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West Side Story

There are still a few tickets left for the final CenterStage's performances of *West Side Story*, but you'd better hurry if you want to catch this classic reworking of *Romeo and Juliette*. Read the review on page 11, PHOTO BY DEBRA ROSE. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

First East End Fresh Stop Market Will Be at The J

by Karyn Moskowitz
New Roots Executive Director and Michael Fraade
The J JOFEE Fellow

A group of community members, motivated by the belief that fresh food is a basic human right and that people of all faiths and resource levels must have access to it, are coming together to form

Louisville's 10th Fresh Stop Market and bring locally sourced, farm-fresh produce to members of the Hikes Point area and beyond.

The Gendler Grapevine Fresh Stop Market @ The J will be a biweekly event (tentatively planned to occur from 4:30-6:30 p.m., every other Wednesday) that will offer multiple varieties of seasonal certified-organic produce, cooking

demonstrations, along with information about how to cook and store the produce. The Market is partially funded by a grant from the Gendler Grapevine Project to New Roots, in partnership with The J's new JOFEE Fellow, Michael Fraade. (JOFEE, Jewish Outdoor, Food and Environmental Education, is a program of Hazon.)

"The Gendler Grapevine Project funds lasting, replicable, and inspiring initiatives that celebrate the deep connections between Jewish traditions, social justice and the environment," said Emily Loeb, executive director of the

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Allocations Announced for FY 2017

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Throughout much of the year, community members hear a lot about the Annual Federation Campaign. *Community* carries stories about Campaign events and about programs and services that are funded by the Campaign. Community members are also asked to be Campaign volunteers to help secure pledges and to give generously when volunteers call. And they receive gratitude and acknowledgements when they make their gifts.



Jon Fleischaker

All of this is critically important because the dollars raised by the Federation Campaign are the fuel that keeps our community vibrant. However, there is another committee that is a critical part of the process. The Jewish Community of Louisville's Planning and Allocations Committee is charged with the responsibility of deciding where the money pledged will go each year.

For fiscal 2017, July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017, the committee had \$2,052,000 to allocate. That amount is \$112,000 or 5.8 percent more than was available last year, but still well below the amounts requested by the beneficiary agencies.

Jon Fleischaker leads the Planning and Allocations Committee, working committee members William Altman, Ken Berzof, Harry Geller, Lance Gilbert, Ralph Green, Linda Spielberg, Leni Sweet and Jake Wishnia, deciding on how to allocate the community's re-

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Temple Shalom Welcomes New Rabbi

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor



On July 1, Louisville's Temple Shalom began a new stage in the life of the congregation as it welcomed its new spiritual leader, Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner. Coming from Temple Shalom in Wheeling, WV, (she also grew up at Temple Shalom in New Jersey), Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner is only the second rabbi to serve this congregation. Her predecessor, Rabbi Stanley Miles, held the post for 39A years.

Bubbling with energy and enthusiasm, the new rabbi jumped right in, meeting people, fulfilling the myriad roles of a solo congregational rabbi, becoming acquainted with and involved with community organizations, preparing for the start of religious school and the High Holy

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JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director

Jewish Community Relations Council

This past month has seen some horrible tragedies that have befallen both the Jewish world and our world at large, enough to last a lifetime.

A 13 year old girl was murdered by Palestinian terrorists. Shortly thereafter, a father of 10 and the head of a Yeshiva was gunned down, and his wife and three children were severely injured. Two black men were killed by the police under very questionable circumstances where their race most likely played a factor. And five Dallas area Police officers were gunned down intentionally, as they were patrolling a peaceful rally.

But there are signs of hope that peace can reign. In Israel, the first responders to the injured Jewish family in Israel were Palestinian and they saved lives. In our own country, the protestors in the Black Lives Matter movement (who are from many different races) are using the words peace, justice, equality – universal ideals that we can admire and strive for. And the Police in every city are being thanked and recognized for the wonderful work that they are doing in keeping us all safe. May we see peace and justice speedily in our days, and without the corresponding tragedies as the conduits for change.

Israel Wins Again

These past two weeks have seen remarkable achievements diplomatically for the state of Israel; very rare achievements as anti-Zionists grow ever more aggressive in seeking to isolate her.

First, Israel has now been elected to chair a committee at the United Nations, a historically hostile body for Israel.

Second, Prime Minister Netanyahu has just completed a four nation tour of Africa, and it was a rousing success. These African nations, which had strained relationships with Israel for many years welcomed the prime minister with open arms. Israeli businessmen in tow, they walked away with over a billion dollars in signed commercial contracts.

Third, Israel finally concluded its years-long dispute with Turkey and signed an agreement to move forward with closer relations. Israel-Turkey relations were severely damaged in 2010 because of an incident involving a Turkish aid ship that tried to break Israel's blockade of Gaza that led to the death of some on the ship. Ambassadors have been exchanged, economic ties deepened, and diplomatic cooperation improving.

Finally, the Egyptian foreign minister came to Israel for a visit, for the first time in a long time. Israel's strategic interests are increasingly coordinated with Egypt, and relations between them are stronger now than they have ever

been. Egypt has even proposed hosting a peace conference between Israel and the Palestinians.

While anti-Zionist movements like BDS seek to isolate Israel politically and diplomatically, the opposite is happening as more and more countries are improving ties with Israel. Once hostile countries are seeking to improve diplomatic and economic ties, and trade between historical allies of Israel are expanding exponentially.

JOFEE

On Sunday, July 31, at 4 p.m., please join our community in our garden as we plant seeds and learn about cooking, local food, and partner organizations. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about The J's JOFEE (Jewish, Outdoor, Food and Environmental Education) program and how you can get involved! This will be a great program and fun for the whole family, and the food planted will be harvested during Sukkot. I look forward to seeing you all there.

EDITORIAL REMEMBERING ELIE WIESEL

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

It is rare for a person whom we have never met face-to-face to touch us so profoundly that our lives are changed yet, there are a gifted few who seem to change the lives of everyone they touch.

Elie Wiesel was one of those gifted people, and it is with a very heavy heart that I remember and honor him today.

I clearly remember the first time I was introduced to Elie Wiesel's work. I was

a camper, maybe 10 or 11 years old, at OSRUI (Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute, the Wisconsin equivalent of GUCI, Goldman Union Camp Institute) and had taken ill. I was in the infirmary and needed something to do until I was well enough to rejoin the rest of the campers.

Someone handed me a slim book – around 100 pages long – and suggested it would be a good way to use my time. Always an avid reader, I began to read. I was soon captivated and couldn't put the book down.

If I had heard of the Holocaust before I read *Night*, I certainly didn't understand the first thing about it, and it held no significance to me. The image of the "sad-eyed angel" left an indelible impression. To this day, half a century after I first read the words, I can see the prisoners filing into the camp and standing before the gallows, forced to watch the execution of three people, one of them a young boy.

After *Night*, came *Dawn*. And after *Dawn*, many more. Each artfully crafted and eloquently written. Each raising awareness. Each delving into the human soul and each admonishing us that it is immoral to remain silent – that silence in the face of evil is complicity.

A few years later, a high school English teacher instructed us to pick a book and write a paper about it. I asked to write about Wiesel's *Gates of the Forest*. The teacher had never heard of Wiesel and loathed to give me permission to write about it. Read Albert Camus' *The Plague*, he said. I did, but I was angry and frustrated that the teacher refused to consider this important work.

At one point, while I was still in high school, I wrote a letter to Wiesel and he answered it. I was in surprised and delighted. I believe I still have the letter to this day.

In college, I finally got to write that paper about Wiesel's books. The world was coming to understand what I had recognized so long before.

His message burned within me. We cannot be silent in the face of evil. So, in college, I wasn't silent. I was an organizer for the movement to free Soviet Jewry. In fact, my husband's first memory of me is as I took a petition for Soviet Jewry from table at our very unJewish dorm.

The first time I heard Wiesel speak in person was at a congregation in Memphis, TN, shortly after David and I were married. We drove 60 miles on rural Arkansas roads to get to Memphis, and it see **REMEMBERING** page 4

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The Louisvilleans selected for the 2016 Jewish Women's Renaissance Project trip to Israel are Lisa Barnes, Karen Bass, Ellana Bessen, Jasmine Farrier, Tracy Geller, Lisa Hirsch, Lisa Kaplin, Julie Kling, Paola Moretta, Mona Schramko, Jaime Schwartz, Jessica Springer, Julie Strull and Kristen Yoffe. Dara Woods is chair of the project and Lenae Price is staff.

2016 Jewish Women's Renaissance Project Participants Selected

by Dara Woods

Special to Community

This past winter, Jewish Community of Louisville's president and CEO, Sara Wagner, gave me, Dara Woods, and Lenae Price the green light to begin recruiting Jewish moms with children under the age of 18 living at home to take a life-changing, free trip to Israel. We had 12 spots to

fill and, honestly, I wasn't sure we'd find enough women who hadn't been to Israel before and wanted to go now.

With mostly word-of-mouth and a Facebook event, I was astounded when 40 women showed up to the informational meeting. Not to mention, many more who expressed interest but couldn't attend. Ultimately, dozens of women applied to participate in the program.

We approached our partners at the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP), the organization that facilitates this trip, to see if we could get additional spots. We were able to secure four more, bringing us to a total of 16 women we could bring as part of the 2016 Louisville cohort.

We sought women who were eager to connect with other Jewish moms and participate in our community. I was elated to meet so many wonderful, smart, charismatic women, and I'm sure there are so many more out there. You would think more spots would have made the interview process easier, but still, it was a grueling task to narrow the group down to only 16 participants.

After much deliberation, we selected the following women for the 2016 Lou-

isville JWRP trip: Lisa Barnes, Karen Bass, Ellana Bessen, Jasmine Farrier, Tracy Geller, Lisa Hirsch, Lisa Kaplin, Julie Kling, Paola Moretta, Mona Schramko, Jaime Schwartz, Jessica Springer, Julie Strull, Kristen Yoffe and Chair Dara Woods. The J Director of Philanthropy and Outreach Lenae Price will staff the trip. These moms will have the opportunity to experience Israel together in November and have committed to a year of continuing education following the trip.

The overwhelming interest in the program has led Jewish Community of Louisville leadership to explore funding options for a second trip in 2017.

The participants for the 2016 trip have already convened to begin our journey. We met at the home of one of the participants to get to know each other and begin our important work.

The work of the JWRP is focused on "activating enthusiastic engagement with the Treasure of Jewish Life." This will be done over the next year through programming and curriculum. Our rabbis, cantors, The J, Federation and other Jewish communal staff will facilitate our curric-

ulum, which is focused on different areas including personal growth, parenting, holidays, building our community, Israeli engagement and leadership.

Our participants are excited about the experience that lies ahead. Julie Kling commented, "I am honored to be a part of the inaugural Louisville group. I am thrilled to be able to bring more of the Jewish culture into my everyday life and create deep connections with families in the Louisville community."

Another participant, Kristen Yoffe said, "I am so excited that the Louisville community is supporting its first ever JWRP trip. Most of the women participating in the JWRP trip from Louisville have never experienced Israel before, including myself. What an amazing opportunity to not only deepen our bond with Judaism and Israel, but also form strong connections with each other and other Jewish mothers from around the world."

Our hope is that, upon return from this amazing experience, these women will connect on a deeper level, engage others and become the next generation of leaders in our community. Stay tuned to learn more about our adventures.

Grandparents Can Now Get Their Own Copies of PJ Library Books

by Jennifer Tuvlin

PJ Library Director

PJ Library is a national outreach program sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in partnership with local organizations such as the JCL. Books with Jewish content and themes are mailed, for free, to children ages six months through eight years of age to families with Jewish connections.

Books had been limited to the household where the child resides. Now, after years of requests, the program is expanding and grandparents can receive their own copies of PJ Library books. For a limited time, PJ Library grandparents can receive four free PJ Library books to share with their grandchildren.

Many feel that PJ Library books are a tool to teach holidays, Jewish ethics, heritage and history. Now grandparents have the opportunity to start their own collection of these award-winning books so that they too can share the joy of reading Jewish stories with their grandchildren.

All PJ Library families will receive a letter directly from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation informing them how to sign up grandparents, or Louisville PJ grandparents can simply register on their own at pjlibrary.org/grandparents.

Sign-ups are open until Monday, August 29, and the books will be mailed in October and in December, right before Chanukah.

To be eligible, grandparents must have grandchildren who are already signed up for PJ Library. However, Louisville has subscriptions available and any grandparent can also sign up their grandchild in order to receive their own subscription. Either register at pjlibrary.org or contact me, Jennifer Tuvlin, PJ Library director, at jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org.

PJ Library decided to make the investment of allowing grandparents to receive their own books after direct feedback from PJ grandparents who want to support PJ Library, receive the books and play a role in bringing Jewish stories, traditions, and values into their grandchildren's lives. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation believes that PJ Library can be a multigenerational program.

Prior to this national announcements, PJ Library in Louisville had already

made plans for a multi-generational challah making event to be held at The Temple in November and is thrilled that the national parent organization agrees with the importance of engaging grandparents in the Jewish education of their grandchildren.

PJ Library has a full slate of events planned for the fall and encourages PJ grandparents to not only get their own books, but to join us for family friendly, Jewish programming.

To learn more about PJ Library, go to www.jewishlouisville.org/pjlibrary. To receive more information about grandparent/grandchild events, please email Jennifer Tuvlin at jtuvlin@jewishlouisville.org.

REMEMBERING

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was worth it. After his formal remarks, he asked those who were working to free Soviet Jews to join him in a smaller room for additional remarks. I no longer remember what he said, but I remember the pride I felt in being part of that group.

I was privileged to hear him speak once again when the Jewish Community Federation brought the famed writer, who by then had won the Nobel Prize, to Louisville for a Major Gifts Dinner.

While I was on track to be a writer long before I heard of Elie Wiesel, and I have always had a deep and abiding love of Judaism and its directives to work for *tikkun olam*, the repair of the world, I have no doubt that Elie Wiesel played a significant role in making me the person I am today.

I hope that I will never be silent in the face of evil. And today, when I look at my daughter, I know that she, too, has learned that lesson.

Elie Wiesel, you have made a profound difference in this world, and, though you are no longer here to bear witness and to witness the good that you have wrought, your written words, your legacy, will continue to touch people's souls and build a better world for generations to come. *Zichroncha l'yvacha. May your memory be for blessing.*

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THROUGH AUGUST 23

Plein Air Painters

Selected works from 33 painters who paint as a group at scheduled locations outdoors from May through October.

JULY 24

PJ Library, Shalom Baby Music Class

The J Children's Place. Free. 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.

JULY 26

JewLou Happy Hour

5-7 p.m. JCC. Free. Cut a rug, meet some peeps and join the tribe. YAD will cover the first drink and have some appetizers to share. RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1032484180175299/>.

JULY 31

Summer Seeding

4-6 p.m. JCC. Free. Learn about gardening, food justice and environmentalism. JOFEE fellow Michael Fraade will lead a workshop to reintroduce you to The J's community garden and start plantings for fall. Hands-on activities, cooking demonstrations and more.

AUGUST 2

A Taste of Melton Presentation

6:45-8 p.m. Adath Jeshurun. Free. Rabbis Stanley Miles and Robert Slosberg will use Melton's text-based approach to give you a "taste" of the Core Curriculum courses: Rhythm and Purposes of Jewish Living. Open to all. RSVP to Deborah Slosberg, 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

AUGUST 5

First Friday: Shabbat Sha-lympics

7:30-11 p.m. At Big Rock in Cherokee Park. With the start of the 2016 Olympics, YAD is hosting an Olympics-themed meal for First Friday Shabbat. Optional: dress as your favorite sport. Bring something for JFCS's School Supply Shoppe. RSVP at <https://goo.gl/ByyuUB>. This program is held in conjunction with Keneseth Israel's Big Rock Shabbat.

AUGUST 8 AND 9

School's Out Days at the JCC

9 a.m.-4 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, swimming, arts and crafts. Theme: All Things Purple, All Things Yellow. For more information and to register, go to jewishlouisville.org/sod/.

AUGUST 12-14

Troop 30 100th Anniversary

Varying times. The Temple and Camp Crooked Creek. All former Troop 30 scouts and their families invited. www.louisvilletroop30.org/100th-anniversary.

AUGUST 20

Adults Only Summer Camp

7-11 p.m., The J, \$36 per person. The kids had fun all summer; now it's your turn. Enjoy "spiked" bug juice and relive your camp days. Proceeds benefit Camp Scholarship Fund. RSVP at jewishlouisville.org/adult-summer-camp.

AUGUST 21

Toddler Topics

10 a.m., JCC. Judith Danovitch, Ph.D., and Nick Noles, Ph.D. will discuss "Appropriate Screen Time for Children."

AUGUST 21

Pizza for the Pantry

12-2 p.m., Wick's Pizza Goose Creek, \$7 adults, \$5 children 4-12; free children 3 and under. Benefits the JFCS sonny and janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. For tickets, call Kim Toebe, 502-452-6341, ext. 103, or ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org.

Cooking Demos, Local Vendors, Tastings

Come to Summer Seeding Event at The J's Garden

by Alexandra Ramsey
Public Relations Specialist

Seeds, local vegetables and healthy cooking demonstrations. What more could you ask for? Invite your family and friends and head out to The J's garden on Sunday, July 31, from 4-6 p.m. for your chance to take part in the Summer Seeding event during which you can plant winter vegetables and learn how to obtain healthy, local foods.

Plant cabbage, carrots and beets in the newly expanded garden plot, taste delicious foods from local vendors and watch healthy cooking demonstrations. Featuring local health food stores and organizations including Rainbow Blossom and New Roots, Summer Seeding

will introduce the community to The J's Jewish Outdoor, Food and Environmental Education program.

JOFEE is one of Hazon's outreach programs. Hazon, a nonprofit Jewish environmental organization, works to build healthier and more sustainable communities. 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. And that's where JOFEE Fellow Michael Fraade comes in.

A native of Connecticut, Fraade arrived in town and began working as

the Louisville-based JOFEE Fellow 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 those interests."

Fraade's 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 where it's not readily available and where many people 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 said that on July 31, everyone will get to tour the current garden and fruit trees as well as the new garden space he's helped create for the winter months.

"All of the winter vegetables families will get to plant will be harvested and ready to eat by around Sukkot," Fraade said. "And the best part is, many of the vegetables will go to feed Louisvillians in need."

Tapping into the growing interest in growing food, Summer Seeding will show some ways that food and outdoor activities intersect with health and wellness.

From demonstrating how to get fresh, local food to healthy living and wellness, Summer Seeding will have activities for people of all ages.

"People interested in health and wellness will love getting to meet some of our partner organizations at the event," Fraade said. "They'll be able to get a fuller picture of the local resources available."

Fraade said he wants the community to know The J for the garden just as much as they do the programming.

"It's my goal that this garden will be an educational resource for the different age groups such as the Early Learning Center kids, day camp kids, the seniors, and everybody in between" Fraade said.

The garden will provide food for the Jewish Family & Career Services food pantry and others who need access to fresh produce.

"The local vendors we'll have there are exceptional and this will be the first opportunity the community has to see how The J fits into a larger network in Louisville designed to help people live out healthy, plant-based lifestyles," Fraade said.

The Summer Seeding event is free and open to the public. The garden is located across from the Pavilion. For more information, visit jewishlouisville.org/event/summer-seeding.

Relive Your Camp Childhood With The J's Adults Only Summer Camp

by Alexandra Ramsey
Public Relations Specialist

The children had fun at summer camp all summer long, now it's your turn. Just because you're adults and parents doesn't mean you can't sit around a bonfire and make s'mores like the good ole days, right?

Join The J on Saturday, August 20, from 7-11 p.m. to relive your younger years at summer camp for the Adults Only Summer Camp Fundraiser. You'll have a great time and you'll be supporting The J's camp scholarship fund to ensure that other children will be able to make lifelong friends and have the same kinds of memories you treasure.

Play sharks and minnows in the open pool, sip on adult "spiked" bug juice, munch on hot dogs and sink your teeth into gooey s'mores around a bonfire! There will be a ton of camp activities just for adults.

Senior Director of Camp and Youth

Services Betsy Schwartz said the Adults Only Summer Camp Fundraiser is an incredible way for parents to have a night of fun and support a very important cause.

"It's an opportunity for parents, friends and camp-lovers, to spend a night at the JCC participating camp-friendly activities, while raising funds to send needy children to our day camp!" she said.

Several children wouldn't get the opportunity to go to The J's Summer Camps if it wasn't for the Camp Scholarship Fund. Think about it – no pool days, no new camp friends that last a lifetime, and no camp skits. The J is counting on you to help give children these memories.

So what are you waiting for? The camp songs are ready to be sung and the marshmallows are ready to be toasted!

Tickets are \$36 and include two drink tickets, food, a koozie and activities. This is a rain or shine event. To learn more or to register, go to jewishlouisville.org/adults-summer-camp-event.

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The Scholars Curriculum lets you chose to explore Bereshit (Genesis), Shemot (Exodus), Jewish Denominations, the History of Jewish Humor, Beyond Borders, Israeli Literature as a Window to Israeli Society and Jews in America.

There are even two classes exclusive to the Louisville Melton program: Magicians, Witches, Angels and Demons – in the Bible and Beyond; and Ruth, Judith and Esther. Both of these classes were created and are taught by Rabbi Laura Metzger.

The Melton faculty includes Cantor David Lipp, Rabbi Laura Metzger, Rabbi Stanley Miles, Deborah Slosberg and Rabbi Robert Slosberg.

Not sure if Melton is right for you? Sample the core curriculum on Tuesday, August 2, 6:45-8 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun. During this free Taste of Melton program, Rabbis Stanley Miles and Robert Slosberg will use Melton's text-based approach to give you a taste of the Rhythms and Purposes of Jewish Living courses.

To reserve your place at the Taste of Melton program, to get more informa-

tion about the Melton program or to register, contact Melton Director Deborah Slosberg, 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com. You can also register online at jewishlouisville.org/melton.

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning is sponsored by Congregation Adath Jeshurun in collaboration with The J and with support from Congregation Anshei Sfard, Keneseth Israel Congregation, Temple Shalom and The Temple. This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and the Dorothy Levy Memorial Fund. Scholarships are provided by the Jewish Federation of Louisville.

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First Friday Dinners Make Shabbat Special for Young Adults

by Benji Berlow, *Young Adult Director*
Jewish Federation of Louisville

When my wife, Lisa, and I were looking for a place to live when we moved to Louisville, we had a crazy idea – “Let’s make sure we have a place that could host 20 people for Shabbat.” Fast forward six months and our crazy idea has become a reality. With the help of YAD Ambassadors, the Federation and One-Table, we have not only been able to host monthly Shabbat dinners for 15-25 young adults every month, but we are also encouraging other young adults to do the same.

Every month, First Friday Shabbat Dinners are becoming a place for grad students, couples, professionals, families and newcomers to join in the celebration of Shabbat. As Lisa Goldberg, attendee at April Fool’s and Poolside Shabbat, shared, “First Friday dinners are a fun and relaxing way to come together after a long week to wind down, celebrate Shabbat, and enjoy the company of other young adults in Louisville.”

Every dinner has a theme such as

Erev Derby Shabbat in May or All White Dress Shabbat in June, with theme-related foods and dress. Moreover, we have asked young adults to donate items for local and national charities such as JFCS Food Pantry, Family & Children’s Place and Vietnam Veterans Association.

“As someone new to Louisville and its Jewish community,” Ben Schneider said about the All White Dress Shabbat, “I felt welcome at the dinner. It was a pleasure to meet a number of interesting and diverse young Jews from around Louisville.”

The main focus of each Shabbat dinner is to mingle and meet other young adults. Allison Feit shared, “The dinners have definitely been a good ice breaker to meet Jewish young adults who are both new to the community and those who have been around longer.”

For Chelsea Markuson, First Friday Shabbats reminded her of Shabbat in Israel, “where conversation, eating and drinking are top priority. You cannot go wrong with sharing a space with good food and good people on a beautiful Friday night.”

Thanks to the support of a new national organization, it is easy for any young adult to host this kind of Shabbat experience. Launched in NY in 2014 and expanded nationally in 2015, OneTable is becoming a hub to help people “Shabbat” together. Using their online platform, guests can easily create an event for their guests to RSVP. Moreover, they provide ‘nourishment’ credit, Shabbat coaches and more to make each Shabbat dinner a success.

For their one year anniversary in May, OneTable featured Louisville’s Erev Derby Shabbat as one of their favorite meals across the country.

In July, we had our first month with two Shabbat dinners occurring simultaneously on the First Friday, one focused on families and one on younger adults. In total we had over 60 people total celebrating Shabbat.

For August, we are partnering with Keneseth Israel to integrate First Friday with their Big Rock Shabbat program, encouraging young adults to join the service and a young adult pot luck.

Scott Weinberg, KI President, is excited for the collaboration. “Shabbat has always been important to my family, so I’m really glad to see the success of the YAD First Friday Shabbat dinners. KI’s Big Rock Shabbat program is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Shabbat outdoors in a relaxed atmosphere, with Cantor [Sharon] Hordes playing guitar and Rabbi [Michael] Wolk leading an abbreviated service, and it has really appealed to a broad segment of our congregation. It seemed like an ideal fit to partner with YAD and OneTable, and we look forward to sharing a picnic dinner, wine, and dessert with the YAD young adults.”

“I love everything about the dinners,” added Olga Itkin. “I like the amount of Jewish content you include. The food is always so creative and fits the theme perfectly. You all are very hospitable and make everyone feel at home.”

A goal for the coming months is not



Poolside Shabbat

just to have one option for young adults but a variety of options to match people to a Shabbat dinner that fits their need. Whether you host Shabbat every week or want to try for the first time with a small group of friends, please consider joining us as we create more opportunities for young adults to celebrate Shabbat together.

For more information, please email bberlow@jewishlouisville.org or check out www.OneTable.org.

Everybody Loves Pizza!

It’s time for the fourth annual Pizza for the Pantry on August 21 at Wick’s Pizza Goose Creek from 12-2 p.m. The fundraiser benefits the JFCS Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund.

“The event brings the community together in an enjoyable setting to do good while having fun,” said Janet Meyer. Adath Jeshurun is a sponsoring contributor.

The JFCS Food Pantry provides supplemental food monthly for more than 140 adults and children. The Meyer’s have been supporters of the food pantry for many years, often supplying turkeys for Thanksgiving. When they endowed this fund, it was to ensure that no Jewish family would ever go hungry.

In addition, they recruited family and

friends to get involved, and today, more than 40 dedicated volunteers keep the food pantry stocked and organized and plan and execute fundraising events like Pizza for the Pantry, and Jazz and Jewelry.

Tickets to the event are \$7 in advance; \$8 at the door; \$5 for ages 5-12, and children 3 and under eat free. Tickets to the event can be purchased through the food pantry volunteers and at the JFCS offices in the Louis & Lee Roth Family Center, 2821 Klempner Way. Attendees also are encouraged to bring canned goods for the pantry.

This year the committee is putting together a number of gift baskets that will be raffled throughout the event. Raffle tickets can be purchased pre-event at JFCS and at Wick’s the day of the event for \$2 each or three for \$5.

MARKET

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Gendler Grapevine Project. New Roots Gendler Grapevine Fresh Stop Market @ The J perfectly translates our goals into practical application.

“Given the success of New Roots’ 2015 project with Congregation Adath Jeshurun and Pleasant View Baptist Church, we are excited for this next, ambitious project and are thrilled that it is expanding to work with the greater Jewish Louisville community,” she added.

Louisville Fresh Stop Markets originated in 2009 in response to the high cost of local produce at farmers’ markets. The model uses cooperative economics to make the food affordable. During the past seven years, the Markets have spread statewide, with nine Louisville Markets, two in Lexington, and one in Brandenburg.

The Gendler Grapevine Market will be the first Market to be organized in the east end of Louisville. Fresh Stop Markets demonstrate how communities that pull together, plan together and buy together can break down barriers to accessing local, farm-fresh food.

Fresh Stop Markets allow families to pay in on a sliding scale, a week to three days in advance of the Market – \$6 for families on WIC, \$12 for families with limited resources, \$25 for all others. This allows communities to purchase wholesale quantities of 10 varieties of seasonal produce from a network of 50 Kentuckiana farmers. On market day, each family receives the same “share” of affordable, delicious produce, regardless of what they paid. People in the community describe Fresh Stop Markets as welcoming and happy – like a family reunion where all five senses are engaged and there is lots of laughter, food and fun.

“I am thrilled to have a Fresh Stop Market at The J. It takes a village to make it happen, so I hope a lot of people will get involved as volunteers and shareholders” said Rabbi Robert Slosberg



from Congregation Adath Jeshurun. “Volunteering at the Parkland Fresh Stop Market is one of the highlights of my week. The produce and vegetables are amazing and the effect on the community is huge.”

Those interested in helping make the Gendler Grapevine Fresh Stop Market a success by joining the Fresh Stop Market organizing team can attend the info session on Sunday, July 31, at 5 p.m. at The J’s outdoor pavilion (behind the parking lot), or contact Karyn Moskowitz, Karyn.moskowitz@newroots.org, or Michael Fraade, mfraade@jewishlouisville.org. They are still in need of volunteer leaders to help with communications and outreach to the community, communicating with farmers and placing produce orders, helping recruit chefs for cooking demonstrations and site set up leaders.

“I look forward to more of the Jewish community taking up the food justice banner. Participating in and volunteering at the Parkland Neighborhood Fresh Stop Market since its inception has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my adult life,” said Cybil Flora, a Parkland Fresh Stop leader.

“Helping others be able to buy fresh healthy produce and being able to help local farmers earn a living is benefit enough for participating. Fresh Markets have additional benefits: you get to meet other people you would never otherwise meet, you get to share your faith with other people of faith, and you bring fresh locally grown produce into your own home,” she added.

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Sample a free class for a “Taste of Melton” on Tuesday, August 2nd from 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at AJ. Please email Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com, or call 458-5359 for information.

Changes Announced at LBSY; Weinberg Named Interim Head of School

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor

There has been a change in leadership at Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad.

In a letter to parents, LBSY Board Chair Leigh Bird wrote, "The Board of the Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad considers our first priority to make sure all of our students get a well-rounded, top-notch Jewish education. To achieve this goal, the Board has decided to move the school in a new direction, which will include a change in administration.

"The Board would like to thank Rabbi Feder for his service and for all he has done for our children since 2012. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

"For the next year, Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad will be led by Beverly Weinberg as Interim Head of School." Bird also announced that Andi Callam will continue as assistant director.

Further down in the letter, Bird wrote, "The Board of LBSY will soon be un-

dertaking the search for a permanent Head of School beginning with the 2017 school year to continue Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad's growth as a multi-denominational Jewish School."

Weinberg is an educator with 44 years of experience teaching in the Jefferson County Public Schools. She retired in 2008, but still works part time as a teacher for children with special needs at Wilder Elementary School. She earned a BA in education and an M.Ed. in special education.

In addition to her teaching experience, Weinberg has 12 years of administrative experience in Jewish religious schools. She served as principal at Adath Jeshurun; at KITS, the combined Keneseth Israel/Temple Shalom religious school when the congregations first merged their programs; and then at KATS when Congregation Adath Jeshurun chose to join them.

Callam is the assistant director of the

Keneseth Israel Preschool, a position she has held since 2007, and has over 25 years of administrative service.

Weinberg is already immersed in planning for the upcoming year. She will implement a new curriculum with scope and sequence for kindergarten through eighth grade and a new Hebrew program.

"I've been working very diligently to get excellent staff in place," Weinberg said, "and I have teachers who have a commitment to the Jewish education of our Louisville students in place right now.

"I'm looking forward to working with our parents and teachers and Board for the coming school year," she continued.

Keneseth Israel Executive Director Yonatan Yussman recommended the Chai curriculum that Weinberg is implementing. She described it as a spiral curriculum that grows with enduring understandings for each level and it's focused around the concepts of Torah, avodah (worship), and gemilut chasad-

im (acts of lovingkindness).

Weinberg is also planning ongoing teacher in service training on the new curriculum.

Bird is also looking forward to the new school year and had words of praise for Weinberg.

There has been one additional change since the letter went out to parents. For the coming year, LBSY will return to The J. "We thank Anshei Sfarad for housing us and being good to work with," she said.

Through the coming year, Bird is looking for input from parents, Board members and community members to determine the best direction to move forward.

She's also hoping for more parent involvement because teaching a child Judaism is more than what happens in the classroom.



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We're Going to Maccabi Games

by Shiela Steinman Wallace, Editor

Are you ready? The games start Sunday, July 24, in Columbus.

What games? The JCC Maccabi games, of course, and Louisville is sending a delegation to compete in basketball, golf, volleyball, baseball and tennis.

The athletes are Alayna Borowick, Tovah Frockt, Drew Goldstein, Lauren Greenberg, Jacob Horvitz, Ben Kaplin, Adam Lapinski, Brent Mannel, Bradley Margulis, Adam Rudy, Harrison Russman, Eli Schramko, Ethan Tuvlin and Yael Wagner. Craig Goldstein is coaching the basketball team, Michael Russman is the assistant coach, Assistant Director of Youth Services Mike Steklof is leading the delegation and Teen Director Kari Semel is the assistant delegation head.

This is the first time in a long time, Louisville is sending a full basketball team to compete.

"We're excited," said Craig Goldstein. "We have three team goals: 1. Have fun; 2. Enjoy the experience of the opening of the games ...; and 3. It would be nice to win a few games."

Goldstein says he and Russman expect team members to demonstrate leadership and show respect. They also expect them to build community. When a player does something that helps the team, he wants the other players to "high five" him.

With only six practices and many team members away at camp or engaged in other activities, there hasn't been a lot of time to work on the game. Still there are a lot of positives.

"The kids are great," Goldstein said. "There are seven on the team and they all know each other. They're excited to do something different and they've all got great attitudes.

Campaign Chair Leon Wahba Says Thank You

Dear friends,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! or, as our Israeli cousins would say Toda! Toda! Toda!

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, the very good and hard work of our staff, and the generosity of our donors we know that by the time you read this piece our 2016 Federation Campaign has topped last year's results. And thereby, we have a bit more to allocate to each of the many Jewish Agencies that strive to provide Jewish education to our youth and provide meaningful experiences that help build strong Jewish identities like Jewish camping and Birthright Israel trips. There are a few extra dollars to ensure that those who need counseling services but can't afford the fees can access them and that Jewish seniors can enjoy affordable, hot kosher meals and other programs designed to help them remain healthy and independent for as long as possible.

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 computer system and 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 fundraising 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.



Leon Wahba

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Geller and Victor Are This Summer's Jewish Community Interns

by Sydney Geller and Gabriell Victor
Summer Interns

Running in its 15th year, Louisville's Jewish Community Summer Internship program provides summer work and learning opportunities within the Jewish community. Over the winter, ads were placed in *Community* for qualified college students, and two young adults of Jewish Louisville are taking part in this year's program.

The internship program offers students valuable career experience as well as networking opportunities and the chance to give back to the community. Participants work at either the Jewish Community of Louisville or Jewish Family and Career Services, and each position satisfies each student's college major and career goals. Jewish Family and Career Services' Ellen Shapira administers the program. This summer there is one intern at the JCL and one at Jewish Family & Career Services.

Sydney Geller

Sydney Geller is a rising sophomore at Kent State University, majoring in visual communication design. She has loved art her entire life and is happy to be able to contribute to the art world.

Geller is interning for the JCL Marketing Department as the graphic design assistant. This position allows her to be creative in designing posters, advertisements and parts of the website. Through this internship, she has explored the process of design in the real world, rather than just in class.

"I enjoy being able to do something different from my friends in the summer," Geller said. "Most of my friends are working in food service or retail, but I am here, doing what I love and what I hope to do in the future."

Not only has this position heightened her design sense, but it has also helped her to build strong relationships with members of the Jewish community.

In school, she enjoys working on personal design work and spending time at Hillel.

She is the daughter of Betsey and David Geller, and a member of Adath Jeshurun.

Gabriell Victor

Gabriell Victor is a rising sophomore at Indiana University in Bloomington. She attended duPont Manual High School and was in the Journalism & Communications magnet. Although she is unsure on a major right now, she is leaning towards advertising, public rela-

tions or law/public policy.

Victor is an intern at Jewish Family & Career Services where she is working with the Marketing Department. The position has allowed her to learn more about the organization, and receive experience on planning events for fundraising. She is also working with local schools and newspapers to enhance awareness of the career and college services available at JFCS.

"I've always enjoyed talking to people, and I did that in previous summer jobs but this internship has definitely been the most helpful with developing those necessary skills," says Victor.

Victor is a member of the Sigma Delta Tau sorority at IU and enjoys spending time with her sorority sisters and walk-



Gabriell Victor and Sydney Geller

ing around Bloomington with friends.

She is the daughter of Karl and Colette Victor and is a member of The Temple.

Jewish Chaplain at VA Hospital Is a Bit of a Novelty

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Aaron Rozovsky is spending his summer in Louisville this year. He's working at the Robley Rex Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Louisville's VA Hospital), and in doing so, he is bringing Judaism formally into the facility for the first time in memory – perhaps for the first time ever.

Captain Rozovsky is a National Guard Reservist and a fourth year rabbinic student at Hebrew Union College (HUC) in Cincinnati. He is at the point in his studies where he is expected to do a unit of clinical pastoral education and he chose to do it as a chaplain at Louisville's VA Hospital.

While most people choose to do their CPE unit in Cincinnati, for Rozovsky, who has been in the Rhode Island National Guard for 10 years and has been deployed twice – once to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and once to Afghanistan, the VA Hospital seemed a natural choice.

At the VA, he explained, "We meet with patients and staff; we provide spiritual comfort; and we perform religious services. Being a Jewish chaplain, I'm able to bring Jewish services which they usually don't have."

The Jewish service is scheduled for Wednesday mornings, and Rozovsky says the service he leads, using prayer books on loan from Rabbi David Ariel-Joel at The Temple, is "a shacharit/mincha hybrid." (Shacharit is the morning service and mincha is the afternoon service.) Most of those in attendance are not Jewish and have never experienced a Jewish service. Many of them are chaplains from other denominations and they come to learn about Judaism.

"The veterans love having a Jewish presence," he said. "Sometimes I'll say, 'may I offer you the priestly benediction' and some of them are familiar with it. I'll say can, 'I do it in Hebrew and

English.' And they say, 'O, my gosh. I'm 65 years old and I've never been blessed in Hebrew before.' So it's fun for them and it's fun for me."

Rozovsky is from Greenville, RI, and is in the Rhode Island National Guard. "I love this country," he stated. "I love everything it stands for. I love the diversity. I love the freedom of religion"

He was starting his sophomore year in high school when 9/11 happened. "It felt like our whole system of values and everything we stood for was under attack and I wanted to give back. I wanted to do something, and I finally realized the best way to do that was to be in uniform."

"I enlisted in ROTC and the National Guard on the same day in 2006," he said. "I was commissioned in 2008 and I haven't looked back." His service enabled him to work and train with people from across country and around the world. He even spent a year working with the IDF. "The Army's become a second family to me," he added.

As a member of the National Guard, Rozovsky is required to train one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer. All first year students in HUC's rabbinic program spend the first year in Jerusalem. This was not a problem however.

All state National Guard programs have international partners – Rhode Island is partnered with the Bahamas; Kentucky is partnered with Ecuador; etc. Often military personnel from partnered service groups serve together when they are deployed. Israel's Pikud Ha-Oref, Homefront Command, is partnered with the National Guard Bureau, the coordinating agency for the entire National Guard, and the two groups have parallel domestic missions, primarily in the area of disaster response.

"I worked with their trauma psychologist," he explained, "looking how they do things like paths to resiliency, suicide prevention and post-traumatic stress response. It was fascinating and I really

enjoyed it.

His two counterparts worked at Tel Hai University and a mental trauma center in Kiryat Shmona, and Rozovsky worked with them in Tel Hai and Metulla. In addition, he did "staff rides" for the Rhode Island National Guard, for which he visited battlefields and museums, took hundreds of pictures and wrote about the places' significance, tactics and strategies, essentially creating a virtual staff ride.

Rozovsky wasn't always on course to become a rabbi. He explained that during his first deployment in Cuba, his job was to visit soldiers while they worked long, lonely hours at entry control points, guard towers and in similarly isolated outposts. He enjoyed visiting with them and talking about their lives and their plans to help make the hours pass.

Since he was the only Jewish person in the 200-person unit, he also got a lot of questions about Judaism. He'd ask the person who posed the question, "Do you want the five second answer or do you want a good answer?" When the questioner wanted a good answer, Rozovsky would research it before answering.

One of the other squad leaders, who had been a chaplain associate on a previous deployment, said to him, "Sir, you love helping people, you love being pastoral, you love studying Judaism and you're Jewish. You know the Army's always hunting for rabbis. You know, sir, you should become a rabbi."

Editor's note: Due to space limitations, we were unable to print Dr. Omer-Sherman's complete review in this issue of Community. The full article is posted online at www.jewishlouisville.org/chaplain.



Captain Aaron Rozovsky

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Community Catches Up with Louisville City Midfielder Guy Abend

by Alexandra Ramsey
Public Relations Specialist

Just weeks after being named to the United Soccer League Team of the Week for his two goals against Toronto FC II, *Community* caught up with Israel native and Louisville City FC midfielder, Guy Abend.

We first met Abend last year when he joined the new LCFC club team. This time, we wanted to find out how his first year in Louisville was treating him.

During one of the team's final practices before welcoming the Charleston Battery at Louisville Slugger Field, Abend was suited up and working on finishing with the team.

A natural midfielder and number eight jersey, Abend took the ball in the center of the field and passed it to an outside midfielder who crossed in the ball

as Abend and another teammate worked to place the ball in the back of the net.

Each of his teammates did this repeatedly until head Coach James O'Connor blew the final whistle and Abend jogged over to me.

With a sweet smile and humble reserve, he greeted me, reluctant to shake my hand because his were "sweaty." I asked him how Louisville had been treating him since the last time The J interviewed him just over a year ago.

"Louisville has been so warm and welcoming throughout my time here. Everyone is friendly and kind to me," Abend said.

Last year, the Netanya, Israel native had plans and goals he hoped to achieve throughout the year.

"When I moved here, I really wanted to go to school. I'm proud to say I'm taking classes online from The Open University of Israel," he said. "I plan to

major in Business Management."

Traveling as far as Toronto and all the way to Orlando, being in season and studying can make finding down time tough for Abend, but he says it's not impossible.

"I always find time to draw. Anything, I just love to draw. It's sort of my escape, if you will, from soccer," he said.

For not being here for very long, Abend has managed to make several Israeli and Jewish friends.

"I met Louis Waterman here. He's been a great local mentor for me here," he said. "I also know a good many Israeli and Jewish guys here, so we always find time to cook dinner every Friday, speak Hebrew together and such."

But don't be surprised if you see him around town at some of his favorite restaurants. He's more than happy to say hello.

"I love Taco Luchador, Mussel and



Guy Abend

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Burger, Hammerheads and Sapporo. Those are probably some of my favorite restaurants in town," he said.

A little more than half way through the season, LCFC sits atop the Eastern Conference with 11 wins, one loss, and five ties. Abend's goal? Well, it's very achievable.

"I want our team to win the division and continue to do well," he said. Long term, however, Abend hopes to branch more out into the coaching and teaching.

"I've trained kids a bit at the JCC, but I hope to be able to do more of that and to teach Hebrew," he added.

Catch LCFC as the team returns home Saturday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. Don't forget to look for the guy in the number eight jersey. For ticket information, visit <http://louisvillecityfc.com>.

Annual Iftar Dinner Was True Interfaith Celebration

by Fred Gross
Special to Community

More than 500 people joined the community's Muslim-Americans to break a day of fasting and celebrate the holy month of Ramadan. The Iftar dinner, as it is known, was held at Second Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, June 21, and was sponsored jointly by Interfaith Paths to Peace (IPP) and the Pakistani American Alliance for Compassion and Understanding.

The theme was "Celebrate Diversity! Fear Not." And so it was as people of all major faiths sat down to eat Middle Eastern cuisine, chatting, some in serious discussion and others simply having a good time.

Rabbi Emeritus Stanley Miles of Temple Shalom, one of the speakers, addressing those assembled before dinner, quoted Psalm 133 to illustrate the essential meaning of last month's Iftar dinner:

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is when people live together united."

Still, the shock of the killings in Orlando only days earlier hung like a dark cloud over the gathering. Rabbi Miles alluded to it forcefully, "We must react to the obscenity of Islamophobia. We must build bridges, never walls."

"The warmth, hospitality and generosity of Islamic Louisville mirrored Jewish Louisville at our best," the Rabbi said.

Haleh Karimi, IPP's executive director, explained to the gathering, most of whom were not of the Muslim faith, that Ramadan is the month when its faithful "turn inward to strengthen their spiritual beliefs," and "reach outwards to other human beings and do acts of charity."

"In Islam, initiating war, killings or any act of violence is not permissible – unless it is in self-defense – specifically during the month of Ramadan. It breaks our heart when we hear ISIS has urged its followers to attack during

Ramadan. The month of Ramadan is all about building the heart."

Other speakers included Muhammad Babar Cheema, head of the Pakistani group; Mayor Greg Fischer, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz and Tori Murden McClure, president of Spalding University.

Many commented on Facebook and uploaded photos they took during the event.

"Our family had an amazing evening breaking the Ramadan fast with our Muslim brothers and sisters," said Kim Summers. "Our gathering showed how much greater a force is love over fear."

"Beautiful evening," commented Becky Ruby Swansburg, immediate past chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council. "This picture pretty much captures it all," referring to the photo in this issue of *Community* of her, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, and Maher Alsaid and his family, recently arrived refugees from Syria.

P&A

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sources.

The committee members come from all parts of the community and they work together to provide good stewardship of community funds. Their recommendations are then reviewed and approved by the JCL's Executive Committee and Board of Directors. This year's allocations were given final approval

There are three points Fleischaker said are his biggest takeaways from the process.

- The roles and functions of the Planning and Allocations Committee and the Board are clear and within them, there is no disagreement about the areas that should be supported by community funding. The committee, he said, "is trying to do it right and in a way that is fair. ... We're just trying to figure out how to do the best we can with limited resources." When the committee chooses to give more funding to one agency or program, it is taking those dollars away from others.
- If there were a bigger pot from which to allocate, more could be done within the community. Fleischaker explained, "even if we could increase giving by 10 percent," he said, "that would be \$200,000, which could go a long way toward dealing with issues."
- The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence has also become a major funder for the community. While Fleischaker recognizes that JHFE and the JCL are two separate entities, he would like to see increased coordination between

the two entities with respect to funding requests.

The allocations that were made for fiscal 2017 can be found on the chart on this page.

There was a significant change in the allocations for Israel and Overseas this year. In the past, the JCL has set aside a specific allocation for Partnership2Gether, and then sent the bulk of the overseas allocation to the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) which has then distributed it, along with contributions from Federations across North America, mostly to The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

This year, Alexandra Shklar, Louisville's former shlichah or emissary from Israel, visited our community and shared the JDC story. Following the lead of other communities across the country, this year, the Allocations Committee chose to increase direct allocations of overseas dollars.

The committee recommended \$50,000 for Partnership; \$4,500 for Kivunim, a specific Partnership program that enables young adults with special needs to reach their potential and live as independently as possible; \$37,500 for JFNA's Israel and Overseas programs; and \$30,000 for JDC. (For more information about Kivunim or JDC, go to www.jewishlouisville.org.)

As has been the practice for a number of years, the committee continued its policy of funding Jewish education schools on a per pupil basis. They also chose to give the High Schools of Jewish Studies a special allocation of \$2,500 for a

Moot Court project. The committee expressed the desire to look at other ways of determining allocations to the schools.

"Everybody on the committee thinks JFCS is doing a really good job," Fleischaker said, "and that it is an important agency" both within the Jewish community and in connecting with the broader community. The committee is interested in what specific JFCS programs provide and will continue to evaluate the most effective use of community dollars.

The largest appropriation goes to the JCL. "It is the biggest agency within the Jewish community," Fleischaker explained, "and it's important to all of us that it maintains its health and gets healthier. The JCC is the agency most Louisville community members have interaction with, and it's important that it is a class agency that does its work well and that it has sufficient funds to support itself."

For many people, The J is the way they interact with the Jewish community. It is important that is project a positive image. It also provides many critical services from camp to senior programming and nutrition. The committee unanimously chose to allocate a fairly substantial increase to the JCL.

Fleischaker thanked the members of the committee for their work. It is a difficult job but the committee puts in the time necessary to make the right decisions for the community. Many members of the committee have served on the committee in prior years. This enables to develop an in-depth knowledge of the beneficiary agencies

and community needs, which enhances their ability to make the best decisions for the community.

Jewish Community of Louisville FISCAL YEAR 17 ALLOCATIONS

Allocable amount:	\$2,052,000
Less Designated pledges	\$14,000
Amount available to allocate:	\$2,038,000

Israel and Overseas

FY 2017 Allocation JFNA - Fair Share (Dues)	80,000
JFNA - Israel and Overseas Programs	37,500
Partnership	50,000
Partnership-Kivunim*	4,500
Masorti & Reform Movement	1,800
JDC	30,000
Total Israel and Overseas	203,800

Local

High School of Jewish Studies	17,500
High School of Jewish Studies-Moot Court	2,500
The Temple Hebrew School	38,750
Chavurat Shalom	12,000
LBSY	27,250
JFCS	335,000
JCL	1,054,675
JCL- Melton	10,000
JCL- Direct Campaign Expenses	292,000
NCJW	500
Hadassah	500
Total Local	1,790,675

National

Birthright Israel	10,000
Agency Alliance	5,000
Center for Learning and Leadership	500
Hillel Consortium	10,000
Israel Action Network	500
Jewish Communal Services Association	525
Foundation for Jewish Camp	17,000
Total National	43,525

Grand Total 2,038,000

Tisha B’Av: A Time for Love and Hope

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

At the Dallas memorial service, President Obama called upon us all to come together with an open heart to bridge the divides in our nation – “to join ... sides to do right. ... [to] decide to come together and make our country reflect the good inside us, the hopes and simple dreams we share. ... For all of us, life presents challenges and suffering. Accidents, illnesses, the loss of loved ones; there are times when we are overwhelmed by sudden calamity, natural or man-made. ... Our character is not found in isolation. Hope does not arise by putting our fellow man down. It is found by lifting others up.”

These words are powerful reminders of the task before each of us, as citizens and as Jews, to do our part to work for peace and *tikkun olam* (the healing of the world). On the evening of Saturday, August 13, the Jewish community will mark Tisha b’Av, a day of mourning and memory, when we recall the destruction of the ancient biblical temple.

Tradition teaches that it was destroyed due to *sinaat chinam* (free and baseless

hatred), and as such, we are commanded to take this day to remember the devastating consequences that are possible when we do not ground our actions in love. On this day, we are reminded to work toward a day when this world will be filled with *ahavat chinam* (free and baseless love).

Sadly, in 2016, it is only too clear that we, human beings, have yet to have succeeded in our capacity to fill this world with *ahavat chinam*. Too often, we – as individuals, groups and even nations – still function as if putting others down is the only way that we can be lifted up. Consequently, the plague of violence and destruction continues to hover over the face of the earth, and none of us are immune.

Human beings often react in self-defense to things that scare them, trying to create distance by responding with judgment to catastrophe – seeking to label, categorize and assign cause and consequence to events that terrify by their seemingly random nature. “What did she do to deserve X?” one might wonder to one’s self. Unfortunately, such fear-based responses only exacerbate fear. The more isolated we are from one another, the more likely it is that violence and hatred will spring forth from the vacuum that we create when we let our

fears rule us.

To interrupt the cycle of violence, we need to work to lift each other up. I draw comfort in knowing that the work that we are doing at KentuckyOne Health is guided by these very principles. For example, our support of the Bounce coalition with the Jefferson County Public Schools works to intervene with young students who have had adverse childhood experiences, in order to minimize their long term impact on their ability to thrive physically, emotionally and socially.

This program provides support and resources to students and school professionals, to create a compassionate and nonjudgmental learning environment where students can expand their coping skills in order to bounce back from devastating and traumatic experiences that might have otherwise altered the course of their lives forever.

Our Pivot to Peace initiative is another example of the work that we are trying to do to interrupt the cycle of violence by not only treating the physical wounds of victims of gunshot violence, but also the underlying issues, working to provide a year of counseling and support.

It may take a while for the seeds of love and peace to begin to blossom, but in a world when it is difficult to hold on to hope, I am comforted to know that we

are working in innovative and compassionate ways to transform our community, building bridges where so many would rather build walls. It is my sincere prayer that the time will soon come when all of us will learn to see beyond the symptoms of trauma to the potential for healing and hope.

May the day come soon when fear will no longer make us doubt one another, and where we can recognize that we are stronger together, united in our commitment to join together, with an open heart, to do right and work for a world at peace.

BOOK REVIEW

by Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman
*Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Chair of
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THE CHOSEN ONES
Steve Sem-Sandberg; Anna Paterson, trans; Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016
Hardcover. 576 pp. \$27.00

The fact that Austria recently very nearly elected a far-right candidate who boldly flirted with the iconography and language of the National Socialist movement for its president is surely a direct consequence of its notable failure (in contrast to Germany) to have a serious reckoning with its dark past. One can only hope that Steve Sem-Sandberg’s magnum opus will help encourage younger Austrians to confront their history.

Born in 1958, the author is a Swedish journalist, novelist, non-fiction writer and translator living in Vienna who is as adept at portraying historical realities as he is at witnessing disturbing truths of the human soul.

In a previous, highly acclaimed novel *The Emperor of Lies* (2009), Sem-Sandberg delivered a chilling portrait of life in the Lodz Ghetto during the four years it housed a starving population of 200,000 Jews prior to its liquidation in August 1944. Through its epic Dickensian scale and portrait of an entire society, the novel rendered up intimate and disturbing glimpses of historical figures such as Heinrich Himmler and Adam Czerniakow (head of the Warsaw Ghetto Judenrat who eventually committed suicide) and particularly the figure of Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski, whose autocratic rule in the Lodz ghetto created controversies that are still being debated by historians, ethicists, and others.

Now Sem-Sandberg turns his fearless gaze on a lesser-known evil, the origins of genocide in the Nazi regime’s euthanasia program (Aktion T4) in Austria.

Some historians have argued that roughly 200,000 were murdered for the sake of racial purity and the “health” of Aryan culture. As he did in his previous book, Sem-Sandberg makes unflinching and harrowing use of historical documents and testimony throughout *The Chosen Ones*.

Yet this long novel never feels like a history lesson; instead, graced by its author’s indelible gift for expressing the darkly absurd, it restlessly interweaves a variety of perspectives on the horrific reality at its center, moving fluidly between the actions, thoughts, and voices of its gripping characters.

The story begins in 1941 and is set in Am Spiegelgrund, a children’s clinic in Austria, which, during Germany’s annexation, became part of the Nazi euthanasia program. This often labyrinthine narrative unfolds through the alternating perspectives of Adrian Ziegler, a 10-year-old child from a dysfunctional and impoverished family (his father has been damningly labeled as a ‘gypsy’) who is one of the clinic’s early residents, and Anna Katschenka, a wildly deluded and obedient nurse (“efficient, unswervingly loyal and invariably sensible”) employed there.

Editor’s note: Due to space limitations, we were unable to print Dr. Omer-Sherman’s complete review in this issue of Community. The full article is posted online at www.jewishlouisville.org/chosen.

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RABBI

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Days, and planning to reinvigorate Temple Shalom's youth group, and perhaps to start a group for seniors.

"I'm very excited to be here in Louisville, as is my husband, Lee Chottiner, and our daughter, Noa," she said, "and I feel quite grateful to be here at Temple Shalom. I'm looking forward to serving the members of this congregation, but also to being involved in the greater Jewish community as well as the greater Louisville community."

Already, Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner has committed to spending a week at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) and has agreed to teach at and serve on the Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad Board "because education is very important to me." In addition, she's agreed to fill in for Rabbi Miles on WHAS11's The Moral Side of the News when he is unavailable and is eager to pursue her own passion for interfaith work. She's even accepted an invitation to meet with the women who are participating in the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project trip to Israel both before and after the trip.

Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner wants to be involved with everyone from tots to seniors. "I'm very energetic, passionate and committed to Judaism," she said, "and I want to share that love."

In Wheeling, Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner served Temple Shalom as its solo rabbi for 10 years. During her tenure, she brought stability and vigor to the congregation, and succeeded in bringing back 87 percent of the families who had left the congregation in prior years and bringing in new members.

She kept youth engaged after b'nai mitzvah, was an innovator with Jewish education and encouraged active youth

group participation and more. She partnered with other congregations to enhance Shabbat and holiday celebrations and introduced many ritual and worship enhancements.

Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner was instrumental in expanding adult education and regularly created opportunities for people of all ages to engage in Jewish learning.

A true community leader in tikkun olam/social action work, Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner is the immediate past chair of the City of Wheeling Human Rights Commission, was a steering committee member for an LGBT support group, was a speaker at West Virginia University's Yom HaShoah program and was a panel presenter for the Jewish Domestic Abuse Task Force of Pittsburgh. Her leadership was so strong and effective that in 2014, she was the recipient of the Governor of West Virginia's Civil Rights Day Award.

Her community involvement in Wheeling included many interfaith activities. For example, she established a chapter of Classrooms Without Borders (CWB), a non-profit organization that provides Holocaust and Israel education through international travel; helped raise \$179,000 from members of the greater Wheeling community, allowing 20 educators and 37 students to participate in the Poland Personally study seminar, visiting Holocaust sites with a survivor and professional guides and was a spiritual leader for seminar participants.

She organized and participated in numerous interfaith activities, including, but not limited to, Thanksgiving services, and Martin Luther King Jr. and Kristallnacht programs, as well as discussion groups, presentations and classes on many aspects of Judaism and was an active supporter of Israel, even

running as an ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America) candidate for the 37th World Zionist Congress and bringing AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) programs to her congregation. In fact, she has been to Israel 14 times.

While growing up, Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner was always involved in Jewish life and she loved it. She attended religious school, went to and later worked at Jewish summer camps and participated in youth group and was a regional board member. Her parents were also very involved in the Jewish community.

She attended the Rothberg International School at Hebrew University of Jerusalem for a year and while in Israel participated in Volunteers for Israel, helping on an Army base. She earned her BA in psychology with a minor in Judaic studies from Rutgers University. While she was in college, she taught religious school, was a youth group advisor and led NFTY in Israel trips.

Following graduation, she worked for the United Jewish Federation of MetroWest as coordinator of their Israel Program Center. She also worked in the Social Work Department at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, and held several positions, from assistant manager to buyer, with Marty's Warehouse Shoe Outlet in New Jersey.

Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner's passion for Judaism continued, and she decided to enroll in Hebrew Union College's Jewish Education Program in New York. "While I was in that program, that's when I realized that I really wanted to know more and learn more and do more. I was doing what is called independent spiritual guidance with one of my professors and it became

clear that my next step was to apply to rabbinical school."

She wanted to share simchas and times of sorrow, to teach and share her love of Judaism, to be with children at camp and to work with people. The best way to realize her dreams was to become a rabbi.

Serving Temple Shalom in Wheeling was a good experience for Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner. "We did a lot for a small congregation," she said, but when the position at Temple Shalom in Louisville came open, she and her family were ready for a change. The Wheeling Jewish community is very small. To get together with Jewish colleagues, she would have to travel to Pittsburgh.

Rabbi Jacowitz Chottiner and her husband are excited about the opportunities Louisville offers their family, particularly for their daughter. There weren't many Jewish children Noa's age, and the couple wanted their daughter "to have a more vibrant Jewish community in which to grow up," she said.

"When Lee and I were invited to come Louisville, we both had a really wonderful experience and a great feeling. We both come from bigger cities - I'm from the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area, Lee's from Pittsburgh, so we liked having more of a metropolitan feel. While I did get other offers, it felt like a good fit" and they are eager to put down roots here.

"I've only known Rabbi Miles for few months, but feel like I've known him for years," she added. "He and Sheilah have been warm and welcoming and gracious. I feel really blessed to have Rabbi Miles as my emeritus. It's an honor to follow in his footsteps, stand on his shoulders."

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REVIEW

by David Wallace
Special to Community

West Side Story

There were two new musicals that made auspicious debuts on Broadway in 1957. One was *The Music Man*, a traditional story of love between a bunco artist named Harold Hill and Marion a local librarian in a small town in Iowa named River City.

The other was far from traditional. It was *West Side Story*, an innovative musical with extended dance scenes and complex music that focused on social problems in America. Perhaps not surprisingly, *The Music Man* won a Tony Award as best musical that year but *West Side Story* has left a lasting legacy to the American theatre and has endured for almost 60 years now.

CenterStage has taken on the daunting task of presenting this complex musical, based on William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, and has been successful. At the core of that success are the acting and singing of Andrew Newton as Tony and Kate Welsh as Maria.

Newton sings powerfully and does soaring justice to the classic "Maria." Welsh takes "Tonight" to a higher level and reflects the early moments of a budding love affair with "I Feel Pretty." Her Latino accent reflects the many differences between her life as a Puerto Rican growing up in New York and Tony's more traditional background. The two are united by their love and the fact that they are outsiders.

Sparks fly between the Puerto Rican gang, the Sharks, and Tony's Jets. Caught in the middle and representing the Establishment are Officer Shrank, a hard bitten cop played by Sam A. Mannino, and the clownish Officer Krupke, played by Kiel Dodd. Doc, played by Brian Martin, is Tony's boss and mentor. The dance numbers reflect the frustrated energy of youth and the foreshadowing of the somber ending.

West Side Story has stood the test of time and it resonates in our own troubled era.

Buy your tickets while you can. Next up is *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* playing September 15-25. There is still time to get 2016-17 season tickets, too. For information, go to jewishlouisville.org/centerstage or call 238-2709

CHAVURAT SHALOM



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

August 4

Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg, "What Makes an Issue a Jewish One?"

August 11

Courier-Journal writer Deborah Yetter, "Human Needs: Protecting Vulnerable Populations from Abuse or Neglect in an Era of Shrinking Resources"

August 18

Field Trip to Taylor-Made Horse Farm; includes lunch stop.

August 25

Jennifer Diamond sings Broadway show tunes with CenterStage's Angie Hopperton on piano.

A healthy, 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.

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JFCS FOOD PANTRY

Suggestions for August

- Crackers/cookies
- Mayonaise/ketchup
- Tissue
- Plastic zip bags
- Toilet paper
- Bathroom paper cups

Food must be donated in original packaging before the expiration date. Monetary donations may also be made to the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. For more info, contact Kim Toebbe at 502-452-6341 ext. 103.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Donate School Supplies to Local Kids

JFCS is asking for donations of school supplies to help stock the very first School Supply Shoppe for low income students in grades K-12.

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For more information, contact Naomi Malka at nmalka@jfcsloouisville.org or 502-452-6341 ext. 249.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at JFCS

An event geared towards young professionals who like to have fun and make a difference in their community! When you register to be a Secret Shopper, you'll be assigned a child to

shop for. The supplies you purchase will be your entry into the event. Enjoy live bluegrass music, food, drink and trivia hosted by Louisville Trivia. Reserve a spot at: <http://jfcsschoolbash.eventbrite.com>. Contact Naomi Malka for more information.



Pizza for the Pantry

Sunday, August 21 at 2 p.m.
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SEPTEMBER 15 Give Local Louisville All Day Event

Each fall, Community Foundation of Louisville organizes a 24-hour "give-a-thon" for local non-profit organizations, like JFCS, that do good work in our community. You're invited to donate any amount. Learn more about what we do at: <http://jfcsloouisville.org>.

SUPPORT GROUPS

AUGUST 4 Caregiver Support Group 4 p.m.

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

AUGUST 11 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.

AUGUST 12 Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 2 p.m.

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

AUGUST 15 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.

AUGUST 17 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.

AUGUST 18 Adult Children of Aging Parents 7 p.m.

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

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

CAREER SERVICES

AUGUST 15 - SEPTEMBER 7 A.C.T. Prep Workshop 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at JFCS

Experienced educators help improve your score through simulated A.C.T. exams and test taking strategies. Space is limited. To register, contact Janet Poole at 502-452-6341 ext. 222.

AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 16 Jumpstart Your Job Search Daytime & Evening Times Available

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SEPTEMBER 8 College Essay Workshop 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at JFCS

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Jenna Lanzet Learns Leadership Skills at BBYO CLTC

by Jenna Lanzet
Special to Community

Earlier this summer I was fortunate enough to go on the BBYO summer experience CLTC. Chapter Leadership Training Conference is a 12-day experience where Jewish teens learn how to become better

leaders for their BBYO chapters at home and their communities.

Although you have the option to attend CLTC at Bethany College in Bethany, WV, my CLTC took place at Beber Camp in Mukwonago, WI. As someone who has never attended summer camp before, I was excited to get a camp-like experience at Beber. While there, I not



Jenna Lanzet, right, and friends at CLTC

Hymes Went on the March of the Living

by Jessie Hymes
Special to Community

Although senior year is full of many happy and celebratory times, I chose to spend two weeks of my final month of high school on a trip called The March of the Living with BBYO, a Jewish youth movement I have been active in throughout high school.

With a guide and a group of around 150 teens, we traveled through the horrors and destruction in Poland that were done during World War II. After learning and seeing so much during our week in Poland, we then went to Israel to honor and remember on Yom HaZikaron, Memorial Day, and celebrate on Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day.



Jessie Hymes

Growing up I spent a fair amount of time studying the Holocaust in Sunday school, Hebrew school, middle school and high school. I visited museums, watched movies and read statistics of the genocide in my textbooks. All of the knowledge I thought I knew came crashing down the moment I arrived at Auschwitz Concentration Camp my first day in Poland.

By being exactly where so many innocent lives were stolen, I felt overwhelmed with emotion. I was frustrated, disgusted and confused. With my small bus group of 40 Jewish teens I saw things that I will never forget. The numbers and statistics I had heard growing up came to life when I saw the piles of shoes, hair and personal belongings of the victims. Walking where they walked, and standing where they stood gave me chills I was unable to shake.

I learned and gained so much from visiting every camp and ghetto we stopped at in Poland but the simple fact is I will never fully understand and neither will you. We cannot relate to and grasp the suffering that people endured due to the Holocaust, or understand Hitler and the Nazi regime's reasoning, or know what it feels like to lose everyone that you love. Even without those things, it's most important to remember what we do know and honor those who were cheated of a happy life.

With the help of self reflection, journaling and group discussions, I found myself questioning God, humanity and myself. I started to see my life from a new perspective. Not only being more appreciative for how privileged I am, but also the responsibility I hold to be a proud Jew.

As all 10,000 Jewish youth marched from Auschwitz to Birkenau, I felt tremendous amount of Jewish pride. Together we made such a dark place, full of pain and hate, light. We walked alongside some of the few remaining survivors and lit candles on the tracks leading into the camp. Completely surrounded by people carrying Israeli flags and singing "Hatikvah," Israel's national anthem, was incredibly empowering and unlike



Jessie Hymes walked along the railroad tracks from Auschwitz to Birkenau the March of the Living.

anything I have ever done before.

The powerful juxtaposition of the transition from Poland to Israel made my first visit to the Holy Land even more special. While traveling abroad anywhere with your friends is usually fun, Israel was different. The country was new to me but somehow made me feel right at home.

We hiked Masada, went swimming in the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee, visited Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and so much more during our one week. Having heard so much about how beautiful of a country Israel is, my expectations were pretty high, but I was in no way let down. Every breathtaking view on the bus rides and walks the group lead me on blew me away.

If you have the opportunity to send your child, or yourself, on this trip it's truly essential. We are the ones that have to remember and tell what happened because soon there will be no first hand accounts left to tell it. This trip gives the opportunity to explore our Jewish lineage that's different than simply going to Hebrew School or observing Shabbat.

I was able to attend this trip partly because of the generous Natania Lipp Scholarship from the Jewish Federation. After Natania went on the trip, she told me about her experience, and I promised myself I would one day go too. I am so honored and grateful to have received a scholarship in the name of a role model and old friend. Thank you to her, her family, those that donated to her fund and those who supported my choice to experience this trip.

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only improved my leadership skills but made friends from all over the United States.

Immediately after getting off the plane in Milwaukee, someone from the CLTC staff was there to greet me and the rest of the teens on my flight. Although I booked my flights alone, many teens from Memphis and Atlanta were on the plane with me.

While at the airport, I met the people who would eventually become some of my best friends. Most of the conversation the first day was about how excited we were for the next 12 days and wondering when we would get to leave the airport.

The first night at Beber we were put into mock chapters. These were groups of 15 that were similar to our BBYO chapter back home. Each chapter had a board with standard BBYO leadership positions, and we were given the opportunity to run for positions on that board.

As a mock chapter, our responsibilities at CLTC included planning programs for the rest of the teens, leading Shabbat services and setting up for meals. The encouraging environment at CLTC was clear from the first day, being a relatively shy person, I was surprised by my willingness to volunteer and share in front of my mock chapter.

Most days at CLTC began with rotations where you visited three areas of camp and learned a new leadership skill like public speaking, giving feedback and understanding body language. These skills are not only helpful in BBYO, but can be applied at school and in the real world.

One of my main takeaways from CLTC was how to present myself as a strong and confident leader. As a student, this is really important to have when doing group projects as I'll be able to be a leader in my group to get work done more efficiently.

Other leadership lessons were directed more towards BBYO. I just finished a term as my chapter's morah. One of my main roles in this position was re-

cruiting eighth graders to join BBYO. At CLTC, the recruitment strategy MRIHA was discussed and I learned many new tips for recruiting eighth graders. Although my time as morah is over, my knowledge of MRIHA is something I can pass down to the next morah to improve our chapter.

One result of CLTC I was not expecting was my increased connection to Judaism. Every day at CLTC we had morning services. At the first morning service, I felt out of place as I didn't know most of the prayers or their meanings. However, each morning we were able to talk and pray, and I was able to learn the meanings of the prayers and specifically what they meant to me. By the second week, I looked forward to morning services, and felt a closer connection to my religion.

By the end of my CLTC experience, I was sad to leave. I felt so much more confident in my leadership abilities and am more motivated to take leadership roles in my community. I talk to my CLTC friends every day and agree with everyone who says it's the best 12 days of your life.

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Wedding Section

Looking for a Quickie Jewish Wedding in Vegas?

by Ron Kampeas

LAS VEGAS, February 16, 2016 (JTA) – Rabbi Mel Hecht clutches his black coffee and paces in front of the Dunkin' Donuts just down the road from the Red Rock Casino.

It's 2:27 p.m., and the couple said they'd be here by 2:20. The photographer has an appointment at Bellagio at 5 p.m., and he wanted to get started by 2:30.

"Here she comes," says the photographer, Britt Pierson.

Karen Butt, resplendent in a teal bridal gown and carrying a bouquet of cloth flowers, is waving from the stretch limo idling in the parking lot unable to fit

into a space. She trots across and apologizes for being late, but it's all good because Hecht has turned on his rabbinical calm, flashing a huge toothy grin framed by his trim, white beard.

Her bridegroom, Craig Silver, follows in her wake, patting his inside pocket, making sure he has the rings.

Hecht sets about calming the nervous couple. "I thought this was a circumcision," he says, introducing himself as "Rabbi Cutcherdickoff."

Silver laughs, relieved – a little relieved, anyway. He's getting married, after all. He launches into a story about how his mother insisted on a doctor for his own circumcision, which wasn't a thing 59 years ago like it is today, but see **VEGAS** page 15

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Reserve a place for ceremony and the reception
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Reserve the entertainment
Notify the rabbi
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Six to Eight Months Ahead

Choose a caterer, florist, and photographer/videographer
Choose a color scheme and decorations
Pick out attendants' gowns
Shop for a veil
Figure out about how many guests you will invite
Select a wedding gown

Three Months Ahead

Consult with the rabbi about the service
Choose and order a ketuba
Start planning your honeymoon
Schedule fittings for bridesmaids dresses
Register for china and other household items
Finalize the guest list
Arrange for tuxedos for the groom and his attendants
Order invitations

Two Months Ahead

Choose the menu
Address and mail invitations
Reserve hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests

Shop for wedding rings
Arrange limousine transportation for the bridal party from the site of the ceremony to the reception

One Month Ahead

Obtain a marriage license
Make a seating chart and place cards
Notify the newspapers of your forthcoming marriage (Your notice should arrive at *Community* at least five weeks before the event.)
Plan rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
Schedule final fittings
Order the cake
Confirm final arrangements with band, caterer and the florist
Order thank you notes
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Three Weeks Ahead

Make arrangements with the mikvah attendant.

Two Weeks Ahead

Confirm reservations at the hotel
Give a preliminary guest count to the caterer
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A Little About Us

Our names are Joe and Karen Hart. We both have lived in and around Louisville all of our lives. We have two adult children, and four grandkids. That's where this story starts.

We were in California visiting our daughter, son-in-law, Stella and Lola, two of our granddaughters. Stella's school had a silent auction/fundraiser, and we all attended. And there it was, the first time we encountered the "Flipbook phenomena!"

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Wedding Section

VEGAS

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thinks better of finishing and trails off.

Hecht explains how to get from the parking lot to the actual Red Rock – not the casino, but the geological formation just west of this city.

"Meet us at the first turnoff," he says.

The rabbi slips into his white SUV and checks the back seat with a pat for his gear: the battered, black leather briefcase stuffed with a kiddush cup, a golden tallit, an array of marriage certification stamps and an ancient Rabbinical Assembly prayer book. And a wine glass wrapped in a napkin.

Hecht has this routine down. He's about to turn 77, and he's been doing this since he arrived in Las Vegas in 1980 from Fort Pierce, Florida, where he was a congregational rabbi.

Call Graceland Wedding Chapel, scroll through the five Elvis options (from \$199 for basics to \$799 for dueling Elvises), ask about the "Yes, we do offer Jewish ceremonies" on the website's FAQ page, and the lady on the phone will tell you, "Call Rabbi Mel." There used to be another guy, she says, but he's gone. Now it's just Rabbi Mel.

Hecht confirms there was another guy, but he also can't remember the name. That's Las Vegas: people come and go and are forgotten.

Or it once was Las Vegas. Hecht is a holdover from the last of the city's Wild West days, the 1980s, when there wasn't much of an established Jewish community here, just two or three synagogues and folks moving in and out.

He came to serve an established synagogue but it didn't work out, and he became the go-to guy for idiosyncratic Jewish weddings and funerals – rites that would make sense nowhere else but ring true in a town built by the Jewish mob, where roads just end and buildings rust half-completed, where Jewish would-be entertainers come to fail and Jewish one-time entertainers come to fade.

What once was Hecht's side vocation – ministering to the transient – has become his full-time job. Other rabbis build community; Hecht tends to those fleeing communities. Some are pornographers, gamblers or gangsters who disappear until they die, when they want Hecht to make sure their long-estranged families know that in the end, they did not forget they were Jewish.

Others are like Butt and Silver, pretending for one fantastical weekend that all they have is each other, leaving behind families complicated by divorce and generational tensions.

"Las Vegas is perhaps the only place that is not so much interested in someone's past as it is in how that person performs in the present," says Hecht, who charges \$400 for your basic nuptials.

At the Graceland Wedding Chapel, Hecht has never played "Elvis the rabbi." But yes, there were Jewish brides who wanted an Elvis impersonator to sing before the ceremony, or after the ceremony, or in the middle of the ceremony. There was the bride who wanted Elvis walking her down the aisle.

Don't brides want their fathers to give them away? I ask.

"They don't come with the father," Hecht says. "With a select group, but not their parents."

Family in Las Vegas is not the one you're born into, it's the one you create. There was the Jewish showgirl who married an actor in the show. Like other wedding parties, she and her bridesmaids coordinated outfits. Unlike others, these were mesh dresses with very little underneath.

For the couple who wanted a Western wedding, Hecht appeared in dungarees, a three-quarter black coat, a wide-brimmed hat and a shotgun (unloaded). The Jewish costumers at Bally's who threw a Renaissance wedding for them-

selves dressed Hecht in the flat hat and cassock-like garment a contemporary rabbi might have worn.

Two days before Butt and Silver wed, Hecht meets me at a Starbucks near his home. (In Las Vegas, distances are marked by outlets, casinos and strip malls. "It's the one just past the Best Buy," he explains.)

Outfitted in a black pinstripe suit and white shirt, he's about to do a funeral: a man born to a Jewish mother and an Italian father who spent his life driving a cab and tending bar. He had started a family, abandoned it, then raised another – never marrying Jews, never raising his children Jewish. But one thing everyone in his family knew – from estranged to recent – was that he wanted to go out as a Jew.

Hecht will recite the El Malei Rachamim in English, to be true to the dead man's wishes, but also so the families will feel connected.

"The funeral home knew who to call because of my reputation," he says. "I'm a rabbi for all people, not just Jews."

Karen Butt got to Hecht by Googling "rabbis and Las Vegas"; Hecht had incredible reviews. (Not that he would know; he hates computers and his wife handles emails.)

Butt, 49, a clinical social worker in Old Lyme, Connecticut, and Silver, 59, who develops real estate, had met on JDate two years earlier, and they talked with Hecht over the phone. She knew he was the one. He sounded "familiar," she says, holding hands with Silver in the back of the limo.

"We wanted to focus on our marriage," Butt says, explaining why the wedding is in Las Vegas. "It gets more complicated with families." Silver chimes in: "We wanted it to be just about the two of us."

There are parents and kids from previous relationships. How many times have they been married?

"Never mind, just say we've been married before," Butt says.

The limo arrives at the first turnoff in the Red Rock Loop. Families are gathered by the roadside to gaze at the canyon.

"Aren't there too many people for a wedding?" Silver asks, having expected something a little more serene.

Butt, already out of the car, pulls Silver out.

"We're walking out of here Mr. and Mrs. Silver, that's all I know," she says.

The passers-by become part of the ritual, bikers whooping cheers to Hecht's grinning approval. This is Las Vegas,

and family is who you make it in the moment.

Hecht throws the golden tallit over the couple. As they huddle, their faces etched in bliss, he blesses them in the first person plural, a "we" that encompasses himself, the couple's absent children (whom he names), Pierson the photographer, me, the bikers roaring by, the grinning family watching from the

overlook, the Jewish dead and living.

"We wish you the kind of home that is made of more than stone and wood," the rabbi says, "that it will be an island that will protect you from the frenzy the world has become."

Out comes the wine glass wrapped in a napkin. Silver smashes it not once but twice. Hecht pronounces them man and wife.



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Evan Roth works with multigenerational families to define and translate values into a comprehensive investment program.

Daniel Roth, executive editor of LinkedIn, is known as the “the most powerful journalist on the Internet,” by *Business Insider*.

The Roth brothers and Bridgeman will lead the “Breaking the Mold” podcast. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the program at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. More information available at www.jewishlouisville.org.

Rodeo Drive is a finalist for Greater Louisville Inc.’s Very Small Business of the Year Award. The winning company exemplifies business and civic leadership, community involvement, management practices and financial performance. The award winners will be announced at the Inc.credible Awards Luncheon on Friday, August 19, at the Galt House.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana is a finalist for Greater Louisville Inc.’s Arts, Culture and Community Award. This award is presented to the small business seen as a leader in the Greater Louisville community, making significant contributions to advancing arts and culture. The award winners will be announced at the Inc.credible Awards Luncheon on Friday, August 19, at the Galt House.

Mark Prussian of the Eye Care Institute is among three businessmen are pushing for a park to be built in Butchertown. The Story Avenue Park, as it would be called, would be 1.83-acre and would connect Story Avenue north to Washington Street.

According to brokensidewalk.com, the group paid most of the \$75,000 cost of demolishing the Boys & Girls Club three years ago. Additional support has come from Louisville Metro Parks, the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), Mayor Greg Fischer, and Humana co-founder David Jones. They’re holding a fundraiser on Thursday, July 24, at Butchertown Grocery, to help raise the final \$40,000 needed to finish the park.

Director of Professional Development **Micah Jorrich**, Family and Children’s Place, is among the Young Professional Association of Louisville Board of Directors who helped re-evaluate its structure. YPAL highlighted this year’s accomplishments in *Business First* as providing professional development training, starting a connecting, engaging and develop series, military initiative and more.



Rabbi Shmully Litvin

Rabbi Shmully Litvin received his rabbinic ordination this month at a graduation ceremony in Brooklyn, NY.

He moved to Louisville in 2011, but had two years left to complete his Rabbinic Ordination. He completed his studies

at the Online Institute for Rabbinical

Studies, an innovating online college where lectures, classes and tests are all held online.

Rabbi Litvin has previously studied in Pittsburgh, PA, London, England and Morristown, NJ. He looks forward to helping increase educational programming at Chabad, and increasing his involvement and role within the overall Jewish Community of Louisville.

Eric David Gould and his restaurant, SmoketownUSA, were featured on the Food Network’s Guilty Pleasure show on July 16.

Wiesel Gave the Holocaust a Face; the World a Conscience

by Sarah Wildman

WASHINGTON, July 3, 2016 (JTA) – Elie Wiesel, the Holocaust survivor and Nobel laureate who became a leading icon of Holocaust remembrance and a global symbol of conscience, died Saturday, July 2, at 87. His death was the result of natural causes, the World Jewish Congress said in a statement.

A philosopher, professor and author of such seminal works of Holocaust literature as *Night* and *Dawn*, Wiesel perhaps more than any other figure came to embody the legacy of the Holocaust and the worldwide community of survivors.

“I have tried to keep memory alive,” Wiesel said at the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in 1986. “I have tried to fight those who would forget. Because if we forget, we are guilty, we are accomplices.”

Often he would say the “opposite of love is not hate, it is indifference.”

The quest to challenge indifference was a driving force in Wiesel’s writing, advocacy and public presence. Though he considered himself primarily a writer, by the end of the 1970s he had settled into the role of moral compass, a touchstone for presidents and a voice that challenged easy complacency about history.

Wiesel spent the majority of his public life speaking of the atrocities he had witnessed and asking the public to consider other acts of cruelty around the world, though he drew the line at direct comparisons with the Holocaust.

“I am always advocating the utmost care and prudence when one uses that word,” he told JTA in 1980.

President Barack Obama, who met frequently with Wiesel and took his counsel, said he had been a “living memorial.”

“Along with his beloved wife Marion and the foundation that bears his name, he raised his voice, not just against anti-Semitism, but against hatred, bigotry and intolerance in all its forms,” Obama said in a statement. “He implored each of us, as nations and as human beings, to do the same, to see ourselves in each other and to make real that pledge of ‘never again.’”

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wiesel was “bitterly mourned” by the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

“Elie, the wordsmith, expressed through his extraordinary personality and fascinating books the triumph of the human spirit over cruelty and evil,” he said in a statement.

Wiesel won a myriad of awards for his work, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Gold Medal and the National Jewish Book Award. *Night* is now standard reading in high schools across America. In 2006, it was chosen as a book club selection by Oprah Winfrey and, nearly half a century after it was first published, spent more than a year atop the best-seller list. He would also take Winfrey to Auschwitz that same year.

Writing for *The New York Times Book Review* in 2008, Rachel Donadio said *Night* had become “a case study in how a book helped created a genre, how a writer became an icon and how the Holocaust was absorbed into the American experience.”

“There is no way to talk about the last half century of Holocaust consciousness without giving Wiesel a front and center

Aaron Lerner received a National Merit Scholarship. He will attend the University of Kentucky. He is interested in a career in screenwriting or directing.

CORRECTION

Ronda Gordon’s named was spelled incorrectly in the last issue in the front page story about the playground fence her husband, Michael Gordon, family, and family friend, Gus Goldsmith, and his family erected around the playground at The J to honor her memory. We apologize for the error.

role,” said Michael Berenbaum, a professor at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles and former director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum’s research institute. “What he did, extraordinarily, was to use the Nobel Prize as a tool to call attention to things, and as a vehicle to scream louder, shout more, agitate more.”

Born in the town of Sighet, Transylvania, then and now a part of Romania, in 1928, Wiesel was deported to Auschwitz in 1944 with his family when he was 15. His mother and one of his sisters would disappear forever when the family was forced aboard the cattle cars, murdered immediately. His father, who traveled with him to the camps, died of dysentery and starvation in Buchenwald before liberation. Two sisters would survive the war.

In *Night*, Wiesel describes pinching his face to see if he is dreaming when he sees the murders of infants.

“In those places, in one night one becomes old,” Wiesel told NPR in 2014. “What one saw in one night, generations of men and women had not seen in their own entire lives.”

Wiesel was liberated from Buchenwald in 1945. He went on to study at the Sorbonne and moved to New York at the end of the 1950s, where he lived in relative obscurity. He worked hard to find a publisher for *Night*, which initially sold poorly.

“The truth is in the 1950’s and in the early 1960’s there was little interest and willingness to listen to survivors,” said Wiesel’s longtime friend Rabbi Irving “Yitz” Greenberg, who had read a copy of *Night* in Israel in the early 1960s. “In 1963, someone told me this author is alive and well in New York City and I somehow managed to find him and go see him.”

Wiesel was “gaunt” and “working as a freelance reporter, a stringer, for a French newspaper, an Israeli newspaper and a Yiddish newspaper – and for none of the above was he making a living,” Greenberg said.

Greenberg was determined to help Wiesel find work.

“He had this magnetic presence,” the rabbi said. “He was quiet but with tremendous force and he felt the vividness the Holocaust had a message.”

In the late 1960’s, Wiesel finally began to emerge as one of the preeminent voices in Holocaust literature. By the end of his career he had written some 50 books.

In 1972, he enthralled Yeshiva University students with his exhortation of the American and American Jewish leadership for its silence during the Holocaust.

How many Jewish leaders “tore their clothes in mourning?” Wiesel asked. “How many marched on Washington? How many weddings took place without music?”

His 1966 book reporting the plight of Soviet Jews, “The Jews of Silence,” made possible the movement that sought their freedom.

“Elie Wiesel was the collective moral compass of the Jewish people,” Natan



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AROUND TOWN

Women of Temple Shalom Hold Yard Sale

Shop indoors at the Women of Temple Shalom Indoor Yard sale on Friday, July 22, and Sunday, July 24, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 4615 Lowe Rd. Great bargains on furniture, a large wall unit, children's items, toys, books, pictures, collectibles, linens, household and kitchen items and more. If you have questions, call 502-458-4739 and ask to be contacted by Ellen Gray.

KentuckyOne Offers Half Marathon Training

Lace up your running shoes! KentuckyOne Health Sports Medicine and the Louisville Sports Commission have partnered to provide a training program for the Urban Bourbon Half Marathon. The program will kick off on Wednesday, July 27, from 5-7 p.m. at Medical Center Jewish Northeast, part of KentuckyOne Health. The event will include an open house and an optional two-mile run, led by Louisville Sports Commission Race Director Michael Clemons, that will start and end at Medical Center Jewish Northeast, 2401 Terra Crossing Blvd.

During this open house, participants can learn more about the KentuckyOne Sports Medicine Program, which offers a comprehensive range of services including education, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and wellness from specially trained and certified staff. Topics to be discussed include injury prevention and treatment, sports nutrition for optimal performance, and the new KentuckyOne Health Runner's Edge program. The Runner's Edge program is designed to evaluate and improve the efficiency of your body, allowing you to improve your performance and decrease the risk of injury.

AJ Offers Hebrew Reading Course

Just in time for the holidays, Adath Jeshurun is offering a crash course in Hebrew reading taught by Deborah Slosberg. This course is free of charge and designed for those with little or no background in Hebrew. It concentrates on the Hebrew alphabet and reading skills. The five 90-minute weekly classes take place on Sundays at 10 a.m. on July 31, August 7, 14, 21 and 28.

AJ Hosts Celebration Shabbat

Come to Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, August 6, to celebrate your birthday or anniversary. All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in August are invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services that begin at 9:30 a.m.

KI Celebrates August Birthdays

Keneseth Israel will celebrate July birthdays during a Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, August 5, 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.

Ruth Kline is Next AJ Shabbat Scholar

Adath Jeshurun will have a Shabbat Scholar program following the Kiddush on Saturday, August 6. Ruth Kline will speak at 12:15 p.m. on "Jewish Life in Shanghai: 1939-1947." The community is welcome.

The Temple Hosts Blue Jean Family Shabbat

There will be a Blue Jean Family Shabbat at The Temple on Friday, August 12. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., followed by a family service at 7. Dinner is free for all

who attend but you must RSVP no later than Wednesday, August 10, to 502-423-1818.

Book Club to Discuss *The City of Thieves*

The J Book Club will discuss the novel, *The City of Thieves*, by David Benioff on Monday, August 15, 11 a.m. in The J Board Room. Set during World War II, it combines love, history, adventure, intrigue. Copies are available at the JCC Senior Adult Department. All are welcome. Evie Topcik is the volunteer leader.

Shabbat and Sundaes with KI Is August 20

Keneseth Israel will meet at Graeter's Ice Cream, 2204 Bardstown Rd., on Saturday, August 20, 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.

CenterStage Director to Speak at Temple Shalom

John Leffert, director of Cultural Arts & Ideas and artistic director of CenterStage, The J's theatre company, will speak at the Temple Shalom Men's Club's brunch on Sunday, August 21, at 10 a.m. The event is \$5 and open to the community. For reservations call Sofiya at the Temple Shalom office, 502-458-4739, by Thursday, August 18.

Bridges: Welcome to Judaism Offered at The Temple

Back by popular demand. For many participants, the spring semester of Bridges ended too soon, and now new students are invited to join. Co-facilitators Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks and Nadyne Lee will offer new summer sessions that are open to those considering conversion, those who are newly Jewish, couples in interfaith marriages and those who have questions about Judaism.

The class will hold its last meeting of the summer on Monday, August 22, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the library.

If you would like to participate in the summer session of Bridges, please call Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks, 502-423-1818, or Nadyne Lee, 270-230-3448.

Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation Is August 27 at AJ

Adath Jeshurun invites all children in grades K-7, their parents and grandparents, to participate in the Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation on Saturday, August 27. This informal service is led by Deborah Slosberg, 10:30-11:15 a.m. The community is invited.

AJ Meets for Book Club

The Adath Jeshurun Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 28, at 2 p.m. for an informal book discussion of *A Guide for the Perplexed* by Dara Horn. The discussion, facilitated by Deborah Slosberg, is free of charge and open to the community. If you would like to have a paperback copy ordered for you (\$14), please contact Slosberg by phone 502-458-5359 or email at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Join the Temple for Peace by Piece Concert

Come enjoy a special concert by an expanded Shir Chadash – The Temple's inter congregational choir, under the direction of Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks, and Temple Music Director Dr. Louie Bailey – on Sunday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Waller Chapel.

On special occasions throughout the year, others have lent their voices to Shir Chadash and now are returning for

this special Peace Concert. The concert is dedicated to promoting all forms of peace – inner and outer, local and global. Let the melodious sounds stir your soul and fill you with Shalom | Salaam | Peace. There will be a dessert reception following the concert.

Due to the generosity of the Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks Fund for Music, there will be no charge for attending this event.

Reception Celebrates Ordination of Rabbis Shmully & Mendy Litvin

Celebrate the Rabbinic ordination of Rabbis Shmully and Mendy Litvin at the Chabad House of Louisville on Wednesday, September 7, at 7 p.m. Both Rabbis will be presented with their *semicha* (rabbinic ordination). All members of the community are welcome. A dessert reception will follow the program.

Temple Shalom Holds Music Event with Shlomit & RebbeSoul

Temple Shalom will present "Jewish World Music for the Soul" featuring Shlomit & RebbeSoul, pioneers of the new wave of Jewish World Music, on Sunday, September 11, at Temple Shalom. Food trucks will arrive at 4 p.m., and those attending are encouraged to picnic and play games before the 6 p.m. concert.

Tickets are \$18 per person in advance and \$20 at the door. Call 502-458-4739 for tickets. The event is sponsored in part by generous grants from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and the Sara and Adolph van der Walde Fund, of the Roth Family Foundation Inc.

AJ and Louisville Melton Plan 2017 Israel Trip

Rabbi Robert and Deborah Slosberg will lead the 2017 Louisville Melton Israel trip February 27-March 9. The trip is open to Melton and non-Melton travelers who enjoy in-depth educational travel and fine dining. The group will get to explore Israel's historic sites. Travel in Israel takes place in luxury coaches. For more information contact Rabbi Slosberg at rabbi@adathjeshurun.com or call 502-458-5359.

AJ Presents 2017 Jewish Heritage Cruise

Adath Jeshurun will offer a 2017 Jewish Heritage Cruise of Scandinavia and Russia. The Regal Princess will sail July 5-16, 2017. Ports include Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; Berlin, Germany; Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; and Stockholm, Sweden.

Cruise fare as of June 29 is \$3,074 per person, double-occupancy for a category BB cabin, subject to change. Airfare is additional. For more information, please contact Rabbi Robert Slosberg at 502-458-5359 or rabbi@adathjeshurun.com.

Learn Hebrew and Jewish History at The Temple

Advanced Hebrew

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will continue his Advanced Hebrew Class on Monday nights at 7 p.m. through the summer.

Intermediate Hebrew – Prayers of the Prayers at The Temple

Rabbi Gatkua Rooks is beginning a new summer Intermediate Hebrew Class. The class will spend some quality time with prayer book Hebrew. Some knowledge of Hebrew is necessary, the ability to read basic Hebrew and a love of learning. Join the class to delve into prayers and their deeper meanings. Classes will meet every Monday night, at 7-8 p.m. except for August 22, due to the Bridges Class. On that date, class will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m., with Bridges immediately following.

Wednesday Torah Study at The Temple

Join Rabbi Rapport and guest rabbis

every Wednesday throughout the summer from 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. for talks on Torah, Jewish History, Israel, and so much more.

KI Hosts Jews and Brews

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 Offers Jewish Yoga Workshop

Cantor Hordes will lead an in-depth and comparative look at the Jewish and yogic traditions on the second Thursday of every month beginning 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.

Rabbi Michael Wolk Leads Lunch and Learn

Join Rabbi Michael Wolk at The Bristol on Main Street every first Thursday of the month at noon for a lunch and learn. The class is free and open to the public, however food is sold separately. Please RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or call 502-459-2780.

The Temple Has Year-'Round Saturday Torah Study

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

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.

AJ Offers Shabbat Lunch and Learn

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Births

Serena Marie Rosenbaum

Zachary Rosenbaum is excited to announce the birth of his baby sister Serena Marie, born Friday, March 18, at 2:40 p.m. Serena's thrilled family include her parents, Drs. David and Frances Rosenbaum as well as her grandparents, Drs. Michael and Leslie Rowland and Richard and Janet Rosenbaum. Serena's great-grandparents are the late Irvin and Leila Ginsburg and the late Dr. Irvin and Fanny Rose Rosenbaum.

Oshri Yoseph Danino

Amy and Ronen Danino are pleased to announce the birth of their son Oshri Yoseph, born Tuesday, June 5, at 1:05 a.m. Oshri is the brother of Sivan Danino and the grandson of Steven Goldstein and Sheila Lynch and the late Beth Goldstein of Louisville, KY. He is also the grandson of Yossi and Kathy Dvir of Brick, NJ, and Monique Dvir of Garfield, NJ; and the great-grandson of Irvin and Daisy Goldstein of Louisville.



Klara Rose Wolk

Rabbi Michael and Heidi Wolk welcomed a new baby girl on July 5. In a Simchat Bat at Keneseth Israel on July 16, she received the names Klara Rose and Me'ira Rachel.

She is named after Klara Markovitz and Rose Wolk. The Wolk family was happy to celebrate with grandparents Cantor Morris and Geraldine Wolk and Sharon Bennett, as well as the extended Keneseth Israel family. May Klara Rose grow to a life of Torah and ma'asim tovim, good deeds.

Bar Mitzvah

Gregory Ross Welenken

Gregory Ross Welenken, son of Rhonda and Eric Welenken will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, August 20, at 10:30 a.m., at The Temple.



Gregory is the grandson of Sonia and

Joseph Ernst, and Martin and Alice Welenken, and the late Helene Zemon.

Gregory will be in seventh grade at North Oldham Middle School, where he is a member of the tennis team. In addition, he enjoys building Legos, drawing, bike riding and spending time with his grandparents.

Gregory and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and join them for a kiddush luncheon following the service.

Weddings

Gilpin/Baron

Joseph and Cathy Gilpin are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Gilpin, to Dustin Baron, son of Mary and Randy Baron. They were married on Sunday, July 3, at Gheens Foundation Lodge in Louisville. They will reside in Raleigh, NC.



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Obituaries

Murray J. Greenwald

Murray J. Greenwald, 84, died Friday, June 10, at Kindred Hospital. He was born in Philadelphia but always considered himself a Kentucky native as he lived here since he was six months old. He was born March 20, 1932, to the late Lottie Marder and A. Herman Greenwald.

The son of a Polish immigrant butcher, Greenwald was a self-made man who graduated from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1955, having received his Juris Doctor without an undergraduate degree in 3-1/2 years. When asked once why he graduated so quickly, he simply said, "I couldn't afford not to."

Throughout his career, Greenwald was universally considered the patriarch of the local real estate bar and was proud of his decades of service for the Jefferson County Public Defender's Office, the Louisville Bar Foundation and the Louisville Bar Association. In his chosen career and throughout life, he practiced law and lived by a high standard of ethics which he counted upon all those close to him to adhere.

He had been a part-time resident of Longboat Key, FL, and was a member of the Standard Country Club, Longboat Key Club and The Temple. He also had served as a board member and chairman of Paramount Foods prior to its sale in the early 1990's. He was an avid Louisville Cardinals fan but, much to the chagrin of his children and grandchildren, he also became a Kentucky Wildcats fan later in life.

He always said that his greatest triumph in life was his children. The altruistic commitment he had to them was a legacy in its own right. It didn't require accomplishment, deeds or reward. He was always inventing some excuse to brag to unsuspecting bystanders about a recent feat of his children no matter how minute or inconsequential.

Humility was his virtue except when it came to the accomplishments of his children. With respect to these, he was quite spirited. He was extremely proud of the educational legacy he afforded all three of them, enabling them to obtain graduate degrees in their respective fields.



He enabled his three children to reach their full potential through his emotional and financial support and wordlessly guided them through his strong work ethic. If outcomes or consequences were not in their favor he brushed it off with "it's all part of the game" or "it's just one of those things."

Dad/Grandpa/Mur/Old Man was always there for his children, whether it be as confidant, standing on the sidelines at a rain soaked soccer game or giving a big bear hug when one was needed but just as often when it was not. He never let any of his children or grandchildren leave the house without a hug and a kiss or end a telephone call without them hearing his parting signature words: "I love you."

Greenwald was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 53 years, Peggy Hirsch Greenwald, and his daughter, Brooke Greenwald Cohen, both of whom passed away four years ago.

He is survived by his sons, Bart (Deborah) Greenwald and Brent (Heidi) Greenwald; and his 10 grandchildren, Kyle, Kali, Kaidun, Crue, Charlyse, Joey, Avery, Walker, Tayson and Koldyn. He is also survived by his two trusted employees and friends, Bonnie Johnston and Sue Moore, who worked with Murray for 47 years and 25 years, respectively. Up until the day he passed, their frequent visits and emotional commitment were more vital to his rehabilitation and relative sanity than a battalion of physicians and therapists.

Years ago he was once asked whether he ever goes to the cemetery to visit "Grandpa". He responded that he didn't need to go to the cemetery; he talks to Grandpa every day. Now he can have those many long awaited conversations with precious family members who preceded him in death while those he left behind can continue to seek his counsel in the same way he spoke every to his father.

A memorial service was held at The Temple. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Louisville-Jefferson Public Defender Corp., 717-719 W. Jefferson Street, Louisville, KY 40202 or The Temple, 5101 US Hwy 42, Louisville, KY 40241.

Marjorie Switow Fisher

Marjorie Switow Fisher, 92, of Palm Beach, FL, formerly of Detroit, died on Sunday, June 12.

Fisher who combined the salty wit of an irreverent comedienne with the panache and style of a bygone era, died surrounded by family members, whom she continued to host and entertain virtually to the end of her life.

Max M. Fisher, to whom Marjorie was married for 52 years, was one of the prominent industrialists and philanthropists of his day. He was known as a shrewd investor and left a fortune that was split between family bequests and the family foundation. Max and Marjorie divided their time between Detroit and Palm Beach; in both communities they were social luminaries who crossed religious and ethnic boundaries.

They were also great philanthropists. After Max's death in 2005 and the creation of the permanent endowment to fund the Max M. & Marjorie S. Foundation, Marjorie assumed the role of founding chair.

For nearly six years, she led quietly while her five children crafted the organization's mission and initial grant partnerships. During her tenure as chair, the Foundation committed more than \$70 million in grants with nearly 50 partners on three continents and became recognized within the philanthropic sector as a leader in giving and governance among family foundations.

All four generations of the women in Marjorie's family were awarded the 2013 'Changing the Face of Philanthropy Award' by the Women's Funding Network. Also in 2013 the family received the Outstanding Foundation of the Year

Award for the Greater Detroit Region. In 2014, Marjorie was honored with the inaugural Founder's Award by the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Marjorie Switow Fisher was born in Louisville, November 5, 1923. Her family was in the theater business.

Early in her life she showed a flair for fashion, designing clothes during the 1940's. She majored in art and graduated at the top of her class from Marjorie Webster Junior College. From time to time she would announce this proudly and then flash her trademark sense of humor: "But there were only three students in the entire class."

Throughout her life, Marjorie moved comfortably within all social circles, equally at home with presidents and those who served them. She is survived by her children; Mary Fisher, Phillip Fisher and his spouse Lauren Fisher, Julie Fisher Cummings and her spouse Peter Cummings, Marjorie Fisher Furman and her spouse Roy Furman, and Jane Sherman and her spouse Larry Sherman, as well as 37 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family asks that those who wish to further honor the memory of Marjorie Switow Fisher may do so by making a contribution to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3711 Woodward Av., Detroit, MI 48201-2444, or <https://www.dso.org/Donate.aspx>.

Dr. George C. Sivak

Dr. George C. Sivak, 98, died Friday, July 15, of natural causes.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Regina Firstenberg; his parents, Rose and Benjamin; and by his two brothers, Jack and Morris. He is survived by his three children, Denis (wife, Barbara), Cheryl and Gary (wife, Kordrice); three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Sivak was the embodiment of the American dream, arriving in this country as a three-year-old member of his immigrant family. Recognizing the benefit of an education and through hard work, achieved success as a Doctor of Medicine, a specialist in urology and to the practice of which he dedicated his life.

After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1946, he began practice as a general practitioner. Ten years later, he decided to specialize in urology. The course of his training brought him to Louisville, where he began his specialty practice and raised his family.

In his declining years, he resided at Forest Springs where the nurses and ancillary personnel were more than kind and caring. Their concern for his well-being was only surpassed by Jill Morrow and Karen Kitzman, who were his constant companions and caregivers.

His wit, intelligence and sense of humor will be sorely missed, not only by his immediate and extended family, but by everyone who knew and loved him.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Sonny and Janet Meyer Food Pantry at Jewish Family & Career Services.

Dr. Darryl Goldberg

Dr. Darryl Goldberg, 79, of Bloomfield Hills, MI, died Friday, July 15.

Dr. Goldberg lived a completely fulfilled life. Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, he grew up in Shreveport, and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio while in high school. He completed his under-



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D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Chaim Litvin
Special to Community

Before I share my feelings on love and hate, I would like to share a quick thought I saw after the terrorist attack in Nice. Someone posted: How do you tell the difference between an anti-Semite and a Jew? An anti-Semite says: "I hate the Jewish people but the few Jews I know are okay." A Jew might say, "I love the Jewish People, but I hate this one, that one and the other one".

This summer seems to be filled with such terrible hatred. There are terrorists who have attacked innocents in Orlando, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Nice and Israel, including slitting the throat of a

sleeping 13-year-old girl. Racist groups have cropped up including a Black Lives Matter supporter who assassinated five police officers in Dallas.



Rabbi Chaim Litvin

Should we now hate the haters? Should we hate these people who kill, maim and destroy? Or is all hate wrong? Should we just love everyone? Or should we hate them? What if we don't even know them? What can we do to help fix this growing attitude of hate? Hate is a very strong word, and there

are those who maintain that eliminating hate will make the world a better place. I don't agree. Any human attribute can be either good or bad.

Inappropriate love can be just as destructive as malicious hate. Imagine a wife who remains loyal to a child abuser and does not report him because she loves him. That love is evil. Yet when love is directed in the right direction it is one of the most powerfully positive and constructive forces known to mankind.

The same is true with hate. The Jewish people are intimately acquainted with the consequences of senseless hatred.

We are about to enter the saddest period on the Jewish calendar. It is known as the three weeks and is marked this year from July 24-August 14. This is when we mourn the destruction of the Holy Temple and our launch into a still-ongoing

exile.

The period begins on the 17th of the Hebrew month of Tammuz, a fast day that marks the day when the walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans in 69 CE. It reaches its climax and concludes with the fast of the 9th of Av, the date when both Holy Temples were set aflame. This is the saddest day of the Jewish calendar, and it is also the date of other tragedies spanning our nation's history.

According to the Sages it was "sinat chinam" senseless hatred that caused the destruction of the Holy Temple. Clearly irrational and pointless hatred is a terrible and destructive force. However, this does not mean that all hatred is bad. There are some things that we are actually obligated to hate.

The rationale behind this is a profound one. Since humans naturally distance themselves from things that they hate, it follows that the surest way of keeping away from evil is to hate it. If one is ambivalent towards evil one can easily become sympathetic towards it. The minute we begin to rationalize evil and its causes is the minute we become open to being influenced by it.

However one must also realize that even good hate can be dangerous. Our hate must remain constructive not destructive. We may hate the sin but never the sinner. If one becomes consumed by hate to the extent that it takes us over, then our hatred undergoes a metamorphosis from a constructive force to one that is senseless, destructive and even terroristic.

This is where the terrorists have gone wrong. There may be many destructive elements within Western society that one may oppose or even despise. But if one allows this hatred to become all-consuming, as the terrorists have done, then it crosses the boundary and becomes evil.

Thus our response to the evil scourge of terrorism must be unrelenting. In order to successfully oppose it we must despise it. Our challenge, however, is not to allow this legitimate antipathy to consume us to the extent that it becomes a force for destruction and evil.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe taught that you can't beat darkness with a broom. You can only beat it by illuminating it with light. Every time we do an act of kindness we push away the darkness a bit more and more. Soon the whole world will be illuminated with a Divine glow of goodness and Blessing. That is how we can merit the rebuilding of the Temple and the Era of Peace and Goodness for all mankind.

So by all means Love your neighbor and hate that which is evil. But most important of all is do a mitzvah (good deed) and encourage a friend to do the same. Your act of kindness will light up the world, chase away the evil and usher in the good.

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Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, July 22 at 8:43 p.m.; July 29 at 8:37 p.m.; August 5 at 8:30 p.m.; August 12 at 8:21 p.m.; August 19 at 8:12 p.m. and August 26 at 8:02 p.m.

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Editor's note: Rabbi Chaim Litvin, a local emissary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.

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graduate work and graduated medical school from The University of Cincinnati. He married his high school sweetheart and then served in the Air Force in Germany. Dr. Goldberg and his family moved to Detroit in 1966 for his residency at Henry Ford Hospital. He went on to practice ophthalmology for over 45 years. He was proud to have participated in each of his six grandchildren's b'nai mitzvot, was an active member and held leadership roles in the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, Fresh Air Society and Adat Shalom Synagogue.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marilyn Goldberg; daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Bruce Miller of Louisville, KY; sons and daughters-in-law, Andrew and Laura H. Goldberg of West Bloomfield, MI, Daniel and Joanne P. Goldberg of South Orange, NJ; grandchildren, Nathan Miller, Ryan Miller, Dana Goldberg, Ben Goldberg, Allie

Goldberg and Spencer Goldberg; brother, Eugene Goldberg; sister-in-law, Nancy Goldberg.

Dr. Goldberg was the cherished brother of the late Hirsch Goldberg; the devoted son of the late Leonard and the late Rachel Goldberg; the loving son-in-law of the late Hyman and the late Reaca Moskowitz.

Interment was at Adat Shalom Memorial Park.

Contributions may be made to The Jewish Community Center of Louisville's Programs Department, or the Jewish Community Federation's Annual Campaign.

Lore Strauss

Lore Strauss, 91, died Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at Episcopal Church Home. Lore worked in her family business, the former Hirscheimer Company. She was a



member of The Temple, The Temple Sisterhood and NCJW-Louisville Section.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Martin Strauss.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Strauss (Michael Hymson) and her son, Howard Strauss (Carolyn); six grandchildren, her adored grandsons, Benjamin Clark Morrison (Olya) and Clinton Strauss Morrison (Meridith), and Ted, Abigail, Peter and Joanna; her former granddaughter-in-law, Eleanor Glover; and her great-grandchildren, Frances Strauss and Tinsley, Madeleine and Ellington Morrison.

Funeral services will be Friday, July 22, 12 p.m. at The Temple, 5101 US Hwy 42, with burial to follow in The Temple Cemetery. Visitation will begin after 11 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to WRJ at The Temple, the UofL Delta Phi Epsilon Inge Hirscheimer Memorial Fund, 502-852-7021, or the Alzheimer's Association.

WIESEL

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Sharansky, who became the face of the Soviet Jewish struggle, said in a statement with his wife, Avital, who with Wiesel led advocacy for Sharansky's release from prison.

"He was the first to break the silence surrounding the plight of Soviet Jewry, and he accompanied our struggle until we achieved victory," said Sharansky, who is now the chairman of The Jewish Agency for Israel. "We will miss him deeply."

In 1978, Wiesel became the chairman of the Presidential Committee on the Holocaust, which would ultimately recommend the building of a Holocaust museum in Washington. As his public presence grew, he began to visit the sites of other genocides. In 1980, he traveled to Cambodia. In an interview with JTA, Wiesel called the Cambodian refugee camps "spectacles of horror" and noted, "That these things could happen again simply means that the world didn't learn – or that the world didn't want to learn."

In 1985, Wiesel's reputation grew beyond the Jewish world when he challenged President Ronald Reagan on live television over his intention to visit a German cemetery that housed the remains of Nazi soldiers. In the Oval Office to receive the Congressional Medal of Achievement, Wiesel chastised Reagan, "This is not your place, Mr. President," Wiesel famously said. The president visited the cemetery anyway, but changed his itinerary to include a visit to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

Wiesel challenged the White House again in 1993 when he charged the newly inaugurated President Bill Clinton to do more to address the atrocities then

unfolding in Yugoslavia.

"Most people don't confront a sitting president that way, and he confronted two," said Sara Bloomfield, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's current director.

"He saw people would listen to him," said Stuart Eizenstat, who held senior positions in multiple presidential administrations and was a key figure in the negotiation of Holocaust restitution agreements with several European governments.

"He became more aggressive about showing that it is not just the Holocaust, but applying lessons to the rest of the world as well," Eizenstat said. "He became more active in other genocidal or world conscious issues. He wanted to use that power for the cause not just of Holocaust memory, but also to prevent genocide."

At the 1993 inauguration of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Wiesel said, "I don't believe there are answers. There are no answers. And this museum is not an answer; it is a question mark." That question mark he applied to global atrocities, as well as historical ones.

His later years saw him wade into politics. He was friends with Obama but also loudly chastised the president for calling for an end to settlement construction and for brokering the Iran nuclear rollback-for-sanctions-relief deal, positions that led to criticism, even from longtime admirers. His very public support for Netanyahu was also questioned. Peter Beinart, writing in *Haaretz*, said: "Wiesel takes refuge in the Israel of his imagination, using it to block out the painful reckoning that might come from scrutinizing Israel as it actually is."

The final years of his life also saw financial turmoil. His personal finances

and \$15.2 million in assets of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity were invested with Bernie Madoff, who was convicted in 2009 of fraud. Wiesel's fortune and the reserves of his organization were wiped out.

Yet he did not cease his work. Just months after the Madoff scandal broke, in June 2009, he led Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel on a trip to Auschwitz, where he noted he was at his father's grave. Wiesel then gave a searing indictment of the world's continued inability to learn.

"As a public figure who was also the very symbol of the Holocaust survivor in America, Wiesel acted as a moral compass, his personal history lending unequalled gravity to his public remarks on genocide, anti-Semitism and other issues of injustice worldwide," said Ruth Franklin, author of *A Thousand Darknnesses: Lies and Truth in Holocaust Fiction*. "Wiesel never pretended that he understood the Holocaust. He spoke of it as a horror beyond explanation, a black hole in history. As the virtual embodiment of the catch phrase 'never forget,' he did more than anyone else to raise awareness of the Holocaust in American life."

Along with his wife, Wiesel is survived by a son, Shlomo.

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