

In the Torah, we are told 36 times to remember that we were slaves/strangers in Egypt so we must, says the Torah time and again, be kind to the strangers in our midst, treat them as we want people to treat us. This is because, as our sages say, in each generation must we feel as if we ourselves were there, in Egypt, and were saved. In essence, this holiday makes us experience it ourselves.

This is an active holiday. We stop all, the rush of daily lives. We put matzot on the table, instead of the usual bread; we set the Pesach Seder plate with its six strange ingredients and read the Hag-gadah. We relax on cushions and many of our people clean the house "to the bone" and change all the kitchenware. When we sit down, all this should make the kids ask – what is the purpose of all these strange customs?

Then, we tell the story of the birth of our people, and the special relations that exist between God, and us.

This holiday is therefore the Jewish memory holiday. We remember who we truly are and who we ought to be. We

begin the night by opening the door to our home and holding a matzah and saying "This is our bread of poverty... let all who are hungry come and eat...."

At this time, we also have the obligation to remember the poor, and share our bread with them. We were slaves and weak as a nation at our primal time. Happy holiday!

## The Jewish Book That First Inspired Me

by Professor Shelley Salamensky  
University of Louisville

When I was a child, my parents announced that we'd be traveling from our home in New Jersey to Pittsburgh. It would be exciting, they said, as this would be the first time that I would fly on a plane.



Shelley Salamensky

They warned me that we would not see much of the city itself. They would leave me with friends who had moved there and go to a hospital, where they would consult with a specialist in whom they placed great hope. My father, then in

his mid-30s, was weakening from an ailment that had killed a great number of his relatives and ancestors, all at an early age, far back through time in the *shtetl*. They called it "the family curse." Nothing more was known.

The last day of Hebrew School before we left, I went to the synagogue library – a dark, hushed, plush-carpeted room full of thick, somber-looking tomes. I chose the book that looked most lively. Its binding was red. The spine said *Tales*.

It was a collection of mystical Jewish stories. There is only one that I remember. I read it in my parents' friends' house on a rainy morning that turned into night.

Four wise men had been permitted to glance over the wall separating life from that which lay beyond. Two refused. One looked and was so overcome that he dropped dead, himself, on the spot. The fourth, entranced by the beauty and wonder of what he saw, went over the wall and was never heard from again. This, the tale concluded, was why we have no reports back from the Other Side.

My parents wouldn't return until well after 11, ashen-faced and drained, my father barely able to stand. The friends, who had no children, didn't realize that I should long before have been in bed.

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Candles should be lit for Passover and Shabbat on Friday, April 22, at 8:08 p.m.; for Passover on Saturday, April 23, after 9:09 p.m.; for Passover on Thursday, April 28 at 8:14 p.m.; for Passover and Shabbat on Friday, April 29, at 8:15 p.m.; and for Shabbat on Fridays, May 6 at 8:21 p.m.; May 13 at 8:28 p.m.; May 20 at 8:34 p.m. and May 27 at 8:39 p.m.

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Editor's note: Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, a rabbi of The Temple – Adath Israel Brith

Shalom (Reform), has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.



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