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Summer Camp at The J means friends, fun and lots of smiles. Just ask Abby Multerer, Maggie Rueff, Ella Graves and Allison Multerer . See story, page 16.



JOFEE Fellow Comes to The J

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

There is a new face on campus at The J this summer, and, in fact, you will see him at many other places around Louisville and even the region over the next year. Michael Fraade, nicknamed Farmer Mike, is a JOFEE fellow, and he has come to Louisville through a partnership between Hazon and the Jewish see **JOFEE** page 3



Tiffany Goldsmith, Gus Goldsmith, Mitchell, Kyle and Michael Gordon

Fence Honors Ronda Gordon's Memory

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Ronda Christine Allgeier Gordon was a courageous person. For eight and a half years, she battled cancer, but her zest for life

meant that she continued to live life to its fullest.

"She was just 50 when she died," her husband, Michael Gordon said. "She did a lot of things for a lot of people ... and never asked for anything in return – just see **FENCE** page 5

Anshei Sfard Recruits Rabbis

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Congregation Anshei Sfard has deep roots in Louisville. Established in the late 1800's, the congregation has always been an Orthodox congregation, and in recent years has been the community's Orthodox mainstay.

Today, very few Louisville families identify as Orthodox and the congregation has dwindled to the point that it is facing significant challenges.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining an Orthodox community in Louisville, Anshei Sfard's leadership have embarked on a new direction to strengthen the congregation's core and, they hope, set the congregation on a solid footing going forward.

Anshei Sfard President Roy Hyman and Rabbi Josh Golding reached out to Chofetz Chaim. Chofetz Chaim has a program for young Orthodox men who

study at the yeshiva with the intention of going out to small Jewish communities across the country and establishing a sustainable Orthodox presence.

Hyman said, three men in their late 20's and early 30's have agreed to come to Louisville with their wives and children and "re-Jew-venate" Congregation Anshei Sfard.

Rabbi Simcha Snaid will become the congregation's rabbi. Rabbi Josh Golding, who has been serving the congregation as interim rabbi, is also a professor at Bellarmine University. In the coming year, he will be taking a sabbatical in Israel with his wife, Ayala, and some of their children. He has made it clear that his tenure as rabbi at Anshei Sfard was a temporary arrangement and when he returns to Louisville, he expects to participate as a congregant.

The other two men, Rabbi Yitzi Mandel and Rabbi Zack Blaustein intend to see **RABBIS** page 5

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Gilman Receives CFL's First Wyatt Award

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor



Sheldon Gilman

The Community Foundation of Louisville has announced that local attorney Sheldon "Shelly" G. Gilman is the first recipient of the organization's Wilson Wyatt Award. The award was presented on Thursday, June 2, at the CFL's 13th Annual Professional Advisor Seminar in recognition of Gilman's role as a professional advisor who demonstrates excellence in philanthropic advising.

Gilman is an active lawyer in the Louisville community at the law firm of Lynch, Cox, Gilman & Goodman PSC, and a leader in Louisville in both the general and the Jewish community. He received his undergraduate degree from Ohio University and his law degree from Case Western Reserve University.

He is admitted to practice law in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Florida, the District of Columbia, U.S. Tax Court, Court of Military Appeals and the U.S.

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JCRC UPDATE

JCRC Uses Respect, Perspective, Compassion to Reach Decisions

by Becky Ruby Swansburg, Chair
Jewish Community Relations Council

"We are what we repeatedly do."
– Aristotle

As my time chairing the Jewish Community Relations Council comes to a close this month, I've been reflecting on Aristotle's words. "We are what we repeatedly do"; that means who we are comes from the actions which become habits.



Becky Ruby Swansburg

When I sat down to write this column, I assumed people would want to know: "What has the JCRC done for our community? What bills have they supported? What coalitions have they joined? What events have they sponsored?" I started to list out all the things we've achieved over the past two years.

I'm proud to say it's a long list. But that's not what the JCRC has done for our community.

The question we should be asking comes from Aristotle: What has the JCRC done repeatedly – day in, day out – to strengthen our community? What actions have become habits for those of us tasked with leading Jewish community relations?

I can answer with three simple words: respect, perspective and compassion.

The JCRC is responsible for leading the Jewish community's interfaith relations, Israel advocacy, and social action

issues. As you can imagine, it's not a place where everyone always agrees. But it is a place where important work gets done – not in spite of our disagreements but because of them. How? Because we have made a habit out of respect, perspective and compassion.

I'll start with respect.

Community relations is an interesting field, where the means are just as important as the ends. Our victories lie in *how* we accomplish things, not just *what* we accomplish. And how we accomplish things is through respect.

Think of our debate on the Iran nuclear deal that passed Congress last year. Our community was split on whether we should support or oppose the deal, and what the deal might mean for Israel. This could have led to a shouting match, with one side trying to force its opinion on the other. But it didn't. Instead, we hosted Senator Mitch McConnell, a strong opponent of the deal; and we hosted Congressman John Yarmuth, a vocal supporter of the agreement. We acknowledged this was a complex issue with complex solutions. And because we approached each other with respect, we were able to speak as one community with varied opinions, not a community of splintered, fighting factions. That's the power of respect.

Next, there's perspective.

Respect means I will treat you fairly even if I don't agree with you. Perspective means I'll try to understand the true reason you hold your beliefs. For the JCRC, this means challenging ourselves to view issues through someone else's lens.

When the JCRC was debating whether to support an increase in the minimum wage for Louisville, it would have been easy to demonize each other – to cast

those against the increase as heartless, or those in favor as naive. But we didn't. We used perspective to understand that both sides wanted a strong economy and engaged workforce for our city – they just saw different paths to reach that goal. What's more, we understood both sides were trying to uphold Jewish values in their positions. Public discourse today is greatly lacking in perspective, and we should be proud it's on display daily in our JCRC.

Finally, there's compassion.

The Torah commands us: Love your neighbor as yourself. Notably, it doesn't say, "Love your neighbor who believes the same thing as you," or "Love your neighbor as long as nothing he posts on Facebook offends you." Compassion isn't dependent on how others approach us; it is a mark of how we approach others.

Our compassion has been on display this year as the JCRC cosponsored a Syrian refugee family. Our decision to sponsor the family came after a lengthy discussion on many topics: policy and security concerns over America admitting Syrian refugees; worry over the family's potential views on Israel; concerns about how the family would feel being sponsored by people of Jewish faith. But compassion drove us to a decision. We welcomed the AlSaidis as we would want to be welcomed ourselves. And now, when the AlSaidis speak of their first days in America, they speak of the compassion of our Jewish community.

In the end, Aristotle is right: We are what we repeatedly do.

If you ask me about the JCRC's greatest accomplishment, I wouldn't point to a bill, or an initiative, or a coalition or an event.

I'd point to the fact that Louisville's Jewish Community Relations Council is a national model for civility. We have repeatedly chosen respect, perspective and compassion. And in making these our habits, we have made ourselves a stronger united Jewish community.

Thank you for the honor of allowing me to help lead this effort.

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Sara Klein Wagner Reflects

Rabbi Miles, You Answer “Hineini”

Dear Rabbi Miles,

As you know the Hebrew word “hineini” translates as “here I am.” The word is used eight times in the torah. “Hineini” can be interpreted that one is ready to take his or her role in the unfolding of Jewish history.

It encapsulates you perfectly from the day the Louisville community met you. You have embraced our past, present and future as a leader, teacher and rabbi in our community.

After 38 years leading Temple Shalom, it is hard to believe you will retire this month. Over the past weekend the congregation and the community came together to celebrate your incredible legacy. I am sure you felt the appreciation, respect and love we all share for you.

Rabbi, you have always been my teacher. In fact, as a member of your inaugural eighth grade Hebrew school class, I remember your spirit and passion as an educator; and many years later, as a parent, I know you continued with the same energy and purpose for my children and so many others.

As you know I will also always be grateful to Sheilah for serving as our Modern Femmes BBG advisor. As chapter president, I worked closely with Sheilah and credit her with helping me learn skills I still use today.

In 1990, Howard and I decided to leave Boston and I was looking for a position in Jewish communal service in a Midwest city. Louisville was not really on my list. However I was intrigued to learn more about the community relations position at the Jewish Federation when I learned you would be the CRC chair. I remember your warmth and encouragement when I reached out to learn more.

For my first three years as a Federation professional, I had the privilege of working together with you. I saw first hand how you led the community to grow and strengthen in areas of teacher Holocaust education and Yom HaShoah.

You navigated community dialogue on issues of anti-Semitism, African American-Jewish dialogue, Nostra Aetate (we joined the Catholic community in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Papal paper that reversed earlier church teachings about Jewish responsibility for the death of Jesus), interfaith dialogue, school text book reviews, the Fairness Campaign, Israel's Law of Return and much more.

You have lived “hineini.” You never simply raised your hand to say and “poh,” or I am here. You have given your

whole self to our Jewish community.

Your passion for Israel and the Partnership inspired you to create a trip for clergy and leadership from congregations throughout our consortium and Temple Shalom has also led the way with the Thanksgiving interfaith dinner. Whenever a rabbi or teacher is needed you have been there and we have all benefited.

As one of the many people who has grown and been inspired by you as a warm, engaging, thoughtful and wise man, I am grateful for the lessons I learned and for your patience with our very opinionated eighth grade class so many years ago. I remember the lessons you taught from the Mishnah and how

you encouraged our class to ask questions.

Recently, I was just as inspired to witness a conversion ceremony at Temple Shalom where your warmth and wisdom welcomed a new member of our community.

Thank you for 38 years of devoted service and for guiding so many Jewish journeys.

B'shalom,

Sara

Editor's note: Sara Klein Wagner is the president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville.

From June 16-19, Temple Shalom held a series of events to honor and thank Rabbi Miles for his 38 years of leadership.



Rabbi Stanley Miles and Sara Klein Wagner

JOFEE

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Community of Louisville (JCL) to promote Jewish interaction with the environment.

Hazon means vision, and the organization works to create a healthier, more sustainable Jewish community and a healthier, more sustainable world for all. Hazon effects change through transformative experiences, thought leadership and capacity building.

JOFEE, Jewish Outdoor, Food and Environmental Education, is one of Hazon's outreach programs. A select group of Jewish young adults with a commitment to sustainable living and a love of the outdoors go through a special three-week training program together and then venture out into communities across the country to raise awareness of environmental issues and engage as many people as possible in Jewish food and outdoor education programs.

“I'm really excited about all of the potential,” Fraade said. “There is definitely a lot of interest in this at the JCL. I've visited a few times and met some people in the Jewish community and the Louisville community who seem really interested in doing this kind of work.”

“I really enjoyed the city,” he continued. “There is a lot of great energy, a wonderful sense of openness and friendliness.”

Fraade has worked as a farmer in rural areas for the past two years. He worked primarily with community-supported agriculture (CSA) farms, growing vegetables and raising animals. Fraade says he is interested in exploring how to do some of that work in cities like Louisville where there are larger concentra-

tions of people. He's eager to get people actively engaged in his projects so they can spend more time outdoors.

His two biggest initiatives will be expanding the community garden and partnering with New Roots, a local food justice organization, to distribute fresh produce to places that are food insecure. He will establish The J as a Fresh Stop Market for distribution. He'd also like to start a composting system.

Fraade just arrived in town and began working on June 20. He's looking forward to working with The J's Early Learning Center, Summer Camp and seniors. He'll explore programming opportunities with YAD and would like to work in some adult education, too. He's eager to work with as many groups as possible and wants to “figure out what people might be interested in and how we can address that interest.”

Fraade grew up in Connecticut and earned a BA in history from Yale University.

Asked how he got from Ivy League history studies into Jewish farming, Fraade said, “I'd been involved in many Jewish groups and activities in high school and college. It was a strong part of my identity and it continues to be so.”

“I did a number of different outdoor things,” he continued, including summer camp and Boy Scouts. In college, he took a break from outdoor activities, and for the first year after graduation, he worked for the Rabbinical Assembly as a special assistant to the executive vice president.

“A year after college, I decided I wanted to try my hand at farming,” he explained. “I started learning and traveling and eventually found full time work doing that in different parts of the country. For two years, he travelled, mostly in Virginia; and as he went, he became interested in integrating his outdoor work and farming with closer ties to the community, emphasizing education, justice work and Jewish education, as well as how to bring that kind of work into ur-

ban environments.

When a friend told him about JOFEE, it seemed to be a perfect fit.

Fraade worked as a livestock manager at Waverly Farms and a farm hand through the Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms work-exchange program prior to becoming a JOFEE fellow.

He also worked at Camp Ramah in New England, served as communications chair for a three-day Kehillat Hadar Shavuot Retreat and served as gabbai for the Egalitarian/Conservative Minyan at Yale.

Fraade's first goal is to look around, explore and get a sense of what resources are currently available. He's eager to “figure out who's interested in what and develop partnerships and educational opportunities” as he figures out “where this work fits into sustaining and strengthening the entire community.”

Fraade encourages people to stop by and meet him. His office is at The J, and he can be reached at mfraade@jewish-louisville.org.



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Tragedy Strikes at Camp Livingston

On Tuesday, June 21, Bennington, IN, experienced a violent storm. Lightning produced by the storm struck a healthy tree at Camp Livingston, causing it to fall on a cabin, killing 11-year-old Jady Lark of Bexley, OH. The Jewish Community of Louisville issued the following statement:

“With our deepest sympathies, the Jewish Community of Louisville extends condolences to the family of Jady Lark, an 11-year-old camper at Camp Livingston, who was seriously injured around 3 a.m. when a healthy tree was struck by lightning and fell on a cabin at camp during a severe storm and did not survive her injuries.

“We are grateful that no other children or staff were injured. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

“Camp Livingston is ensuring that grief counselors are available to all campers and staff and that campers will talk with their families today.

“Please join us with thoughts and prayers for the family and the entire

Camp Livingston family as they work through this difficult time.”

Camp Livingston, which is affiliated with the Jewish Community Centers of America, is marking its 90th anniversary. It is a popular camp among families in Louisville's Jewish community, and this summer, 35 children from Louisville are there now for the first session, and several of the counselors are Louisvillians as well.

“As a Livingston alum, the outpouring of love and grief from generations of campers and staff has been overwhelming,” said Jewish Community of Louisville President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner. “The entire Livingston family is grieving the tragic loss of this young camper. Our hearts are with Jady's family, may her memory be a blessing.”

The family asks that donations go to the Jady Lark Camp Scholarship Fund c/o Columbus Jewish Foundation, 1175 College Ave., Columbus, OH 43209.

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Reclaiming Jewish Hospital's History

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

and Kathey Golightly Sanders
Director of Major and Planned Gifts,
at the JHSMH Foundation

Serving KentuckyOne Health as Vice President of Mission for its downtown campus, at Jewish Hospital, the University of Louisville Hospital and the James Graham Brown Cancer Center is an amazing opportunity for me to also serve the Louisville Jewish community, and to do what I can to help preserve, celebrate and advance its own revolutionary vision for a healthier Louisville, where the Jewish

community is known as a pioneering leader, not only for its own needs, but those of the whole community.

For this reason, I have been delighted to partner with Kathey Golightly Sanders from the Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's Foundation to help Jewish Hospital reclaim a piece of its rich and vibrant history. When I first arrived, on the 16th floor of the Rudd Heart and Lung Building, there was a wall of portraits of all of the presidents of Jewish Hospital, except for one very prominent exception: the first female president of the Board of Trustees from 1962-1965, Mrs. Sara Greenstein, or as she preferred to be called: Mrs. Joseph H. Greenstein.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Greenstein left a lasting legacy on the lives of all that she

touched, including Dr. Morris Weiss, who recalls her friendship and leadership as an important step in his own professional career as a young cardiologist. He noted that she "built Jewish Hospital into the premier Louisville medical institution. She was elected to President of the Board of Trustees in an era dominated by men – an unprecedented honor and achievement."

During her tenure as board president, Mrs. Greenstein led efforts to add three more stories to the north wing of the hospital, established the pension program for Jewish Hospital employees, established the open heart surgery team and program, established the relationship with the rehab hospital that would later become Frazier Rehab Institute,

opened the first Cardiac Intensive Care Unit in Kentucky, established the first full-time director of teaching services at Jewish Hospital, and perhaps most historically: desegregated patient rooms and medical staff, leading us to be the first hospital in Louisville to be racially integrated.

Many of the reasons that we are so proud of Jewish Hospital can be traced back to her, and earlier this year, we presented to KentuckyOne Health leadership a portrait that the Foundation commissioned to honor this visionary leader in our community, and to reaffirm her historic place in Jewish Hospital's leadership timeline. We are proud that her granddaughter, Janet Lynch, has given so generously to honor her grandmother's legacy, helping us to purchase a Chanukah menorah that stands proudly in the center of Abraham Flexner Way during Chanukah, and to renovate the historic chapel that had been dedicated to Janet's grandfather, Mr. Joseph H. Greenstein, decades earlier.

Being able to honor the legacies of some of the early leaders of the Jewish community, by continuing their commitment to tikkun olam (healing of the world) with the support of our Foundation, is an important way that we seek to ensure that every generation brings us closer to the prophetic ideal described in our Torah when all people will be able to be treated with the reverence and compassion due to one created in the image of G'd.

During her tenure as board president, Mrs. Greenstein reactivated the hospital's endowment fund, ensuring quality patient care for generations to come. She advocated: "Complacency surely must not be our aim. Feeling satisfied with our past accomplishments – without planning for our future – would be going backward."

As we honor Mrs. Greenstein, we recall her own call to action: "We must work diligently from this day on, to interest the entire Jewish community in our hospital [that we may all] become ambassadors of good will for our hospital." My hope is that she is proud of the legacy that we strive to uphold in the work that we continue to do to this very day, through our cutting edge research, excellent patient care and commitment to redesigning health care in such a way that we more effectively serve the most underserved amongst us.

If you would like to learn more about how you, too, can honor the memory of a loved one, or contribute to the sacred work that Jewish Hospital does in our community, please contact me at nadi-asiritsky@kentuckyonehealth.org or go to <http://www.kentuckyonehealth.org/waystoHELP>.

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A LETTER FROM CAMPAIGN CHAIR LEON WAHBA

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, the very good and hard work of our staff, and the generosity of our donors we confidently predict that by the time you read this piece we will have topped last year's results. And thereby have a bit more to allocate to each of the many Jewish Agencies that strive to: provide Jewish education to our youth; yada yada Longer para here detailing the highlights of where the \$\$\$'s go.

And, a very sincere and very special Thank you! to our friends and partners at the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence for their exceptionally strong support of this year's Campaign. Many... probably most... of JHFE's Board members had, at one time or another, also served on the Board of the JCL. All understand the importance of maintaining and enhancing the vibrancy of Jewish life in our small, close knit, and compassionate Louisville community.

It has been my pleasure and honor to Chair this year's Campaign. We may have started a bit later than previous years. We struggled with a newer, more robust but challenging new computer system with our staff getting hasty on-the-job training. Very shortly after launching the Campaign we altered our strategy thanks to the better advice provided us by our newly hired (and always smiling!) Stacy Gordon-Funk. Stacy's 25 or more years of experience in fund raising have been invaluable. A definite game changer that bodes well for future campaigns. And, of course, we couldn't have done it without Sara Wagner's guidance, her deep knowledge about the "histories" of our generous donors, and the confidence, respect and esteem that the majority of our constituents hold for her. It is thanks to her that many, formerly less than satisfied, clients/donors either increased their contribution or re-engaged themselves anew with the JCL.

But, we are not done yet. We still have a couple of weeks left to this cycle. So, if we have failed to contact you, if you have yet to decide on how much you wish to contribute, or if you wish to increase your pledge please contact sgordon-funk@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon

Leon Wahba Campaign Chair

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21st Annual Doctors' Ball Honors Physicians and Leaders

May 31, 2016 – For 21 years, the annual Doctors' Ball, hosted by the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation, part of KentuckyOne Health, has honored the service of area physicians and community leaders. This year's event is planned for Saturday, October 15, at the Marriott Louisville Downtown, 280 W. Jefferson St.

The 2016 Doctors' Ball will recognize

some of the area's most innovative and caring doctors and community leaders including Kelly McMasters, MD, the Ephraim McDowell Physician of the Year; George and Mary Lee Fischer, the Community Leaders of the Year; Manuel Grimaldi, MD, Compassionate Physician Award; Ronald Levine, MD, Excellence in Education; and Erica Sutton, MD, Excellence in Community Service.

Proceeds from this year's Doctors' Ball will benefit Frazier Rehab Institute's Pulmonary Rehab Center, known for its world-class comprehensive acute care. Plans are underway for the expansion, renovation and purchase of new equipment, an \$825,000 project. This includes:

- Expanding the Pulmonary Rehab Center to accommodate the number

of patients who need rehabilitation services in the Louisville community.

- Refurbishing facilities to provide up-to-date and state-of-the-art equipment to the patients and families we serve.
- Growing our capacity to treat patients with pulmonary disease in an outpatient setting.

The black-tie event will include cocktails and silent auction beginning at 6:30 p.m., then dinner and an awards ceremony at 8 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by MetroGnomes. Tickets are \$300 each. To purchase tickets to the Doctors' Ball, visit kentuckyonehealth.org/DoctorsBall or call 502-540-3375.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY

JCC Summer Camp Registration

A few slots are still open for The J Summer Camp, "Imagine Your Child ..." Choose from traditional camp and a wide variety of specialty camps. And ensure that your child has a transformative experience this summer at the only ACA accredited day camp in Louisville. Full information and application materials available at www.jewishlouisville/camp.

THROUGH JULY 5

Bette Levy Retrospective

Patio Gallery, The J. A sampling of works from Bette Levy's career.

JUNE 26

PJ by the Pool

5-7:30 p.m. JCC. Free. Come swim and enjoy all of The J's pools. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and stay for story time. JCC members and community members welcome.

JUNE 28

The J Arts & Ideas:

A Conversation with Lucy Aharish

7 p.m. JCC. Free. A conversation with Lucy Aharish, Israeli news anchor, reporter and television host. She is the first Arab news presenter on Hebrew language Israeli television. Open to the community. RSVP to mjtimmel@jewishlouisville.org. (See ad, this page.)

JULY 1

YAD POOLSIDE SHABBAT

6:30-9 p.m. Private home. Join YAD for a Poolside Potluck Shabbat YAD is barbecuing and invites young adults to join the fun. Grab a side dish, dessert or beverage and the children and come enjoy. Contact Benji for details, 502-238-2715 or bberlow@jewishlouisville.org.

JULY 7-24

CenterStage Presents West Side Story

JCC. Adults \$20-22 each in advance, \$22-24 at the door. CenterStage kicks off its 2016-17 season with this modern day Romeo and Juliet story set on the harsh streets of New York City's Upper West Side during the 1950's. Tow gangs, the Jets and the Sharks battle for control of turf, and the conflict escalates when one gang member falls in love with a rival's sister. Purchase tickets for this show or season tickets at www.CenterStage.org or call 502-238-2709.

JULY 10-AUGUST 23

Plein Air Painters

Selected works from 33 painters who paint as a group at scheduled locations outdoors from May through October. Opening reception Sunday, July 10, 2 p.m.

JULY 24

PJ Library and Shalom Baby Music Class

JCC Children's Place. Free. Featuring local musician. 10 a.m. Join local musician John Gage for a free music class. For more information, contact Jennifer Tuvlin, jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org.

JULY 24

Tzofim Community Concert

11 a.m. JCC. Free. Celebrate Israel with the Tzofim (Israeli Scouts) and a free community concert.

Troop 30 Plans 100th Anniversary Celebration/Reunion

Back in 1916, in the early days of the Boy Scouts of America, the YMHA in downtown Louisville sponsored a new Boy Scout Troop, Troop 30. Since that time, hundreds of boys and their families have

participated in Troop 30, and almost 200 of them have become Eagle Scouts.

This August, the troop is inviting all of them to come back for the biggest reunion and celebration that Troop 30 has ever had.

The celebration will start Friday, August 12, with an oneg and then Shabbat services at The Temple, followed by a kickoff reception in the Klein Center, where people can catch-up with old friends, see memorabilia from the history of the troop, and see and hear what Troop 30 is doing today.

On Saturday, August 13, scouts and their families from all generations are invited to participate in some friendly Patrol Competitions at Camp Crooked Creek and to cook their own lunches. Later in the afternoon, everyone will gather back at The Temple for a Troop 30 Film Festival, more catching up and storytelling and reunion group photos, and then a grand dinner in the Heide-

man Auditorium.

The Troop 30 reunion finish with brunch Sunday morning, and then they'll start planning the 125th anniversary.

Please spread the word – everybody who's ever been in Troop 30, or whose son, brother, father, uncle, grandfather or great relations has been in Troop 30, is welcome and invited. The troop would love to set some new records – perhaps most scouts and scout leaders gathered from a single troop, most Eagle Scouts from a single troop or largest troop 30 color guard ever.

See www.louisvilletroop30.org/100th-anniversary/ or Troop 30's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/22816187090/ for more information and to sign up for events.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Mike Harlan at mikeharlan.402222@gmail.com or text or call 502-608-6518.

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friendship and camaraderie. She liked adventures and wanted people to have fun and savor the good things in life.

An avid sports fan and traveler, she visited all 30 Major League Baseball stadiums and could often be found at University of Louisville games.

For many years, Michael worked for Gus Goldsmith at his pawnshop, and that relationship turned into friendship. When Ronda died, Goldsmith suggested doing something in her memory.

They contacted Stacy Gordon-Funk, the Jewish Federation's vice president of philanthropy who told them that the playground behind The J needed some improvements including a fence around the playground equipment near the ball fields. "We both thought it was a good idea," Gordon said.

So the two friends made a donation that covered the fence and set aside money for future projects as well.

The Gordons have two children, Mitchell and Kyle, and Michael recalled, when they were young, Rhonda used to bring them to The J. It was something special.

With this gift, Goldsmith and Gordon have made the playground safer for the children and the fence they added is beautiful.

"The J is grateful for the generosity of Gus Goldsmith and Michael Gordon," Gordon-Funk said. "Their gift is a wonderful tribute to Ronda and a real asset for The J."

RABBIS

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establish a "kollel," which Rabbi Golding defined in a letter to the congregation as a "Torah Outreach Center with educational programs and other activities which will invigorate our Jewish spiritual and cultural life."

The three rabbis' mission, Hyman explained, "is to strengthen and support the Louisville Jewish community by engaging, educating and enriching the lives of every Jewish person, regardless of background or affiliation."

The kollel, which will not be part of the congregation, will endeavor "to help all individuals attain a deeper relationship with their privileged heritage through Torah study, social religious events and a connection to the land of Israel," Hyman said. It is his hope that the programs will "enhance the entire Jewish community and will help attract other Orthodox Jews" to Louisville.

Hyman has high expectations of the newcomers. The Chofetz Chaim Yeshiva has sent small groups charged with a similar mission to other communities and they have been successful.

The trio of rabbis and their families are expected to arrive this summer.



J ARTS & IDEAS
presents

A Conversation with Lucy Aharish,
Israeli-Arab news anchor, reporter and television host

JUNE 28 | 7 P.M. | The J

Join Israeli-Arab TV personality Lucy Aharish as she shares her experience as the first Arab news presenter on Hebrew-language Israeli television. Noted for her fights against racism and promoting pluralism in Israeli society, Aharish was selected to light the torch kicking off Israel's Independence Day celebrations last year. She will talk about living in the shadow of a terror attack and her family experienced at the age of six, what it's like to be an Israeli living Arab in Israel.

Free Event! Tickets available at the JCC registration desk or by calling 502-459-0660.

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JCL Marks Achievements and Celebrates Volunteers



Jerry Temes and JHFE Chair Sandy Hammond



Left, Glenn Levine; right, Seth Gladstein, Jeff Levine and Mike Steklaf



Left, David Kaplan and Sara Klein Wagner
Right, Shellie Branson and Ralph Green

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by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

An Annual Meeting is always a celebration of an organization's accomplishments and an opportunity to honor those who provide leadership and serve as role models. The Jewish Community of Louisville's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, was no exception; however, the events that happened within the two weeks prior to the evening meant that the gathering began on a more somber note.

In giving the invocation, Rabbi Robert Slosberg, president of the Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors reflected on the terrorist attacks in Tel Aviv, where two gunmen came into a café in the Sarona open market and randomly shot people, killing four and wounding even more. The terrorists murdered people just because they were Jews, the Rabbi said.

On Sunday, June 10, Rabbi Slosberg continued, "a terrorist, radicalized by ISIS, opened fire in Orlando, Florida, at Pulse, a gay night club, killing 49 people



Rabbi Robert Slosberg

and injuring 53. We live in a very troubling world. And in times like these we need to stand together. We need more people like Mohammed Ali, to courageously stand and to speak out and to direct us toward the path of peace."

We need synagogues and temples to teach and guide us "toward the Jewish vision of unity and peace," he continued, "but we also a central address. A central location, to think, to strategize to plan and to unite us. That is my vision of the JCL and I hope it is yours, too."

He called on members of the community to unite, and when called upon to serve, to answer "hineini, you can count on me" like Abraham did when God called upon him.

Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence

Ensuring the future of the Jewish community does rely on volunteers to step forward and accept leadership responsibilities, but it also needs financial support. JCL Board Chair Jay Klempner thanked Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (JHFE) for its support and generosity.

He expressed appreciation for the \$200,000 Challenge Match JHFE gave to the 2016 Federation Campaign, and reported that additional JHFE grants helped the JCL improve its outreach and its ability to provide quality services. "JHFE is a critical strategic partner," Klempner said, and we are ... so grateful for their support."

Klempner recognized both JHFE Executive Director Jeff Polson and Chair Sandy Hammond.

Hammond brought greetings from JHFE and commented that the four-year-old funding agency was pleased that the Federation was able to meet the challenge and that JHFE was able to provide the match.

She explained that this year JHFE implemented a capacity building program for grant proposals. "One of the things we know," she said, "is that if Louisville is to have a strong, vibrant Jewish community for generations to come, we need to make sure we have vibrant organizations this year."

Through the capacity building program, JHFE sought proposals related to infrastructure support, and the agency was pleased to receive proposals for a communication audit, financial audits, reviews of programs, leadership training for volunteers and staff and succession planning. "JHFE believes that support for the Jewish organizations in those areas will benefit the community for years to come," she said.

JHFE also continued its Excellence Grants, and, Hammond reported, "in 2015, we invested \$1.5 million in Jewish community projects and programs." The agency plans to start working with its partners to evaluate the success of their investments to inform future decisions on where to invest financial resources.

Hammond indicated that she would be stepping down as JHFE chair in two weeks and David Kaplan would succeed her.

Board Chair's Report

After a year as Board chair, Klempner had only words of praise for JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner who started in that position at about the same time. It has been a year of learning for both of them, and he said, "We're doing our job, through hard work, we've taken steps to build strong foundation for the future. I could not have picked better partner ... than our new CEO, Sara. ... she's one fine executive."

Together with the "passionate and committed" Board members, staff and stakeholders, Klempner said, the JCL is moving forward.

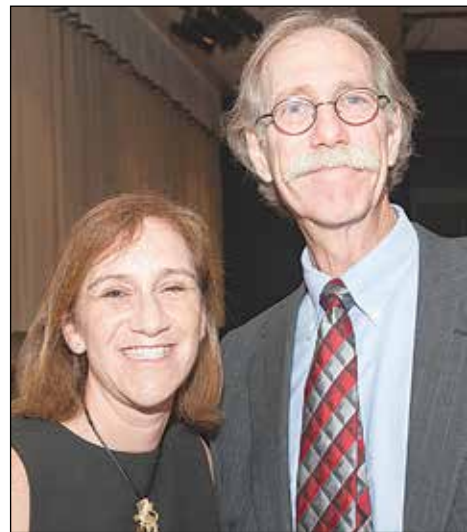
There have been major changes in

the Development Department, he pointed out. The Jewish Federation is now a major brand of the JCL, enabling the agency to reclaim its rich history and identity. The Foundation, chaired by Peter Resnik, is working on reengaging existing donors and adding new funds.

In addition, the JHFE Challenge Match enabled the Campaign to leverage the \$200,000 grant into \$400,000, bringing in 242 new donors and 274 increased gifts.

With the addition of three new professionals, JCC Director of Philanthropy and Outreach Lenae Price, Young Adult Director Benji Berlow and Vice President of Philanthropy Stacy Gordon-Funk, the latter of whom brings 30 years of development experience, the Development Department is implementing many fresh ideas and increasing contact with donors.

Klempner recognized and thanked four people who are completing their service to the agency, Leon Wahba, who served as Campaign Chair; Judge Jennifer Leibson, who served as chair of the Program Cabinet; Glenn Levine, who chaired the Endowment Investment Committee; and Becky Ruby Swansburg, who chaired the Jewish Community Relations Council. Swansburg will continue to serve as an elected Board member.



JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner and Board Chair Jay Klempner

President and CEO's Report

Wagner reported that the last year saw changes in the JCL family that included the birth of babies, the retirement of beloved staff members, the marriage of two staff members, and the celebration of The J's 125th anniversary.

It also included "a reality check" as, "less than month into my new position, we had bomb threat at JCC during camp. It is a tribute and testament to staff, including our camp counselors, how well everything was handled that day with poise and grace."

Wagner also recalled that we "lost the biggest fan of the Louisville JCC, Annette Sagerman or 'Aunt.'" We are thrilled that we had a tribute with Annette the year before and were able to share with her our love and what she meant to us for 65 years here at the JCC."

Jay Klempner is an incredible partner, she said, as she thanked him for being with her on the first year's journey. She also thanked Frankye Gordon who made the arrangements for the Annual Meeting as well as the entire JCL staff of approximately 50 full time, over 100 part time and over 100 seasonal workers.

The J is embarking on several new programs, she explained. The agency is welcoming a JOFEE program fellow, Michael Fraade, who joined us on June 20. He will be here for a year, working on environmental programming.

The J is partnering with the Jewish see JCL page 7

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Tues. Evening 7:50-9:00 p.m.
Mar. 14-May 23 | \$125 or \$50 book fee if in Bereshit I

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Women's Renaissance Program to offer a trip to Israel next November to 16 mothers with school age children; and a second group is ready for the trip the following year.

The agency will also participate in the Life and Legacy capacity building program in philanthropy; and, with the support of JHFE, will undertake master planning that will address, among other things, the question of the JCC building.

Wagner said that Rabbi Stanley Miles, who is retiring, was her Hebrew school teacher, and in his class, she and her fellow students answered "ani po," "I am here," to roll call. But there is another word, "hineini," that means, "here I am." She called on all those present to answer, "hineini," by volunteering to do something for the community, starting with filling out an interest card at each person's seat.



Becky Swansburg and Derek Pugh

Young Leadership Awards

Becky Swansburg presented Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award to Derek Pugh, saying Louisville is fortunate to have Pugh here. He comes from the political realm and is a thinker and doer. At the JCRC, he is helping lead the push to have a Holocaust memorial in Louisville and has helped with the response to the Orlando tragedy.

In accepting, Pugh acknowledged it has been an emotional week that encompassed both the celebration of the life and vision of Muhammad Ali and the horror of the Orlando shooting. He looks to the future with the hope that over the next few years, the Jewish community will work together to achieve a Holocaust Memorial and Education Center to acknowledge Jewish life in Kentucky and passage of state law against the BDS (Boycott, Divest and Sanction) movement to help stomp out anti-Semitism. Both, he said, are in line with Ali's vision of promoting tolerance and stamping out bigotry.



Laurence Nibur and Scott Weinberg

Scott Weinberg presented the Joseph J. Kaplan Award to Laurence Nibur and the Lewis W. Cole memorial Young Leadership Award to Becky Ruby Swansburg.

Weinberg said he and Nibur share a long personal history dating back to their b'nai mitzvah at Keneseth Israel and their participation in BBYO under the leadership of Peter Anik. Since then, Nibur has taken on numerous leadership roles in the Jewish community. He called Nibur passionate, creative and respectful of views different than his own. Joe Kaplan had a passion for Jewish education and Nibur is a graduate of Eliahu Academy, so it seems fitting that this

award go to Nibur.

Nibur accepted the award and called on all constituencies of the community to work together to build for the future. Our community has an incredible future, he said, if we follow the example set by the leaders who came before us.

In a moment of levity, Weinberg recounted the he and Swansburg came to know each other better when his daughter, Eloise, and her son, Robert, were in the same preschool class, and, at age three, began planning their wedding.

More seriously, Weinberg said Swansburg accomplished much in her two years as JCRC chair and pointed to the decision to help the AlSaid family of Syrian refugees resettle in Louisville as an example. Now, she is about to begin a three-year term on the JCL Board, while serving on the JCPA Board, The Temple Board and YAD and she still finds time to devote to family.

Swansburg thanked her parents, saying, she grew up doing homework while her father was in JCC Board meetings and her mother was at Hillel meetings. They were role models and mentors for her and now she hopes she is the same kind of role model and mentor for her children. "We are a Jewish community by choice," she said, "and all of us need to make the choice that we want a vibrant Jewish community here with our time, donations and passion."



Diane Sadle and Joe Rothstein

Judah and Kling Awards

Diane Sadle presented the Elsie P. Judah Award to Joe Rothstein, who, she said, has been a member of The J since age four. Today, he serves on the Senior Adult Committee, represents The J on the Chavurat Shalom Board, serves lunch in the Senior Adult Lounge and volunteers to do whatever is asked of him.

Rothstein expressed appreciation for the award, saying he receives more from The J, Jewish Family & Career Services and the JCL than he gives.

Karen Abrams presented the Kling Award to JCC Facilities Director Brian Tabler, who is responsible for the building and 22-acre campus, including the fields and the pools. He is the one who rushes back to The J when a problem arises and works on the days the building is closed to do projects that can't be done when the building is in use.

Tabler said he is honored and grateful for the recognition, but he credits his staff, John Dillon, Billy Chandler and recently retired Larry Bischoff for keeping the building going.

Teen Awards

Assistant Director of Youth Services Mike Steklof presented the teen awards. The Tony Levitan Award for athletic achievement went to Daniel Levine and Hillary Reskin and the Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship Award went to Jacob Finke. The Ellen Faye Garmon Award went to Abigail Geller and the Stacy marks Nisenbaum Award



Brian Tabler



Left, Hillary Reskin and Daniel Levine



Top right, Jacob Finke; bottom right, Abigail Geller



Emily Schulman, Audrey Nussbaum, Daniel Hemer, Jessie Hymes and Bradley Schwartz

went to Laina Meyerowitz. The Stuart pressman Student leadership Development Awards went to Daniel Hemmer, Jessie Hymes, Audrey Nussbaum, Bradley Schwartz and Emily Schulman.

There was a short video presentation in which the award winners talked about their experiences and impact in leadership roles.



Marie Abrams and Mickey Heideman

Ronald and Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year Award

Marie Abrams presented the Ronald and Marie Abrams Volunteer to Mickey Heideman for the many hours he and his wife, Carol, put into running a warehouse to provide ostomate supplies to those who can't afford them and for his volunteerism at The Temple.

Heideman expressed appreciation for the award, and spent a few minutes explaining that ostomates are people who had to have their colon or bladder removed and have to "poop or pee in a pouch." The ostomate supplies are life changing, because they enable the patients to engage in normal activities that



Sara Klein Wagner, Rabbi Chester Diamond and Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport

were difficult or impossible before.

Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award

The highlight of the evening came when Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport presented the Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award

to Rabbi Chester Diamond. The admiration the community has for Rabbi Diamond was evident in an outpouring of love and two standing ovations.

Rabbi Rapport, who came in from Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville, IN, to present the award, said those at GUCI share their regard for Rabbi Diamond and extend an invitation for him to return to the camp.

Examples of Rabbi Diamond's leadership and caring are too numerous to recount, so Rabbi Rapport instead chose to share one story. When the Waller Chapel was being built, a representation of the 10 Commandments was being prepared for the room. Rabbi Diamond saw what was planned and pointed out that the 10 Commandments were written in Aramaic, so the representation should also be in Aramaic. Since the artist didn't know Aramaic, Rabbi Diamond himself inscribed the letters.

Rabbi Rapport said Rabbi Diamond is always striving to make the world a better place one good deed at a time, one soul at a time, one mitzvah at a time.

Rabbi Diamond said he appreciated Rabbi Rapport's kind and thoughtful words and for all the support Rabbi Rapport gave him through the years. He also said he was particularly touched to receive an award named for someone so highly regarded in the community and one that was also given to his mentor, Dr. Herbert Waller, 45 years ago.

Rabbi Diamond quoted a song by Joyce Johnson Rouse, "I am standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me. I am stronger for their courage; I am wiser for their words. I am lifted by their longing for a fair and brighter future. I am grateful for their vision, for their toiling on this earth."

Our Jewish community is standing on the shoulders of people like Lewis Cole and Fanny Rose Rosenbaum today. We should not only remember, but emulate them, Rabbi Diamond said. Their vision has become our reality and we must see ourselves as the beginning of the future.

Full profiles of all the award winners ran in earlier editions of Community and can be found online at www.jewish-louisville.org.

Election of Board Members and Officers

Lance Gilbert, chair of the Governance Committee, presented the committee's report. Other members of the Governance Committee are Karen Abrams, Bruce Blue, Bobby Bornstein, Britt Brockman, Cheryl Karp, Rabbi Robert Slosberg and Ben Vaughan.

Gilbert thanked David Kaplan, Jennifer Leibson, Glenn Levine, Rabbi Robert Slosberg and Leon Wahba, who completed their terms of service on the JCL Board.

Mark Behr, Jon Fleischaker, Ralph Green, Robin Miller and Becky Ruby Swansburg were elected to three year terms on the JCL Board by the members of the JCL present at the meeting.

Several Board positions are filled by people who hold specific community positions specified in the JCL's bylaws. They are Jewish Community Relations Council Chair Bob Sachs, JCC Program Cabinet Chair Amy Ryan and Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors President Rabbi David Feder.

The governance committee nominated Jay Klempner as Board Chair, Jon Fleischaker as vice chair, Bruce Blue as treasurer, Jeff Tuvlin as secretary and Karen Abrams as immediate past chair. They were elected by the members of the JCL Board to serve for the next year.



Amy and Lance Gilbert



JFCS Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell, black jacket, and Board President Stephanie Mutchnick presented the unique awards to the 2016 MOSAIC Award winners. Left to right: Dr. Emma Birks; Manuel Grimaldi; Dr. Gay Masters, who accepted the award for her daughter, Oksana; Dr. Thangam "Sam" Rangaswamy; and Dr. Riann van Zyl.

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MOSAIC Awards Honor Immigrants Whose Impact Stretches across Kentucky and Beyond

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Jewish Family & Career Services' Annual MOSAIC Awards is truly a highlight each year. This year's event, held on May 26, upheld that



Honorary Event Co-Chairs Viki and Paul Diaz stand on either side of Dr. Alexandra Gerassimides and her husband, Mayor Greg Fischer.



WLKY's Rick Van Hoose emceed the program.

tradition as the agency honored first generation Americans Dr. Emma Birks from Great Britain, Dr. Manuel Grimaldi from Spain, Oksana Masters from Ukraine, Dr. Thangam "Sam" Rangaswamy from India and Dr. Riann van Zyl from South Africa for the significant contributions they have made to this community, the United States and the World.

WLKY's Rick Van Hoose emceed the evening, which started with the presentation of the flags and an invocation by Rabbi Nadia Siritsky in which she asked that we learn from one another, be open to one another and be strengthened by awareness of the blessings we receive from diversity.

Dr. Birks is the director of the Heart Failure, Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support Program at the University of Louisville and Jewish Hospital, KentuckyOne Health. She developed a myocardial recovery program and Ventricular Assist Devices and Transplant programs in Louisville. She is a teacher as well as a researcher.

As she accepted the award, she said she came to Louisville for the job, but stayed because of the people.

Dr. Manuel Grimaldi is certified in internal medicine and medical oncology and has won numerous accolades

including the American Cancer Society Physician of the Year and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Award. Recently, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Cancer Society. Caring and compassionate, he is now retired and donates his time, knowledge and service on medical missions to Nicaragua and Belize.

In accepting the award, he said, When we really help people, we are the ones who are helped and we are the ones who are changed.

Oksana Masters is a Paralympic star, excelling in rowing and many other sports. Originally from Ukraine, she was born without the main bones in her legs and with many other deformities and lived in an orphanage until age seven when Gay Masters adopted her. She endured surgeries, amputations, hunger and physical abuse prior to her adoption. She has a zest for life and finds sports to be healing.

Masters was unable to attend the MOSAICS, so her mother accepted the award for her.

Dr. Rangaswamy credits his father's work ethic with shaping his own. He 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 teaches at the University of Louisville's Speed School and founded the Structural Engineering Association of Kentucky, which he served as president, director and secretary. He has also served as the Kentucky Minority Business Development Council treasurer, secretary and Board member. He's a member of several boards and was a founding trustee involved in the building and opening of the Hindu Temple of Kentucky and more.

Dr. Rangaswamy first came to Kentucky in winter, a season he had never experienced before. When he arrived he thought the trees and grass were dead and Kentucky must be a desert. He soon learned differently and decided that Louisville's people were friendly and helpful.

Dr. van Zyl grew up in South Africa during apartheid and worked as a pro-



Event Chair Barbara Sexton Smith

bation officer before working with Nelson Mandela to reform the prison system. He helped South Africa build an integrated society. He also developed programs for those with epilepsy. Today his research is in the area of prevention of HIV/AIDS in Africa. He came to Louisville to work at UofL where today he is the associate dean for research at the Kent School of Social Work.

Through the MOSAIC Awards, he said, JFCS is building a vibrant community.

Each year, the Jeff and Phyllis Osbourn Scholarship is presented to an immigrant or refugee pursuing a career in nursing or some other high-demand health care field. This year, the scholarship went to Mustapha Kanneh, an immigrant from Liberia who has a BS degree in Biology from the University of Liberia and a MS in Public Health from Cuttington University.

Kanneh's mother died in childbirth when he was young, and as he worked in public health in Liberia, he realized how poor the health care system in his country is. He is now studying nursing so he can go back to Liberia and make a real difference in the country's health care.

The actual MOSAIC Awards are beautiful pieces of art crafted by a different artist each year. This year's awards were created by Jerry Maxey, who is known for creating unique wood baskets.

Prior to the event, JFCS's Navigate Enterprise Center presented a business showcase featuring Alara Spa, All Is Fair in Love and Fashion, Ameer Art, Congo Designs, Empire Tire, Happy Green and Clean, mama Ama's, Regalo, Road Riders Taxi Service and S. Lynn O'Neill Attorney at Law, all microenterprises started through JFCS.

The honorary chairs of the 2016 MOSAIC Awards were Viki and Paul Diaz. The Event Chair was Barbara Sexton Smith, and committee members included Madeline Abramson, Terri Bass, Beverly Bromley, Jeani Bryant, Lynn Cooper, Emily Digenis, Harsha Dronawat, Judy Freundlich-Tiell, Debbie Friedman, Pat Gabriele, Jan Glaubinger, Rachel Greenberg, Janet Hodes, Laura Klein, Nancy Laird, Jessica Loving, Joanie Lustig, Carla Bass Miller, Stephanie Mutchnick, Melissa Olges, Claudia Peralta-Mudd, Lisa Resnik, Maxine Rouben, Beth Salamon, Marilyn Schorin, Maura Temes, Diane Tobin and Stephi Wolff.

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After 24 Years, The J's Members and Staff Say Farewell to Nelson

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

For the last 24 years, Slava Nelson has been part of the staff at The J. With a ready smile and a sparkle in her eyes, she welcomed everyone with whom she came in contact. With enthusiasm, energy and creativity, Nelson planned programs and made sure they were successful.

Now, Nelson is beginning a new chapter of her life. Her final day at The J was June 17, and the love she inspires was evident as the Senior Adult Lounge was packed with many of those whose lives she touched over the years – seniors, friends and colleagues – and there were several emotional tributes and parting gifts. “You know I’m mad at you” for leaving the J, Margot Kling said, half joking, as she delivered the formal thank you and presentation from the seniors that included a magnificent chanukiah (Chanukah menorah).

JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner also thanked Nelson and gave her a gift. Wagner recalled how Nelson, herself an immigrant from the former Soviet Union (FSU), did so much to welcome the new Americans to Louisville and move them from being immigrants to becoming U.S. citizens. She also praised Nelson for her dedication to The J and the community and the many programs and trips she created and led.

Slava arrived in Louisville in 1991 and her life as an American unfolded “right in front of this community’s eyes,” she said. “It was absolutely a blessing and an amazing opportunity to start working here.”

“I took the greatest pride in saying aloud that I work at the Jewish Community Center,” she said. “It’s been a privilege to work with thousands and thousands of people,” she added, “and it’s nice to hear that I touched their lives in a good way.”

Nelson worked at The J in many capacities. She began in the newly-created position of part-time acculturation director even before The J defined what was expected of her. “They only knew it was absolutely necessary to help the new Americans understand a new way of life” and Nelson was charged with explaining it to them.

This part-time position was only supposed to last for one year, she explained, “but after eight months, they absolutely offered me full time. They told me that I did a great job and they would like me to continue for the next 10 years.”

During that 10 year period, Nelson helped many people become American citizens, and she regards helping seniors attain that goal as her greatest achievement.

In fact the Louisville Jewish community welcomed so many immigrants from the FSU that at the time, they made up 10 percent of our community, and Nelson worked with most of them.

Nelson proved to be such an asset for The J that when the need for an acculturation director dwindled, the agency gave her a new job working with Diane Sadle and the older adults. “Through the years,” Nelson said, “Diane Sadle, who is the kindest and the most caring person I have ever known, became a close friend

and I will always cherish the memories that we created together while working with our precious seniors.

“My most kind words go to Margot Kling, Senior Adult committee members and volunteers, who were my inspiration through the years,” she continued. “Thank you for your loving hearts and wisdom.”

In the Senior Adult Department, Nelson oversaw an exponential growth of senior programming that included many trips to places including Gatlinburg, Chicago, Washington, Atlanta and very recently to Branson MO. (See story in Centerpiece.)

Three years ago, Nelson began working with the Patio Gallery, which she helped to expand. She also started planning cultural arts classes and programs, which she really enjoyed. “I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with Bette Levy, who introduced me to the artist community. Working with such amazing talents really enriched me a lot. I am proud to share the great success of the recently launched J-Arts and Ideas programs with the exceptional talent of John Leffert, who directs the Arts & Ideas Department.”

Throughout her tenure, she has enjoyed putting her skills to work for the

Jewish community and infusing all her activities with enthusiasm and love. She is grateful to all those she worked with and helped over the years and for the opportunity to touch so many people.

“I also want to thank all my beautiful and wonderful colleagues for supporting me through the years,” Nelson continued, “one of whom deserves very special recognition and always will have a special place in my heart – Marsha Bornstein – my friend, my mentor and my older sister that I never had, who has been there for me for 24 years, who lifted me high in good time and has been my savior when my life has been very tough.”

“Again I would like to thank this amazing J-team for helping me grow professionally and building my life here as my career progressed,” she added. “I wish you all great success and luck in your future endeavors.”

Outside of The J, Nelson takes great pride in her son, Dmitry Nedelin, who came to this country as an eight-year-old child and today is a major in the U.S. Air Force. Nedelin and his wife, Alisha, have given Nelson and her husband, John, two grandchildren, Alex and Emma.

While Nelson will no longer be working at The J, and she has said good-bye, but she also says, “I will see you around.”



Slava Nelson

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Prussian Retires After 24 Years with Jewish Resource Center

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Throughout the years, the Jewish Resource Center, a joint project of the Jewish Community Center and National Council of Jewish Women has meant many things. It has meant resources for teachers in religious schools, public schools and other educational institutions when they needed information about Judaism, Jewish practices, Jewish holidays, etc.



Betsy Prussian

creative craft projects for children of all ages.

It has meant monthly story hours.

It has meant outreach to schools, churches and senior groups.

It has meant participating in the Festival of Trees and Lights and international fairs.

For a while it even meant a monthly children's activity page in Community.

And for the past 21 years, Betsy Prussian has been the person who made it all happen. For her, being out in the community and interacting with children and teachers was the thing she enjoyed most.

Many times, she spoke with groups who had never met a Jewish person before and had no concept of what being Jewish was. Prussian knew just how to handle those situations, and always brought little gifts – craft projects, food, gelt or dreidels – something even her youngest audience members could bring home.

Now Prussian is beginning a new chapter of her life. She has retired from the Jewish Resource Center. She's going to take the summer off and consider what she wants to do next. "I want to do something creative," she said, "and probably with kids."

"We are grateful to Betsy for her many years of service leading the NCJW Jewish Resource Center at the JCC," said JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner. "Betsy has represented the community well, visiting schools across the city for years explaining Jewish holidays and traditions. Betsy's creativity and ability to engage our young families made story hours was a popular destination for many children."

Prussian plans to stay active in the Jewish community, too. "I've been a member here my whole life," she said. "It's been my home away from home."

GILMAN

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Supreme Court. He served four years as a member of the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps with duty assignments at Redstone Arsenal, AL, the Office of the Judge Advocate General HQ, Department of the Army and The Office of the Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

He has received recognition for his outstanding career and is listed in The Best Lawyers in America for his work in trusts and estates and employee benefits law, among many other prestigious titles. Gilman actively serves on a number of committees, including the Kentucky Bar Association's Ethics Committee and its "Hotline" Committee.

Gilman is also the author of many articles dealing with legal issues, including ethics, trusts, estates, philanthropy and taxes, among other things.

"Shelly has been a great friend to the foundation over the years," said Mike Schultz, Vice President of Development & Stewardship for CFL. "Whether as a

keynote speaker at seminars for regional affiliate foundations, referring clients or merely starting a conversation about philanthropy, he has contributed significantly to the Community Foundation of Louisville's growth resulting in philanthropic impact in our community and across the country."

"Shelly lives his life rooted in Jewish values," said Jewish Community of Louisville President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner. "He is a lifelong Jewish learner, a champion of Jewish education and delights in tikkun olam, doing whatever he can to make the world a better place. By his personal example and with the sound advice he has given to so many in our community, he is the obvious choice for the first Wilson Wyatt Award."

"Once I got over the shock, I thought why me? What have I done that was so special; what I am doing is what I'm expected to do?" Gilman said of his recognition. As a religious individual, Gilman attributes his "do something" mentality to his upbringing and aspirations to follow what it means to be a good person. Giving back to the community is what he feels he is expected to do, and the award came as a surprise given his charitable guide to life.

Before he would talk about what he has done, he focused on his mentors and those who inspired him.

When Gilman and his wife, Nancy, came to Louisville, he knew no one except her parents. Her father, Samuel Stern was an excellent role model. As an example, Gilman recounted that when Stern's youngest son, Scott, played on the JCC's basketball team and they played the Cabbage Patch team, Stern noticed what the Cabbage Patch players were wearing. Stern quickly arranged and paid for new sneakers and uniform for that team.

Stern also noticed that Rabbi Slosberg had a staircase without a railing in his home and took care of that as well. In addition, Gilman recalled his father-in-law was known to buy turkeys for those in need.

These are just a few of the many kindnesses Gilman witnessed over 15-20 years. Stern's "commitment to helping other people had an influence on my own life," he said.

A pivotal moment for Gilman came when Stern worked with Stuart Schulman, z"l, to create the Samuel and Blanche Stern Fund, Gilman had the opportunity to "observe how all these wonderful funds do things to help people."

For him, the next logical step was to ask his clients if they would like to include something for charity in their estate planning. "Surprisingly," Gilman noted, "90 percent said yes. It became a pleasure to work with them to design, to create, to plan out the structure of what they wanted to do," and that planning often involved their families.

In addition to his professional activities, Gilman has served as a member of the Boards of Directors of the Jewish Community Federation and chaired its Foundation for Planned Giving and its Education Committee. He also co-chaired the 2002 Federation Emergency

Terror-Relief Campaign for Israel with Kim Frankenthal.

He served as president of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, regional president of the Ohio Valley Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, and a member of the Board of the national United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. He also served as a member of the Committee on Congregational Standards.

In the general community, he was a member of the Board of Directors and vice president/secretary of the Louisville Orchestra, chairman of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce's Minority Business Resource Center and is a member of Vietnam Veterans of America.

The Gilmans have two sons, Stephen and Scott, and as a reflection of their commitment to Jewish values and tzedakah, they created endowment funds honoring their sons.

Stephen, who is a researcher at NIH (National Institutes of Health), works to combat depression and suicide, is a graduate of Eliahu Academy, St. Francis High School, Tufts and Harvard, but the only certificate that hangs on his office wall is from Eliahu. To honor him, the Gilmans created a Day School fund. Since Louisville no longer has a Day School, they have repurposed the fund to provide scholarships for trips to Israel.

Scott, a consultant in the internet business in Austin, loved Camp Ramah, so the Gilmans created a counselor's fund to honor him.

Achieving his goal to set a positive example of someone who gives back to their home community, Gilman said, "I want to thank everybody for thinking of me," and that the experience of winning the Wilson Wyatt Award was wonderful to share with his best friend and wife, Nancy, who shares the same charitable values. His overall encouragement of philanthropic goals has made a significant impact on the community of Louisville and beyond.

The Wilson Wyatt Award is named for the co-founder of the Community Foundation of Louisville and honors a philanthropic-minded professional advisor who is committed to giving back to the community. Gilman has worked as an estate planning attorney in Louisville for more than 40 years and is dedicated to keeping his clients aware of philanthropic efforts and accounts they can create with the Community Foundation.

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Rabbi Robert Slosberg with Peter and Eli Resnik

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

All eyes were on Louisville earlier this month when one of the world's greatest humanitarians, boxing great Muhammad Ali passed away. Diplomats from across the globe flooded the city to pay tribute to Ali. Israel's immediate past attorney general, Yehuda Weinstein, and its deputy consul general serving at the consulate in Atlanta, GA, Ron Brummer, were among those in attendance at his funeral.

The Israeli dignitaries arrived in Louisville early to enable them to meet with some of the leaders in Louisville's Jewish community.

In a brief formal presentation, Weinstein explained that in Israel, the attorney general performs a different role than those with the same title in other countries. Israel's attorney general is not a political position and the person who holds the position wields tremendous power.

Weinstein served as attorney general for three Israeli administrations. In that capacity, he was the chief prosecutor, although he rarely got involved directly in cases. He also advised the government on points of law. "When the attorney general says this is the law," Weinstein said, "the government has to obey."

He also works with the military to ensure that Israel fights in accordance with military law.

Brummer, who will soon complete his tour of duty in Atlanta, explained that Israel is reorganizing its consulate presence in the United States. The Philadelphia office is closing and Louisville is becoming part of the region served by Atlanta, and the diplomats there will cover six states.

This was his first visit to Louisville and he expects Israeli diplomats from the Atlanta office will be in the state often. He explained that he works regularly with Jewish federations because they have connections with government officials and community leaders.

"Israeli-American relations are the most important pillar of Israel's national security," Brummer said, and support from the American Jewish community plays a key role. "In the places where Israel doesn't have official representation," he explained, "you are the official representatives."

A large part of what Brummer does is education about Israel, particularly with elected officials.

Both Weinstein and Brummer took a few questions at the end of their presentations.

Weinstein was born in Tel Aviv, and in his youth, won the Israeli youth boxing championship. He did his military service with the paratroopers. He earned his BA in law from Tel Aviv University and his MA from Bar Ilan University.

He served as attorney general from January 2010 until January 2016 and has since returned to private practice.

Brummer has spent his career in the Israeli diplomatic corps and has been at the consulate in Atlanta since August 2013. His other diplomatic postings have been in Central America and Mexico. He is fluent in Hebrew, English, Spanish and Swedish.



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Several Judges Speak at NCJW Closing Meeting

by Phyllis Shaikun
Special to Community

It has been a busy and productive year for the National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, and members looked back on their accomplishments and challenges at the group's closing meeting at Vincenzo's on Wednesday, June 1.

Significant accomplishments during the past year included filing a "friend of the court" brief to support the successful appeal of a lawsuit against the Health and Human Services Cabinet; supervising the section's Court Watch Project in 10 Jefferson County Family Courts that resulted in a recommendation to restore a Family Drug Court; and helping pass a bill to create a pilot project to open Family Court proceedings to members of the public.

While national NCJW offices in Washington and New York are working to formulate a five-year plan to make the organization more relevant to the lives of its members, the local section is doing its part by updating bylaws to reflect the changing needs and circumstances of its membership.

In addition, a six-woman delegation from the section lobbied our federal representatives during the Washington Institute this spring. During the year, the section collaborated on projects with Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc. and the Jewish Community Center and provided clothing from the Nearly New Shop to groups such as Jewish Family & Career Services, Maryhurst and the Kristy Love Foundation, which provides shelter for women who escaped the sex trade.

Plans for the fall were announced and included the section becoming part of the Community Foundation's Louisville Day of Giving on September 15; ushering in the annual Fashion Encore Sale on September 25 and 26 and selling Shopping Spree cards valid between August 2017 and August 2018.

A number of distinguished judges spoke during the formal program including Chief Judge Patricia Walker Fitzgerald, retired; Judge Deborah Dewese; Jefferson County Clerk David Nicholson and Julie Lott Hardesty, representing County Attorney Mike O'Connell. They recognized NCJW's work on the Court Watch initiative, their support of a bill to create a pilot project opening Family Court proceedings to members of the public, and their recommendation to restore a Family Drug Court.

Nicholson commented that NCJW's fundraising and advocacy helped to get the Family Court established. Hardesty noted that the problem in Kentucky is gangs and illegal drugs. While the budget survived, there are no new dollars for services.

A special presentation was made to NCJW Jewish Resource Center Director

Betsy Prussian, who retired after managing the Center for 21 years. Jewish Community of Louisville President and

CEO Sara Wagner and NCJW Louisville Section Past President Sue Paul thanked Prussian for representing NCJW and

the JCL in the community and for educating elementary school students about all things Jewish.

Florence Melton School Celebrates Jewish Learning

by Deborah Slosberg
Director, Florence Melton School

After two years of studying together, the graduating class of The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning of Louisville gathered together with friends and family at Adath Jeshurun for a Celebration of Learning/Graduation ceremony.

After presentations by the Melton faculty and four Melton students (Cynthia Canada, Sandy Flaksman, Sydney Hymson and David Leibson), Louisville Melton Director, Deborah Slosberg presented the graduates, who received certificates from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The 28 graduates are part of 3,000 Melton students at 52 sites around the world attending graduation ceremonies this month. Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, a project of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is the largest pluralistic adult Jewish education network in the world and in Louisville we are proud to be a part of this global network.

The event was a culmination of two years of enriching study. The graduates agreed that this is not an end to their study, but a significant entry into life-long Jewish study. Melton offers graduate courses, and with Jewish learning now a way of life for them, they look forward to the new study opportunities that Louisville Melton has to offer.

In the Celebration of Learning written program, many of the graduates shared thoughts on the Melton experience.

Frances Bloom wrote, "I wasn't sure I wanted to pursue a two-year course of study when I began my Melton classes. I found the classes and discussions to be much more thought-provoking, challenging, and interesting than I anticipated."

Anita Yussman commented, "The most important thing [I have gained] is an increased ability to think critically, examining topics based upon how they've been viewed over time, across denominations, and across cultures."

Eddie Bornstein added, "I believe that [the Melton program] is a worthwhile endeavor for any person (Jewish or not) who wishes to know more about Judaism and the Jewish people."

Dana Dugatkin said, "I can truthfully say that I eagerly looked forward to and loved every minute of our classes. I had wonderful teachers who encouraged discussion and provided such detailed information and answers to all our questions."

Carol Behr noted, "There are not

enough words to describe how much I have enjoyed this experience. The first year was like a revelation to me, examining and answering the many questions I had in my mind. ... To say that I was inspired and fascinated by my teachers over the past two years is clearly an understatement. They were so interesting and always kept me wanting to hear or discuss more. The second year was very different, but so thought provoking."

Mazal tov to the graduates: Carol Behr, Shellie Benovitz, Bob Bittner, Jaye Bittner, Frances Bloom, Ed Bornstein, Cynthia Canada, Dana Dugatkin, Sandra Flaksman, Esther Fox, Annette Geller, Harry Geller, Bruce Gale, Simon Isham, Joan Klein, David Leibson, Phyllis Leibson, Heather Martin, Jennifer Payton, Susan Rostov, Julie Sabes, Lottie Samuel, Bernerd Shaikun, Joan Simunic, Elaine Stern, Jean Trager, Sandi Weiss and Anita Yussman.

The schedule for fall semester is avail-



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BOOK REVIEW

by Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman
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Pumpkinflowers: A Soldier's Story
Matti Friedman

Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2016
Hardcover. 242 pp. \$25.00
ISBN: 978-1-61620-458-7

As a former IDF infantry soldier who served in Israel's first foray into Lebanon during the long months of Operation Litani (1978) and a frequent reader of narrative fiction and nonfiction by those with firsthand experience of the traumas and absurdities of war, I was immediately won over by Friedman's lean, muscular, and profoundly empathic account of the horrific cost of defending an obscure hilltop fortification known as the Pumpkin in the security zone Israel established in south Lebanon a generation later.

As a haunting coming of age story *Pumpkinflowers* can be profitably read alongside Noam Chayut's superb memoir, *The Girl Who Stole My Holocaust*. In very different yet equally essential ways, each author offers a profound immersion in the formation of the modern Israeli psyche and the corrosive effects of occupations and wars that never seem to quite end.

Friedman (whose first nonfiction book *The Aleppo Codex* won the Sami Rohr Prize) is a writer with rare observational gifts when it comes to both the human and natural landscape. Especially admirable is his devotion to telling the stories of others, especially those who sacrificed their lives in defending the outpost in the late 1990s.

These multifaceted portraits are as unforgettably elegiac and heartbreaking as any in the contemporary literary annals of war. One of these figures is Avi Ofner who struggles "to maintain a barbed exterior while hanging on to something of his childhood, hoarding a small supply of innocence in the hope that it would survive until his discharge."

Friedman's conscientious inclusion of the plaintive hopes and dreams of such young men, juxtaposed with their actions defending Israel's security zone in perilous circumstances ensures that *Pumpkinflowers* is a consistently gripping if troubling chronicle.

Throughout, he moves fluidly from gripping visceral scenes of combat (the enchanting pastoralism of south Lebanon is interspersed with very sudden and horrific violence) to life in Israel. Here he delineates the irrevocable transformation of Israeli society that took place

in the aftermath of its withdrawal after groups like the Four Mothers movement (their heroic protests as some labeled them "Nasrallah's Whores" probably deserves its own story) and tragedies such as the deaths of 73 soldiers in northern Israel in the infamous helicopter crash of 1997.

These groups helped ignite the country's outrage over so many young lives cut short: "Something important in the mind of the country – an old utopian optimism – was laid to rest ... The Lebanon outposts were incubators for the Israelis of the age that followed: allergic to ideology, thinkers of small practical thoughts, lovers of life between bombardments, expert in extracting the enjoyment possible from a constricted and endangered existence. The former soldiers...didn't come back from Lebanon and devote themselves to politics, defense, or settling the frontiers but rather to the vigorous and stubborn building of private lives, and these combined energies have become the fuel driving the country."

Whether one thinks that changed ethos is altogether laudable, Friedman is a persuasive witness and participant. In the end, the reader is left with the haunting question of whether the defense of such fortifications was worth so many lost lives.

Intriguingly, just two years after leaving Lebanon for the last time as a soldier, Friedman returns as a Canadian tourist and his human encounters on his trek from Beirut (the fashionable city's cosmopolitan grace is ultimately spoiled for him by the appearance of the infamous anti-Semitic forgery, *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, in its best bookstores) to the forlorn site of the former Pumpkin, a region now dominated by Hezbollah fighters, are chillingly rendered.

Drawing so very meaningfully on a variety of materials (diaries, interviews with the loved ones of fallen soldiers, letters, archival documents, and of course his own achingly vivid memories), Friedman presents war's surrealism and hyperrealism, a society's helpless anguish and frustration over mounting losses in a meaningless conflict, and indelible vignettes of the young soldiers themselves, with lyrical and tragic force.

Ranen Omer-Sherman is the JHFE Endowed Chair in Judaic Studies at the University of Louisville. His most recent book is *Imagining the Kibbutz: Visions of Utopia in Literature & Film*, and he is coeditor of *Narratives of Dissent: War in Contemporary Israeli Arts and Culture*.

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JFCS Announces Endowed Forum Series in Honor of Lillian O. Seligman

Lillian O. Seligman loved to learn and laugh. She had interests that spanned many topics. As Board President of Jewish Family & Career Services from 1994 – 1997, she had an active interest in the growth and services of the organization. To celebrate her love of learning, Seligman's family has created an endowment in her memory to offer an annual forum to the community.



Lillian O. Seligman

The series, *Contemporary Thought*, will hold its inaugural event on September 20 with Roy Blount, Jr., author of 23 books and panelist on NPR's *Wait, Wait... Don't Tell Me!* Blount has been described as "America's most cherished humorist" by *The New York Times Book Review*. His sharp wit and "foxy yokelism" will provide a special night for all who attend. Seligman's family and friends are involved in the planning of this event.

Roy Blount, Jr. will speak at 7:00 p.m. at The Temple. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Beverly Bromley at 502-452-6341 ext. 223 or bbromley@jfcsloouisville.org.

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JULY 5

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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.

JULY 8

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

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

JULY 14

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

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

JULY 18

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
12:30 p.m.

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

JULY 20

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.

JULY 21

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7 p.m.

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Tod Springmyer, Joey Sarnecki, Bill Owens and Steve Yards came in second.



Rick Frank, Steve Smith, Jared Key and Darby Smith finished third.

Republic Bank Players Challenge Is a Day of Fun for a Good Cause

At right, Jean Trager, far left and her partner, Sonia Levine, facing her, played against Ester Fox and Lottie Samuels

Below, partners Laura Koby and Toni Goldman teamed up against Nancy Strull and Ann Leah Blieden



by Alexandra Ramsey
Public Relations Specialist

The 12th Annual Republic Bank Players Challenge was held on Monday, June 20, at the Standard Club on a gorgeous warm and sunny day. The day was jam-packed with fun and games for the event, which benefitted Jewish Family & Career Services and The J.

After a lunch, provided by Stevens & Stevens, dozens of participants piled onto their golf carts for the golf scramble with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

For those not playing golf, there were games of Mah Jongg, Bridge and Canasta. There was also a bourbon tasting.

Republic Bank Players Challenge Co-chair Ed Cohen said it's always a great event and that he had a great day with the participants and sponsors.

"Thank you to everyone. As usual the staff did a great job with all the preparation and their support of the volunteers who participated. We're excited that the money raised goes to help run the programs that benefit our local agencies and the Jewish community," Cohen said.

Ron Abrams participated in the golf portion and said he looks forward to the Republic Bank Players Challenge every year. "It's a wonderful event that supports great causes within our community. There's no way I'll win, but I plan to have fun," he said with a laugh.

Republic Bank CEO Steve Trager said that JFCS and The J have a special place in his heart.

"I've grown up going to The J and, in my adult life, I've seen how JFCS touches people in their time of need. The fact that Republic Bank can help is very rewarding for me," Trager said.

2016 Republic Bank Players Challenge Golf third place finishers were Darby Smith, Steve Smith, Jared Key and Rick Frank. In second place were Steve Yards, Bill Owens, Todd Springmyer and Joey Sarnecki. The first place finishers were Jim Morguelan, Freddy Garon, Ed Cohen and Jim Fine.

There were also other competitions along the golf course. Debby Westerman took the Hole 2 On Line; Steve Yards had the Longest Drive; Lachlan McLean shot closest to the pins; and Karen Berry had the longest putt.

The top finishers in Bridge were Vivian Moorin and Ann Zimmerman in first place and Sheryl Yofee and Susan Christian in second. The Canasta and Mah Jongg players decided not to award winners. Zack Goldberg and David Richerson took home the raffle prizes.

Ed Cohen and Mark Eichengreen were the 2016 Republic Bank Players Challenge co-chairs.



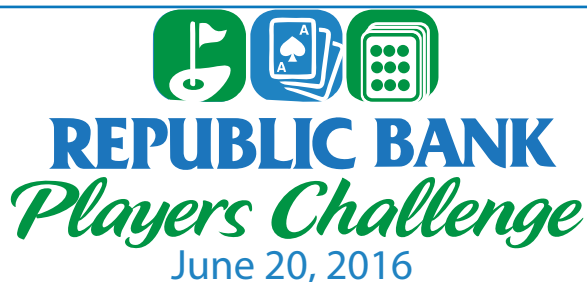
Steve Trager, CEO of Title Sponsor Republic Bank



Event Co-Chair Ed Cohen presented a raffle prize to David Richerson



Karen Berry had the longest putt and Steve Yards had the longest drive.



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YAD Is Part of Human Rainbow Flag

On Saturday night, June 18, Derek Pugh organized a group of YAD members to take part in a human rainbow flag at Churchill Downs to honor the victims of the tragedy in Orlando.



JFCS Shares Individual Stories of Success at Annual Meeting

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

At Jewish Family & Career Services' Annual Meeting on Tuesday, those in attendance had the opportunity to learn a little bit about a few of the many programs from people involved with them, and to hear about the highlights from the year from JFCS President Stephanie Mutchnick and Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell.

JFCS also presented the 2016 Mary Gunther Award and elected Board members and officers for the coming year.

JFCS Stories

Both Jake Latts and Jillian Lustig are teenagers who participated in the Marjorie and Robert Kahn Pledge 13 program. The program enables b'nai mitzvah candidates to design their own mitzvah projects and encourages them to tap into their passions.

Latts' passion is the performing arts. His love of the arts developed because he had many opportunities for arts experiences when he was young. His commitment to volunteering comes from his parents, Kate and Allan Latts. In fact, Latts remembers helping out at Super Sunday telethons for the Annual Federation Campaign and at JFCS Mitzvah Days.

As he began to prepare for his bar mitzvah, he wanted to do something that would give young people who didn't have the same opportunities he did an arts experience. He decided the best way to do that was to create a fundraiser for CenterStage's Acting Out program, which brings professional theater into schools. The funding provides subsidies that enable the company to perform at schools that don't have the budget to bring arts performances in.

Latts created the Louisville's Got Talent children's talent show. Each year since Latts began the project, the competition has drawn over 100 young people to audition for 20 slots. The program has already raised \$20,000 for Acting Out and it continues to grow.

Jillian Lustig wanted to do something that makes people happy for her project and she had heard about the Bloom Project in other cities. Lustig solicited donations from local florists, enlisted local nursing home residents to help her make bouquets and delivered the finished products to bedridden patients. She even gave bouquets to Hospice patients so they would have a gift to give to the staff that cares for them. The project was so successful that she has been asked to come back to several nursing homes.

Evelyn Fiag has been a volunteer in the Doris and Theodore Meyers Shabbos Friends Program since its inception. Each week she goes to the Forum at Brookside and Bellmont Village and makes a brief Shabbat celebration for residents. She lights electric candles, saying the appropriate blessing, makes Kiddush with grape juice and leads the Hamotzi, distributing fresh challah to every participant.

Since the program is open to all nursing home residents, she has many non-Jewish participants, giving her the opportunity to share a little bit about Judaism. For some Jewish residents, this program is their only remaining link to Judaism, and all the participants are eager to express their appreciation.

At Passover time, some residents asked her to lead a Passover Seder, too. Having been raised Orthodox, Fiag had never led a Seder before, but she rose to the challenge, worked with the kitchen staff to provide appropriate food, and led her first Seder at the Forum. When the chaplain at Brookside heard about it, he asked her to do one there, too. She even presented a program explaining Passover to a Bible study group.

JFCS is all about providing service, and one of their areas of emphasis is the Senior Concierge Program, which offers a spectrum of services designed to let

people live as independently as possible for as long as they can. John Rothschild explained that when he first turned to JFCS for help, he and his wife, Renée, only needed a little bit of help. Now, they are in their 90's and they need a bit more assistance. JFCS has been with them every step of the way.

Drew Kornblum used JFCS's Career Decision program described how, after finding himself unemployed after working for one company for 16 years, JFCS helped him prepare his resume, master interviewing skills and learn how to take advantage of networking opportunities.

Mary Gunther Award

Each year, JFCS honors the best new program with the Mary Gunther Award, named after a long time employee who retired in 1992 and died a year later. The award includes a \$600 bonus. This year, Board member Sean Wachsman presented the Mary Gunther Award to Beverly Bromley for the Strategy for Program Funding program.

President's Message

JFCS is a mission-driven organization, JFCS President Stephanie Mutchnick said, and she used her remarks to present statistics that highlight the impact JFCS has in Louisville.

The Senior Concierge service is growing rapidly. In the past year, JFCS provided nearly 24,000 hours of homecare and 2,700 hours of free respite for family members. The number of home aides the agency employs has grown from three to 16.

The Senior PALS program, which provides reliable transportation that enables people to remain independent longer, provided over 5,600 rides to seniors with disabilities, part of which was Joy Ride, a program that provides rides for Jewish seniors to Jewish community events and services.

Through Solutions to Senior Hunger, funded by a grant from MAZON, JFCS has reached 200 seniors, providing them with information about food stamps and assistance in applying for the aid.

JFCS social workers and therapists helped over 1,600 clients and their family deal with life's challenges – stress, abuse, family conflict, trauma, grief and more. And now all of JFCS's counselors are credentialed to receive Medicaid payments. The agency is also working to make more services available to non-English speakers.

Through the JFCS Food Pantry and

the Sonny and Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund, JFCS provides food to over 140 people each month.

JFCS is strengthening its career management and workforce development services. It has a newly launched supported employment program for people with disabilities and a program that addresses long-term unemployment.

It also has an individual development account program that helps refugees save money to purchase homes or cars for transportation to work, capitalize micro-businesses and pay for post-secondary education, while the Navigate Enterprise Center helps low-income and refugee clients develop the skills needed to launch new businesses and it partners with the Metropolitan Housing Coalition on a community development bank program that funds small business needs.

JFCS also builds community through support groups, skill building workshops and more. JFCS makes a special effort to serve the Jewish community. It has almost 400 volunteers and about 80 percent of them are Jewish.

The agency also sees support from the Jewish community in events like Pizza in the pantry and the Jazz and Jewelry event.

Mutchnick pointed to the success of the MOSAIC Awards to show how JFCS is also engaging the general community.

She said JFCS will continue to expand and strengthen its programs and engage more people. "Together," she said, we are a community on a mission to strengthen individual, family, work and community life, enhance self-sufficiency and reflect the enduring values of Jewish tradition.

Executive Director's Report

Judy Freundlich Tiell's report echoed many of the highlights Mutchnick addressed as she highlighted some of the ways JFCS served 9,000 people in the region.

Funding continues to be an issue as JFCS is seeing more people with fewer resources, but, she said, "the level of creativity, commitment and passion exhibited by our Board and staff and volunteers to meet those challenges in unparalleled."

"Our volunteers are amazing," she continued, "and truly provide services that free up staff for other responsibilities." Tiell also had words of praise for the JFCS Board and staff.

Tiell recognized two staff members celebrating five-year anniversaries: Naomi Malka who manages the Senior Pals program and works with many



Jake Latts



Jillian Lustig

emergency service clients in the Senior Adult Department; and Andrea Brown, a career counselor who works with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation clients and started JFCS' supported employment program.

In addition, Tiell recognized Mary Cleary, who has been with JFCS for 15 years. She is JFCS' grants and information manager and she runs the agency's savings programs; and four JFCS staff members marking 25 years: Bonnie Lewis, Janet Poole, Lauren Kehr and Mauri Malka. Lewis works in the finance department; Poole works with career service clients where she handles testing and coordinates classes and workshops; Kehr is a licensed clinical social worker; and Malka leads JFCS' Family Services, including the Klein Older Adults programs, counseling services and emergency assistance.

All other staff members were recognized.

Elections

Debbie Friedman chaired JFCS' Nominating Committee and presented its report. Other members of the committee were Mark Ament, Ed Cohen, Janet Hodes, Jay



Debbie Friedman

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Children Color Butterflies for Muhammad Ali, Holocaust Victims

by Alexandra Ramsey
Public Relations Specialist, and
Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor

The J's CenterStage participated in the Muhammad Ali tribute event, I Am Ali, at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, June 7.



In recognition of Muhammad Ali's lifetime of accomplishments, CenterStage Acting Out theatre, the J's professional children's theatre group, provided pages of butterflies for children to color at the event. Butterflies symbolized what Ali stood for and tied in with his famous description of himself when he was a young boxer, "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee."

Ali was a man of peace who prompted understanding and tolerance among all people. He had a special love for children and encouraged them to dream and aspire to reach their goals. The boxer's values parallel those embodied in The J's mission, so participating in this event was a good fit.

"I am proud our JCC was part of the day and the fact that we were able to engage the community in expressing their emotions through butterflies made it so meaningful on so many levels," Sara Wagner, The J's president and CEO, said.

"It's been inspiring to see the city of Louisville come together to honor Muhammad Ali's legacy," she added.

Within sight of the Muhammad Ali Center, children walked booth to booth exploring the different butterfly-themed arts and crafts. Acting Out saved all of the butterflies the children created at their booth and assembled them into one large mural. It's a way that The J's Cultural Arts & Ideas Director, John Leffert, said he wanted to help show support for Ali's dedication to inspiring children to dream.

"To see the diversity of the people in line for tickets...speaks to the incredible charismatic man Ali was. Our city has united in celebration," Leffert said.

In fact, Acting Out will use butterflies to encourage one of Ali's messages throughout the 2016/17 season:

dream big.

Acting Out will perform *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, based on Celeste Raspanti and Hana Volavkova's book that encourages children in any sort of situation to dream and to reach for their goals.

During the Holocaust, over 15,000 children were sent to the Nazi concentration camp, Terezin, but only about 100 survived. Yet within the camp, they still found inspiration, hope, laughter, flowers and butterflies. The book is a record of their drawings and poems, their dreams and hopes.

For them, the butterflies became a symbol of defiance, making it possible for children to survive and even to dream of a better future.

The J will present three public performances of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* within the next year and will also bring the show to schools across the region.

Leffert said children will have the opportunity to color their own butterflies throughout the year in memory of the children killed during the Holocaust.

"We're going to be hanging the butterflies throughout the entire J building, and on Holocaust Remembrance Day, we'll remove half of them," Leffert said. "This will represent the children who died during the horrible events of the Holocaust."

The I Am Ali event kick started the butterfly project as dozens of children came to the Acting Out booth to color the intricate butterflies while paying tribute to Ali and the children of the Holocaust.

There were many other activities honoring Muhammad Ali's memory last week. On Sunday, many members of the Jewish community participated in an event at the River Road Mosque organized by the Muslim community and Interfaith Paths to Peace (IPP). More than 150 turned out to pay tribute to the Champ. Rabbi Gaylia Rooks and Fred Gross were among the speakers. Other speakers included Dr. Muhammad Babar from the mosque, Mayor Greg Fischer, IPP Director Haleh Karimi, Spaulding University President Tori Murden McClure, Christopher 2X and several others.

Summer Camp Fun Is Underway

by Alexandra Ramsey
Public Relations Specialist

The J Summer Camps kicked off on Monday, June 6, as hundreds of children came through the doors with huge grins and energy that ignited the entire building.

The "Space" themed first week included several aliens roaming the hallways and the pool. Some highlights from the week included a visit from the library,

making butterflies to honor Muhammad Ali's legacy and seeing some great soccer games at 4kicks 4 Kidz Cosmic Cup Soccer Camp.

In the specialty art camp, children learned about Michelangelo and painted their own Sistine Chapels. In Alien Camp, campers dressed in costume with pairs of antennas sprouted from their heads.

Perhaps the favorite of all was pool time! The children lined the halls as they prepared to head out to the pools.

Senior Director of Camp and Youth Services, Betsy Schwartz, said she couldn't have asked for a better start to summer camps.

"We've all had so much fun keeping the kids busy. From pool time to arts and crafts to field trips, I'm so excited for the rest of summer," Schwartz said.

Several camps have waitlists, but there's still time to ensure your children spots in some of The J's summer camps that run through August 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with extended day options available, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Scholarships and discounts are available. To reserve your spot, call Mary Dooley at 502-238-2718.



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Klempner, Marty Margulis, Stephanie Mutchnick, Peter Resnik and Doug Sharps.

Board members elected for three-year terms are Lisa Klein, Rachel Greenberg, Amy Silbert and Karen Sherman. Board members reelected for three-year terms were Ed Cohen and Diane Tobin.

Officers for the coming year are Stephanie Mutchnick, president; Peter Resnik, president-elect; Sean Wachsmann, vice president; Mark Charnas, treasurer; and Debbie Friedman, immediate past president.

At large members of the Executive Committee are Mark Ament, Jay Klempner and Marty Margulis.

Members leaving the Board are Carlyn Altman, Billy Altman, Janet Hodes, Larry Kass, Laura Klein and Stephi Wolff.

NEWSMAKERS

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Evangel Hosts Night to Honor Israel; Jewish Community Participates

by Cindy Schwartz
Special to Community

Last month, I left my neighborhood and to some extent, my comfort zone. I headed south on the Gene Snyder to Billtown Road and the Evangel World Prayer Center. I was pleasantly surprised to see both the Israeli flag, flying permanently in front of the Prayer Center, and the Louisville police, sitting in the parking lot, presumably providing security.

I came to the Prayer Center because I wanted to see what a Night to Honor Israel felt like in the midst of an Evangelical congregation. I was not disappointed.

We felt like honorary guests among their congregation. Many standing in the pews held Israeli flags. A 10-piece band accompanied the congregation singing the "Star Spangled Banner" before we heard a recording of "Hatikvah." I thought to myself, "what a shame that we, the local Jewish community, did not have a presence there to sing 'Hatikvah,' but what an honor that they were playing it." Then I took a look around. There were perhaps 15 Jews from our community that I recognized. If this was a night to Honor Israel, where were we?

There was a video message from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Then, the Evangelical congregation sang several songs in Hebrew as the Hebrew transliteration appeared on a large video screen up front.

At this point, my teenage children who joined me were a bit confused and I must admit, so was I. I simply kept reminding them that we were among Evangelical Christians that stand in solidarity with the nation of Israel and the Jewish people. And most importantly, we were there as their guests and we shared a common goal – supporting the State of Israel.

Pastor Bob Rodgers welcomed everyone. He reminded us all that there was a bond between Jews and Christians and that the two groups stood together in support of Israel. He explained that this evening's tribute to Israel would

be broadcast live in Bethlehem by Holy Land Broadcasting, a television station airing Christian programming throughout the land of Israel that he had founded. He told of more than 40 visits to Israel and the strong connection he feels to the State of Israel.

Rabbi Robert Slosberg of Congregation Adath Jeshurun then spoke about his connections with and love for the State of Israel. He asked us to imagine a time when the Arab and Muslim nations were willing to co-exist with Israel and live side-by-side in peace. He reminded those present of the range of Israel's many accomplishments in science, technology and resource management through Nobel Prize winners and startup companies. He dreamed about Israel's ability to have a positive impact on all its neighbors.

Rabbi Slosberg then thanked the Evangelical congregants "... from the bottom of both my Jewish and Zionist heart. What you do for Israel could never have been imagined by Herzl ..." He quipped, "I'm still having trouble wrapping my head around your presence today. Never in my 35-year career did I ever envision speaking at a Night to Honor Israel at the Evangel World Prayer Center."

Finally, the Rabbi explained, "We need friends like you who are not afraid to speak up, show up, and back your words with deeds and support. You are remarkable and an inspiration."

In the course of the evening, the congregation also took up a collection for Israel and made an \$1,800 donation to the 2016 Federation Campaign to go to Israel.

So next year, if the Evangel World Prayer Center hosts another Night to Honor Israel, consider leaving your comfort zone. Show up to stand in solidarity with our Evangelical friends. I promise you it will be a night to remember.



Rabbi Robert Slosberg

tal's commitment to providing the most appropriate stroke treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Teddy Abrams teamed up with **Gill Holland** and **Jim James** to create a musical tribute to **Muhammad Ali** and released it on the day of his funeral, Friday, June 10. Their song, "Float Rumble Rest," comes from Holland's SonaBlast Records of Louisville. Holland described it as "a modern classical tune with rock 'n' roll spark, a great mix of traditional and iconoclastic." The song is available on iTunes. All proceeds will benefit the Muhammad Ali Center.

A story **Robert Sachs** wrote, "Jacobs the Jew," was published in *Tikkun Magazine*.

Raquel Masterson, 17, won the Congressional Art Contest Kentucky's 3rd District for her drawing "Flyaways." Raquel, an 11th grader at Atherton High School, used PrismaColor colored pencils to create the piece. There were over 100 submissions, and for her winning work, Raquel will receive two plane tickets to Washington, D.C., in June for the awards ceremony. Her artwork will be displayed for a year in the Artistic Discovery Corridor at the U.S. Capitol, a tunnel where members of Congress walk daily.

Co-founder of the restaurant, **Wild Eggs, J.D. Rothberg**, announced several new locations for the breakfast spot recently. Rothberg and **Shane Hall** plan to open up locations in Cincinnati, Nashville and Indianapolis.

The company is adding three Wild Eggs restaurants in the Cincinnati area, six in the Indianapolis area and other locations in Jeffersonville, IN and Nashville, TN, according to *Louisville Business First*. Currently, there are 12 Wild Eggs locations open in Kentucky, Indiana, Colorado and Tennessee.

Rothberg said the company would like to open six to eight new locations during the next year.

Sarah Ward, 17, was selected as a First Honors Student in *Louisville Business First* for her academic success. Ward, a recent graduate from North Bullitt High School, completed high school with a 4.0 GPA and several honors and awards. She plans to attend the University of Kentucky in the fall and major in biology.

Ellen Shapira, an education and career counselor at Jewish Family and Career Services, laid out her tips on how to prepare students for college in a recent *Louisville Business First* article.

Shapira offered tips on helping students choose the right major to lessen their time spent in college, tips for good self-management and time management.

Shapira works with students at JFCS' Career Quest which helps students discover their talents, explore career paths and determine their futures one step at a time.

According to *Business First*, **Blue Equity LLC** has acquired 3 Kings Entertainment LLC, a broadcasting talent agency that is based in the Washington, D.C. area. The firm's clients include several ESPN commentators among others. **Jonathan Blue** is Blue Equity's chairman and managing director.

Louis Waterman has been named chairman of the **Cardiovascular Innovation Institute**, a joint initiative of the University of Louisville, Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's HealthCare. The institute focuses on research, education, commercialization and philanthropy.

CORRECTION

Joe Rothstein's name was listed incorrectly in the May 27 edition of *Community*. He won The J Senior Department's Elsie P. Judah Award. We apologize for the error.



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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.

June 30

"Entertainment by Two of the Diamonds," a vocal and piano presentation.

July 7

KORT Therapy – Robin Harrington, doctor of physical therapy will present balance exercises.

July 14

Alan Zukoff and Steve Bradley – Music & Mischegos Returns!

July 21

Cathy Fyock, book writing coach, presents "Telling Your Story."

July 28

Sara Robinson leads Movie Music Trivia with gift cards and prizes.

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

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

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

AROUND TOWN

The Temple Hosts Second Annual Equality Shabbat

The Temple will mark Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Pride month with the Second Annual Equality Shabbat on Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

The Equality Shabbat was inspired by Congregation Kol HaNeshama in Jerusalem, which began the tradition of celebrating LGBTQ pride in 2007. The Temple is the only Jewish congregation in Kentucky that marks LGBTQ pride month with a special Shabbat Service.

The morning will begin with a Torah study, Shabbat morning service, and end with a free Kiddush luncheon and community panel and forum on hospitality and inclusion.

Community guests include representatives from the LGBTQ Center at the University of Louisville, The Women's Center at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Fairness Campaign.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Becky King at 502-212-2028 or becky@thetemplelouky.org.

The Temple Announces Dates for Bridges Classes

The Temple announced dates for the Bridges: Welcome to Judaism classes, which are devoted to helping newly Jewish people and those looking to convert gain a deeper understanding of Judaism.

Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks will teach the classes on Mondays, June 27, July 11 and August 22, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at The Temple.

The classes are designed to offer a safe and supportive environment to discuss issues of identity, community and family during conversion, as well as what it means to be Jewish, to live a Jewish

life and to help discover what Judaism means to you.

The Temple Celebrates Independence Day with Dinner

The Temple will celebrate Independence Day with a Rabbis Shabbat Dinner on Friday, July 1, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a traditional cookout with hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, Steel City Pops and other tasty treats. There will be fun activities for children of all ages. The Temple will also have a special service and the 2nd Annual Red, White and Blue Oneg. Dinner is \$5 and kids 13 and under eat free. RSVP by June 28 to 502-423-1818.

AJ Hosts Celebration Shabbat

Adath Jeshurun will celebrate July birthdays and anniversaries on Saturday, July 2. All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of July are invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services beginning at 9:30 a.m.

KI Grills Out for 4th of July

Keneseth Israel will celebrate the 4th of July with a barbecue after Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday, July 1, from 6-8 p.m. The Men's Club will cook burgers, hot dogs, chicken and various veggie options on the KI front lawn.

The event is free for members. \$5 for non-members. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com. It is made possible by the Faye and Simmy Davis Kabbalat Shabbat Fund and the KI Men's Club.

KI Celebrates Summer on Shabbat with Sundaes

Keneseth Israel will meet at Graeter's Ice Cream, 2204 Bardstown Rd., on Saturday, July 9, at 6 p.m. for Shabbat and Sundaes. All are welcome to enjoy

a free treat (up to \$5 value) and to enjoy camaraderie. RSVPs must be made to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or by calling 502-459-2780.

Temple Shalom Accepting Donations for Yard Sale

The Women of Temple Shalom will accept donations on Sundays, July 10 and July 17, from 10 a.m.-noon for the annual indoor yard sale. WOTS will accept pictures, sporting goods, dishes, jewelry, collectibles, tables, lamps, bookcases, baby furniture, toys, clothing and more. Items must be in gently used condition. Forms for tax purposes will be available. If you have questions, call Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 and ask to be contacted by Ellen Gray.

The yard sale will be held Friday, July 22 and Sunday, July 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

KI Offers Jewish Yoga Workshop

Cantor Sharon Hordes will lead an in-depth and comparative look at the Jewish and yogic traditions on Thursday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Keneseth Israel. In addition to discussion, Hordes will lead a yoga, meditation and breathing practice.

This event is free and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, 502-459-2780.

KI Celebrates July Birthdays

Keneseth Israel will celebrate July birthdays during a Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, July 15, at 6 p.m. at Big Rock Park. Bring picnic blankets and food for a picnic dinner after Kabbalat Shabbat. KI will provide dessert.

This celebration is free and open to the public. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, 502-459-2780.

AJ Offers Hebrew Reading Courses

Adath Jeshurun will hold a series of Hebrew classes throughout the summer. During the five 90-minute classes, Deborah Slosberg will teach people how to read Hebrew.

This course is free of charge and designed for those with little or no background in Hebrew. The class focuses on the Hebrew alphabet and reading skills. The first class begins on Sunday, July 31, at 10 a.m., followed by classes on August 7, 14, 21 and 28.



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AJ Hosts Shabbat Scholar

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 6, as Adath Jeshurun hosts a Shabbat Scholar program following the Kiddush lunch. Ruth Kline will speak at 12:15 p.m. on "Jewish Life in Shanghai: 1939 - 1947."

The community is welcome.

AJ Book Club to Discuss *A Guide for the Perplexed*

The Adath Jeshurun Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 28, at 2 p.m. for an informal book discussion on the August Book Club pick, *A Guide for the Perplexed* by Dara Horn.

The discussion, facilitated by Deborah Slosberg, is free of charge and open to the community.

To order a paperback copy for \$14 please contact Deborah Slosberg by phone (458-5359) or email at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

AJ and Louisville Melton School to Take 2017 Israel Trip

Rabbi Robert and Deborah Slosberg will lead the 2017 Louisville Melton Israel trip February 27- March 9.

This trip is open to both Melton and non-Melton travelers who enjoy in-depth educational travel and fine dining. Enjoy daily adventures and exploration of Israel's sites. All travel takes place in luxury coaches to ensure safety and comfort.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Slosberg at rabbi@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359.

The Temple Provides Summer Hebrew Classes

Rabbi Gaylia Rooks will teach an intermediate Summer Hebrew class Monday nights from 6:30-7:30. The class will study Prayerbook Hebrew and delve into prayers and their deeper meanings.

Some knowledge of Hebrew and ability to read basic Hebrew is necessary. Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will teach Advanced Hebrew Monday nights throughout the summer at 7 p.m.

The Temple Holds Weekly Torah Study

Join Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport every Wednesday throughout the summer for talks on the Torah, Jewish History, Israel and more. The classes meet from 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.

Saturday before services, The Temple also holds a Torah study with bagels and coffee from 9-10 a.m. in Fishman Library. This class is taught by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel.

AJ Invites Community to Shabbat Lunch and Learn

Adath Jeshurun invites the community on Shabbat mornings for a Lunch and Learn following the worship services. Join Rabbi Slosberg for a lively discussion which is open to the community.

KI Holds Jews and Brews Torah Study at The J

Keneseth Israel hosts Jews and Brews, a one hour Torah study class with coffee, on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at The J's coffee shop. The class meets weekly and is open to the public.

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

KI Holds Children's Shabbat Service

Children lead Keneseth Israel Shabbat services on the first and third Saturdays of every month from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Join the congregation for a high energy service with stories, singing, prayers and learning. The service concludes with a Kiddush over challah and juice. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, 502-459-2780.



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Birth

Melanie Brooke Benovitz

Shannon and Todd Benovitz are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Melanie Brooke, born May 23, at 8:28 a.m. Melanie is the granddaughter of Diane and the late Jay Levine of Louisville, KY and Shellie and the late Melvin Benovitz of Louisville, KY. Melanie is the sister to big brother, Jayson, and proud to be named in memory of her paternal grandfather and maternal great-grandfather.



Wedding

Benovitz/Kibort

Nancy Benovitz and Adam Kibort were married Sunday, May 29, in Louisville at the Seelbach Hotel. Nancy is the daughter of Amy and Lee Benovitz and the granddaughter of Myra Garon. Adam is the son of Drs. Mary Beth and Phil Kibort and the grandson of Reva Kibort and Harold Rothstein, all of the Minneapolis area. The couple reside in Chicago.



Obituaries



Lore Kahn Weber

Lore Kahn Weber, 88, of Louisville, passed away on Monday, June 6.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Alfred. She is survived by her son, Henry Weber

(LeeAnn); her grandsons, Daniel Weber (Deirdre) and Eric Weber (Kelly); and her great-grandson, Patrick, who she called her Sweetheart.

Her graveside service was on Wednesday, June 8, at The Temple Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be sent to Home of the Innocents or The Salvation Army.

Ruth Englander

Ruth H. Englander, 90, died Sunday, June 5, at Sacred Heart Home. She was a native of New York City, born October 11, 1925 to the late Sadye Weiner and John Hartman. Englander was a retired nurse and member of Mt. Sinai Alumni Association. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 55 years, Arthur Englander.



She is survived by her daughter, Frances Englander of Louisville; her son, Edward Englander of Albany, NY; her grandsons, Noah Englander Jacobs and Seth Englander Jacobs (Molly); her great-granddaughter, Hadley Jacobs; and her two nieces, Julie Englander Berry (Ron) and Carol Englander Boatner (Bruce).

Englander was buried at Eternal Light Memorial Gardens, Boynton Beach, FL. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



Sam Zeiden

Sam Zeiden died June 8, 2016.

He was born in Detroit in October 13, 1918. His mother, Jenny Zovod Zeiden died when he was 10. He was raised in Louisville by his father Edward Zeiden and his three siblings, Louis Zeiden (Esther Benovitz), Rose Zeiden Jacobson (Abe) and Fanny Zeiden Kent (Jerry).

As a boy Zeiden attended the Kentucky Military Institute. During the 1937 flood he was sent to Chicago to live with relatives of his mother and there he met his wife, Sydel Fisher. They married in 1942 and had two children, Nancy and Carl. Zeiden was a self-taught electrical engineer who built one of the very first televisions. He worked for Zenith Radio, then the Bendix Corporation, and finally for Hughes Aircraft where he worked on a variety of defense and space exploration projects. Some of his work went to the moon with the Apollo missions.

During WWII, Zeiden enlisted in the Army and was attached to the signal corps but was soon discharged in order to return to Zenith Radio where his skills were put to use for the war effort.

Zeiden was an inveterate tinkerer. He love gadgets, radios, and televisions. He was often called to fix the televisions of family and friends and once even fixed Roy Rogers' TV.

After his retirement the Zeidens moved to the Ocean Hills Country Club, a retirement community in Oceanside, CA, to be close to their daughter and her family.

Zeiden was an avid videographer and whenever there was a family event, there he was with a video camera, an extension of his arm.

Not one to lay about in retirement, Zeiden joined several clubs in his retirement community, among them the photography club and the computer club.

After his wife died in 2003, he stayed in Ocean Hills and continued to participate in club activities.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, parents and three siblings.

Zeiden is survived by his children, Nancy Harrison (Don) and Carl Zeiden (Barbara); four grandchildren, Sandi Masori, David Harrison (Cathy), Heather Zeiden, and Edward Zeiden; and four great grandchildren, Shor Masori, Sky Masori, Brian Zeiden, and Sara Zeiden. He is also survived by his nephews Jay Jacobson (Lorita) of Boca Raton, FL, Kenny Jacobson (Betsy) of Sandy Hook, CT, and Harry Jacobson-Beyer and his wife Sherry of Louisville with whom he and Sydel had a very close and special relationship.

Joan Wood Kay

Joan Wood Kay, 87, died Sunday, June 19, at Episcopal Church Home.

A Louisville native, she was born May 24, 1929 to the late Guy B. and Helen Wood. She was a graduate of University of Louisville in 1951 and shortly thereafter, attended the University of Florence in Italy under a Fulbright scholarship. In 1953, she became a writer for the *Courier Journal* until her retirement in 1987.

Kay was known to friends as gracious, smart and witty. She had a keen appreciation for art and was an avid reader of mysteries and newspapers. She was skilled at needlepoint and knitting and was a world traveler, who wrote humorous poems and limericks for friends. Joan also acquired a vast collection of Teddy bears. She spoke Italian and French and was always fashionably dressed – often in her favorite color, lavender. Kay is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Michael Kay.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg



Pl., SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126.

Irwin Gerald Waterman

Irwin Gerald Waterman, 93, died on Sunday, June 19.

He was born October 25, 1922 in Greenwood, MS. Waterman served in the US Army for 30 months during WWII, including nine months with the 164th Infantry Regiment in the Philippines and nine months with units in Japan during the Occupation after the war, leading one of the units in the victory parade in Tokyo.

He was a partner and practiced law with Morris & Garlove (later known as Morris, Garlove, Waterman & Johnson) and Seiller Waterman LLC, and was an authority on taxation and estate planning.

He served as president of the Louisville School for Autistic Children, president of the Standard Country Club of Louisville and was a member of The Temple.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sophia Garlove and Joseph Meyer Waterman; his wife of 47 years, Patricia Voss Waterman; and his brother, David (Marilyn) Waterman.

He is survived by his three children, Robert (Susan) Waterman, Susan (John) Sales and Linda (Glyn) Humphrey; his six grandchildren, Jessica (Michael) Israel, Jordan (Caitlin) Waterman, Ethan Sales, Ben Humphrey, Emma Sales and Sophie Humphrey; and his brother, Dr. Norton (Judy) Waterman.

He was buried in the Temple Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to The Pat Waterman Nursing Scholarship at Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's Healthcare Foundation, 250 East Liberty Street, Suite 612, Louisville, KY 40202, The Temple or Hosparus.

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