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New Women's Philanthropy Series to Focus on Connection

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

As the temperatures dipped into the 60s this week, the State Fair opened and the new school year started. It is also time for the beginning of the 2017 Federation Campaign; and the Women's Philanthropy Division is taking the idea of a new beginning to heart.

This year, the division leaders have established a Women's Philanthropy Cabinet that will present a "Connecting Series" of events designed to engage Jewish women in activities they enjoy. The cabinet itself is made up of women from different age groups with different interests.

Current cabinet members are Dr. Karen Abrams, Dr. Shellie Branson, Viki

Diaz, Julie Ensign, Debbie Friedman, Jane Goldstein, Stacy Gordon-Funk, Cheryl Karp, Kate Latts, Robin Miller, Jennifer Tuvlin and Ann Zimmerman, and they would welcome additional volunteers.

**First Event: Connecting with Nature**  
The first Connecting Series event the group has planned is "Connecting with Nature" on Friday, September 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in The Parkland's Turkey see **CONNECTING** page 8

Donations to Give Local Louisville Help Jewish Community

On September 15 the Jewish Federation of Louisville will be participating in Give Local Louisville a 24 hour online giving day. We need your help to make the most of this incredible opportunity.

When you give to the Jewish Federation during Give Local Louisville, the dollars you give to provide affordable hot kosher meals to seniors, to ensure that children with special needs have

advocates that enable them to participate as fully as possible in the J's Summer Camp and to offer counseling on a sliding scale to a family dealing with job loss or substance abuse through Jewish Family & Career Services will go further. Because when you give to the Federation on Give Local Louisville Day, your gift will be partially matched thanks to the Community Foundation of Louisville.

Last year, we were able to raise nearly \$18,000 during Give Local Louisville

and we are hoping that you will help us make this year even bigger! Please mark your calendar for September 15 and donate online at [www.givelocalloouisville.org](http://www.givelocalloouisville.org). You can find the Federation under Discover Nonprofits in the Community Improvement category. You can also support JFCS which can be found in the Human Resources category.

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Eight Louisville Teens Go to Poland and Israel on Beber Camp Trip



Julia Bessen, front, and her friend, Morgan Goldstein, rode a camel while visiting a Bedouin encampment.

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

A trip to Poland and Israel is a significant experience for any young person who makes the trip, but for eight teens from Louisville, it was an opportunity with 46 of their best friends, and they brought back memories that will last for a lifetime and, for many of them, a different perspective on their Jewish identities and aspirations.

Julia Bessen, Zach Ellis, Abigail Geller, Ethan Grossman, Joey Schuster, Max Strull, Andrew Tuvlin and Isaac Wolff went on Beber Camp's trip to Israel and Poland with a large group of teens from other communities with whom they have shared many summers.

"Having the opportunity to visit this holy land with my lifelong friends was a dream come true," said Ethan Grossman.

The group went to Poland first, stopping at several Holocaust sites. They also had time to explore Kra- see **TEENS** page 20



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# JCRC UPDATE

by Bob Sachs, Chair

*Jewish Community Relations Council*

The purpose of the Jewish Community Relations Council is to advance the interests of the Louisville Jewish community. Which interests do we address? And how do we, with limited resources, address them?

You all know the old saw about two Jews, three opinions. There is truth in that. Our Council members are educated, passionate, involved and, dare I say it, opinionated. Our monthly meetings are lively and productive. Two examples dealing with Israel:



Bob Sachs

We make common cause with faith-based organizations in the support of Israel, even though our interests diverge on many, if not most, progressive social issues. At the same time, we rail against anti-Israel positions

taken by organizations with which we share many important social issues.

In the first example, we have developed good relations with Christians United for Israel and the Evangel World Prayer Center in Louisville. Both organizations are dependably pro-Israel and we are always looking for ways to express our solidarity with them on the issue of Israel and to work with them on advancing the interests of Israel.

In the second example, an umbrella organization called the Movement for Black Lives recently adopted an anti-Israel platform. Black Lives Matter is one

of a large number of constituent organizations of the Movement for Black Lives. These are people we generally admire, with causes we generally support. And yet it is necessary for us to address this anti-Israel detour and to attempt reconciliation on the issue.

Both of these examples, like many we deal with, call for a nuanced, rather than a knee-jerk, reaction to complex issues. I am delighted we have talented people on our Council who are well equipped to deal with such issues.

It is not only diaspora Jews who have a range of opinions on issues. Within Israel itself there is a dispute raging among Orthodox, Reform and Conservative Jews.

An agreement reached earlier this year would have provided a space at the Western Wall for egalitarian prayer. That agreement has unraveled. Ultra-Orthodox political pressure has resulted in the Netanyahu government backing away from its earlier decision, a decision many believe was reached because of intense pressure from Reform and Conservative Jews in the United States.

Your JCRC recently adopted a statement in support of the rights of Reform and Conservative Jews in Israel.

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August 18, 2016 (JTA) – North America's Jewish federations are seeking donations to assist the Jewish Federation of Greater Baton Rouge in providing relief to victims of flooding that has devastated southern Louisiana.

Relentless rains and high waters have claimed more than a dozen lives so far; more than 30,000 people have been rescued since Aug. 12. At least 40,000 homes have been damaged and 20 parishes have been declared federal disaster

areas, according to Nola.com.

Staff members from the Baton Rouge federation and many from the local Jewish community were among those forced to flee, according to the Jewish Federations of North America, which established the Baton Rouge Flood Relief Fund.

Louisville's JCRC encourages members of the community to donate to the JFNA emergency mailbox to help those affected by the Baton Rouge flood. Donations can be made online at <https://secure-fedweb.jewishfederations.org/page/contribute/baton-rouge-flood-relief-fund>.

# LETTERS

## Bar Mitzvah Project

Dear Community Editor,

My name is David Bornstein and I will be having my bar mitzvah this October.

For my Pledge 13 Bar Mitzvah Project, I am hosting a series of basketball contests at the Louisville JCC in the upper gym on Sunday, September 25, at 1 p.m. I am raising money for the Beber Camp Scholarship fund.

I love going to Beber Camp. I have been there for the past five summers. I want other kids who are not able to afford to go to camp to be able to have the same great summer camp experience that I have had and look forward to every year. By hosting this basketball contest I hope to raise money to donate to the Beber Camp scholarship fund.

There will be a Knock Out contest, Free Throw contest, and more. A minimum donation of \$5 is requested. To sign up to participate please email Shifrah Bornstein, [shiffey@aol.com](mailto:shiffey@aol.com) or call 502-802-3995. Anyone is eligible to play! To make a secure online donation, go to <https://bit.ly/3bcdavid>.

Please help me to make my bar mitzvah meaningful by helping to support this worthy cause.

Sincerely,  
David Bornstein

## Voting

An open letter to all Jewish organizations and area businesses,

In the last election, the voter turnout in Kentucky was about 30 percent of eligible voters. In Jefferson County, the voter turnout was 34.5 percent.

Your organization or business can make the difference in increasing the number of people who will vote in this upcoming November election.

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The following Venues are supervised and certified by the Louisville Vaad Hakashrut:

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# Taking Pride in Israel While Working for Change

by Sara Klein Wagner  
President and CEO  
Jewish Community of Louisville

Israel is an exceptional place, and as Jews, we each share a unique and personal connection to the state, her people and her future.

At the same time, Israel means different things to different people. Some draw inspiration from the spirit of the chalutzim (pioneers) who created a nation in the desert. For some, there is a spiritual connection and a belief that Israel is the spiritual center of the Jewish people. For others, Israel is a safe haven, where the law of return ensures that every Jewish person has the right to make Aliyah and become a citizen of Israel.

Together, we also celebrate Israel's many accomplishments. The Jewish State has absorbed more immigrants per capita than any other nation and is the only country in the Middle East governed by democratic principles. Israelis are scientists who made the desert bloom, pioneered water conservation technology, and continue to be at the forefront of medical and scientific research and discovery, while excelling in the arts.

As strong as Israel is, she also faces many internal and external challenges that affect us as well.

In 1948, Israel was created as a Jewish state that embraced respect for freedom of religion; however, Israel's political structure is different than the structure

we enjoy in the United States. It is understandably difficult for the American Jewish community to relate to what is happening with respect to religious tolerance and pluralism, particularly with respect to the different streams of Judaism.

The Israeli political system is comprised of many small parties – a number of them focus primarily on a single issue. The reality is Israel does not have a policy that separates “church and state.” Israelis vote for parties and the government is led by the party with the most votes.

If a party wins a majority, it can govern as it chooses. With multiple parties, it is rare for a single party to win the right to govern alone. Without a majority, the largest parties scramble to build coalitions that will bring their combined strength to constitute a majority.

It is common for the larger parties to make promises to the smaller parties to gain their support. Therefore, the smaller parties, several of which represent the ultra-Orthodox community, are recruited by the larger secular parties as they build governing coalitions. This enables the smaller parties to demand concessions in return for joining the coalitions.

Over the years, this has led to tight control of Jewish lifecycle events and ritual observance by some Orthodox groups that are especially vigilant about enforcing Jewish law as they interpret it at the expense of religious tolerance and pluralism.

At the same time, the Masorti (Conservative) and Progressive (Reform) movements in Israel are working hard to establish a strong following, to gain government support for their institutions and clergy, consistent with government support provided to the Orthodox, and to establish their right to practice Juda-

ism in keeping with their own beliefs and practices. They have made some progress and they have experienced some setbacks.

The two most recent issues include praying at the Kotel (the Western Wall) and the use of mikva'ot (ritual baths), by the non-Orthodox.

Earlier this year, after years of difficult negotiations, a compromise was reached regarding Jewish prayer at the Kotel. Under the terms of this compromise, the main plaza at the Kotel would continue to be governed by Orthodox policy. Men and women will have separate prayer spaces.

The compromise calls for creating an egalitarian prayer space at the Kotel in an area removed from the main plaza known as Robinson's Arch where more liberal practices would be allowed.

The Israeli government is now backtracking on the 2016 Kotel resolution.

The Knesset also recently passed Mikva'ot legislation, which limits access to ritual baths to Orthodox Jews. These actions created serious obstacles for those who support religious pluralism.

This is not a new issue ... in fact, over the years, steps have been taken to recognize the equality of non-Orthodox religious streams.

In 1990, the Jewish community of North America led by UJC (United Jewish Communities – today, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA)) spoke out definitively on the “Who is a Jew?” question, pushing for greater recognition of the streams of Judaism.

Our support for Israel should not and will not be affected by these challenges, but as we continue to show our support for Israel, we have the opportunity to voice our concerns and hopes, and we must do so.

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Sara Klein Wagner

## LETTERS

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1. Make sure that all of your employees, group members and the members of their families are registered to vote and their voter information is current and correct. <http://ags2.lovic.org/WhereDoIVote/>
2. People can register online at: <https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/default>.  
NOTE: the last day to register is Tuesday, October 11. Anyone who will be 18 years of age ON Election Day (Tuesday, November 8) can register to vote now.
3. Make sure all your employees and members know about early in-house voting, absentee voting and medical emergency voting. [www.elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/absentee\\_voting.shtml](http://www.elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/absentee_voting.shtml)

4. Help your employees and members get to the polls on Election Day and to the early voting site. (Note the new address of the Jefferson County Clerk's office is 701 W. Ormsby Ave., Rm. 301).  
Voter information can be posted in your newsletters, on your Facebook pages, and websites as well as send out email blasts to your employees and members with voter information and reminders to vote.

Samples ballots can be obtained from [www.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/MyBallot](http://www.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/MyBallot) about a month before the election.

Your encouragement and support to vote will reduce the obstacles and apathy that prevent people from being a part of our community.

Honi Marleen Goldman

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# Flooding Hits Home; Response Gratifying

by Alexandra Ramsey  
Public Relations Specialist

Two floods hit both the homes I keep dear to my heart within the past year. I'm a South Carolina native and, if you recall, floods ripped through Columbia, SC, in October, taking precious lives and a piece of my heart.

Now, flooding has torn through Baton Rouge, LA, a place I, too, called home for four years as I went to school at Louisiana State University. I've watched helplessly on the television screens and on social media as my friends and people as close as family to me have been devastated by the flood waters. Even more, my 20-year-old sister who also attends LSU, took shelter in her apartment as the rain

plummeted to the ground.

With relentless prayers, her car and her belongings were spared. The water rose just to the top of her small fiat's tires, then receded.

I remember the University of South Carolina having a scheduled home football game against LSU moved to Baton Rouge because of the flooding. Despite technically being home and playing in Tiger Stadium, the LSU football team wore away jerseys and raised money, all to help the Gamecocks feel at home and to feel supported.

With the recent heart-breaking flooding in Baton Rouge, the University of South Carolina has returned the favor, raising money for the people in Baton Rouge.

The place I now call home, the Jew-

ish Community of Louisville, has given me another reason to be thankful. The Jewish Federation of North America has opened a mailbox to support the Jewish Federation of Greater Baton Rouge.

While I can't currently drive the 761 miles through the flooded roads to Baton Rouge from Louisville, I can make a difference and help bring comfort to the tens of thousands of lives devastated by the catastrophic flooding by making a donation to the JFNA emergency mailbox.

You, too, can donate to help bring the urgent needs to the Jewish Federation of Baton Rouge. Here's where you can help: <https://secure-fedweb.jewishfederations.org/page/contribute/baton-rouge-flood-relief-fund>. Thank you for your support.

## Local JCRC Issues Statement on Pluralism in Israel

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Louisville is deeply disturbed by the continued discrimination against Reform and Conservative Jews in Israel. We call on the government of Israel to take strong and effective action to eliminate this injustice.

The agreement approved by the Knesset supporting a separate location at the Kotel for egalitarian prayer was a landmark decision in support of religious pluralism. We are dismayed by the backtracking on that agreement by the Likud led coalition.

We call on the Israeli government to abide by its agreement regarding the Kotel, prevent the continued harassment and abuse of Israeli Reform and Conservative Jews, and to recognize the religious authority of the Rabbis of these parts of the Jewish community. These actions can only strengthen the ties between Israeli and Diaspora communities, and enhance the bonds among the parts of Clal Yisrael (the community of Israel).

Background information on this issue can be found at <http://forward.com/news/israel/346706/a-perfect-storm-the-deepening-religious-rift-between-israel-and-diaspora-je/>.

## PRIDE

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We are proud that the leadership of JFNA continues to work together with the Reform and Conservative movements and those working to create positive change. While Israel's founders may not have been able to imagine the changes and evolution of Jewish life and identity, Israel was founded with a respect for freedom of religion.

Sixty eight years after the birth of Israel we are looking for new opportunities to lead as the voice of the organized Jewish community as we recognize the changes in Jewish life and expression. We will be conveners for dialogue and advocacy when necessary. We respect the right of all Jews to practice their faith as they choose without condemnation.

Our Jewish community should be an "open tent" that can make room for all. Our Federation is taking steps to educate and open dialogue as well as to consider emerging JFNA opportunities to show our support for religious pluralism in Israel through new initiatives including iREP, Israel Religious Expressions Platform. The new initiative works to impact a range of issues related to increasing religious pluralism in Israel.

In the next few months, we look forward to hosting a leadership briefing with Rabbi Uri Regev while he is in Louisville to speak at the Temple. In the fall we are working with Adath Jeshurun, Anshei Sfard, Keneseth Israel, The Temple and Temple Shalom to offer a communitywide conversation with national leaders of both the Conservative and Reform movements.

We look forward to bringing the Louisville community together with shared love and aspirations for Israel.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST 28

#### Kadima Pool Party

The J. 4-6 p.m. \$5; Members, free. Grades 5 & 6. [www.jewishlouisville.org/kadima-party](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/kadima-party).

### AUGUST 28

#### Peace by Piece Concert

The Temple. Free. 5:30 p.m. Shir Chadash, Saudi Students' Organization Dancers and Greater Bethel Temple Gospel Choir. A Middle Eastern dinner will follow, \$5 per person.

### AUGUST 31

#### JewLou Happy Hour

Molly Malone's, St. Matthews. 5-7 p.m. Cut a rug, meet some peeps, join the tribe! YAD covers the first drink and some apps. #JewLou

### SEPTEMBER 6 AND 8

#### Melton School Classes Begin

AJ. Tuesdays, 6:30-9 p.m.; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Text-based study of Judaism, open to all adults. More information available at [www.jewishlouisville.org/melton](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/melton).

### SEPTEMBER 10

#### Paint Pals: Dart Art

The J. 6-10 p.m. \$50; \$40 J members. Middle schoolers and parents create art using painted balloons and darts. Pizza will be served. RSVP, [www.jewishlouisville.org/paintpals](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/paintpals).

### SEPTEMBER 11

#### Tea Party & Fashion Show

Standard Club. 2-4 p.m. \$20; \$18 J members. Girls, moms and others invited to tea, fashion show by FRESH 4 Girls. RSVP by Sept. 7 at [www.jewishlouisville.org/teaandfashion](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/teaandfashion).

### SEPTEMBER 4-OCTOBER 11

#### Patio Gallery Exhibit

"Searching for Memories" by Sofiya Inger. Opening reception Sunday, September 11, 2 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER 11

#### Concert Featuring RebbeSoul

Temple Shalom. 4-7:30 p.m. \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door. 18 and under, free. "Jewish World Music for the Soul." Food trucks and games. Picnicking encouraged. Concert at 6.

### SEPTEMBER 15

#### Give Local Louisville

Support the Jewish Federation at <https://give.locallouisville.org/npo/jewish-federation-of-louisville> and JFCS at <https://give.locallouisville.org/npo/jewish-family-career-services>. See story, pg. ...

### SEPTEMBER 15-25

#### CenterStage: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

JCC. Adults \$20-22 each in advance, \$22-24 at the door. Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize winning *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. Purchase tickets for this show or season tickets at [www.CenterStage.org](http://www.CenterStage.org) or call 502-238-2709. See story, CenterPiece ...

### SEPTEMBER 16

#### Women's Philanthropy Connecting Series: Connecting with Nature

The Parkland's Turkey Run Park, Pignic Barn, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12. Hike, Tai Chi and lunch made with food from The J garden. RSVP at [www.jewishlouisville.org/nature](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/nature). See story, pg. ...

### SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

#### Rabbi Uri Regev to Speak

The Temple. 6:30 p.m. Friday. Israeli Rabbi Uri Regev will speak. The Temple and Temple Shalom invite the community to hear him. Rabbi Regev will also speak during The Temple Torah Study on Saturday at 9 a.m. See story, pg. ...

### SEPTEMBER 18

#### PJ Library Family Apple Picking

Hidden Hollow Orchard. 10-11:39 a.m. Free. U pick apples and honey for sale. Bring carrots to feed the horses.

### SEPTEMBER 18

#### Doggie Dip

The J. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$12; \$10 The J or Louisville Dog Run member. Take your dog for a swim. Dogs must be with owners at all times. Proof of vaccination required. See story, CenterPiece, pg. ...

### SEPTEMBER 18

#### J Arts & Ideas: Liel Leibovitz

The Pointe, 1205 E. Washington St., 3 p.m. Advance tickets \$22, \$18 for J members, \$14 students and seniors. More at the door. Celebrate the life and music of poet, musician Leonard Cohen. See story, pg. ...

### SEPTEMBER 20

#### JFCS Contemporary Thought Program

The Temple. 7 p.m. Free; donations welcome. Roy Blount Jr. presents at the Lillian O. Seligman Forum Series. Reception, book signing to follow. RSVP to JFCS 502-452-6341.

### SEPTEMBER 21

#### 2017 Federation Campaign Kickoff

Kaden Tower. 5:30 p.m. \$18 per person. Learn from entrepreneur, venture capitalist, philanthropist, author Wayne Kimmel how you can change the world and why it's cool to be Jewish. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, valet parking. RSVP at [www.jewishlouisville.org/kickoff](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/kickoff). See story, pg. ...

### SEPTEMBER 25

#### YAD Bernheim and Bourbon

Bernheim Forest. 10 a.m. Explore Bernheim Forest, learn about its Jewish roots, picnic lunch, local distillery tour. RSVP at [www.jewishlouisville.org/Bernheim](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/Bernheim).

### SEPTEMBER 25

#### Community Hunger Walk

E.P. Tom Sawyer Park. 2:15 p.m. Donations requested. Join Team Jewish Louisville at <http://thehungerwalk.org>. See story, pg. ...

# Associate Justice Elena Kagan to Receive Brandeis Medal

by Matthew Goldberg, Director

Jewish Community Relations Council

Associate Justice Elena Kagan traces her seat on the Court directly to Justice Louis D. Brandeis, the first Jewish member of the Supreme Court. On September 15, Justice Kagan will receive the Brandeis Medal. It is particularly significant that she will receive the Medal in 2016, which is the 100th anniversary of the appointment of Justice Brandeis to the Supreme Court.

The life work of Justice Kagan reflects shared values with Justice Brandeis

even before she became a member of the Court. Having clerked for Justice Thurgood Marshall, she was aware of the Brandeis Brief technique used by then attorney Thurgood Marshall in the NAACP cases leading to *Brown v. Board of Education*. She also shares with Justice Brandeis an appreciation of the value of legal education and careful thought and attention to First Amendment speech regulation. Like Justice Brandeis, she has been praised for her eloquent judicial opinions.

The Brandeis Medal is awarded to individuals whose lives reflect Justice Brandeis's commitment to the ideals

of public service. Previous recipients include Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer; Abner J. Mikva, Professors Samuel Dash and Arthur Miller; Brandeis biographer Melvin Urofsky, and legal journalist Linda Greenhouse. Mel Urofsky has been a speaker at JCC/Federation events on previous occasions.

In a 2010 article in the *Baltimore Jewish Times*, "Justice and the Jewish Seat," the role of Justice Kagan on the bench is noted. The article highlighted the contrast in the nomination process between Brandeis and Kagan. Unlike Brandeis, who was the first Jew to be appointed to the Supreme Court, Justice Kagan joined Justice Ginsburg and Justice Breyer, to be the third Jewish justice on the current Court. If the nomination of Merrick Garland is approved, he would become the fourth Jewish member of the current Court. The *Baltimore Jewish Times* article recounted that Justice Kagan, who grew up in the Upper West Side of New York, wanted a bat mitzvah at a time when that was not available in the Orthodox shul that her family attended. She was, however, allowed to read from the Book of Ruth, and analyzed it in a speech.

Justice Kagan's successful career includes serving as dean of Harvard Law School, and associate counsel to President Bill Clinton and later deputy assistant to the president for domestic policy. In 2009 President Obama nominated her to be solicitor general of the United States, and then a year later to serve on the Supreme Court. David Dalin, who spoke at the JCC in April, recounts the presence of Jews on the Court in his forthcoming book, *The Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court From Brandeis to Kagan: Their Lives and Legacies* (Brandeis University Press 2017).

Justice Kagan will receive the Brandeis Medal at a dinner at the Seelbach Hotel. She will also engage in a conversation about a range of issues. The reception is at 5:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 6:30. The cost for the dinner and presentation is \$100. Seating is limited. Advance registration is required, and early registration is encouraged. To register, visit [louisville.edu/law/events/event-registration](http://louisville.edu/law/events/event-registration).



Justice Elena Kagan

## Temple Shalom Presents Family Fun Day and Concert with Shlomit & RebbeSoul

by Judy Berzof

Special to Community

Temple Shalom's Jewish World Music for the Soul event promises an afternoon of food trucks and family games topped by lively music from a new wave group on Sunday, September 11.

The renown Shlomit & RebbeSoul, pioneers of the new wave of Jewish World Music, will perform with Brazilian percussionist Cassio Duarte at 6 p.m. They will present an East meets West experience of infectious grooves and sounds of the Yemenite, Jewish world mixed with a California twist.

The fun and picnicking will begin at 4 p.m. when food trucks open behind Temple Shalom and games such as corn-hole, skee-ball, horseshoes and others are available.



Shlomit & RebbeSoul

PHOTO BY JULIAN VOLOJ

Items may be purchased from the following food trucks until the concert starts: Flavaville, selling beef and chicken kabobs; Naked Hummus, homemade hummus platters; Hi-Five Doughnuts, offering traditional and gourmet doughnuts; and Steel City Pops, frozen pops on

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## Rabbi Uri Regev to Speak at The Temple

Rabbi Uri Regev, an internationally renowned leader and advocate of religious liberty, will speak at The Temple on Friday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 17, at 9 a.m. during Torah study.

The Temple together with Temple Shalom invites all members of the community to the Friday evening service where Rabbi Regev will address the question: The well-being of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state may depend on us – are we meeting the challenge?

Rabbi Regev is an advocate for liberal movements of Judaism in his native country, Israel, and serves as the President and CEO of an educational and advocacy Israel-Diaspora partnership, "Freedom of Religion for Israel" and of

its Israeli counterpart, "Hiddush – For Religious Freedom and Equality."

For seven years he served as president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. As head of the World Union, Rabbi Regev worked to strengthen modern, pluralistic Jewish life and democracy in the Jewish state and throughout the world. He also guided the organization in its tikkun olam (repairing the world) initiatives through social advocacy programs on both the local level and in partnership with prominent international non-governmental organizations such as the United Nations.

Prior to assuming leadership of the World Union in 2002, Rabbi Regev served as founding chair, and later as ex-

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# 11 Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Awards Announced

Craig Melvin, national correspondent on NBC News' TODAY and anchor on MSNBC, will host the Fourth Annual Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Awards on Saturday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Marriott Louisville Downtown. Six young humanitarians from around the world, age 30 years or younger, will be honored at an evening which celebrates greatness and shines a light on their innovative humanitarian work. Each of these young adults will receive an award that mirrors one of Muhammad Ali's six core principles – confidence, conviction, dedication, giving, respect, and spirituality – which aligns with their respective fields of work.

One of the honorees is Navonel Glick (Voni), chief operating officer of IsraAID, who will receive the Spirituality Award.

The Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Awards also pay tribute to five, more "seasoned" humanitarians, including John Rosenberg, the founding director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky.

The Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Awards celebrate the greatness of people from around the world who are making differences in their communities and beyond. Some of the past awardees have included: President Jimmy Carter, Geena Davis, Common, Jim Brown, Christina Aguilera, Susan Sarandon, Michael Bolton, Mick Ebeling, and others.

This year's awards will also serve as a tribute to the late, great Muhammad Ali. Ali, who passed away on June 3, was the co-founder of the Muhammad Ali Center, and attended each of the previous year's Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Awards.

## Core Principle Awardees

Josh Nesbit, 29, Waterford, VA, will receive the Confidence Award. He is the co-founder and CEO of Medic Mobile, a nonprofit organization that builds mobile and web tools for community health



Josh Nesbit



Shawana Shah

support to victims of gender-based violence, enhancing women leadership, and promoting peace. She also established the Working Women Union in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Pakistan, which now provides 300 women, home-based and domestic workers, a platform to fight for their rights. She is a member of IHEYO, Child Rights Movement KP and AWID International.



Curt Bowden

workers, clinic staff, and families in the hardest-to-reach communities. These tools now help over 12,000 health workers provide care for 10 million people in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Shawana Shah, 23, Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan will receive the Conviction Award. Shah established Da Hawwa Lur, a non-profit aimed at ending gender-based violence, providing free legal and psychological sup-

port to victims of gender-based violence, enhancing women leadership, and promoting peace. She also established the Working Women Union in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Pakistan, which now provides 300 women, home-based and domestic workers, a platform to fight for their rights. She is a member of IHEYO, Child Rights Movement KP and AWID International.

Curt Bowen, 29, Boise, ID will receive the Dedication Award for his environmental work and rural development in Guatemala. He is the executive director and co-founder of Semilla Nueva, a non-profit that develops locally-led

farmer education programs that increase the income, rebuild the soils, and improve the food security of Guatemala's rural poor. Bowen was raised on a small organic farm in Idaho. He is the recipient of the Ignite Good Millennial Impact Challenge, Ashoka Emerging Innovators award, and Forbes 2015 30 Under 30.



Jakob Schillinger

manual technology to locally produce high-quality prescription eyeglasses for a cost of less than one dollar per pair. Today, the company employs around 80 people in Burkina Faso, Brazil, Bolivia, Benin, Malawi and Mexico, and has produced and sold more than 30,000 pairs of glasses.

Tina Hovsepian, 29, Los Angeles, CA, will receive the Respect Award. She is the founder and executive director of Cardborigami, a non-profit that supports those who have lost their homes due to poverty, natural disasters or other crises. Based in Los Angeles, her local work also includes a job creation program called #YOUTH-PLOYMENT that hires homeless youth as paid interns to build shelters. To date, Hovsepian has helped rebuild roads, schools, libraries, and homes; positively impacting over 470 students and their families.



Tina Hovsepian

Navonel Glick (Voni), 29, Tel Aviv, Israel will be honored for Spirituality Award for his work as chief operating officer of IsraAID. Prior to his current role, Glick served as IsraAID's programs director, leading disaster-response missions across the world, including the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan, Sierra Leone after the Ebola outbreak, and Northern Iraq since the emergence of the Islamic State.



Navonel Glick

## Humanitarian Awardees

Cindy Hensley McCain, of Phoenix, AZ, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. She has dedicated her life to improving the lives of those less fortunate both in the United States and around the world.



Cindy Hensley McCain

McCain serves as co-chair of the Arizona Governor's Council on human trafficking and on the McCain Institute's Human Trafficking Advisory Council. She is dedicated to efforts to reduce human trafficking in Arizona, throughout the US and around the world, as well as working to improve the lives of victims. Through her work with the McCain Institute, several partnerships have been formed with anti-trafficking organizations working on solving various aspects of the problem.

Jon Secada, 54, of Cuba, will receive the Humanitarian of the Year Award for his devotion to assisting charitable groups all over the world. Under his organization, Jon Secada Charities, Jon has



John Secada

assisted charitable groups focusing on children, education, AIDS research, and child abuse. He has supported the Pediatric AIDS Unit at Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital, the Lifebeat Concert to benefit AIDS research



Louis Gossett Jr.

Amigos Together for Kids, Make-A-Wish Foundation, as well as many other initiatives. His tribute song, "The Last Goodbye," was dedicated to the families of 9/11 victims. He included an all-star version in Spanish, which was released as a single, with all proceeds going to the victims' families. He is also a multi-Grammy Award winner.

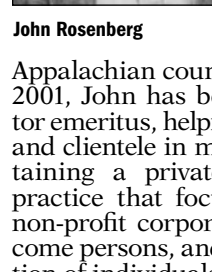
Louis Gossett Jr., 80, of Brooklyn, NY, will receive the Award for Education. He has dedicated his life to communicate with younger generations and transmit the values of community, self-love, and purpose that have characterized



Sheryl Lee Ralph

our progress as a people. He established Louis Gossett Jr.'s Eracism Foundation which provides young adults with the tools they need for living a racially diverse and culturally inclusive life. Through his Foundation, Gossett will establish Shamba Centers (Swahili for "farm") throughout the US, that offer instruction in cultural diversity, historical enrichment and antiracism initiatives for young adults, teens and pre-teens to help them understand and eliminate racism by creating a living environment where racism and injustice have a hard time existing. His highest honors include Emmy's Golden Globes, NAACP Image Awards, and an Academy Award.

Sheryl Lee Ralph, 59, of Los Angeles, will receive the Award for Global Citizenship. Known for creating the role of Deena Jones in the Broadway musical, *Dreamgirls*, Ralph has spent the last three decades advocating for those infected by HIV/AIDS and educating others around the world about the importance of knowing their status. She is the founding Director of The Divinely Inspired Victoriously Aware (DIVA) Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, created as a living memorial to the many friends she lost to HIV/AIDS. She was awarded the first Red Ribbon Award at the UN for her unique use of the arts in HIV/AIDS activism.



John Rosenberg

John Rosenberg will receive the 2016 Kentucky Humanitarian Award. He is the founding director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, which has long been a refuge and advocate for the poor and disadvantaged in the Appalachian counties of the state. Since 2001, John has been AppalRed's director emeritus, helping support its mission and clientele in many ways while maintaining a private, not-for-profit legal practice that focuses on assistance to non-profit corporations serving low-income persons, and pro bono representation of individuals.

He is also a leading citizen of Eastern

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## Roy Blount, Jr., Kicks-off The New JFCS Contemporary Thought Series

An old comedian once said, "Comedy is music; it has rhythm and a melody." An expert like Roy Blount, Jr. knows this very well. His prose can sing in deft comic riffs. Louisvillians will be fortunate to experience

Blount's lyrical bounty of stories when he will be the first guest to present Contemporary Thought, at the Lillian O. Seligman Forum Series. Blount will speak at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, at the Temple.

Lillian Seligman was president of the Jewish Family & Career Services Board of Directors from 1994-1997, and throughout the years, she continued to have an active interest in the growth and services of JFCS.

Seligman loved to learn and to laugh. She had many interests that spanned many topics. Her family has created an endowment in her memory to offer an annual forum to the community to celebrate her love of learning and to provide interesting, entertaining programs, some on topics related to the kinds of services provided at JFCS. Seligman's

family and friends are involved in the planning of this series.

"We are honored that Jerry Seligman and their daughters, Wendy Siskin and family and Leigh Segall and family, chose JFCS to be the recipient of an endowment in Lillian's name," said Judy Freundlich Tiell, JFCS Executive Director. "It's also a testament to Lillian's love of life that so many of her friends have made contributions in her name and are participating in organization of this series."

Roy Blount, Jr. is the author of 23 books, about everything from the first woman president of the US to what barnyard animals are thinking. His most recent book is *Save Room for Pie*. He also is a panelist on NPR's *Wait ... Don't Tell Me*. He comes from Decatur, GA, and divides his time between western Massachusetts, New York City and New Orleans.

Norman Mailer said of Blount's second book, *Crackers*, "Page for page, Roy Blount is as funny as anyone I've read in a long time," and *Time* placed Blount "in the tradition of the great curmudgeons like H.L. Mencken and W.C. Fields." Garrison Keillor said in *The Paris Review*, "Blount is the best. He can be literate, uncouth and soulful all in one sentence." *Playboy* said he was "known to the critics as our next Mark Twain."

A contributing writer of *The Oxford American*, he writes a regular column for *Garden and Gun*, and has done so in the past for *Esquire*, *The New York Times*, *Atlanta Magazine*, *Inside Sports*, *The Soho News*, *Men's Journal*, *Condé Nast Traveller*, *The San Francisco Examiner*, *Spy* and *The Atlanta Journal*.

His essays, articles, stories, verses and even drawings have appeared in 171 different periodicals including *The New Yorker*, *Gourmet*, *Playboy*, *Vanity Fair*, *GQ*, *Life*, *TV Guide*, *Vogue*, *Rolling Stone*, *National Geographic*, *Antaeus*, *Smithsonian* and *Organic Gardening*; and in 216 books, including *The Best of Modern Humor*, *The Oxford Book of American Light Verse*, *The Norton Book of Light Verse*, *The Ultimate Baseball Book*, *Classic Southern Humor*, *Sudden Fiction*, *The Elvis Reader*, *Russell Baker's Book of American Humor*, *Baseball: A Literary Anthology*, *The Sophisticated Cat*, *The F-Word*, and *Best American Essays 1997*.

There will be a book signing and opportunity for photographs after the presentation. For tickets or to make a contribution to the endowment fund, please contact Beverly Bromley at 502-452-6341, ext. 223 or [bbromley@jfcslouisville.org](mailto:bbromley@jfcslouisville.org). Tickets can also be purchased online at Eventbrite.

## Help Feed the Hungry; Hunger Walk Is Sept. 25

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

The month of Elul begins September 4. In Jewish tradition, this is the time of year that we prepare for the High Holy Day season so we can make full atonement. As we look back over the year and consider how we could have done more to make the world a better place, our Louisville community has a tradition that presents us with an opportunity to do a significant mitzvah by helping feed the hungry.

That tradition is the annual Dare to Care Community Hunger Walk. This year's walk will be Sunday, September 25, at 2 p.m. at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park.

Each year, the Jewish community has a large delegation in the walk, and as has become a Jewish tradition, the Jewish Community Relations Council encourages you to join Team Jewish Louisville.

It's easy to sign up. Just go to [dare-to-care.org/events/hunger\\_walk](http://dare-to-care.org/events/hunger_walk) and register. Entry fees are \$25 for adults or \$15 for those 18 and under. If you can't walk yourself, please consider making a donation in honor of Team Jewish Louisville through Dare to Care.

"One in five children in our community struggles with food insecurity, and the \$25 registration fee will provide 100 meals," said JCRC Hunger Walk Chair Jessica Goldstein. And this year, half of the money raised by Team Jewish Louisville will go to the Jewish Family & Career Services Janet and Sonny Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund.

This year's walk will cover the park's one-mile fitness trail loop three times. "It is extremely accessible and beautiful," said Jessica Goldstein, who is chairing the Jewish Louisville team for the Jewish Community Relations Council. It will be a comfortable route for the wheelchair-bound and anyone who finds other routes challenging. Parking will be in the main lot that serves the indoor tennis facility. There will be plenty of children's activities and much more.

The Hunger Walk also features a Family Fun Fest from 12:30-3:30 p.m. There will be a 5K run that starts at 2 and a 5K walk that starts at 2:30.

The Hunger Walk presented by Aramark is a 5K Walk and Run benefiting Dare to Care Food Bank. Over 2,000 people are expected to participate, help put hunger on the run and make a public commitment that everyone will have access to the food they need to be healthy.

Participating in the Hunger Walk or donating to Dare to Care makes a real difference, and it's an excellent family activity.

Start your preparation for the High Holidays by walking or running in the Hunger Walk, donating to Dare to Care, getting people to sponsor you for the walk and encouraging others to participate. Together, we can fight hunger in Louisville.



These are some of the women coming to Louisville from the Western Galilee to talk about interethnic cooperation and coexistence.

## 17 Israeli Women Are Coming to Louisville from the Western Galilee to Discuss Interethnic Cooperation

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Over the years, Partnership2Gether has provided many opportunities for enrichment through joint programs here in Louisville, in the Western Galilee in Israel, in the other American communities that are part of our Central Area Consortium and in Budapest, Hungary.

The next opportunity will come Tuesday-Thursday, September 27-29, when the Women Cooking: A Dialogue delegation will be in Louisville on the final leg of their visit to Consortium communities. They will also be stopping in Indianapolis and Northwest Indiana.

This delegation is a group of 17 Jewish and Arab Israeli women who are coming to talk about interethnic cooperation and coexistence. The community is invited to join a discussion with the dele-

gation on Wednesday, September 28, at 10 a.m. at the Muhammad Ali Center and a dinner at The Temple at 6:30 p.m. the same day. There is no charge for either event, but please RSVP to Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg, [mgoldberg@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:mgoldberg@jewishlouisville.org) or 502-238-2707.

While in Louisville, the delegation will also visit Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad, The Temple Hebrew School, St. Francis of Assisi and several high schools, including Assumption and Manual.

The women are coming to dispel some myths about Israel and show that cooperation and acceptance exist there. They range in age from their 20's to their 50's and most of them are married with children. They are teachers, social workers, business people and entrepreneurs. Several of them work as mentors for Youth Futures, a Jewish Agency program for

at-risk children.

All of them believe that Jews and Arabs can work together in Israel to build a better future for all.

Louisville has been part of Partnership2Gether since its inception in 1997. Members of the Central Area Consortium that is partnered with Israel's Western Galilee Region are Des Moines, IA; Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis and South Bend, IN; Northwest Indiana; Louisville; Buffalo, NY; Dayton, Toledo and Youngstown, OH; and Austin and Ft. Worth, TX.

In the Western Galilee, the Partnership includes the city of Akko, the Matte Asher region of kibbutzim and towns, and the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya. The Partnership also includes Budapest, Hungary.

For more information about Partnership2Gether and the individual opportunities available to you, contact Matt Goldberg.

## NCJW's Fashion Encore Is September 25 and 26

If you are looking for great bargains on gently used designer and brand-name clothing and accessories for men, women and children, furs, specialty leathers, luxury knitted scarf sets, jewelry, shoes and collectibles for the home, National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section's Fashion Encore is the sale for you!

This annual shopping extravaganza is at their Nearly New Shop, 1250 Bardstown Rd. on the lower level of the Mid City Mall on Sunday September 25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Monday, September 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Discount coupons are available at [www.shopnearlynew.org](http://www.shopnearlynew.org).

The Nearly New Shop offers a full range of high-end designer and brand name clothing, shoes and vintage attire all year long with sizes to fit the entire family. Items for the home include holiday decorations, furniture, knick-knacks, and unusual items for any collector. Many NCJW volunteers will be

on hand to be sure your shopping experience is a good one. Revenues from the sale are reinvested in the community.

NCJW is a volunteer organization that has been at the forefront of social change, improving the quality of life for women, children and families for over a century. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW has been dedicated to ensuring individual rights and freedoms through advocacy, education and social action.

The Nearly New Shop is the organization's main funding source to support its many communitywide programs and services including Chavurat Shalom, Community Coordinated Child Care, Court Watch, ElderServe, Gilda's Club of Louisville, Jewish Family and Career Services, Keystone Learning Academy, the NCJW Jewish Resource Center, Maryhurst, Student Loan Fund and the David Reichert Project.

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## Shmully Litvin Joins Three Brothers and Father as an Ordained Rabbi

In 1982, Avrohom Litvin was ordained as a rabbi at the Lubavitcher Yeshiva in Brooklyn NY. Three years later he moved to Louisville with his wife, Goldie, and their 15-month-old son, Shmully, to serve as emissaries of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, directing Chabad of Kentucky.

The Litvins quickly fell in love with Louisville and the people who live here. From the culture of Cardinals Basketball to teaching about the beauty of Judaism in a way that all could appreciate – it was a labor of love.

The biggest challenge they faced was that there was no Yeshiva for their children to continue their studies after elementary school. They sent their children to out of town Yeshiva schools at a young age, and struggled with calling them and keeping in touch by phone and later by computer and Skype.

Chaim went to study in Yeshiva in Los Angeles, Miami and Montreal. He completed his studies in Sydney, Australia, and was ordained as a rabbi. He now works alongside his father at Chabad of Kentucky.

Shlomo went to Pittsburgh, Minnesota, and Sefat, Israel, where he received

rabbinical ordination. He has opened a branch of Chabad on the UK campus in Lexington.

Mendel went to Sefat, Israel; Postville, Iowa; and then back to Ramat Gan, Israel; and just received his rabbinical ordination. He will be returning to Louisville at the end of the summer.

Shmully studied in Yeshiva too, but never took the formalized ordination program. Instead he went into the field of computer programming and web design working at the executive offices of B & H in New York and then moved back to Louisville and opened his own computer business. But he always felt he wanted to finish the rabbinical training he had studied for so many years.

In 2010, Rabbi Nachman Wilhelm realized that there were many students like Shmully who had not finished their rabbinical ordination program for any number of reasons. So, he created an intensive online program which entailed a serious commitment of advanced learning over a three-year period.

On July 3, Shmully Litvin completed this program and on September 7, he will officially receive his rabbinical ordination and join his three brothers (and two brothers-in-law) and father as an ordained rabbi.

This is the first Louisville family in history to have all of their adult sons join their father as ordained rabbis.

The entire community is invited to help celebrate this community milestone and simcha. The program will take place on Wednesday, September 7, at 7 p.m. at the new Jewish Learning Center, 1110 Dupont Cir.

The Jewish Learning Center will house the Louisville Jewish Day School, a chapter of Friendship Circle and will offer JLearn – a series of adult education programs which will enable this Louisville family of rabbis to educate, empower and inspire this community through a variety of classes and educational programs.

The celebration will be followed by a dessert reception and tours of the new Jewish Learning Center. All are welcome.

## WorldFest Volunteers Needed

The City of Louisville takes pride in being a compassionate city, a warm and welcoming place that immigrants from around the world and their descendants call home and where they can share and take pride in their heritage.

To showcase our diversity, Louisville celebrates with WorldFest, one of the region's largest international festivals. This year WorldFest celebrates its 14th anniversary with four days of expanded world food, music, dance, culture and education this Labor Day weekend.

"Cities that embrace and encourage their international citizens and cultures will thrive, have a stronger quality of life and will attract new growth and jobs," Mayor Greg Fischer said. "WorldFest is a great event for exploring and celebrating Louisville's many faces and cultures and we always look to make it more vibrant, diverse and educational. So, it's exciting to add many new features and attractions for the 14th Annual WorldFest."

With over 100 languages spoken in the Louisville public schools and 35 percent of the city's population growth over the past 15 years coming from international residents from over 150 different countries throughout the world, Louisville is more culturally diverse than ever before.

WorldFest takes place in downtown Louisville at the Belvedere located at 5th Street and Main Street.

Each year, the Jewish Community Relations Council participates in the celebration with a booth that showcases our heritage and offers information about the Jewish community here in Louisville.

Volunteers are needed to help work at the JCRC booth Friday, Sunday and Monday, September 2, 4 and 5, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. If you'd like to be part of the fun and represent the Jewish community for a shift or two, contact JCRC Director Matt Goldberg, 502-238-27076 or mgoldberg@jewishlouisville.org for more information.

## CONNECTING

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Run Park at the Pignic Barn. The program which includes a farm fresh lunch sourced from The J garden, a guided hike and a Tai Chi class, is just \$12.

The idea for the series came about when a group of friends, Debbie Friedman, Judy Freundlich Tiell, Ann Zimmerman and Dorie Zimmerman, got to talking. "Every couple of months," Friedman explained, we get together and try to do something fun." One time, they went out to The Parklands and "ended up going out on a hike. It was delightful." They had also brought a picnic lunch and had a great time.

A couple of weeks later, Friedman continued, she and her husband, Alan, were out riding bikes with Ralph Green and Shellie Branson. On that bike ride, Branson and Friedman "talked about connecting Jewish women on their level – where they are."

The two recognized that Jewish women are "not necessarily members of a synagogue or The J," Friedman continued, but Judaism gives them a common thread. With a goal of connecting these women, they brainstormed about things that might bring them together.

Some women like to hike or bike. Others like the arts or want to grow intellectually by participating in book clubs. The possibilities seem endless. Perhaps, they thought, if they could plan a series of different events for smaller groups of women with different interests, they could create a network that would reach out to a wider group of women than they have before. Women would see something that appeal to them and they would bring their friends.

So, with a goal of connecting Jewish women of all ages and backgrounds, the

Women's Philanthropy Cabinet and the Connecting With Series was born.

This first event, Connecting with Nature is hosted by Debbie Friedman and Ann Zimmerman. Friedman described it as a relaxed event where the women can choose the activities they want.

For those who like to walk, an easy hike is planned over graded paths primarily through shaded areas that will be easy to manage, even pushing a stroller. Participants will also be able to choose a Tai Chi class led by Joan Richert of St. Matthews Martial Arts with music by Cantor Sharon Hordes. Another option is to sit and relax in the gazebo and visit.

There will also be a lunch prepared by Mat Shalenko, a formally trained chef and certified health coach. Mike Fraade, The J's JOFEE (Jewish Outdoor, Food and Environmental Education) fellow will be there, too.

"It's about getting people who aren't usually together to be together," Friedman said. "We want people to invite their friends who maybe aren't even connected with the Federation."

This is a Federation Campaign event, she said, but it is designed "to help people understand some of the things the Federation helps our community do. ... We're looking forward to a beautiful day."

If you plan to come to the Connecting with Nature event, register online at [www.jewishlouisville.org/connecting-with-nature](http://www.jewishlouisville.org/connecting-with-nature) or contact Kristy Benefield, 502-238-2739 or [kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org). The Federation will send directions to the Pignic Barn. If you'd like to carpool, please contact Stacy Gordon-Funk, 502-238-2755 or [sgordon-funk@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:sgordon-funk@jewishlouisville.org).

If you are interested in being part of the Women's Philanthropy Council, Gordon-Funk would like to talk with you as well.

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## ALI AWARDS

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Kentucky, who has tried in many ways to address the region's poverty, isolation, lack of education, corrupt politics, and domination by the coal industry. Rosenberg helped draft the Kentucky constitutional amendment negating "broad form" deeds that allowed strip mining. He and his wife Jean are also longtime leaders in the effort to improve education in Eastern Kentucky, especially in Floyd County. Through their efforts, many young people have benefited from the creation of the East Kentucky's Science Center, now part of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Rosenberg was also very involved in forming the non-profit organization Low Income Housing of Eastern Kentucky, which builds affordable housing for low-income people. Seventy-five homes have been built to date.

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FUSION will serve as the exclusive media partner for the 2016 Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Awards. FUSION will produce a six-part digital series about Muhammad Ali's life and legacy leading up to the 2016 Humanitarian Awards, profiles about all the honorees and their contributions, and a primetime television special. This series of reports will run across FUSION's TV, digital, social, and OTT platforms as well TheRoot.com, the number one news and culture site for African Americans.



# Julius Friedman; An Artist for Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

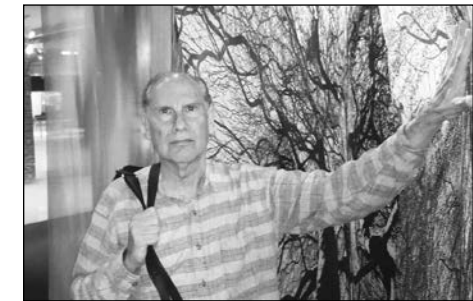
by Bruce Snyder  
Special to Community

To artist Julius Friedman, there is only one thing more important than art and family, and that is hugs. He made sure it was a part of his 50 year retrospective at the Frazier Museum.

"When I went to my open the other night, I said to look at the person to your left or right or behind you and give them a hug. It will be good for you and good for them." Friedman believes hugs are underrated. "It's taking the time to look at someone, and size up that person."

Looking at, and sizing up Friedman can be quite interesting. The Louisville native prides himself on thinking outside of the box, and it's that kind of introspection that has helped shape much of his artistic career. A good portion of his work is currently on display at the Frazier Museum in downtown Louisville, called Julius Friedman: Fifty Year Retrospective.

"When they asked me to do it, I was thrilled. How do you celebrate a body



Julius Friedman encompassed by his work. Color photos are available online at [www.jewishlouisville.org](http://www.jewishlouisville.org).

of work? I wanted my grandchildren to see it in one swoop, 50 years of my work. [But] I wanted to do more."

Friedman's work includes 230 of his posters, including his iconic "French Horn filled with Ice Cream." He celebrated it by getting area school children to re-enact the poster. It took them three minutes and 40 seconds to fill a real horn with ice cream. But when it came to his retrospective, Friedman decided just showcasing his famous posters was not enough. He wanted people to do more than just look at the exhibits.

"I've never done a video before," Friedman said. "I wanted this thing to showcase energy and rebirth. I also wanted people to walk through a fabric. I wanted more than photographs on a wall."

So Friedman, who has always loved nature, chose water as the subject of a four minute film he created. He also decided to hang long pieces of fabric from the ceiling that people could walk through and touch while exploring his work.

"Yesterday a gentlemen came up to me with his five-year-old daughter. He said my daughter loves your show. I've never seen her get so excited walking through the material. She started dancing and rolling on the floor. That's the kind of response I've gotten the last month." Friedman adds, "I've watched people interact and feel things, rather than just (passively) seeing them."

Friedman says his three room multimedia retrospective, complete with films, posters, books, cubes, broken glass and hanging material, has far exceeded his expectations. "We're a sum of all our experiences", Friedman tells me. "Most people go from point A to point B,



without thinking much about the journey. For myself, the journey is equally as important as getting there. My inspiration comes from just looking and from nature. Nobody has done a better job creating than whoever that supreme is."

Even though he works hard creating and displaying works of art, when asked about his profession, Friedman says it's more like an obsession. "It is why I mentor so many children. We didn't have art in our house [growing up]. I am blessed, having been self-employed my whole life."

For Friedman, money has never been a motivating factor.

"While my friends were making mon-

ey in advertising, I was in my own studio. My friends would tell me that I get to do all the fun stuff."

Friedman has always looked at the world through a different lens. He was born and raised Jewish, and while he has pride in his background, he has his own philosophy about religion and life.

"My religion within myself is tolerance and respect. When you have these two elements, I'm not going to fear you. You may not love me or agree with me, but you're not going to kill me. In the name of religion we have a lot of war. No one religion has it all. Religion should be about tolerance and respect."

Tolerance and respect, along with posters, cubes, fabric, films, books and philosophy, are all on display through October 9 at Friedman's fifty year retrospective. He hopes people enjoy his work, but even more so, he wants viewers to keep their arms open and empty, ready for a hug.

"I hope I touch a few people with my art. When people ask me what is my favorite poster, I always say the next one. Doing what I do, I hope I touch someone in a positive way, starting with a hug."

Friedman goes to the Frazier Museum often. So the next time you happen to be there, and a gentlemen approaches you asking for a hug, don't be shy or afraid. You might just be hugging one of the foremost creative experts in the Bluegrass and beyond.

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## Kentucky Center Anne Frank Bearing Witness Project Receives JHFE Grant

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (JHFE) has increased its support for the Anne Frank Bearing Witness Project by 50 percent. This is an education program of The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts that applies teaching strategies developed by Brown University's *ArtsLiteracy Project* to provide arts-integrated learning experiences about the history and literature of the Holocaust. JHFE previously contributed \$50,000 for each of the last two years of the project. The increased contribution will be used for the 2016-17 school year.

The impact of the increased funding will be noticeable, allowing The Kentucky Center to increase the number of partner schools from eight to 12 and the geographic service area of this program to statewide.

In addition, teachers eligible to apply include those who have been in the Bearing Witness program for one year, and teachers who have attended the 2015 or 2016 Arts-Literacy Academy pre-

sented by The Kentucky Center in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education.

The funding will enable the program to establish and introduce an important new component: training descendants of Holocaust survivors to begin sharing their family stories with students. As the numbers of Holocaust survivors are dwindling and their ages advancing, it is now falling on the shoulders of the next generation to keep their stories alive, and to connect with students through living testimony.

The first of these programs will be a free story-sharing workshop for the children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors to help them keep their families' stories alive. The Kentucky Center for the performing Arts will present this program on Sunday, September 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Todd Hall at The Kentucky Center.

For additional information, contact jeff jamner at [jjamner@kentuckycenter.org](mailto:jjamner@kentuckycenter.org).

or 502-566-5203.

The Anne Frank Bearing Witness Project (AFBW) provides teachers with extensive training in strategies designed to connect students more deeply and more empathetically with history by involving them in creating artistic responses to the history and literature. Research and evaluation by professors at the University of Louisville College of Education & Human Development and by Dr. Alan Yaffe, have demonstrated the success of this program in attaining these goals.

The Kentucky Center's commitment to providing quality arts education programs began with a statewide needs assessment and the hiring of an education director before opening their doors in 1984. Since that time, The Kentucky Center has gained national attention for its Education and Community Arts programs including: ArtsReach, Arts in Healing, School Programs, and Governor's School for the Arts.



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# Grants Enable JCL to Provide More Vital Services to Community

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

**T**he Jewish Community of Louisville is the largest Jewish agency in our community. In addition to raising money for all of Louisville's Jewish agencies, it provides many unique and vital services for community members, from the Early Learning Center and The J Summer Camp to Teen Connection and BBYO to cultural programming and senior adult wellness and nutrition programs.

To ensure that The J and the Jewish Federation, the JCL's primary components, can offer a wide range of programs and services that enhance Jewish life in Louisville, the agency also pursues grants to enhance and expand its ability to meet community needs. These grants enable the JCL to build on the basic programs and services made possible by the Federation Campaign and ensure that financial assistance is available to all who need it.

Grant Proposal Writer Amy Fouts searches out grant opportunities and works with JCL staff members to prepare the applications. During the last fiscal year, the JCL received notification of grant awards totaling \$658,000 for programming in fiscal year 2017. Since July 1, the agency has received notification of additional awards of \$26,500 for the same period.

The grants benefit a wide variety of programs across the agency.

The JCL's largest funding partner is Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. Created as a nonprofit grant-making organization with a dual mission: to invest in the local healthcare market, foster innovative medical research and support the Louisville Jewish community, JHFE

provides a wide range of grants to the JCL and many other Jewish organizations.

In addition to the program grants described below, JHFE makes a significant donation to the Annual Federation Campaign and for the 2016 Campaign, issued a \$200,000 challenge match for new and increased gifts. The community responded generously, enabling the Federation to match the full amount of the JHFE challenge.

A prime example is a grant JHFE made for a behavioral support specialist and scholarship money. The J's Early Learning Center joined the other Jewish preschools in applying for this grant and the award was made jointly to them all.

The J Summer Camp program gives every child the opportunity to grow, succeed and make new friends. The Yachad program ensures that children with special needs have the same opportunities by providing advocates to assist them throughout the day with just the right amount and kind of help they need.

"The Yachad Program is free to parents who have enrolled in camp and need additional supports for their camper to be successful," said Senior Director of Camping and Youth Services Betsy Schwartz. "Grant funds enable me to hire the human resources needed to provide the support network necessary for many of our campers to have a successful summer in a camp environment."

The mother of a Yachad program participant wrote a letter to Schwartz explaining, that her son "struggles to find his way in the world. He battles not only autism but also OCD and behavior issues that sometimes result in unexplained rage. When these issues do not have a grip on [him], he can be a very sweet, gentle, loving boy. When he is bat-

ting his demons, he can be a challenge for anyone, including his family."

The mother had difficulty finding an appropriate summer program for him until the principal at his school recommended The J Camp. "My initial conversation with Betsy Schwartz was lovely. She couldn't have been kinder or more welcoming of our family. The same can be said for Christina Burkhardt his one-on-one advocate.

"Christina has been truly amazing about helping [my son] navigate his day at camp and has reached out to me when she had any questions or concerns. I was very apprehensive about [him] attending a camp that was not specifically geared toward kids with autism. Christina immediately made me feel more relaxed and at ease about [his] attending camp. She has truly been a blessing in his life and ours this summer.

"Most days [our son] has had a peaceful day at camp. On the days [he] was struggling and at times even acting out, Christina was so compassionate and kind. I cannot say enough good things about Christina and our whole experience with the JCC Summer Camp."

While the Campaign ensures that scholarship money is available for families that cannot afford camp fees, the Yachad program is funded by grants from JHFE, the National Inclusion Project and the WHAS Crusade for Children. In addition, a grant from Metro United Way supports camp and other children's activities, without which, Schwartz added, "we wouldn't be able to provide such a high quality experience to the children in the program."

"JHFE supports a wide variety of The J's outreach and engagement programs, including PJ Library, Shalom Baby, Kadima (The J's fourth and fifth grade youth program), Teen Connection, BBYO, Jewish holiday programming, the Maccabi Games and much more," said Assistant Director of Youth Services Mike Steklof. For many of these programs, JHFE funds the full cost and The J would be unable to offer them without their support.

A new outreach program that the grant will make possible is the Sabbath Project coming in November. During the specified weekend, the Louisville Jewish community will join Jews around the world to celebrate Shabbat. Watch for details.

Maintaining a connection to the Jewish community is important for college students, too, and the JCL's Hillel program fills that need at the University of Louisville, Bellarmine University and other Louisville area campuses.

"The Ohio Valley Hillel Consortium (OVHC) allocated \$5000 to Louisville Hillel to continue to provide quality programming for Louisville area Jewish college students to find community, create Jewish connections and build leadership skills," said Hillel Director Benji Berlow. "Founded in 1995, OVHC is a collaboration of several Federations to expand and enhance programs on college campuses across Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky."

Outreach extends to adults, too. A grant from the Jewish Foundation of Louisville will enable 16 young Jewish mothers to experience Israel for the first time on a subsidized trip from the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project. (See story at [www.jewishlouisville.org](http://www.jewishlouisville.org).)

The J's Senior Adult program is dedicated to keeping seniors healthy, fit, involved and independent for as long as possible. The program benefits from grants from several sources.

As the only kosher nutrition program in the state, the Senior Adult Department offers both congregate meals and



At The J Summer Camp every child has the opportunity to make a friend and to succeed. Grants help make that possible.



meals on wheels, asking seniors to pay just \$3 or whatever they can afford for a hot, kosher meal.

The meal itself, however, costs more than \$3, so the program relies on grants to cover the difference. Grants from Metro United Way and KIPDA (Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency), Louisville Metro Senior Nutrition Services, along with a grant from Meals on Wheels America made possible by a donation from the Kellogg 25-Year Employees Fund ensure that the program can continue.

In addition, senior fitness programming is supported by the Louisville Metro External Agency Funds, Metro United Way and KIPDA.

Cultural arts enhance life for everyone and the arts program is a vital part of programming at The J and out in the community.

CenterStage's Acting Out program sends a professional children's theater company out into schools and other public venues with a goal of providing a live theater experience for children throughout the region and connecting them with the arts. Grants that enable the company to perform at schools that don't have the resources to pay for the program come from Ronald McDonald House of Kentuckiana Charities, the Cralle Foundation and Louisville Metro External Agency Funds.

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

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

For them, the butterflies became a symbol of defiance, making it possible for children to survive and even to dream of a better future. Along with the play, the company will engage the community in the Butterfly Project throughout the year.

When Muhammad Ali died earlier this year, Acting Out launched the Butterfly Project, encouraging those at the "I Am Ali" tribute event to create beautiful butterfly art projects that are now on display in The J lobby.

Grants from the Jewish Foundation of Louisville and JHFE are making the Butterfly Project possible.

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# Summer Seeding Event Was Pickles, Planting, Planning and Fun

## Fresh Stop Market Opens at The J September 7; Shares Now Available

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

Garden enthusiasts and community members interested in food justice came to the pavilion at The J on Sunday, July 31, for the Summer Seeding event, where they planted seeds for crops to be harvested in the fall, learned about New Roots and the Gendler Grapevine Fresh Stop Market and participated in a variety of food-related activities.

Sara Klein Wagner, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville, explained that Jeff Tuvlin first heard of JOFEE (Jewish Outdoor, Food and Environmental Education), a Hazon program, when he attended a Jewish Community Centers Association (JCCA) Biennial, and brought the idea back to Louisville. With his leadership, Louisville became one of only six JCCs across the country participating in the JOFEE Fellowship pilot program.

Guided by JOFEE Fellow Michael Fraade, Margaret Mazanec, Emilio Bartlett, Emma Kronenberg and Dafna Schurr, volunteers planted beets, buckwheat, cabbage, radishes, squash, turnips and wildflowers in newly turned beds behind the pavilion. Fraade made sure everyone who wanted had the opportunity to plant.

At Jenna Koff's pickling workshop, there was an ample supply of cucumbers, dill and pickling spices. Everyone who stopped at her table had the opportunity to make a small jar of dill pickles to take home.

To ensure that everyone had the opportunity to experience tasty, healthy,

fresh vegetables, chef and health coach Mat Shalenko prepared a summer vegetable salad that included potatoes, squash, green beans, grape tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, celery, basil and onions, all of which are all available now from local farmers. He demonstrated how to make the salad and served up plates of it paired with fresh cut watermelon.

Faina Kronenberg coordinated a children's scavenger hunt; Johanna Sims and Emily Wood were there with games, giveaways and samples from Rainbow Blossom; and Lisa Berlow shared information about the Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry and accepted donations.

Creating public gardens to grow food is a priority for the city of Louisville, too. Theresa Zawacki, the senior policy advisor for Louisville Forward for Louisville Metro, talked briefly about the city's program to create gardens on vacant lots and the government's efforts to make healthy, fresh foods available in underserved areas.

A highlight of the program was an informational session, led by New Roots Executive Director Karyn Moskowitz, about the initiative that will result in the opening of Louisville's 10th Fresh Stop Market at The J. With the opening session scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m., the Gendler Grapevine Market will be the first Fresh Stop Market in the east end.

A Fresh Stop Market operates on a model similar to a CSA (community supported agriculture) program. The organizers negotiate with local growers to secure a variety of farm fresh produce for distribution through the Fresh Stop Market. Fresh Stop Markets sell shares that must be paid in advance, and on market day, subscribers pick up their shares that include at least 10 different varieties of produce with a retail value of approximately \$40.

Where the Fresh Stop Market differs from a CSA is in how it sells shares. Shares are offered

on a sliding scale – \$6 for families on WIC, \$12 for families with limited resources and \$25 for all others. In addition, the Gendler Grapevine Market will encourage those who are able to donate more than the asking price to enable those who cannot afford the modest fees to access the food. No one will be turned away for inability to pay, but to succeed, the market must generate enough revenue to cover costs.

While most of the produce at the Gendler Grapevine Market will go to fulfill share orders, excess produce New Roots receives will be offered to walk-up customers on market day. To purchase shares online go to [http://www.newroots.org/store/c16/Gendler\\_Grapevine.html](http://www.newroots.org/store/c16/Gendler_Grapevine.html). After you select your payment level, you will be taken to a secure site where you can make your purchase. If you would like to make a donation above the cost of your share, you will need to do that separately in the donate area of the site.

"Our goal is to inspire at least 15 more community members to join our organizing team for this Fresh Stop Market. Once we get our core team ready, we will begin to reach out to the broader community to order their shares," said Fraade. "In addition, we would like to pilot the first year-round Market here and go through the winter. We are working with Ashbourne Farms to forecast our winter vegetables, which will be grown under high tunnels, to explore what can be done."

Those interested in helping make the Gendler Grapevine Fresh Stop Market a success by becoming involved as leaders, volunteers, or shareholders should contact Moskowitz at 502-475-8979 or [info@newroots.org](mailto:info@newroots.org). Fun volunteer tasks include becoming a liaison to the chefs who do cooking demos at every Market, helping set up and break down the Market, becoming a veggie cheerleader and more.

The Gendler Grapevine Market is supported by a grant from the Gendler Grapevine Foundation, an organization founded by environmentalist pioneer Rabbi Everett Gendler to promote Jewish and interfaith sustainability projects across the country and is a partnership with The J's JOFEE Fellow Michael Fraade and other J members and staff.

Editor's note: Some of the information for this article was provided by New Roots.



Dafna Schurr, JCL President and CEO Sara Wagner, New Roots Executive Director Karyn Moskowitz and Louisville Metro Senior Policy Advisor Theresa Zawacki



Planning for the Fresh Stop; Deborah Slosberg is speaking.

## KIMMEL

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Seventysix Capital, the venture capital firm he founded in 1999, and has been named a Top Innovator by *Philadelphia Magazine*.

He has invested in over 40 startup technology and healthcare companies including SeamlessWeb (now public as GrubHub), Take Care Health Systems and NutriSystem. Among the Fortune 500 companies that have acquired his portfolio companies are Aramark, Intel, IBM, Walgreens and Yahoo!

His current top portfolio companies include Adwerx, CareCam Health Systems, Dwolla, Indiegogo, Lindi Skin, ReverbNation, StartUp Health, Thrive Commerce and Whistle Sports.

He is on the Boards of Jewish Federations of North America, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Einstein Healthcare Network, and the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

In addition, Kimmel serves on the National Advisory Council of the Delaware Law School and was on the Advisory Board of the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland.

A graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park and the Delaware Law School, he is passionate about Philly's pro sports teams, and making the world a better place through his nonprofit work.

This event is generously hosted by Mark Blieden.

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Editor's note: some of the information contained in this story came from Wayne Kimmel's official biography.



## GRANTS

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With support from a grant from the Kentucky Arts Council's Young Artists with ASD Pilot Project, CenterStage Academy is developing an eight-week theater education pilot project for 20 teens, ages 12 -18, who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The project's goal is to utilize theater arts to inspire imagination and enhance social, emotional and communication development.

Led by a combination of professional theater artists and trained ASD specialists, young artists will participate in "play" therapy. The project will also involve the families of those with ASD. Each week, parents and siblings will be engaged alongside their child as well as participate in a family breakout session where different topics will be discussed, led by a trained professional.

CenterStage's mainstage performances offer high quality musical theater at affordable prices, but sometimes even \$20 a ticket is more than a person can afford. A grant from the Louisville Metro External Agency Funds enables Cen-

terStage to offer discounted tickets to give more people access to their performances.

CenterStage is only one part of the J Arts and Ideas Department. A generous grant from JHFE also provides support for the annual Jewish Film Festival, J Arts and Ideas speakers and the Patio Gallery. The next J Arts and Ideas speaker, Liel Leibovitz, with some help from Cantor David Lipp, will present A Broken Hallelujah focusing on the life and work of Leonore Cohen on Sunday, September 18, at 3 p.m. at The Pointe. (See story, CenterPiece page 3.)

Making programs like camp and theater performances accessible to those with special needs and those with limited means and embracing diversity are all part of the Jewish community's commitment to addressing social justice issues, but social justice includes much more.

At the JCL, the Jewish Community Relations Council frequently takes the lead on social justice issues, and this year, with the help of a grant from MAZON: the Jewish Response to Hunger will enable the group to engage in hunger advocacy. This dovetails with the

work of the J's JOFEE (Jewish Outdoor Food and Environmental Education) Fellow Michael Fraade with the community garden and establishing The J as a Fresh Stop market. Grants from JHFE and Hazon fund the JOFEE program. (See story, this page.)

Looking to the future, JHFE is encouraging Jewish agencies across the community to apply for capacity building grants to help them assess their current capabilities and develop the skills and programs they will need to thrive in the future. This year, JHFE made grants to the JCL for communications, human resources design, philanthropy and constituent relations management.

In addition, JHFE recognizes that the JCL is planning for the community's future needs with respect to physical facilities. To facilitate this process, they have given the agency a grant for master planning.

The JCL is grateful to the many funders for all their help in ensuring the agency can deliver high-quality critical services and life enhancing programs as well as enabling it to undertake the necessary planning and preparation for the years to come.



# Sarah Bloom Shares Memories of Her Birthright Israel Trip

by Sarah Bloom  
Special to Community

I returned from my Birthright Israel adventure, completely exhausted but also full of multitudes of happy memories. Although this had been my fourth trip to Israel, traveling with a peer-led group allowed me to experience familiar sites and destinations in an entirely new way.



Sarah Bloom

On the hot and humid third day of the journey, we picked up our Israeli students and soldiers and sailed Lake Kinneret on a party boat. We danced with such exuberance that the captain sailed

an extra 45 minutes. Already extremely behind schedule from the captain's decision, our tour guide's rush to get to the next destination despite horrendous traffic just brought us closer together as a group, and gave those traveling on our bus material for inside jokes.

In the Old City of Jerusalem, we visited the Davidson Archaeological Gardens and climbed stairs to a platform and elevated walkway from which we could see Jerusalem from an entirely new perspective. We also visited the new mixed platform at the Western Wall, and I even noticed a husband wrapped in a tallit and tefillin praying on a stairway landing closer to the Western Wall all with his wife, son, and daughter.

We were fortunate to have a former NFTY song leader, Liz Bossov, as a participant on our journey. She compiled and led a beautiful Friday night service, which everyone enjoyed and found meaningful. The service was a highlight of the trip for me and many people in our group, even those who did not participate in NFTY. After the service, we socialized for hours at the hotel bar, which was the first opportunity I had to meet and mingle with many of my fellow travelers.

One of my favorite parts of Birthright was Kfar Nokdim, a touristy Bedouin village on a desert oasis near Masada. We rode camels – something I found both nerve-racking and exhilarating, and have now gotten off my bucket list – just before sunset, and participated in informative, entertaining workshops.

We left at 4 a.m. to drive to Masada, climb the Roman Ramp, and see the sunrise. The golden-orange light warmed the surrounding archeological site and cast long shadows on the ground. The view from the Snake Path was beautiful; I could see all of the remaining Roman encampments around the base of Masada, and the miniature mesas and can-

yons cut by floodwaters into the parched ground below looked like a diminutive model of the surrounding landscape.

Some of my best memories were with the Israeli participants, who were all unique, amazing individuals who enriched our experience by offering their own perspectives at different sites, including at Mount Herzl, where several of them shared their memories of friends who died during battles.

They were also incredibly fun people, who played guitar, sang, and joked and laughed with us. Birthright would not have been the same without them, and when they left on the seventh day of the

trip, we missed them terribly. Apparently, they missed us, too, because all but one of our seven Israeli participants came back to see us before we departed Israel!

The most remarkable occurrence of all, though, is that we started the journey as two staff members and 40 individuals who live across the country, from California to New York City. Over the course of 10 marvelous days, the staff, American and Israeli participants, tour guide, and medic-security guard on our bus became a family. We supported each other and made indelible memories together in an unforgettable place.

## Lauren Kolaczowski Made Aliyah

by Benji Berlow  
Young Adult Director  
Jewish Community of Louisville

Lauren Kolaczowski graduated from the University of Louisville in 2016 where she was active with Louisville Hillel. In May, she traveled as a participant on Birthright Israel and then stayed to make aliyah. She recently worked with Nefesh B'Nefesh to become an Israeli citizen and is planning to join the IDF soon.

What is your Jewish story? What were highlights growing up?

My story is a little bit of a different one. I grew up in an interfaith family. My mother believes in Reform Judaism, and my father is Roman Catholic. I grew up participating in an interfaith school, called "The Family School" in which I was taught the traditions and beliefs of both religions. It was through this organization that I learned Hebrew. Growing up with a Jewish mother meant a sense of community with other Jews. Those ties were definitely a highlight and shaped who I am today.

What brought you to Louisville and what were the highlights of being here?

I actually came to the state of Kentucky with a boyfriend over the summer of '14 and decided that I would apply to transfer. I had been at College of Lake County and Indiana University previously. My favorite part about being in Louisville was knowing that there was *always* someone there. There were resources, clubs, and caring instructors. I never felt alone. (As you can tell, community is very important to me.) Hillel taught me a lot about who I was, and I took my two favorite courses in my entire education at U of L (Criminology and Alternative Judaism).

When did you know you wanted to move to Israel? Why is it important to you?

I acquired an interest in moving overseas the summer before my final year (summer of 2015). I got very heavily into politics and crime. I was looking into doing police work in Louisville after graduation, but then decided that that path did not feel right for me. I felt like I wanted to protect and serve but had very strong issues with the American system. No country has perfect politics, but I began to do research on traveling, and decided to sign up for Birthright Israel.

The closer time came, the more information I got about the daily attacks and

decided that this is where I wanted to be. I want to live in a place where I will be defending people's lives every day, while being surrounded by a community of people who want to protect mine too.

There is such a need for army here. There are three terrorist organizations planning attacks daily, and only "serious" (meaning casualties) attacks are reported. This is why it is important for me to be here. I want to protect civilian lives, and in my short time here, I've already absolutely fallen in love with the country. The beach is beautiful, the people are colorful and caring, the mountains and deserts are gorgeous. This is what heaven looks like.

What do you want people in Louisville to know about Israel?

It's heaven. Literally. If you haven't been here, you should absolutely make it a priority to visit. (Take advantage of Birthright!) Make sure to see as much of Israel as you can, too! The North and the South are *very* different! Being in Israel has been the greatest experience of my life, but it took adjusting. It is very different here. Here are some fun things I have picked up since being here.

There is no such thing as "standing in line" in Israel, everyone will cut you in line. You have to be assertive and demand attention or you won't get it. Also Israelis have a notorious "Israeli attitude." They say whatever they want whenever they want, even if it's offensive. There is no filter. On Shabbat all stores (by unenforced law) and public transportation close, even if you don't observe Shabbat, options for transportation, food and entertainment change *greatly*.

You are all welcome to my place for Shabbat dinner anytime.

## REGEV

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ecutive director and legal counsel, of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), the advocacy group established by the Reform movement in Israel. In that capacity he led the IRAC's legal team to historic victories in the Israeli Supreme Court in cases involving the "Who is a Jew?" issue, equitable funding for Reform and Conservative institutions and the fight for representation in the religious councils. He has also defended the rights of Sabbath-observant Jews and argued cases involving many other central issues of religious pluralism and human equality for all Israeli citizens.

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# Slip-Sliding, Twist(er)ing and Singing the Night Away ...

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

When was the last time you donned a bathing suit and dove down a hill on a slip 'n' slide, played Twister, joined a tug of war team, lay down on a scooter to compete in a human version of Hungry, Hungry Hippos or sat around with friends singing "Leavin' on a Jet Plane"?

Well, if you came to the Adults Only Summer Camp event at The J on Satur-

day night, August 20, you got to do all that with friends while enjoying spiked "bug juice" and wine to accompany your hot dogs. Even rain couldn't dampen the spirit of the evening.

Proceeds from the event go to The J's Summer Camp scholarship program.

Senior Director of Camping and Youth Services Betsy Schwartz and Philanthropy and Outreach Director Le-nae Price coordinated the event.

More photos available at [www.jewish-louisville.org](http://www.jewish-louisville.org).



## Bringing Health into the Community

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

Jewish Hospital was founded on a mission to provide free care to all, especially Jewish immigrants arriving to this country with little to no resources. The Torah teaches us that as we were once strangers in a strange land, so must we be kind to the stranger, using our own experiences to fuel our drive for justice for all people.

And so, we proudly were one of the first hospitals in the area to provide racially integrated care to all patients, with a racially integrated medical staff. Today, we continue this proud and historic legacy by reaching out to immigrants and refugees, as well as others in

our community who are underserved.

As summer begins to turn to fall, KentuckyOne Health continues this historic and sacred charge. From the State Fair to local health fairs, we are always seeking new opportunities to bring healing, wellness and hope into the community. Prevention and screening is a life-saving component of fulfilling our mission.

The first week of August, we helped to coordinate the Safe and Healthy Return to School Fair in partnership with the NorthWest Neighborhood Place, Shawnee Newcomer Academy, Louisville Metro Health Department, JCPS, The Kidz Club, Service for Peace, Dare to Care, Harambee Clinic and the Family Community Clinic and so many other community partners.

Together, we served over 2,000 peo-

ple, from the Shawnee neighborhood and from throughout Louisville, many of whom are new Americans, connecting families with resources, providing education, immunizations and life-saving health screenings, giving away 1,000 backpacks filled with back to school supplies and providing drawings for bicycles and helmets as incentives to undergo vital screening exams.

Buses of families from Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Catholic Charities and La Casita came to this fair, along with hundreds from the local community. For those children who do not yet have a medical home and who did not yet have the necessary physicals and immunizations to begin classes, we ensured that they did not have to miss school while waiting to get the screenings that they

needed. Education is a vital component to health, and we are proud to support both direct and indirect ways to bring health to our community.

On Sunday, September 25, from 2-5 p.m. at the Urban League, we will be participating in another health fair, bringing health, screenings and education into the community. It is a collaborative program among Adath Jeshurun, The River Road Mosque and Living Faith Christian Ministries and we are proud to participate in such an important collaborative, further evidence of the commitment to healing for which we pray.

These fairs are an example of the transformative power of individuals and organizations coming together for a common goal. In a world where we are so often divided, I derive great hope and comfort when we are able to build bridges of understanding between our shared values.

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# Presentation Showcases Jewish Hospital Past, Present and Future

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

**J**ewish Hospital has a long and illustrious history, serving the Louisville community as a resource for quality health care for all, long before other hospitals admitted African Americans or Jews, and continuing today, delivering cutting edge services in areas like transplantation and cardiac care.

On Sunday, August 21, the Louisville Historical League sponsored a program at the Rudd Heart and Lung Conference Center celebrating that heritage, "Jewish Hospital: Past, Present, Future."

After welcoming remarks from Steve Wiser from the Louisville Historical League and Joe Gilene, president of Jewish Hospital, Dr. Morris Weiss of KentuckyOne Health Cardiology Associates presented a pictorial history of Jewish Hospital's past. His presentation documented past facilities and showcased the people who were instrumental in making Jewish

Hospital what it is today.

Dr. Weiss is passionate about preserving Jewish Hospital's history and has made great efforts to preserve its documentation and old photographs. He shared the hospital's historic commitment to caring for all people, regardless of race, religion or ability to pay – a commitment that continues to guide it to this very day.

For many in the room, the photos brought back fond memories of their relatives who had worked at the hospital, and in some cases, their own efforts.

Richard Schultz, president of the KentuckyOne Health Board of Directors, picked up the story and reviewed why Jewish Hospital chose to merge with Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Healthcare and Catholic Health Initiatives and partner with University of Louisville Hospital.

Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky, vice president of mission for Jewish Hospital, shared some of the initiatives the hospital is involved in today like PACT in Action and Arise to Safety that can

help people threatened by interpersonal violence, Pivot to Peace which provides a year of case management and counseling for people who have suffered gunshot or knife wounds, and health screenings at places like the Kentucky State Fair to make health care more accessible to those who face challenges getting the help they need.

After making the disclaimer that he really has no way to see into the future, Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg, Jewish Hospital's chief medical officer, said that Jewish Hospital, motivated by tikkun olam, the drive to make the world a better place, would continue to be an innovator and will change the world through its effectiveness and efficiency, its commitment to inclusion and health equity, delivering high quality care that involves the patient in the process and puts patient safety first.

Rabbi Siritsky closed the program by inviting those who want to be part of preserving this historic legacy and ensuring the hospital's future, to ei-

ther support Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's Foundation, or volunteer, mentioning in particular, a special program, Nobody Dies Alone, which ensures that at the end of life, if a patient has no one to be with him or her during the final hours, a volunteer will stay at that person's side. She encouraged people to contact her if they want to volunteer.

## Boy Scout Troop 30 Marks 100 Years

by Mike Harlan  
*Special to Community*

More than 200 people gathered the weekend of August 12-14 at The Temple to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Troop 30, one of the largest and most active Boy Scout troops in the Louisville area and one of the oldest Jewish-sponsored troops in the U.S. Throughout the weekend, people shared stories of the troop's history and how much Troop 30 has impacted their lives.

The celebration started Friday with a troop-sponsored Oneg and then services led by Rabbi Joe Rapport with many current and former Troop 30 members participating. The social side of the celebration then kicked off with a reception in the Klein Center where about 80 people, several of whom had flown in just to participate in the weekend, started catching up.

The celebration continued on Saturday, with Scout skills activities at Camp Crooked Creek. Several Scouts shot a .22 rifle for the first time, while other Scouts made progress toward earning their Rifle Shooting Merit Badge. For lunch, everybody cooked "old school" aluminum foil-wrapped "Hobo" dinners on coals.

Later in the afternoon, the celebration moved back to The Temple's Waller Chapel with a Troop 30 Film Festival, which was produced by Dave Callan and Byron Dewey. Highlights included a TV news clip of the disaster drill Troop 30 and Troop 1 ran in the 1980s; footage of numerous Troop 30 trips to Colorado, Wyoming, and Canada; and a recently-filmed panel discussion with several of the longest-serving Troop 30 adult leaders, including current Scoutmaster Dan Sturtzel and Scoutmaster Emeritus Stan Frager.

The celebration then culminated in a banquet dinner for over 190 people, including Troop 30 Scouts, leaders, and families from the 1930s to today.

Highlights included:

Comments from 5 current and former Scoutmasters: David Kling, Skip Davis, Jacques Morris, Stan Frager, and Dan Sturtzel;

Gathering of over 20 current and former Senior Patrol Leaders (the senior Scout leaders of the Troop);

Gathering of 22 Troop 30 Eagle Scouts, the largest number of Troop 30 Eagle Scouts ever gathered at one time;

Presentation to Jim Hytken and David Shapero of the Shofar Award, the highest award the Boy Scouts of America has for Jewish Scout Leaders;

Presentation of a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol by Congressional Aide Chase Sanders, on behalf of Congressman John Yarmuth;

Announcement of the donation of a Peace Pole from Troop 30 to The Temple, in appreciation of the Temple's sponsorship of Troop 30 and as a lasting commemoration of the Troop's 100th anniversary; and current Troop 30 Scouts were challenged to make sure Troop 30 continues so that they can come back to celebrate the 125th and 150th anniversaries.

Gracious Plenty, which is owned and led by Troop 30 Eagle Scout Matt Burress, did an excellent job catering the dinner.

The final event of the celebration weekend was a brunch on Sunday morning, featuring lox, cream cheese, and bagels from Bruegger's Bagels.

## Donate Online on September 15



On September 15 the Jewish Federation of Louisville will be participating in Give Local Louisville a 24 hour online giving day. We need your help to make the most of this incredible opportunity.

When you give to the Jewish Federation during Give Local Louisville, the dollars you give to provide affordable hot kosher meals to seniors, to ensure that children with special needs have advocates that enable them to participate as fully as possible in the J's Summer Camp and to offer counseling on a sliding scale to a family dealing with job loss or substance abuse through Jewish Family & Career Services will go further. Because when you give to the Federation on Give Local Louisville Day, your gift will be partially matched thanks to the Community Foundation of Louisville.

Last year, we were able to raise nearly \$18,000 during Give Local Louisville and we are hoping that you will help us make this year even bigger! Please mark your calendar for September 15 and donate online at [www.givelocallouisville.org](http://www.givelocallouisville.org).

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# UofL to Offer Jewish Identity in Graphic Novels & Comics Course

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

I am delighted to announce that in the new academic year, the program of Judaic Studies at UofL will be offering three new courses never previously taught.

The first of these, HUM 561-02: Jewish Identity in Graphic Novels & Comics, is scheduled for this fall, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:15 p.m. This course is designed to serve the needs of upper-level undergrads, graduate students, as well as those who wish to audit from

the community. No prior acquaintance with graphic narratives is necessary.

It will provide students with a substantial introduction to the variety of challenges to Jewish identity and self-hood represented in the graphic novel's enduring fascination with the consequences of the erasure/repression, as well as celebration, of ethnic/racial origins.

We will examine how graphic novels (and the comics genre) can embody a powerful composite text of words and images that produces effects significantly different from more traditional forms of literary narrative. And this creative power becomes especially striking when

placed in the service of gender, racial, religious, and ethnic identity explorations.

As Jules Feiffer once famously observed, "The mild manners and glasses that signified a class of nerdy Clark Kents was, in no way, our real truth. Underneath the schmucky façade there lived Men of Steel! Jerry Siegel's accomplishment was to chronicle the smart Jewish boy's American dream. It wasn't Krypton that Superman came from; it was the planet Minsk or Lodz or Vilna or Warsaw."

In the later weeks of the class, we will explore how this ethos inspired Michal Chabon's acclaimed novel about Jewish immigrants and the early comics industry, *The Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*.

Thematically the rest of the course encompasses the profound influence of the Jewish imagination on the art of visual narrative, including graphic memoirs about Auschwitz and post-Holocaust consciousness, Jewish life in France and North Africa, the complex reality of Israel, and beyond.

I am especially pleased to include a relatively obscure graphic narrative, Li-ana Finck's evocative and underrated *A Bintel Brief*, an inventive homage to "A Bundle of Letters," the highly influential

early 20th-century advice column that ran in the Yiddish *Forverts* that helped acculturate Jews 'fresh off the boat' and was written by the paper's famous editor Abraham Cahan.

In selecting eleven letters from that vast repository, Finck is clearly drawn to the lonely, heartbroken, and alienated and it is wrenching to think about how easily the desperate writers of a century ago might be put in conversation with the voices of refugees in the present moment.

Indeed, in Finck's idiosyncratic approach we experience the myriad ways that the present informs the past even while that past continually and forcefully imposes on the present, which I hope will deliver a stirring coda to the entire semester.

Throughout the semester we will learn to be attuned to the delicate interplay between language and images that enliven the work of Art Spiegelman, Joann Sfar, Ruto Modan, Miriam Katin and many others.

Please stay tuned for news about our two other new course offerings, taught by Profs. Manuel Medina and Michal Kofman in Spring 2017.

## REBBESOUL

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sticks.

The event will be held rain or shine at Temple Shalom.

The performers have strong ties to both Israel and the United States.

Vocalist Shlomit Levi, who was born in Israel but recently moved to the U.S., teams with guitarist and recording artist/producer RebbeSoul (Bruce Burger). Originally from California, he recently emigrated to Israel.

The duo, which represents a blending of cultures, already has sold out shows in New York City, Israel, Mexico and the UK with their modern version of Jewish Roots and World music.

Their songs are in Hebrew, English, Arabic and Aramaic. Their instruments come from various countries including

the balalaika from Russia, finger cymbals from the Middle East and even an oil can from Yemen.

RebbeSoul's accolades include a CNN International feature, appearing on the cover of *Billboard* magazine and achieving No. 1 on the CMJ world music charts. In addition, Shlomit is a highly respected singer in Israel.

This event is sponsored in part by generous grants from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the Sara and Adolph van der Walde Fund of the Roth Family Foundation Inc., Temple Shalom Endowment Fund, Temple Shalom Men's Club, Women of Temple Shalom, as well as other generous sponsors.

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## Renco Goes Above, Beyond in Pledge 13

by Alexandra Ramsey  
*Public Relations Specialist*

To volunteer 13 hours during the year before your bar or bat mitzvah is a lot of time for any teenager. I mean think about it, that's an extra 780 minutes you're not hanging out with your friends and 46,800 seconds that you could be devoting to studying or even sleeping.



Emily Renco

But Louisville Collegiate 9th grader Emily Renco, doesn't look at her volunteer time as time lost. For Renco, giving back to her Jewish community is all she's known, and those 13 hours? After pledging, she probably surpassed them in her first week. I asked Emily and her mother, Eileen, how many hours Emily has volunteered thus far.

Silence.  
Sigh.  
"We can't even count how many. I mean she's just always devoting some part of her day to giving back," Eileen said.

Eighteen years ago, the Marjorie and Robert Kohn Pledge 13 Program began as a way to encourage children to volunteer 13 hours of their time to the community prior to their b'nai mitzvah.

Renco, whose bat mitzvah was just over a year ago, continues to devote most of her time to the Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry. It was her grandparents who started the Janet and Sonny Meyer Food Pantry Fund.

"The food pantry is so important because it allows us to help those who may not be as fortunate," Renco said. "When I see people who come along and volunteer with me, that too, is also very rewarding."

Eileen Renco said she's always had Emily volunteering at the food pantry as a way to instill in her that giving back is important. "I've always believed that we should give back and I wanted my daughter to see the importance in it as well. From the time she was little, I wanted her know how important the food pantry is."

At the Food Pantry, Emily Renco sorts, stocks, shops and makes snack bags. She put together Pledge 13 gifts and certificates for all the synagogues, organized spreadsheets and lists for the volunteer department, worked Pizza for the Pantry and volunteered with the Carole & Larry Goldberg Family Mitzvah events helping younger children do crafts and play games.

And somehow, when she isn't volunteering, she's super active and plays high level sports. The 14-year-old plays field hockey, lacrosse and swims at Collegiate.

When asked what she would say to her teammates and friends to get them to volunteer with her, she replied, "Please see **RENCO** page 17

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## Congregations Announce B'nai Mitzvah Scheduled through August 2017

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

### September 3

Alex Norton  
*The Temple*  
Elijah Resnik  
*Adath Jeshurun*  
Harrison Russman  
*Keneseth Israel*

### September 17

Emma Charney  
*Adath Jeshurun*  
Rebecca Ciriano  
*The Temple*

### September 24

Annabeth Cohen  
*The Temple*

### October 15

Noah Auerbach  
*The Temple*

### October 22

William Bornstein  
*Adath Jeshurun*  
Maxwell Rothman  
*The Temple*

### October 29

Clayton Callam  
*Temple Shalom*  
Yael Wagner  
*Adath Jeshurun*

### November 5

Jacob Rosenthal  
*Adath Jeshurun*  
Jackson Segal  
*The Temple*

### November 12

Leah Cohen  
*Adath Jeshurun*  
Emily McCurry  
*The Temple*

### November 19

Henry Schneiderman  
*The Temple*

### December 3

Gabriel Stein  
*The Temple*

### December 17

Maximillian Beauchamp  
*The Temple*

### January 14

Sydney Marks  
Elise Goldstein  
*The Temple*

### January 21

Jason Harkins  
*Keneseth Israel*

### February 4

Isabella VonRoenn  
*The Temple*

### March 4

Dylan Breier  
*The Temple*

### March 11

Corey Singer  
*The Temple*

### March 18

Kyle Robenson  
*The Temple*

### March 25

Elliot Gross  
*The Temple*  
Jenna Shaps  
*Adath Jeshurun*

### April 22

Alexander Levein  
*Temple Shalom*

### April 29

Elizabeth Davis  
*The Temple*  
Ian Polur Gold  
*Adath Jeshurun*

### May 13

Talia Frockt  
*Adath Jeshurun*  
Josephine Shapira  
Molly Shapira  
*The Temple*

### May 20

Andrew Sands  
*The Temple*

### May 27

Jacob Hyman  
*Keneseth Israel*  
Katy Roemer  
*The Temple*

### August 12

Jack Salamon  
*The Temple*

### August 26

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*Keneseth Israel*  
Jordan Goldberg  
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go out and help people in our community. We don't want anyone to go hungry," Renco said.

There are currently about 50 b'nai mitzvah candidates enrolled in the Pledge 13 Program. Children can choose from a suggested list of places to devote their time or do their own. For more information, contact Kim Toebbe at JFCS at 502-452-6341.



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## Timeline Can Help Relieve Stress as You Plan Your Child's Simcha

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

### One to Two Years Ahead

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

### One Year Ahead

Set a budget.  
Reserve a place for the reception.  
Reserve the entertainment.  
Child begins study with the Rabbi.  
Contact Betsy Schwartz at The J for information about the B'nai Tzedek program, bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2708.

### Six to Eight Months Ahead

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

### Three Months Ahead

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

### Two Months Ahead

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

### One Month Ahead

Arrange aliyot. (The honor or reciting the blessings before and after the To-

rah reading).

Meet with the rabbi.  
Make a seating chart and place cards.  
Send the announcement and photo to the *Community* at newspapercolumns@jewishlouisville.org.  
Order the cake.  
Arrange for table skirting.  
Confirm final arrangements with the band, caterer and the florist.  
Order thank you notes.  
Make arrangements with the accompanist (if applicable).

### Two Weeks Ahead

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

### One Week Ahead

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

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## A 12-Year-Old Hurler Always Walks on Shabbat, So His Teammates Pitch in

by Hillel Kuttler

NEW YORK, July 21, 2016 (JTA) – Jacob Steinmetz delivers the game's final pitch on a heavenly Tuesday night, producing a neatly turned double play to wrap up a 10-0 victory for the Brooklyn Bluestorm team of 12-year-olds.

His teammates surround Jacob in congratulations in a scene familiar for the Bluestorm, which finished a perfect 24-0 in the Brooklyn Baseball League season and will be playing this month in the Elite World Series in Orlando, FL. Jacob is batting .320 and strikes out half the batters he faces.

The diverse group of boys has embraced Jacob off the field, too, by easing his participation in the team's frequent weekend tournaments.

Jacob, one of two Jewish players on the 13-member squad, is a religiously obser-

vant infielder and pitcher for whom motorized travel is forbidden on Shabbat. He and his father, Elliot, walk to Saturday games from hotels that are within three miles or so of the out-of-town tournaments' fields. Even for home games in Brooklyn it's more hotels and walking – the Steinmetz house in the heavily Jewish Five Towns area of Long Island is too far away for a walk to the field.

In each case, other players volunteer to take Jacob's gear and food by car from the hotel so father and son have nothing to schlep on their treks.

On the last Saturday of July, at least half the players will go above and beyond at the Elite World Series, a showcase separate from the Little League Baseball World Series. They have asked their coaches to transport everything to the field so they can accompany the Steinmetzes on foot.

They'll walk them back, too – this in the steaminess of Orlando and after one or two games of ultra-competitive travel-league baseball under the pounding Florida sun.

"It'll be fun – not as lonely. It'll be the whole team," Jacob, who attends the Hebrew Academy of Long Beach, says.

As to their efforts already, he says: "It's really nice that they go out of their way. It makes me feel they really want me there. They understand why I have to walk [on Shabbat], and they're offering to help."

The challenges prompt queries and suggestions, some of them comical.

Some parents and kids offer fanciful proposals for complying with the Shabbat restrictions, like hitching a wagon to a car's back bumper or temporarily "abducting" him so he isn't considered a willing traveler. When the Steinmetzes don't eat during postgame dinners at non-kosher restaurants, they sometimes ask how to get the food "blessed."

"It's not necessary," Steinmetz says of the efforts extended. "It's nice. It's not expected. The fact they even want to do it is heartwarming."

Some of the goodness likely emanates from the all-for-one, one-for-all nature of team sports. And some comes from the Big Apple's rainbow-like diversity

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# After Great Maccabi Experience Athlete Look to Next Year

Fourteen teenage athletes, ranging from ages 12-16, represented the Jewish Community of Louisville at the JCC Maccabi Games in Columbus, OH, July 24-29. Team Louisville brought back nine medals from this year's Maccabi Games, but as always, the teens learned that the Maccabi Games are about much more than winning or losing. The Maccabi Games gave athletes the opportunity to demonstrate camaraderie and sportsmanship with Jewish youth from around the world.

Accompanying the team were Mike Steklof and Kari Semel as delegation and assistant delegation heads, respectively. Craig Goldstein and Michael Russman also joined the delegation, serving as basketball coaches for Louisville's under-14 team.

"The atmosphere was beyond welcoming, and the athletes were equally

concerned about making lasting friendships as they were about their athletic performance. My favorite part was watching our players on mixed-delegation teams really hit it off with their new teammates," says Semel.

The Louisville delegation had three athletes playing on mixed delegation teams, two of which went on to win silver medals in their respective sports. Adam Rudy, who played on the U-16 Tucson basketball team says, "The atmosphere was incredible, people all across the world coming together to form friendships ... you don't have that opportunity everywhere."

The Games were also a great time for athletes to be reunited with friends whom they knew from past Maccabi games and other Jewish experiences.

Alayna Borowick, who played on the Nashville volleyball team, notes that

Maccabi was a great time for her to reunite with her overnight camp friends. Borowick brought back one of Louisville's four *Middot* Medals, which are "values" medals that staff members from any delegation can award on the spot.

Team Nashville noted, "We presented Alayna with a *Middot* Medal because she went above and beyond being a team player and exemplified everything that there is in being a respectful Jewish teen."

Whether it was trading delegation pins, as is Maccabi custom, or

playing Putt Putt at Columbus' Magic Mountain, Louisville teens were always seen having a blast.

The delegation also participated in various community service projects through the JCC Cares initiative, which allowed them to take a step back from the games and focus on giving back to the community. There were a wide variety of projects. There a pop-up choir that performed at the Columbus JCC preschool. There was also an opportunity for some teens to work with teens with special needs, playing in sprinklers and playing games.

Team Louisville ended the day with one Gold Medal, which went to Brent Mannel in golf and four Silver Medals which went to Tovah Frocht in tennis, Ben Kaplin in baseball, Brent Mannel in golf and Adam Rudy in basketball.

Team Louisville also received four *Middot* Medals which went to Alayna Borowick in volleyball, Ethan Tuvlin in basketball, and Craig Goldstein and Michael Russman in basketball.

Teen delegation members were Alayna Borowick, Tova Frocht, Drew Goldstein, Jacob Horvitz, Ben Kaplin, Lauren Greenberg, Adam Lapinski, Brent Mannel, Brad Margulis, Adam Rudy, Harrison Russman, Michael Russman, Eli Schramko, Ethan Tuvlin and Yael Wagner.

The athletes had an incredible time at the Maccabi Games, and is already getting started with the preparations for next summer's Maccabi Games. Semel, who will serve as delegation head next year, is hoping to attend the Birmingham, AL, games, which are to be held the first week of August 2017.

"We had a great time this year, but I want double the size of our delegation next summer!" she said.



Drew Goldstein, Tovah Frocht and Lauren Greenberg



Alayna Borowick gets her medal.



## IUS Jewish Student Organization Gets Ready for New Term

by Lee Chottiner  
Special to Community

Michael Jackman thinks the Jewish Student Union at Indiana University Southeast can only enhance life at the New Albany-based campus. But it must first walk before it runs.

Established last year, the JSU members spent much of the term organizing themselves, writing a constitution and bylaws, electing officers and achieving recognition from the university. They also held meetings and discussions.

With that heavy lifting behind it, the JSU begins its first year as a full-fledged IU Southeast student organization, adding diversity to a school where few students openly identify as Jewish.

But the group lost three of its initial six members to graduation last year, making recruitment a high priority. So it plans to table at student orientations this year. It will also take part in the school's annual Week of Welcome, passing out literature at social activities that complement the first week of the term, which begins on August 22.

"Maybe we'll have some cool things" for the students, said Jackman, a senior lecturer in English and one the group's two faculty advisors, "like name cards with names of people in Hebrew and English."

Jew and non-Jew alike are invited to explore the JSU, Jackman said. "It's not a religious group per se. It's open to any student who wants to explore issues of Jewish religion, identity, culture and politics."

Politics, however, are not at the core of the group, according to Matthew Haskell, a fourth-year English major and JSU's incoming president.

"In the few meetings we have had, we have discussed politics a little bit, but it's not a political group by any means," he said. "We'll discuss the election coming up; we've talked a little about German politics, obviously Israel, but I don't see it as a political group."

JSU got its start last year following a lecture on campus by Eva Kor, a Holocaust survivor who, along with her twin sister, was subjected to brutal experiments at Auschwitz by the notorious Dr. Josef Mengele. Kor's appearance inspired Chelsea Markuson, an art major and the granddaughter of a Holocaust survivor, to establish the group with help from Jackman and campus librarian Melanie Hughes, the other advisor.

Markuson, the first JSU president, has since graduated.

In addition to organizing itself last year, the faculty advisors served latkes at the Moonlight Breakfast on finals week.

This year, Jackman, Haskell, JSU graduate Nick Perez, and Jewish Community of Louisville Hillel Director Benji Berlow met to begin planning for the term. Recruitment topped their agenda.

"The main goal we all agreed on was to build membership with the group,"

said Berlow, responding to emailed questions from *Community*. "We brainstormed ideas of how to have events that were highly visible and could have the potential of people 'walking by' and joining in an activity."

Those events include Shots for a Sweet New Year (apple juice and honey). They also discussed possibly bringing speakers to campus and hosting a model Seder during Passover.

"We talked about some basic tasks to establish the group such as creating a Facebook group for communication and a general schedule for the year," Berlow said. They plan to "focus on two to three well-done events instead of trying to sustain ongoing events."

Besides its own events, Berlow wants JSU members to participate in campus Jewish activities in Louisville.

I hope that IUS students go to Belarmine's apple picking event and UofL's challah baking," he said, "just as UofL and Belarmine students will go to IUS for their events this coming year."

As a recognized student organization at IU Southeast, JSU is expected to perform community service hours this year, although, as Jackman said, "In our case, we'll call it *tikkun olam*."

For his part, Haskell, who just returned from a Birthright Israel trip, would love the chance to recount his adventure to other members.

"If people start joining the group, and I find there are Jews among them, then I will be an advocate for Birthright and urge people to go," said Haskell, a Louisville native who grew up at the Temple. "It was the most amazing experience of my life."

JSU charges no dues for membership. It does have some seed money, which it received as a newly registered IUS organization. It also has the opportunity to

apply to the Student Life Committee for registered student organization grants for programming. The grants generally do not exceed \$2,000 per qualified event.

JSU members are also welcomed at activities hosted by Hoosier Havurah, a relatively new off-campus Jewish entity in New Albany. Hughes and Jackman are among its members who meet monthly for brunch. Last year, they also held a Passover Seder and a Shavuot celebration.

Activities aside, Hughes, who joined Hillel at IU Bloomington when she went to college, touted the friendships students can make at JSU, describing them as a big takeaway from the campus Jewish experience.

"I'm still in touch with those friends [from Bloomington]," Hughes said. "It just strengthened friendships outside the classrooms and enriched our lives."

Like Berlow, Hughes hopes Jews and non-Jews alike will come from Louisville to support the JSU, though she is aware some Louisvillians prefer to not cross the river.

"We would just like the support of people who are not afraid cross the river and be part of our events," she said. "It's just a bridge, get over it," as the bumper sticker says.

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Michael Jackman, academic affairs diversity coordinator at Indiana University Southeast and a senior lecturer in English, sees the Jewish Student Union as a way to enhance cultural diversity at the New Albany-based campus.

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# Semel Joins The J as Teen Director; Started at Maccabi Games

by Shiela Steinman Wallace  
Editor

**K**ari Semel has joined The J's staff as teen director and she began her many-faceted job with the immersive experience of helping Louisville's 2016 Maccabi team when they competed in the games in Cleveland. (See story, page 19.)

The games were a great way for Semel to get to know some of the teens she will be working with and to work side by side with Assistant Director of youth Services Mike Steklof. "I had such a great time," she said, and she already has ideas to grow next year's delegation from suggestions she collected from uniforms to organizing teams for different sports.

This year, Louisville's J had a basketball team and individuals who competed in several sports.

For Semel, this job at The J is her first full-time position after graduating from



Kari Semel

DePaul University in Chicago with a BA in sociology. From the first call from Steklof, she felt comfortable with the position and excited to hear about the opportunities it presents.

As teen director, she will wear many hats. She will be a program supervisor at The J Camp, the delegation head for the next Maccabi games and she'll run BBYO and Teen Connection. These are just a starting point, however. One of the things that attracted Semel to the position is that all the details were not yet nailed down. "They were waiting to see what my strengths were before defining the role, which made it feel like they were invested in my abilities," she explained.

Originally from Cleveland, she grew up as the middle child of three girls in a family that is involved in the Jewish community. Her mother, Jessica, runs the public education initiative through the Cleveland Federation that includes a tutoring program for students in inner city schools, summer feeding programs and other food programs. Her father, Alan, is president of the Board at The J there.

Her family belongs to Park Synagogue, a Conservative shul; and growing up, Semel attended Hebrew School

there. She participated in Junior Mitzvah Makers and spent about five years as a teachers' aide three days there. "I loved doing whatever I could and being part of that community," she said.

In high school, she was a member of Chaia BBG in Cleveland and served as chapter president. She also acquired leadership skills by attending a Chapter Leadership Training Conference.

At the Cleveland JCC, Semel went to Camp Wise for 12 summers. She has a love for acting and singing, so she participated in the youth theater program, Playmakers, and performed with an a cappella group in high school. She's also a big Cleveland Cavaliers fan.

Before college, Semel took a gap year, spending half a year teaching English at an orphanage in Ghana and half a year on a Masa program in Jerusalem, Israel. On Masa, she worked with the Ethiopian National Program, mostly writing grant applications, and taking classes. "I loved my time there," she said. "It was an incredible opportunity."

During her college career, Semel was active in Chabad and Hillel, which work together at DePaul University, participating in weekly Shabbat hosting events, challah making and more.

Recognizing that Louisville has a

strong BBYO program, Semel wants to start with it where it is and make it even stronger by introducing more events, including some less structured events. She also wants to set up shadowing programs for new members and future leaders and "to help Drew Corson AZA reclaim the basketball tournament title."

She's also looking forward to learning more about Teen Connection and ensuring that it gives them a taste of what BBYO is so they'll look forward to the transition.

Next time you're at The J, stop in to say hello to Kari Semel and welcome her to Louisville.



Barry Friedson and Debbie and Alan Friedman

## Pizza Fun Benefits JFCS Food Pantry

Pizza for the Pantry, the annual fundraiser for the Sonny and Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund, has proven to be as popular as ever. The fourth annual all-you-can-eat lunch event was held on Sunday, August 21 at Wick's Pizza Goose Creek and drew over 260 people of all ages for fun, food and fellowship.

"We had one of the largest crowds ever to help fight hunger in our community," said Janet Meyer.

Members of the JFCS Food Pantry Committee sold tickets, helped people find tables, poured drinks and cleaned up. Adath Jeshurun was a sponsoring contributor.

"JFCS is very appreciative of the community support for the event," added Judy Freundlich Tiell, JFCS executive director. "The food pantry is utilized by more than 130 people each month, and funds raised and food collected make a big impact."

Volunteers who helped with this event were Susan Allen, Nancy Blodgett, Frankie Bloom, Marge Brown, Dara Cohen, Michael Cohen, Melanie Fadel, Michael Friedman, Jan Glaubinger, Carole Goldberg, Linda Goodman, Harold Gordon, Marcia Gordon, Lori Holland, Bob Hundley, Diane Joels, Kathy Karr, Janet Meyer, Sonny Meyer, Jerri Mobley, Patsy O'Brien, Tami Penner, Marcy Rosengarten, Carole Snyder, Sandy Weiss, Sara Yamin and Dorrie Zimmerman.



Ian, Stephanie and Mimi Mutchnick

## TEENS

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kow and Warsaw. They did not talk much about that part of their trip, but were eager to share their Israel experiences.

"It was cool to go ... and see country the Jewish people have put together and to be there after being in Poland and seeing all the atrocities happened there," said Abigail Geller. She enjoyed seeing what the Jews have done in Israel. "I did not feel safe in Poland," she added. "It was such an uncomfortable feeling. And in Israel, I had chills as soon as I landed. I felt really safe in Israel like I was at home." Going from the lowest point in recent Jewish history to "being surrounded by Jewish people was an amazing feeling," she said.

In Israel, the group toured the entire country from Akko and the Golan in the north to Eilat in the south with stops in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, S'fat, kibbutzim and more.

In Akko, Julia Bessen explained, they stopped at a Druze restaurant where the owner served Druze food and told them a little bit about his religion. The group described the Druze as a small, close-knit community that follows a strict and secretive religion. The only way to become a member of the group is to be born into it, and if a Druze marries someone of a different faith, that person is no longer considered a member.

The only thing the man would tell them is the Druze "believe in peace and loving all people," added Geller.

The hostel the group stayed at in Akko was near a mosque, so "we heard the call to prayer" early in the morning, Geller said. "That was not something you would hear in Louisville." For her, it was an example of different cultures "coexisting in one small city."

In contrast, when the group stood on a hill in the Golan Heights, overlooking the Syrian border, "our tour guide gave a speech about what was happening on the other side and we could hear the artillery," Joey Schuster said.

For Schuster, the visit to S'fat was one of his favorite experiences. "Everyone enjoyed it," he said. It's the mystical city of Israel. Everyone's very spiritual there." They learned a bit about Jewish mysticism. "As we walked around the city, we felt a very different vibe from the rest of Israel," he explained.

For Julia Bessen, a night in a Bedouin

tent was memorable. "He gave us tea and told us about his people," she said. "And the tea was really good," Geller interjected.

While they were with the Bedouin, the group rode camels at sunset and ate and slept under tents in the open desert. "There were so many stars," Bessen noted. "It was a one-of-a-kind experience."

There was also a sunrise hike in Eilat along the borders with Jordan and Egypt. "We were hiking mostly in the pitch black," observed Geller, and by the time we got to the top of the mountain, it was beautiful."

The hike started at 4 a.m., Max Strull remembered, and lasted an hour or an hour and a half. "There was a really cool view when the sun started rising," he said. "It's not something you get to do every day."

As they approached Jerusalem, the travelers from Louisville had a surprise in store for them. When they got off the bus at the overlook, to their delight, Cantor David Lipp was waiting for them.

Once in Jerusalem, everybody had places they enjoyed – the Old City, the shuk on Ben Yehuda Street, the Western Wall and the tunnels beneath it, the light show at the Tower of David. For Grossman, it was his favorite part of the trip.

Free time is often a scarce commodity on group trips to Israel, but this trip included a weekend during which some members of the group spent time with family and friends in Israel and the rest of the group went to Kalya Kibbutz overlooking the Dead Sea.

Grossman and Strull spent the time on the kibbutz, exploring. "It gave us some needed down time to reflect on our experiences," Grossman said.

Bessen used the time to stay with a friend. During the home stay, her friend "took me around the city and showed me her favorite restaurants. It was less of a tour and more of a real life experience."

"I've been talking about going to Israel all my life," she continued. "I heard about Israel and how people went and how important it was, but I had never gone before. Going with this group of all best friends, when we got there I felt so at home."

Bessen also felt a strong urge to learn Hebrew. "It was frustrating being there and not knowing language," she said. "At same time, I was thinking how amazing it was – it's a language from Bible and Torah. We can read the prayers but don't



Ethan Grossman, Isaac Wolff, Zach Ellis

really know what they mean. It made me want to learn Hebrew and live there for a while.

"When you hear Hebrew, you can pick up on some words, like in Hebrew you learn the root of words, but I want to learn the whole Language that people used so long ago," she stated.

"Being around so many Israelis made me proud to be Jewish," she continued. They're all proud to celebrate their Judaism. On Shabbat, the whole city of Jerusalem shuts down. That's something I'd never experienced in Louisville. It could never happen here, and I enjoyed that aspect. It made me proud."

The trip was a way to connect with friends in a foreign country, Strull said. There was a strong Jewish component that he said "was really exciting to do" and felt like the way he practices Judaism at home.

Most of the participants said that after visiting Israel, choosing a college with a larger Jewish population is more important to them now than before. Bessen is eager to take Hebrew in college and Geller wants to pledge to a Jewish sorority.

Many of them received scholarships that enabled them to make this trip, and many were funded by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence

Max Strull received the Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship, which was established in 1997 to help teens experience Israel during their junior or senior years in high school. "Thank you to the Cantor family," he said, "You helped provide such a special experience. I don't know if would have been able to go without it."

All of the teens expressed gratitude for the scholarship help they received and/or to their parents for the gift of this Israel trip.



## JFCS CALENDAR

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### JFCS FOOD PANTRY

#### Suggestions for September

- individual boxes of raisins, fruit and applesauce cups
- 100 % fruit roll ups
- pop-top meals such as stews and soup
- mayonnaise and mustard
- 1 gallon zip loc bags for produce

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 Toebe at 502-452-6341 ext. 103.

## Your Contributions Will Help Make a Difference



The JFCS Doris L. & Theodore B. Shabbos Friends Program was established by Carole Snyder and Sara Yamin to honor their family, who taught them Jewish principles of celebrating the Sabbath, performing regular Mitzvahs and reaching out to seniors and sharing the basic traditions of Judaism. The program provides a monthly visit from a trained volunteer who brings the Sabbath to Jewish residents who live in assisted-living facilities.

Long time Shabbos Friends volunteer, Evelyn Figa, has worked with the chef at Belmont Village to help him provide what Jewish residents want, even going so far as to share her recipes for kugel and matzo ball soup. Evelyn visits residents at Belmont Village once a month to bring the beauty of Shabbat, and one resident there said to Evelyn, "If you didn't come, I might forget I am Jewish."

JFCS takes an integrated approach to client care that encompasses the ever-changing circumstances throughout one's life and its effect on their relationship to community. In the coming month, JFCS invites you to help by making a contribution to its membership campaign. Your loyal support continues to provide critical needs for the 9,000+ clients we see annually.

You can make a membership gift directly on the JFCS website, or on September 15, you can go to [www.givelocallouisville.org](http://www.givelocallouisville.org) and contribute to JFCS. Give Local Louisville is 24-hour online giving day, organized by the Community Foundation of Louisville, encouraging residents of metro Louisville and southern Indiana to donate to their favorite local nonprofit organizations and causes. We thank you for your support.



### CAREER SERVICES

#### 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

Get one-on-one assistance from experienced educators on writing effective and engaging essays. Space is limited. To register, contact Janet Poole at 502-452-6341 ext. 222.

#### SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 13 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.

### COUNSELING

#### TAKE A JOY!RIDE For Qualifying Adults

Joy!Ride is friendly and affordable transport for Jewish seniors and adults with disabilities from JFCS' Passport Around Louisville Service. Attend religious services, Chavurat Shalom, CenterStage and more... even on weekends! When you call 452-6341, tell the receptionist you are calling for a Joy!Ride!

#### SOLUTIONS TO SENIOR HUNGER For Adults 50 and Older By appointment only at JFCS

For older adults with food insecurities, JFCS offers assistance for determining SNAP eligibility. JFCS counselors take clients through the entire application process. Contact Naomi Malka at [nmalka@jfcslouisville.org](mailto:nmalka@jfcslouisville.org) for more info.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Contemporary Thought Presents: An Evening With Roy Blount, Jr.



**September 20  
7 p.m. at The Temple**

Roy Blount, Jr., prolific author and panelist on NPR's "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!" will be the first speaker to present *Contemporary Thought: The Lillian O. Seligman Forum Series*. Known as this generation's Mark Twain, Blount is sure to be an entertaining storyteller. Call 502-452-6341 for ticket information.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### SEPTEMBER 6 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.

#### SEPTEMBER 8 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.

#### SEPTEMBER 9 Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 2 p.m.

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

#### SEPTEMBER 15 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.

#### SEPTEMBER 19 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.

#### SEPTEMBER 21 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.

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



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# For Lilah Weiss, Jewish Summer Camp Is a Keshet (Connection) to Judaism

by Lilah Weiss

Special to Community

Shabbat is a time for the Jewish people to take a step back from their everyday life, to rest and rejuvenate, to share space and time with other Jews, and to pray and celebrate the gifts we are given from God. It is a time of quiet and laughter; a time of prayer and song; a time of smiles and tears. Shabbat is the perfect metaphor for what my experiences at the Jewish summer camp, Camp Livingston, mean to me.

You see, I don't get homesick, I get camp sick. This was a sentiment that I

shared on my Instagram account this year. I don't remember exactly when it was, but it was deep in the winter, a metaphorical Thursday morning to my winter's long week. I was dreaming of long lazy Shabbat dinners and song sessions with my friends at camp.

I wanted to hike through the woods, and hold hands with my friends. I wanted to unroll the Torah Scroll on Shabbat surrounded by nature and friends, in front of an ark that had been hand-painted by campers, including my older sister, who came before me. I longed for that leisurely pace that Shabbat brings to a hurried week that summer camp brings to the year.

After seven summers at camp, I was both anxious for camp and dreading it, for this would be my last year as a camper, my octogenarian summer, if you will. It would be bittersweet, and I would cry as much as I would laugh, but I yearned for it with all my being.

The late Laura K. Cohen knew the special space that camp holds for youth, it was so evident that after she passed away, her family and friends knew that they had to make that wonderful camp experience available to other Jewish youth through a scholarship fund that bears Laura's name. I was fortunate enough to be able to be a recipient of this scholarship this year so that I could spend part of this summer remembering what it is I love about being Jewish.

As a part of a large family, I can tell you how Camp Livingston affects my everyday life. Every morning, I get up and proudly pull on my eight-year jacket to snuggle up in as I wait for the bus. I pass my photos and crafts that hang on the

wall, and smile as I think of my friends who were with me singing and laughing as we strung beads, wove bracelets, and painted or drew. I text or Instagram nearly daily with groups of friends from all over the country and even the world, all the way to Israel, because of Camp Livingston. My sisters and I know all the good songs to sing when we celebrate Shabbat with our family, insisting that the Livingston versions are the best.

This year my youngest sister finally got to spend the night at camp as a camper, after years of watching her seven older siblings prepare and pack up to go. She wasn't nervous the way so many first time campers were, she knew what a wonderful time she would have because of our sharing.

My younger sisters are finishing their yearlong b'nai mitzvah season. It is always wonderful to welcome our camp friends into our home synagogue, Keneseth Israel. As it is also wonderful to be able to walk into many synagogues all over the region and feel at home not only with the handful of people we know, but the songs, the service and customs.



Rachel Halasz, Lucy Calderon, Lilah Weiss and Carly Schwartz  
PHOTO BY CAMP LIVINGSTON STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

My brother just left for college. He was a bundle of nerves. On his way to college, he stopped on the drive up at another college to share a bagel with another nervous, incoming freshman, someone he met at Camp Livingston. They parted, hugged, and said, "I love you, man."

Camp Livingston provides a keshet, connection, to Judaism in a way that my family, local community, and synagogue can't. The way that Shabbat connects us to God in a way that the other six days of the week cannot.

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## High School of Jewish Studies Expands Program

by Sarah Harlan, Principal  
High School of Jewish Studies

There are some exciting changes afoot at Louisville's High School of Jewish Studies. With the first day of classes just a few weeks away on Sunday, September 11, faculty and staff are gearing up to not only welcome the school's first 11th graders to the program, but to launch some exciting new electives.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Foundation of Louisville and a special allocation from the Jewish Federation, HSJS will be in the second cohort of supplemental community high schools to compete on the national level in the annual Moot Beit Din competition. Think Jewish Mock Trial.

Once the exclusive purview of Jewish day schools, Moot Beit Din offers an opportunity for students not only to become deeply immersed in rabbinic law, but to practice argument and debate skills while building their college resumes (and having a great time in the

process).

This past year, two of our fellow supplemental schools participated in the competition; one school took second place in its division and the other team won the *ruach* prize for the entire competition.

HSJS is confident that we will join our fellow NAACCHHS (North American Association of Community and Congregational Hebrew High Schools) schools and represent the Louisville Jewish community well next March 16-19.

Rabbi Michael Wolk will be our primary *halakhic* expert and the Honorable Jennifer Liebson will serve as our argument/mock trial coach.

If you're the parent of a Jewish high school student who's not yet registered, it's not too late! Go to [www.louisville-hsjs.org/register](http://www.louisville-hsjs.org/register) to make sure your kids can be a part of the exciting Jewish learning and growth that's happening at HSJS. For questions, contact Sarah Harlan at [hsjssarah@gmail.com](mailto:hsjssarah@gmail.com).

## HURLER

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— especially in Brooklyn, the borough nearly all the players call home, where being different is common and cultural quirks proliferate.

At a Sunday birthday brunch for a player on one of Jacob's previous teams, the host's parents had kosher food delivered, so the Steinmetzes wouldn't eat alone. On another team, the first hotel the Steinmetzes stayed at for a Long Island tournament dispatched a shuttle van to the field with their food cooler and baseball equipment after learning that father and son would be walking.

One Bluestorm parent, Lynn Anderson, is a Lutheran who grew up in Sunset Park, a few neighborhoods from the field in the Gravesend section of Brooklyn. She remembers switching electrical appliances on and off on Shabbat for observant Jewish neighbors. Her late father, Alvik Kongevold, was a Norway native and a carpenter who serviced many Jewish clients.

Anderson's son, Jakob, a Bluestorm pitcher, knows of tolerance firsthand: At the Catholic school he attends in Brooklyn, the boy is neither forced to receive Communion nor made to feel bad for abstaining.

"My parents always conveyed the message that if you can help someone, help them," Anderson says. "Be generous, because it comes back tenfold."

Kindness flows, too, from Tim Peguero, whose nephew, pitcher Danny Corona, was dominating early on this night.

"It's family helping family," Peguero, whose family is Dominican and Catho-

lic, says of the club's assisting Jacob.

The team is "a good mixture," he continues. "I don't see it as one race over another. I don't see it as one kid white, one black, one Spanish. We're all Bluestorm."

While recruiting Jacob last year, Danny Corona's father and the team's head coach, also named Danny, altered the winter regimen: Batting practice was moved from Friday night to Wednesday evening, and fielding practice from Saturday morning to Sunday.

Steinmetz had told the elder Corona and fellow coach Matt Digrigioli early on that "we don't expect any changes" and that making it all work is "our problem, not yours."

The efforts exerted, the offers extended, the tasks performed — all aim to benefit the quiet seventh-grader who loves baseball and hopes to earn an athletic scholarship to college.

The adults and kids say they respect Jacob's commitment both to baseball and Judaism, and know the latter comes first.

The Steinmetzes' example "displays how they enjoy their faith and how [Jacob] enjoys playing baseball. I find it impressive that they find a way to make it work," says Devan Kodali of Manhattan, a center fielder and pitcher whose dad is an immigrant from India and whose mom is Syrian and Italian.

Says Devan's father, J.V., of the Steinmetzes: "They're showing the self-discipline and motivation to do both together."

More mixing and explaining are upcoming: Jacob's bar mitzvah is scheduled for Labor Day. He's inviting the entire team.

**J TEEN CONNECTION** JEWISH YOUTH GRADES 6-8

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# NEWSMAKERS

*Louisville Business First* featured **Via Studio** as one of the healthiest employers of 2016. The company offers free hour-long yoga every Wednesday and on alternating weeks, offers boot camp style workouts from **The J. Via Studio** is a digital agency branding marketing, design and development/programming firm.

**Chef Allan Rosenberg** is developing the menu for a new pizza place near the Big Four Bridge called Parlour. Rosenberg is working on choices like wood-fire-cooked pizza with vegetables, some of which cooked on site, and meat cured in-house.

*Business First* said **Louis Waterman** is one of Kentucky's most prominent family law figures in its July issue. Waterman is an attorney at Goldberg Simpson and has even edited the amicus curae brief of Kentucky's section in the Supreme Court's same-sex marriage case in 2015.

**Louann Atlas** was featured in *Busi-*

*ness First's* People to Know section. Atlas is the vice president and senior client consultant at Charitable Management Services, **Fifth Third Bank**. She's held her current position for over 19 years and says she has the opportunity each day to work with great clients in the not-for-profit sector. She says she's found a career that lets her give back to the communities that Fifth Third Bank serves every day.

**Republic Bank** is represented in the People to Know section of *Business First* by **Lisa Butcher** is the senior vice president/manager of private banking at Republic Bank. Butcher has over 22 years of experience in the banking industry and says what inspires her is her husband and the desire to volunteer and give back to her community.

**Louisville Plate Glass Inc.** announced on July 25 that the Miramar, FL-based Aldora Aluminum and Glass Products has acquired the Louisville-based glass manufacturing compa-

ny. LPG president **Bill Stone** and other investors purchased the Creations Garden building where they plan to expand. LPG has been in Louisville for 105 years.

Underhill Associates LLC hired **Liz-zie Tasch-Cohen** as a real estate agent.

**Dr. Robert Mann** is now president of the Louisville Dental Society for 2016-2017.

**Eric Schwartz** graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine class of 2016 Cum Laude and with election to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. Schwartz is currently doing an Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is the son of Tamar and Rick Schwartz. He is the grandson of Nira Riback and the late Yair Riback, Irv Schwartz and Rhoda Schwartz.

**Joe Flaksman**, 34, son of Sandy Flaksman, won Best Cinematography at the 2016 48-Hour Film Festival for *Blackout*. His colleague, **Rob Bertrees**, won best music for the same film.

**Matthew Saltzman**, CEO of Pallas Partners, is opening a New York City branch, which is expected to increase the company's access to resources and capital, according to *Business First*. Pallas Partners works with businesses as an advisory and investment firm.

**Jeffrey P. Callen**, M.D., chief of the Division of Dermatology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, was elected to serve on the Accreditation review Committee of the Accreditation Council of Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). His two-year term begins December 1.

**Elizabeth Weinberg** has been named a Hoosier Jewish Legend. She'll be honored at the Hoosier Jewish Legends Awards recognizing Hoosiers who have made a significant impact on cultural heritage in Indiana on Sunday, October 23 at noon at Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis.

**Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation**, part of KentuckyOne Health, is pleased to announce the appointment of two new board members, **Neville Blakemore** and **Elizabeth McKune, EdD**.

**Jewish Hospital** and **University of Louisville Hospital**, both part of KentuckyOne Health, were among a select group of hospitals nationwide recognized for promoting enrollment in state organ donor registries in a national campaign sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The campaign has added 400,000 donor enrollments to state registries nationwide since 2011.

Both Hospitals conducted awareness and registry campaigns to educate staff, patients, visitors and community members about the critical need for organ, eye and tissue donors, and by doing so, increased the number of potential donors on the state's donor registry.

Of the 995 hospitals and transplant centers participating in the campaign, 281 facilities were awarded platinum recognition during this phase of the campaign.

**Jewish Hospital**, part of KentuckyOne Health, has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the best hospitals for 2016-17 for its heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and hip replacement procedures. The facility was named a "High Performing" hospital.

"U.S. News evaluates nearly 5,000 hospitals nationwide," said Ben Harder, chief of health analysis, U.S. News. "A hospital that emerged from our analysis as one of the best has much to be proud of."

**Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Kentuckiana** was chosen as one of the best places to work by *Business First*. **Jeri Swinton** is the CEO.

# TEEN TOPICS

Abigail Geller, Ava Schumacher, Lilli Russman, Carly Schwartz, Alayna Borowick, Ashley Waller.



## BBYO Elections

On Sunday, August 21, Louisville BBYO held elections for their Fall/Winter 2016 Term. The teens gathered together by chapter, and elected an incredible group of leaders who will work in unison to run the chapter meetings, hold chapter events and programs, and recruit new members.

Drew Corson AZA #2329's new board includes Godol (president) Joey Schuster, S'gan (vice president) Zev Meyerowitz, Shaliach (Jewish heritage vice president) Andrew Tuvlin, Moreh (recruitment vice president) Max Strull, Mazkir (secretary) Isaac Wolff, Gizbor (head of fundraising) Levi Wolff and Kohane Godol (past president) Hunter Borowick.

Jay Levine BBG #1508's new board includes, N'siah (president) Abigail Geller, S'ganit (vice president) Ava Schumacher, Sh'lichah (Jewish heritage vice president) Carly Schwartz, Morah (recruitment vice president) Lilli Russman, Gizborit (head of fundraising) Alayna Borowick, Mazkirah (secretary) Tovah Frocht and Madricha (past president) Ashley Waller.



Levi Wolff, Isaac Wolff, Andrew Tuvlin, Max Strull, Zev Meyerowitz, Joey Schuster, and Hunter Borowick

This term promises to be an exciting one, with these boards in place. From chapter events to conventions, Louisville BBYO is in good hands with these teens running the show. Keep an eye out for the upcoming calendar of events, which will be announced within the next couple of weeks.

If you have any questions about Louisville BBYO, have a teen who is interested in joining, or are a grown-up teen who is interested in getting involved again, please reach out to Kari Semel, 502-238-2701, or ksemel@jewishlouisville.org.

## Next YAD First Shabbat Is Sept. 2

On August 5, YAD hosted a Shabbat Sha-lympics First Friday Shabbat with 30 young adults. All of the food and drinks were Brazilian themed, prizes were given for best costume and guests donate school supplies for the JFCS Back2School Drive. YAD hosts a Shabbat dinner on the First Friday of every month.

The next First Friday will be a Food Justice Shabbat Dinner on September 2 at 7:30. At this interactive, engaging meal focusing on food justice in Louisville, you will learn how you can be involved in the new Fresh Stop location at The J and get to know others who are working with food justice issue locally.

You will also enjoy a delicious meal sourced from several Fresh Stop shares.



Space is limited, so RSVP by August 31 for location information. If you are interested in attending or hosting, please contact Benji at bberlow@jewishlouisville.org.

## CHAVURAT SHALOM



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

### September 1

Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky will present an update on Jewish Hospital

### September 8

Grandparents' Day

### September 15

TBA

### September 22

Nada Loutfi, a classical pianist will perform

### September 29

Danny Fortier and Ben Kennedy will speak about the Humana Social Isolation Project.

A healthy and nutritious lunch is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Vegetarian or vegan meals are available for \$5 upon request in advance. Walk-ins welcome, but to ensure that a lunch is available for you, RSVP by Monday of the week you plan to attend to The Temple, 423-1818 or email Sarah Harlan at sarahharlan86@gmail.com.

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

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

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# AROUND TOWN

## Saturday Torah Study at The Temple

Saturdays year round, The Temple holds a Torah study in Fishman Library from 9-10 a.m. before morning service. Coffee, bagels and other treats will be provided. Rabbi David Ariel-Joel leads the study group.

## KI Holds Children's Shabbat Service

Keneseth Israel holds a children's service on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join KI for a high energy service with stories, singing, prayers, Torah and learning. The service concludes with a Kiddush over juice and Motzi over challah. The children will then join the congregation in the main sanctuary to lead "Ein Keloheinu" and "Adon Olam."

For more information contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or call 502-459-2780.

## NCJW Announces Bag Sale

The National Council of Jewish Women Louisville chapter will have a bag sale Friday, August 26, and Saturday, August 27, at the Nearly News Shop at Mid City Mall. Pay \$20 to stuff your bag full of anything at the shop other than jewelry. For more information, visit <http://ncjw-lou.org/>.

## The Temple Presents Peace by Piece Concert

The Temple's will present Peace by Piece, a free concert on Sunday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Waller Chapel. The concert will feature an expanded Shir Chadash – The Temple's intergenerational choir, under the direction of Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks, and Temple Music Director Dr. Louie Bailey, as well as special guests: Saudi Students' Organization Dancers, as well as Paola Andre's band featuring Daniela Carrion.

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, featuring mystical music and dazzling dancing, is dedicated to promoting all forms of peace – inner and outer, local and global.

Thanks to the generosity of the Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks Fund for Music, there will be no charge for attending this wonderful concert. Let the melodious sounds stir your soul and fill you with Shalom | Salaam | Peace.

After the concert, there will be a Middle Eastern Dinner at 7 p.m. for only \$5 per person. RSVP required (for dinner only) 423-1818.

## Melton Student Orientation at AJ

New and prospective Melton students are invited to two Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning open house and orientation sessions. Choose between Tuesday, August 30, 6:30-9 p.m. and Thursday, September 1, 9:30 a.m.-noon.

Stop by Adath Jeshurun at those times to pick up books, additional information, meet members of the faculty and other new students.

If you are still thinking about making a commitment to Jewish learning, registration information and application forms will be available at both orientation sessions. For information, email Deborah Slosberg: [dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com) or call 502-458-5359. Melton orientation is open to the community.

## Wednesday Torah Study at The Temple

Join Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport and guest rabbis every Wednesday throughout the summer from 10:50 a.m.-noon for talks on the Torah, Jewish history, Israel and more. For more information contact The Temple at 502-423-1818.

## KI Holds Jews and Brews Torah Study

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, taught by Rabbi Michael Wolk, meets weekly and is open to the public. For more details, contact Yonatan Yussman at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or call 502-459-2780.

## Art Exhibit to Feature Cozad "Terry" Taylor

The former leader of Intefaith Paths to Peace, Cozad "Terry" Taylor, will show his artwork in an exhibit at Drepung Gomang Center on Wednesday, August 31, from 5-7 p.m.

Taylor began keeping a year-long visual journal of his spiritual journey on September 1, 2015 and now has 366 hand-painted tiles to show for it. He painted each six-inch square white ceramic tile with red, blue and yellow alcohol inks, and manipulated the ink with a variety of tools. Photographs of each tile are posted in a public album on the Cozad Terry Taylor Facebook page.

Taylor says, "The process is much like the spiritual journey itself: a conversation with the unknowable. Whatever I intend to do creatively is literally responded to by the tile and inks, which seemed to have minds of their own. (I am reminded of the aphorism that if you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans.) The back and forth interaction between my spirit and the creative impulse of tile and ink feels like a Buddhist pilgrimage."

Each of the tiles will be exhibited with the date on which it was created. For \$10, choose one you like to mark a birthdate, significant memory or anniversary for a loved one or yourself.

Half of all proceeds benefit the mission of Drepung Gomang Center for Engaging Compassion. For further information, please email [DrepungGomangCompassion@gmail.com](mailto:DrepungGomangCompassion@gmail.com) or call the center at 502-614-5616.

## Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wolk

Join Rabbi Michael Wolk at The Bristol on Main Street on the first Thursday of each month at noon for a lunch and learn. The next Lunch and Learn is on Thursday, September 1. The class is free. If you'd like lunch you will need to pay for that. RSVP to [rsvp@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:rsvp@kenesethisrael.com) or call 502-459-2780. For more details contact Yonatan Yussman at 502-459-2780.

## Food Justice Shabbat Dinner

New Roots and YAD will have a First Friday Food Justice Shabbat Dinner on September 2, at 7:30 p.m. The dinner will be an interactive, engaging meal focusing on food justice in Louisville. Learn about how to be involved in the new Fresh Stop location at The J, get to know others who are working with food justice issues here in Louisville, and have a delicious meal sourced from several Fresh Stop Shares.

Space is limited. RSVP requested by August 31 to Benji Berlow at [bberlow@jewishlouisville.org](mailto:bberlow@jewishlouisville.org)

## Women of Temple Shalom Host Thursday Yoga

The Women of Temple Shalom will host yoga with Lisa Flannery of Yoga Loft on Thursdays, September 1 and 15. Classes meet at 6:30 p.m., and are open to all women and girls over the age of 10. Participants should bring a mat. The cost is \$10 per class and Flannery provides modifications for all poses. Reservations are requested a day before the classes by calling Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739. If you have questions, ask for Susan Glazer.

## AJ Celebrates Birthdays and Anniversaries

Adath Jeshurun will celebrate September birthdays and anniversaries on Saturday, September 3. Anyone with a September birthday or anniversary is invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services, which beginning at 9:30 a.m.

## New Student Retreat Kicks Off HSJS School Year

The High School of Jewish Studies will kick off its 2016/17 school year with a new student retreat on Monday, September 5 at 4 p.m. at The J.

Classes start Sunday, September 11, at 12:30 p.m. at Jewish Family & Career Services. You can still register at <http://www.louisvillehsjs.org/register/>.

If you have questions, contact Sarah Harlan at [hsjssarah@gmail.com](mailto:hsjssarah@gmail.com).

## Jewish Learning Center Opens in Louisville

A new resource for Jewish education will open on Tuesday, September 6, at 1110 Dupont Cir. The Jewish Learning Center will host the Louisville Jewish Day School; Gan Torah Preschool; J-Learn, an innovative style of teaching which seeks to educate, empower and inspire students of all ages; and JLI, the internationally acclaimed Jewish Learning Institute.

Beginning in early 2017, the Jewish Learning Center will also host a chapter of Friendship Circle, which is a program specifically aimed at providing support, friendship and inclusion to children with special needs.

J-Learn will also link modern innovative teaching methods with the classic concept of having a study partner, or chavruta. Beginning Thursday September 15, this unique style of study will be available each Thursday night from 7-8 p.m. In this program, the rabbis and rebbetzins of Chabad will be available to partner for an hour of personalized Torah Study. It could be a one to one learning experience, a class or meditation, or even an audio-visual presentation and discussion. Other times can also be arranged.

To find out more about JLearn, call Rabbi Avrohom Litvin at 502-235-5770 or visit [chabadky.com/JLearn](http://chabadky.com/JLearn). An open house is planned for Sunday, September 25, from 4-6 p.m.

## KI Offers Torah Yoga

Keneseth Israel provides yoga with Lisa Flannery, of Yoga Loft, and Cantor Hordes on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at KI. This is an in-depth, comparative look at the Jewish and yogic traditions, looking at ways in which these two wonderful traditions support each other and share many commonalities.

In addition to discussion, the workshops always offers an experiential component, such as yoga, meditation and breathing practices.

The next yoga session is on Thursday, September 8. KI Yoga is free and open to the public.

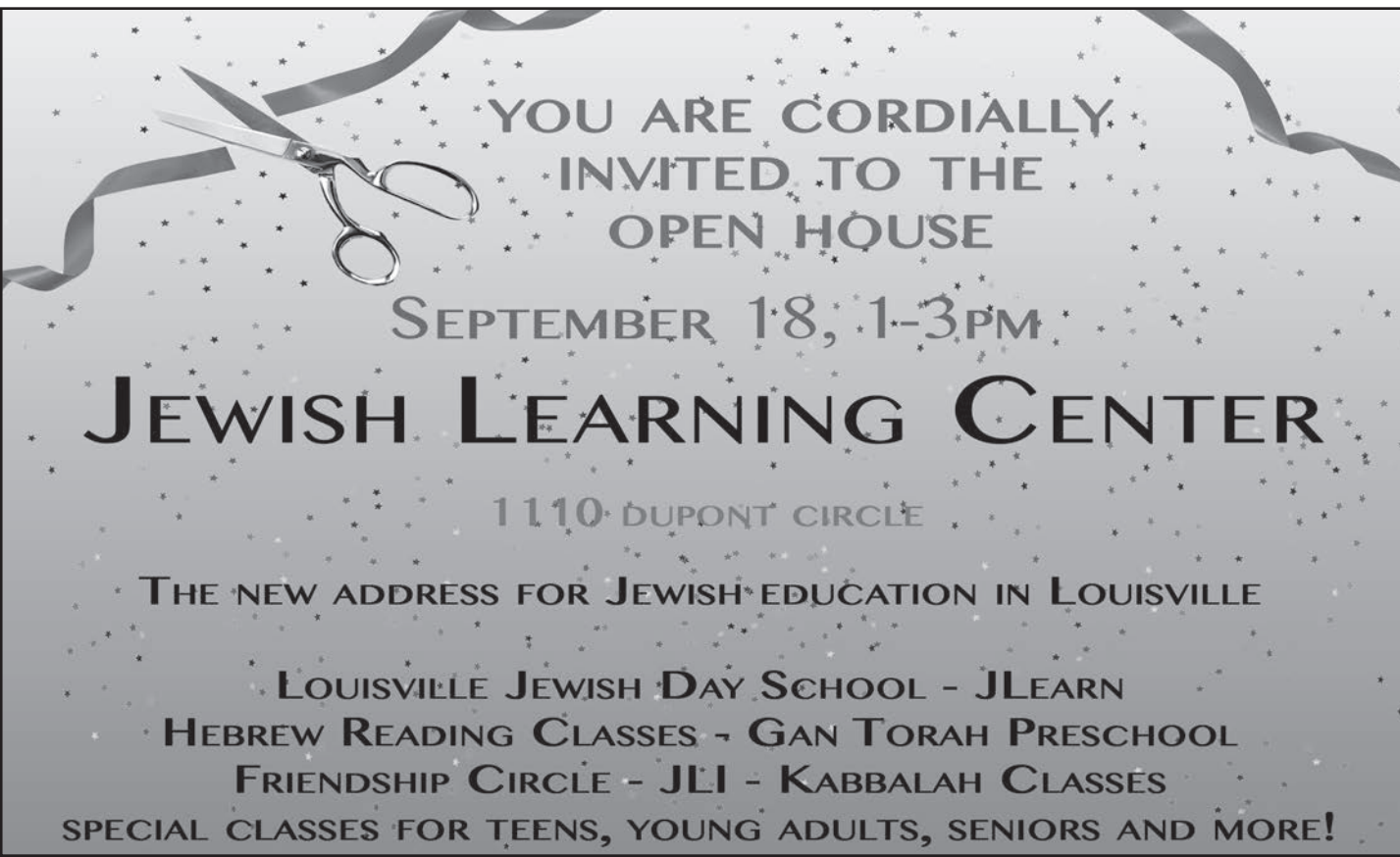
For more details contact Yonatan Yussman, executive director, at [yyussman@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:yyussman@kenesethisrael.com) or 502-459-2780.

## AJ Holds Grandparents Shabbat

Adath Jeshurun grandparents are invited to the AJ bimah on Saturday, September 10, for an aliyah in their honor. Grandchildren are invited to accompany their grandparents. The service begins at 9:30 a.m.

## Murray Toborowsky is Next AJ Shabbat Scholar

Adath Jeshurun will feature Murray Toborowsky as the next Shabbat Scholar on Saturday, September 10, after the Kiddush lunch. Toborowsky will speak on the Jewish involvement following Lincoln's assassination and questioning



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whether or not Lincoln was Jewish.

On Saturday, September 24, Frank Schwartz will lead a discussion on the "Congregational prayers said between the end of the Torah service and Musaf service on Shabbat morning." The community is welcome to attend.

## Homeland Security and Louisville Is the Topic at Temple Shalom Men's Club Brunch

Captain Michael Zamperini will discuss homeland security as it relates to the safety of Louisville's waterways at the Sunday, September 11, meeting of the Temple Shalom Men's Club. The community is invited to the 10 a.m. brunch meeting.

In addition to working with the Department of Homeland Security, Zamperini's responsibilities include maritime security, search and rescue, safety and environmental protection for more than 3,000 miles of navigable waterways.

The cost is \$5. RSVP to Temple Shalom by Thursday, September 8.

## Holocaust Story Sharing Workshop Planned

The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts will host a Holocaust story sharing workshop for children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors on Sunday, September 18, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Todd Hall. The workshop is supported by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. For further information, please contact Jeff Jamner at [jjamner@kentuckycenter.org](mailto:jjamner@kentuckycenter.org) or 502-566-5203. (See story page 9)

## AJ Offers Pre-High Holy Day Workshop

Rabbi Laura Metzger will lead a pre-High Holy Day workshop on Sundays, September 18 and 25 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Roth Family Board Room at Adath Jeshurun. The workshop subject is "Pentence - What it means, how to do it" and is free of charge.

To reserve your space, please contact Deborah Slosberg at 502-458-5359 or [dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com).

## KI Family Fall Festival Is September 18

The Keneseth Israel Family Fall Festival will be Sunday, September 18, from 3-5 p.m. at KI. There will be bounce houses, corn hole, hair and face painting, music and much more.

The cost is \$20 per family. Tickets include one meal and drink per person, plus all the games and music. RSVP to [sluggercallam@att.net](mailto:sluggercallam@att.net) or call 502-458-0687.

## Women of Temple Shalom Opening Meeting Set

Women in the community are invited to join the Women of Temple Shalom at their opening meeting on Sunday, September 18, from 5-7 p.m. at Temple Shalom.

WOTS will welcome Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner and learn about sisterhood programs planned for the year. \$36 dues must be paid that evening, and membership is open to all women who are interested in joining.

Chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dessert, side dish, appetizer or salad to share. Reservations are requested by Friday, September 16 by calling Temple Shalom, 502-458-4739. Direct questions to Susan Glazer.

## Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation at AJ Is for Families

Join Deborah Slosberg on Saturday, September 24, at 10:30 a.m. for a Short & Sweet Jr. Congregation at Adath Jeshurun. Short & Sweet is a family service for students in grades K-7, their parents and grandparents. The community

is invited.

## Young Adult Group Will Attend Downs After Dark

The Temple's Young Adult Group (ages 22-33) will attend Churchill Downs Downs After Dark on Saturday, September 24. Dinner will be held at a location TBD at 5:30 p.m. and racing will begin at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by September 1 at [www.thetemplelouky.org](http://www.thetemplelouky.org).

## AJ Annual Cemetery Service

Pay tribute to loved ones during the annual Adath Jeshurun Cemetery Service on Sunday, September 25, at 11 a.m. The service takes place in the Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, 2926 Preston Highway.

## Basketball Tournament Supporting Beber Camp Scholarship Fund

David Bornstein will host a series of basketball games at The J's upper gym beginning 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, for his Pledge 13 Bar Mitzvah project. All money raised will go to the Beber Camp Scholarship fund. There will be knock out contests, free throw contests and more. A minimum \$5 donation is requested. Everyone is welcome to play. If interested, email Shifrah Bornstein at [shiffey@aol.com](mailto:shiffey@aol.com) or call 502-802-3995.

## AJ Introduces Wise Aging Peer Groups

Adath Jeshurun and Jewish Family & Career Services, with financial support from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, are partnering to pilot Wise Aging peer groups. Each group will meet regularly over several months to talk, learn, share and explore together what it means to grow older with intention and how to live life fully in the process.

If you are interested in finding out more and joining one of the pilot groups this fall, come to Adath Jeshurun on Sunday, September 25 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. for an informational gathering session.

## AJ Hosts a Sukkot Family Dinner in the Sukkah

Adath Jeshurun invites the community to a Sukkot family dinner and fun-filled celebration on Sunday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. The dinner is \$10 for adults. Children eat free. Advance reservations are required and can be made by visiting [www.adathjeshurun.com/sukkot-dinner](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/sukkot-dinner) or by calling the Adath Jeshurun office at 502-458-5359. Free sitter service is available, however, advance reservations are required.

## AJ Hosts Simchat Torah Klezmer Remix

Adath Jeshurun invites everyone to come celebrate Simchat Torah on Monday, October 24, at AJ. There will be a catered pizza bar, ice cream and a Simchat Torah service accompanied by the Klezmer band, The Lost Tribe.

The evening will begin with a 5:45 minyan service, followed by a catered pizza bar and ice cream at 6 p.m. and will conclude with a Simchat Torah Service at 6:45 p.m.

The event is open to adults and children of all ages and the community is invited. Advance reservations are required for the dinner. Adults are \$10 and children eat free. Reservations can be made by visiting [www.adathjeshurun.com/remix](http://www.adathjeshurun.com/remix). Free sitter service is available, however, advance reservations are required.

## AJ and Louisville Melton Offer 2017 Israel Trip

Rabbi Robert and Deborah Slosberg will lead the 2017 Louisville Melton Israel trip from February 27 through March 9, 2017. This trip is open to both Melton and non-Melton travelers who enjoy in-

depth educational travel and fine dining.

Enjoy daily adventures and exploration of Israel's sites. All travel takes place in luxury coaches to ensure safety and comfort. For more information, please contact Rabbi Slosberg at [rabbi@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:rabbi@adathjeshurun.com) or 502-458-5359.

## AJ Presents 2017 Jewish Heritage Cruise

Adath Jeshurun presents a 2017 Jewish Heritage Cruise of Scandinavia and

# Congregations Begin High Holy Day Season with Selichot Programs, Services

All local congregations will be marking Selichot, the official start to the High Holy Day season with programs and services late on Saturday night, September 24 or early Sunday morning, September 25. Traditionally, this is the first time the special holiday melodies will be heard this year.

The following information was provided by the congregations.

## Adath Jeshurun

Saturday, September 24  
8 p.m. Havdallah followed by Americana Community Center presentation and music.

9:30 p.m. Refreshments  
10 p.m. Traditional Selichot Service

At Adath Jeshurun, Selichot is an opportunity to learn about local organizations doing mitzvot. This year, the Americana Community Center will visit. Americana is a non-profit organization that provides services to Louisville refugees, immigrants and those born in the U.S. Learn about this great organization and enjoy wonderful music. The Stuart A. Handmaker L'Dor Vador Fund for helped make this program possible.

This program is free of charge and open to the community. For more information, please call the AJ office at 458-5359.

## Anshei Sfard

No information available.

Russia. The Regal Princess will set sail July 5-16. Ports include Copenhagen (Denmark), Oslo (Norway), Berlin (Germany), Tallinn (Estonia), St. Petersburg (Russia) and Stockholm (Sweden). Cruise fare is \$3,074 per person, double-occupancy for a category BB cabin, subject to change. Airfare is additional.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Slosberg at 458-5359 or [rabbi@adathjeshurun.com](mailto:rabbi@adathjeshurun.com).

## Chabad House

Sunday, September 25  
1 a.m.  
Selichos Service

## Keneseth Israel

Saturday, September 24  
9 p.m. Music program  
10 p.m. Selichot services

KI's musically-talented teens will present a special concert, performing their favorite pieces from a variety of genres. Local jazz guitarist Pat Lentz will accompany Cantor Sharon Hordes during the service, using traditional and contemporary melodies.

## The Temple

Saturday, September 24  
7:30 p.m. Oneg  
8 p.m. Service  
9 p.m. Tikkun Selichot.

The Temple's Tikkun Selichot will be a text study with Amy-Jell Levine.

## Temple Shalom

8 p.m. Program  
Refreshments and service to follow.

Temple Shalom's program will be "Spiritually Preparing for the High Holidays." All are welcome and there is no charge for this event. Please RSVP to 502-458-4739 to ensure there is enough food for all.



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- Auschwitz - Birkenau
- Meet young adults building Jewish Budapest
- Budapest city sites including the Castle District
- Dohany synagogue
- Budapest Jewish Quarter
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- Boat tour on Danube
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- 4★ Regency Suites Hotel (Budapest)
- 5★ Kempinski Hotel Corvinus (Budapest)

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## B'nai Mitzvah

### Alexander Jacob Norton

Alexander Jacob Norton, son of Kimberly and Scott Norton and brother of Benjamin, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, September 3, at 10:30 a.m., at The Temple.



Norton is a seventh grader at Louisville Collegiate Middle School where he is a member of the middle school rock band, and the lacrosse, basketball, and golf teams.

This was his fourth year attending camp at GUCI (Goldman Union Camp Institute) where he loves spending a portion of his summers with his friends. He loves playing guitar, spending time with his friends and is an avid sports fan.

Norton is participating in various activities to feed those in need including the West End School, Ronald McDonald House and the homeless. In addition, he has volunteered his time playing guitar for Sunrise nursing home and family Shabbat at the Temple.

Norton and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.

### Anna Elizabeth Cohen

Anna Elizabeth Cohen, daughter of Kelly and Glenn Cohen and sister of William and Frances, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, September 24, at 10:30 a.m., at The Temple.



Cohen is the granddaughter of Elece Cohen, Barbara and the late Norton Cohen, as well as Liz and Cliff Todd.

She is in the 8th grade at Kentucky Country Day School where she is a member of the Lacrosse and Volleyball teams, and is a yellow-belt in Karate. Cohen enjoys spending her summers hanging out with her friends, vacationing with her family, spending days at the pool and attending Camp Green Cove. Cohen and her family invite the community to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah and the Kiddush luncheon following the service.

### Rebecca Ciriano

Rebecca Ciriano will be having her Bat Mitzvah on September 17,



2016 at 6 p.m. at the Temple.

Ciriano is the daughter of Steve and Julie Ciriano and the older sister of Hannah and Maya Ciriano; granddaughter of Richard and Myrna Cohen and Joe and Marian Ciriano.

She is in eighth grade at Westport Middle School in the Montessori Program.

Ciriano is active in the Beta club, Quick Recall/Academic team and Future Problem Solvers. She also plays soccer for Westport and has attended Camp Livingston for the past two summers.

Ciriano is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program volunteering at an At-Risk School helping children with reading.

She and her family invite the community to celebrate her bat mitzvah with them.

### Robert Caleb Peter

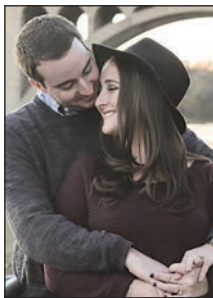
Robert Caleb Peter, son of Margot and Steve Peter, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, September 10, at 10 a.m. at the Vassar Temple in Poughkeepsie, NY. Peter is the grandson of Rich Peter, of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., and Maggie Wise Riley, of Louisville.

## Wedding

### Tiell/Hodin

Judy and Bob Tiell are pleased to announce the marriage of their son Scott to Lindsay Hodin, daughter of Cathy and Dan Hodin of North Potomac, MD. The wedding will take place on September 4, in Annapolis, MD, officiated by Rabbi Adam Raskin of Congregation Har Shalom.

Scott and Lindsay live in Washington DC. Lindsay is a mental health therapist with the Lourie Center and Scott is an associate with HawkPartners, a marketing strategy firm.



## Special Anniversary

### Teddy and Suzanne Gordon

Teddy and Suzanne Gordon celebrated 50 years of marriage on August 21. They were married at Temple Adath Israel in Lexington.

Teddy is an eminent attorney in Louisville and Suzanne recently retired from Adath Jeshurun Pre-School after 30 years.

They're parents of Abby (Jim Van Nort) and Hillary Miles (Linda), and the proud grandparents of Joshua, Warren and Rachel.

They celebrated their anniversary on a Viking River Cruise through Hungary, Austria and Germany.



## Obituaries

### Dr. George C. Sivak

Dr. George 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 (Barbara), Cheryl and Gary (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 & Janet Meyer Food Pantry at Jewish Family & Career Services.



### Ann Carole Hertz

Ann Carole Hertz (Arena) (Horsey), 73, of Jeffersonville, formerly of Louisville, died Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at her home.

She was a native of Brooklyn, NY, born February 18, 1943 to the late Ida Sandler and Charles Hertz. Ann was a graduate of Perth Amboy (NJ) High School and School of Nursing in Newark, NJ.

During her career in nursing she was affiliated with Martland Medical Center (charge nurse of the Orthopedic Unit), the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Mercy Douglas Hospital (head nurse) and the psychiatric unit in Philadelphia, PA. In 1964, she married Paul Joseph Arena and lived a short time in San Antonio, TX before moving to Wichita, KS and Rochester, MN.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a brother; and her long time companion, Stephen S. Horsey.

She is survived by her son, Joey Arena (Natalie Schoenbaechler) and her daughter, Suzi Lazzari; and her grandchildren, Spencer and Sydney Lazzari.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Kentucky Humane Society or the Alley Theatre, 633 W. Main St., Louisville, KY 40202.

### Dora Kohn Garber

Dora Kohn Garber died peacefully at her home in Louisville on Thursday, July 28. She was 100 years old.

Garber lived her entire life in Louisville, 69 of those years, married to her husband, love and partner in life, Irv Garber. They owned Gabe's Pawn Shop at the corner of Preston and College Streets, traveled the world and raised three devoted children, Susan Garber Flack, Linda Garber Sternberg and Ed die Garber.

She is survived by her children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, as well as countless other family and friends.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hosparus or Dare to Care.

### Shirley Handmaker Jaffee

Shirley Handmaker Jaffee, age 80, beloved wife of Richard Jaffee; loving mother of Susan (David), Karen (Thomas), Nancy (William), and Daniel (Heidi); is also survived in the hearts of her 14 grandchildren: Jennifer, Michael, Kevin,



Jimmy, Nicole, Rebecca, Camille, Jeffrey, Taylor, Elise, Claire, Joey, Jacqueline, and Buddy; daughter of the late Helen and Nathan Handmaker; loving sister to Stanley (Nancy) and Robert (Phyllis); and missed by many, many more.

Jaffee's kindness spread joy and happiness to all whom she touched. A 1957 graduate from the University of Wisconsin, Madison with a degree in Elementary Education and a BSRN student at Loyola University Chicago, Jaffee worked as a first grade teacher in Hampton, VA.

She truly made the world a better place through a life dedicated to her family, community and ecumenical beliefs. Always charitably inclined, Shirley worked with the Chicago Foundation for Education, the Woman's Board of Rush University Medical Center, Clearbrook Center, Bears Care, Foundation Fighting Blindness, and Northwestern Memorial Hospice. She taught English as a Second Language classes and founded Chicagoland's first Girl Scouts of America troop for girls with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Jaffee was deeply loving of animals and trained her golden retriever, Daisy, as a service and therapy dog. Together they regularly visited elementary schools and assisted living facilities.

A celebration of Jaffee's life was held in Chicago.

Memorial donations can be made to the Chicago Foundation for Education (cfegrants.org 312-670-2323), the Woman's Board of Rush University Medical Center (thewomansboard.org 312-942-6513), or the CLL Global Research Foundation (cll-global.org). For info: 847-256-5700.

### Nancy Jane Sher

Nancy Jane Sher, 66 of New Albany, passed away Sunday, July 31.

Born July 7, 1950, Sher discovered a love of music early in life after being shown how to play the bass. Soon after, she discovered her love of teaching string orchestras and knew exactly how she wanted to spend her life.

Getting a Masters at University of Louisville, she spent nearly 40 years teaching at almost every school in the New Albany Floyd County School Corporation and beyond, inspiring and working with thousands of children over the years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rubin Sher, who worked with her for most of those years. Together they created beautiful music, and inspired generation after generation to find the music inside themselves.

Nancy and Rubin took school groups to Romania, Switzerland, and the esteemed Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago and were heavily involved in both the Louisville and Floyd County Youth Orchestras.

Always ready to laugh, Sher could find a light in the darkest time, and was always more concerned with the wellbeing of others than herself. Her light and her music will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her loving son, Sam, of Los Angeles; brother Jack, of New Albany; step-sons Michael (Paula) of Long Island, NY, and Martin (Kerry) of New Albany, IN; and grandsons David (Yukiko) and Benjamin (Denise).

Seabrook Dieckman & Naville Funeral Homes in New Albany handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the NAHS Orchestra, 1020 Vincennes St., New Albany, In 47150.

### Priscilla (Penny) Seiderman Diamond

Priscilla (Penny) Seiderman Diamond, wife of the late Ivan M. Diamond, passed away at her home



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# D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi David Feder  
Special to Community

Next week we begin the month of Elul, our month to begin preparing for the *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe, and the marathon of fall holidays. I think the recent Olympic games serve as a fitting analogy for this period of getting ready for this period of insight and reflection.

Most of the Olympic events can be measured in minutes, some in mere seconds. Preparing for these events takes considerably longer. Olympic athletes train for years in preparation for their participation. No detail is too small for consideration; no adjustment is too minor if it can lead to improvement.

As we examine our lives over the course of the past year, considering the times we missed the mark, reflecting on our failings and on our successes, we have the opportunity to begin making changes to our behavior. While we're not focused on tweaking our stance or turn or stride, we are looking at adjusting our readiness to listen, our preparedness to comfort and our build up to frustration. Just as Olympic athletes don't complete their training in mere weeks, making changes to our character requires time and attentiveness.

For each of the stars of the Rio Olympics, such as Michael Phelps, Simone Biles or Katey Ledecy, there are hundreds of athletes who participate in disciplines that receive little or no attention or who never move past the preliminary stage of their events. But they showed up, they participated.

In so many areas of life, we will never be stars. Few of us will be the smartest, the wealthiest or the most successful. The month of Elul is about showing up and being actively engaged in life and relationships. We might not be the best,

but we are working on getting better as parents, spouses, siblings, friends and co-workers. We're making strides, are being faster to respond and slower to anger.

Our sages tell us that Elul is an acronym for *Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li* – I am my beloved and my beloved is mine, referring to our relationship with God. It might be helpful instead to think of Elul as an acronym, for *Ani L'acheri V'acheri Li* – I am responsible to another and another to me. Our responsibilities extend beyond those we love and those with whom we are in close relationships to those who are neighbors, casual ac-

quaintances or even strangers.

If we look to one of the preliminary races in the women's 5000 meter, Abbey D'Agostino of the United States tripped and fell and in the process brought down Nikki Hamblin of New Zealand. Neither athlete had met the other prior to the race.

D'Agostino got up, then helped Hamblin up before trying to continue. D'Agostino's knee then buckled and Hamblin waited until her competitor was able to move on again. Both women were then able to finish the race, far outside their personal bests. But this really was a personal best for them and for all of us.

Reaching out to and supporting others, for no other reason other than they are human and in need or in pain is the real message of the month of Elul.

Elul is a reminder that we don't live a singular existence, but we live in relationship with others. Working on those relationships, practicing kindness and compassion, shouldering some of their burden and letting them shoulder ours is how we ought to learn the lessons of the Olympics as we prepare for the Days of Awe.

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Candles for Shabbat should be lit on Fridays, September 2 at 7:52 p.m., September 9 at 7:41 p.m., September 16 at 7:30 p.m., September 23 at 7:19 p.m. and September 30 at 7:08 p.m.

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*Editor's note: Rabbi David Feder (Reform) has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.*



Rabbi David Feder

## LIFECYCLE

surrounded by her children on Friday, August 5, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Diamond is survived by her daughter Elizabeth Diamond, of Baltimore, MD; her son Daniel Diamond and his wife, Laura, of Houston, TX; and five grandchildren, Zoe and Jilly Reck, of Baltimore, MD and Frank, Charlie and Harper Diamond of Houston, TX. She is also survived by her sister Susan Seiderman, of Coral Gables, FL.

Diamond was born on September 28, 1940, in Miami, FL, to her parents Emanuel and Miriam Seiderman of Coral Gables, FL. She graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in history and graduated Cum Laude with a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Louisville.

She was passionate about all of her interests and was continually engaged in learning new things. She had a very successful legal career where she ran her own practice for many years. Additionally, she had a wide variety of hobbies from riding horses, astrology, traveling with family and friends to painting and drawing. Some of Diamond's work was exhibited at local galleries.

A memorial service was held at The Temple. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Contributions may be made to the fol-

lowing charities: TheTempleLouKy.org, Mazon.org or DareToCare.org.

### Irving William Pittleman

Irving William Pittleman died Saturday, August 20.

He was the oldest and only son of Harry and Ida Pittleman and brother to Estelle Pittleman Chapman and Marilyn Pittleman Sweet.

Born in Detroit, MI, on October 27, 1923, Pittleman graduated from the University of Wisconsin where he lettered in football, track and baseball. It was at Wisconsin that he met his wife of 70 years, June Mortner Sandler.

After graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Wisconsin, he joined the Navy as an Ensign where he was able to continue studying at Harvard until he left the Navy, married June, and joined General Electric.

While at GE for more than 40 years, he worked initially in air conditioning and then refrigeration, where he rose to become general manager of marketing. He is credited with helping to establish the ice dispenser in a refrigerator door.

Pittleman then pursued a second career in commercial real estate. He was president of his HOA, his investment club, and played poker, golf and tennis regularly with friends.

He is survived by his children: Marcia, Ken, Steve and Ellen, and three

grandchildren, as well as his wife, June.

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The family requests that donations be made to either The Temple or the charity of your choice.



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## Job Opening Life & Legacy Program Coordinator

The Jewish Federation of Louisville is seeking a seasoned professional to serve as the local coordinator of the LIFE & LEGACY program. LIFE & LEGACY is a 4-year partnership program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) that assists communities across North America, through partnerships with Jewish Federations and Foundations to promote after-lifetime giving to benefit local Jewish day schools, synagogues, social service organizations and other Jewish entities. Through training, support and monetary incentives LIFE & LEGACY motivates Jewish organizations to secure legacy gifts, steward donors and integrate legacy giving into the philanthropic culture of the Jewish community.

### QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate should possess: Familiarity with the Jewish community, excellent oral and written communication skills, excellent organizational skills, ability to manage records and utilize Excel spreadsheets, understanding of endowment funding options, ability to coach, motivate and mentor legacy teams consisting of professional and lay leadership.

The candidate must be: Passionate about the Jewish community, committed to the concept of legacy giving, energetic, a self-starter, persistent, a relationship builder who enjoys working in a collaborative environment

### TO APPLY

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Stacy Gordon-Funk via email at sgordon-funk@jewishlouisville.org or via U.S. Postal Service at 3600 Dutchmans Lane • Louisville, Kentucky, 40205 by August 30th, 2016

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