



COMMUNITY

FRIDAY VOL. 42, NO. 3 ■ 23 KISLEV 5777 ■ DECEMBER 23, 2016

INSIDE

GFoundation Helps with Kasher Meals-on-Wheels
STORY ON PG. 17
Get Ready for Dreidel Dash
STORY ON CENTERPIECE PG. 1



MOMemtum

Sixteen Louisville Jewish mothers recently returned from the Jewish Women's Renaissance project MOMemtum Trip to Israel. For most, it was their first visit to Israel. For all, it was a tremendous opportunity to learn, grow and bond with other Jewish mothers. (See story, page 11.)



Chris Brice and Peter Resnik

Jewish Foundation Chairmanship Passes from Resnik to Brice

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

One of the best ways to ensure that the Louisville Jewish community will be able to thrive in the future is to have a strong foundation program that will provide the funding that will be needed to engage future generations with the kinds of programs that will be relevant to their needs.

As chair of the Jewish Foundation of Louisville for the last four years, Peter Resnik has worked hard to ensure that all the pieces are in place to yield the maximum benefit for the community. Now he is passing the torch to Chris Brice to follow through, bringing all the plans and programs to fruition.

"Over the last few years," Resnik said, "we reignited the committee." Today, it is a really solid committee that is a mix of long-term, committee leaders and newer, younger participants. Together they will work to build for the future.

During his tenure, the committee took a number of steps to move the Jewish Foundation forward. **see FOUNDATION page 12**

2017 Jewish Film Festival Starts February 4

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The J's annual Jewish Film Festival is right around the corner, and the hard-working Festival Committee, chaired by Keiley Caster, has put together a stellar lineup of films and events that will run from Saturday, February 4, through Sunday, February 26. The 2017

festival is made possible in part by Florence Morguelan, z"l.

Mark your calendars today. Unless otherwise indicated in the summaries, the films will be shown at the Village 8 Theatres and tickets are \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door and \$6 for students. Tickets will be available one hour before the show at the venue listed. Get your tickets at www.jewishlouisville.org/filmfestival or by calling 502-238-2771. Tickets can also be purchased in the JCC lobby.

The Jewish Film Festival kicks off with *In Search of Israeli Cuisine* on Saturday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. at **see FILM FEST page 4**

Kula Challenges Community to Accept Change, Work Together, Move Forward

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Rabbi Irwin Kula, the president of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL) is described as a thought leader who likes to rock the boat. The description proved apt when he came to Louisville for a well-attended open community forum held at Adath Jeshurun on Tuesday, November 29.

To set the stage, Rabbi Kula asked community members to imagine that they lived in the year 160 C.E. The **see KULA page 6**



Rabbi Irwin Kula

Wallace Retires as Editor of Community



Shiela Steinman Wallace

by Phyllis Shaikun
Special to Community

Writing an article about Shiela Steinman Wallace's retirement is like trying to summarize 26 years of incredible devotion and dedication to the Jewish community – and the community-at-large – in just a few paragraphs. Having had the honor of working with Shiela for 19 of those years, I can bear witness to her unceasing commitment to task and determination to keep her world abreast of anyone and anything of import.

She has rarely missed attending and reporting on any event **see WALLACE page 14**

PERIODICALS
POSTAGE
LOUISVILLE
KENTUCKY

INDEX

JCRC Update.....	2
Share the Love.....	2
Chanukah Message from Ruth Brinkley.....	4
Kosher Pop-Up Shabbat Market to Open.....	5
L'Dor Vador Gala.....	5
Calendar of Events.....	5
Lion of Judah Luncheon.....	6
MOSAICs.....	6
Pluralism Forum.....	7
Ladies Chanukah Party.....	8
Light Up CenterStage.....	9
Connecting with Culture.....	10
Interfaith Thanksgiving.....	13
Chottiner Named Interim Editor.....	14
JFNA General Assembly.....	15
Bob Sachs' Writing.....	19
New UofL Course.....	19
Teen Topics.....	21
Rabbi Simcha Snaid.....	21
Bellarmine Hillel Mitzvah Day.....	21
Glaze Ceiling.....	21
Newsmakers.....	22
Chavurat Shalom.....	23
Around Town.....	23
Lifecycle.....	25-27
D'var Torah.....	27

COMMUNITY

Community is published monthly by the Jewish Community of Louisville, Inc., 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205-3216.

USPS #020-068 at Louisville, KY.

The Jewish Community of Louisville is a nonprofit organization. \$26 of your pledge is for a subscription for Community. For more information, call 502-459-0660, fax 502-238-2724, e-mail jcl@jewishlouisville.org or check out the website www.jewishlouisville.org.

POSTMASTER – Send address changes to **Community**, 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205-3216.

COMMUNITY DEADLINES

Deadlines for the next two issues of **Community** for copy and ads are: January 18 for publication on January 27 and February 15 for publication on February 24.

Community publishes Newsmakers and Around Town items at no charge. Items must be submitted in writing. Please include your name and a daytime telephone number where you can be contacted in the event that questions arise. **Community** reserves the right to edit all submissions to conform to style and length requirements.

ADVERTISING INFORMATION

To advertise, please contact our sales representative at 502-418-5845 or e-mail communityadvertising@jewishlouisville.org.

The appearance of advertising in **Community** does not represent a kashruth endorsement.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Community accepts letters to the editor for publication. All letters must be of interest to the Jewish community or in response to an item published in the paper. They must be no longer than 300 words in length and signed. Name, address and daytime phone number must be included for verification purposes only.

Community reserves the right to refuse to publish any letter, to edit for brevity while preserving the meaning, and to limit the number of letters published in any edition.

Email your comments to: **Community**, Letters to the Editor, swallace@jewishlouisville.org.

To submit items to Newsmakers, Around Town or Lifecycle, please email them to newspapercolumns@jewishlouisville.org.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor/Communications Director
502-238-2703, swallace@jewishlouisville.org

Kristy Benefield
Community Subscriptions
502-238-2739, kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org

Ben Goldenberg
Marketing Director
502-238-2711, bgoldenberg@jewishlouisville.org

Bella Hodge
Sr. Graphic Designer & Web Manager
502-238-2778, bhodge@jewishlouisville.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Chair
Jay Klempner

JCL SENIOR STAFF

President & Chief Executive Officer
Sara Wagner

Vice President of Philanthropy
Stacy Gordon-Funk

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Ed Hickerson

Tax deductible contributions may be sent to Community, 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205



JCRC UPDATE

by Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council

Russian Involvement in our Elections

U.S. Intelligence Services have issued a report strongly suggesting that there was a Russian attempt to influence our elections, apparently with orders coming from the highest echelons of their government.

It is self-evident that our elections need to be free from foreign influence, and the idea that a foreign government attempted to influence the outcome of the election is unprecedented and very dangerous. The idea that it was this particular country should scare us all very much. Russian President Vladimir Putin is interested in gaining world power and his actions have a huge impact on the United States, Israel and Jewish communities worldwide.



Matt Goldberg

Russia is currently the main military force in Syria and is responsible for horrible acts of war that have left hundreds of thousands dead and millions homeless. In support of the Syrian Assad regime, Russia (along with Iran and Hezbollah), have leveled and decimated civilian areas all over the country. Just in the last three months, Russian bombardment of rebel held neighborhoods of Aleppo have turned the city into a wasteland, and thousands of civilians have been killed.

While Russia has a good relationship with Israel, their support of the Syrian

regime emboldens Iran and Hezbollah who have both sworn to Israel's destruction. In fact, Iran has transferred very sophisticated weapons to Hezbollah, all under the security umbrella that Russia provides.

In Ukraine, Russian soldiers and militias have occupied large sectors of eastern Ukraine, turning that part of the country into one big battlefield. President Putin's refusal to recognize the legitimacy of Ukraine's government and the territorial integrity of the country has again led to massacres of innocent people.

Ukraine has a very large Jewish population and they are caught in the cross-fire. Some Jews support Ukraine, others support Russia, but many of them live in a battlefield. There are many instances of elderly Jews being unable to get food and medicine because of a Russian supported insurgency. The Annual Campaign supported Joint Distribution Committee has sent in volunteers wearing protective helmets and bullet-proof vests just to deliver these necessary items to people.

Europe and the U.S. have very strong sanctions against Russia for their actions in Ukraine but it has not deterred them from their counterproductive actions that are negatively affecting a very large number of Jews in Eastern Europe.

It should be pointed out again that Russia has a very good relationship with Israel. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu visited Russia recently and they are in constant communication over airspace allowances over Syria. Additionally, President Putin has a very good relationship with the Jews of his country and can count many Jews as some of his closest confidants and staunchest supporters.

But his actions in the Middle East and Ukraine have left a large section of the

Jewish community feeling vulnerable, and we should feel particular disgust over the idea that this country's leadership tried to influence our presidential elections in the hope that a different president would be more favorably disposed towards him.

While no tangible evidence of election tampering has been presented, we strongly urge President Obama and Congress to conduct a thorough and comprehensive investigation as soon as possible.

Pluralism in Israel Attacked Again

This past week, the Shas party in Israel (a party composed primarily of ultra-Orthodox Jews of Sephardi origin) introduced a bill that would criminalize mixed gender prayer at or near the Western Wall, essentially overturning an agreement made between all interested parties and approved by the government back in January.

While this bill has only a small chance of actually passing, it is another example of ultra-Orthodox hegemony at Jewish religious sites. Again, we call on the leadership of Israel to respect the non-Orthodox streams of Judaism in Israel and treat them as legitimate representations of Jewish practice.

The J Can Benefit from Subaru Share the Love Program

If you are considering purchasing a new car by January 3, you can help support the Meals-on-Wheels program at the Senior Adult Department at The J.

As a participating Meals on Wheels America member, the J will receive a share of the revenue raised by Kentucky Subaru dealerships when people purchase Subarus during the Share the Love event. Just select Meals-on-Wheels America as your charity of choice, when you purchase or lease a Subaru. When you do, Subaru will donate \$250 to that agency, which in turn helps the J deliver nutritious meals and other important services to Louisville's older adults in need. For more information, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove.

There are four national charities from which Subaru customers may choose: Meals on Wheels America, ASPCA, Make-a-Wish and the National Park Foundation.

If you are considering purchasing a vehicle by January 3, the JCC Senior Adult Department encourages you to consider a Subaru. If you select a Subaru, please designate your \$250 for Meals on Wheels of America.

VAAD HAKASHRUT

The following have been approved and certified by the Louisville Vaad Hakashrut:

- ◆ The J (Kitchen)
- ◆ The J Outdoor Café (Dive -n- Dine)
- ◆ KentuckyOne Health Jewish Hospital (Kosher Kitchen Only)
- ◆ The Arctic Scoop: 841 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy. (They have Pareve options and are available for any occasion at any off-site venue)
- ◆ Kroger at McMahan Plaza (Provide consultation of Kosher items)
- ◆ Hyatt Regency Louisville (Kosher Catering Only)
- ◆ Masterson's (Kosher Catering available at off-site venues such as JCC, Synagogues, etc. MUST REQUEST TO HAVE VAAD SUPERVISION WHEN ORDERING)

Other venues may be approved only upon request for Kosher supervision. For more information, contact www.louisvillevaad.org.

NO LONGER SUPERVISED OR CERTIFIED BY THE VAAD:

- ◆ Dino's Bakery: 4162 Bardstown Road (Pita & Lavash/Laffa Bread Only)

Small business checking made easy!

You work hard for your business. So your checking account should be easy. With Republic Bank's MoneyManager™ Free Business Checking, all the services your business counts on are absolutely free:

No Monthly Maintenance Fee
Free Online Bill Pay
Free Mobile Deposit¹
No Minimum Balance

Free Business Debit Card²
Free First 200 Items³
Free ATMs Everywhere⁴



¹\$100 minimum to open
²Message and data rates may apply from your wireless carrier. Usage and qualification requirements apply. ³\$10 inactivity fee assessed each month after 12 months of inactive debit card. ⁴Items in excess are \$.20 each. ⁵ATM fees assessed are refunded to the account on the next business day.

Make a Blessing



Be a Blessing



It takes just a few moments.

To light the menorah and transform the evening with a blessing.

To give through Federation and transform lives.

By giving generously to the Jewish Federation of Louisville, you become a blessing to Louisville's Jewish:

- Seniors who receive home care and meals, enabling them to remain in their homes;
- Children who learn Chanukah traditions and rituals in religious schools;
- Families who receive the help they need to have a meaningful holiday; and
- Once-struggling Israeli families whose members received the vocational training they needed to become self-supporting.

Remember Federation for your year-end giving.

When you give by December 31, your gift may also be tax deductible.

www.jewishlouisville.org/donate



The Jewish Federations®
OF NORTH AMERICA

KentuckyOne CEO Brinkley Shares Chanukah Message

by Ruth Brinkley
President and CEO
KentuckyOne Health

It is hard to believe that Chanukah is already here once again. I hope you all are finding the time to spend with those in your life who mean the most to you. This time of year brings about the opportunity to reflect on the past year and look ahead with hope for the future.

As an organization, we have much to be proud of in 2016 and much to look forward to in 2017. On Chanukah, we celebrate miracles, and this year, we have many miracles and historic medical firsts to celebrate.



Ruth Brinkley

On behalf of all at Jewish Hospital and KentuckyOne Health, I would like to thank the Jewish Community of Louisville for their support of our organization in the past year. You have helped make 2016 a successful year for our organization and contributed to our promise to bring wellness, healing and hope to all in Kentucky and southern Indiana.

Together, we have made tremendous progress in 2016. We expanded emergency services at Jewish Hospital and introduced our pioneering Fast ER program to significantly reduce wait times for our patients. Jewish Hospital received recognition as a high performer in hip replacement, heart failure and COPD care by *U.S. News and World Report*.

We also worked hard every day to enhance the lives of those we serve in Louisville and across all our facilities by leading complimentary "hands-only" CPR

trainings, cancer screenings and health fairs that support our vision of educating and empowering our communities.

Our strong 2016 places us in a position for continued success in 2017 and beyond. We are committed to our promise to provide quality patient care, extensive community support and opportunity for growth and development for our employees, nurses and physicians. Partners in care are critical to our success. We are pleased, therefore, to recently announce the evolution of our partnership with University of Louisville (UofL).

This mutual decision to redesign our partnership will strengthen our Academic Affiliation Agreement with UofL. By doing so, we will ensure ongoing access to innovative care and breakthrough procedures at Jewish Hospital and other facilities across Louisville for which we have been recognized and celebrated.

FILM FEST

Continued from page 1

Congregation Adath Jeshurun. In this American film, Chef Michael Solomonov guides us through the dynamic Israeli food scene that reflects the fusion of 100 different cultures in Israel. Indulge your cravings with wine and modern Israeli appetizers provided by Sasha Chack of Izzy's Kosher Catering. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door and \$12 for students. This special event is sponsored by Louis Levy and Wilma Probst Levy Film and Theatre Fund.

Next up is *Wedding Doll* on Thursday, February 9, at 7 p.m. at the Village 8 Theatres. In this Israeli film, a young woman with a mild mental deficiency, strives for independence and love while working in a toilet-paper factory in the desert. The closing of the factory and loss of her boyfriend shakes up their lives and forces them to make hard

decisions. With the revised academic affiliation all services and programs will continue and we will continue our focus on improving care and community outreach.

While change is taking place, KentuckyOne Health is, and will always be, committed to quality patient care, compassionate action in our communities and support and growth for our employees. This commitment can be seen through the community programs that have been a cornerstone of our organization from the beginning.

Service to the poor and vulnerable is of the utmost importance as we seek to holistically improve the health and wellness in Louisville and across Kentucky. While this is top of mind to all of us, especially during the holiday season, we know that this commitment goes far beyond once a year, as it is built into the very foundation of KentuckyOne Health

decisions.

Head to Bellarmine University's Cradle Theatre in Wyatt Hall on Saturday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m. for *The Women's Balcony*. In this Israeli film, when the women's balcony in a synagogue collapses, the congregation accepts the help of a young rabbi who pushes his fundamentalist ways. This tests the women's friendships, creates a rift between the husbands and wives, but all is resolved in a good-hearted and humorous way. A catered dessert reception will finish the evening, offering the opportunity to eat and visit with friends. This film is co-sponsored by the Bellarmine University Hillel.

On Sunday, February 12, at 10 a.m., the Jewish Film Festival is bringing back *Nicky's Family* by popular demand. This Czech film recounts the story of Sir Nicholas Winton, who personally saved the lives of 669 children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia by transporting them across Germany to Britain in 1939. For nearly 50 years, he kept the secret from everyone, even his wife. This film is co-sponsored by Ann and Coleman Friedman Children's Judaic Activity Fund, which makes it possible for the Jewish religious school students to attend.

At 2 p.m. that day, check out *Sabena Hijacking: My Version*, a documentary about the hijacking of an Israeli plane by the Palestinian group Black September on May 8, 1972. The film effectively uses interviews from the passengers, soldiers, three prime ministers and a hijacker.

On Thursday, February 16, at 7 p.m., *Fever at Dawn* presents the story of a Holocaust survivor in a Swedish hospital who sets out to find a wife despite the prognosis that he has only six months to live. It is based on the true story of author/director Peter Gardos' parents.

The Kind Words, an Israeli film, recounts the quest of three Jerusalem siblings that takes them to France to uncover the secret of their past when their mother dies and they discover the man who raised them is not their biological father. This film, which contains some nudity and sexual scenes, will be shown on Saturday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Rabin in His Own Words, to be shown on Sunday, February 19, at 2 p.m., is a pastiche of rare recordings and documents, including some off-the-record interviews, woven together to present this biography, narrated by Rabin himself.

In what has become a Jewish Film Festival tradition, The Temple is co-sponsoring the free showing of two short films, *Little Dictator* and *Muktzeh* from the Ma'aleh School of Television, Film and Arts, on Monday, February 20, at 7 p.m.

The first deals with a boring history professor who feels unappreciated. At a birthday party for his wife's

as part of our mission, and deeply rooted in the heritage of Jewish Hospital, through its commitment to *tikkun olam* (the healing of the world).

The Jewish Community of Louisville continues to be a vital partner for KentuckyOne Health, and its generous support for the Jewish Hospital & St Mary's Foundation ensures that we are able to continue to make miracles possible for generations to come.

We take this time to reaffirm our commitment to preserving and strengthening the Jewish identity of Jewish Hospital, within our larger interfaith family. Together, thanks to your ongoing support, we lift the lives of those in our community and help grow the legacy of excellence at Jewish Hospital.

May each of you and your loved ones enjoy a very joyous Chanukah and a happy and healthy 2017!

grandmother, a Holocaust survivor, he is forced to face up to himself and his family.

The second is the story of a Russian immigrant and the difficulties he encounters in his relationship with his wife as he explores his religious identity and seeks to fulfill his dreams of becoming an actor. A dessert reception will follow the film.

In a collaboration among the Jewish Film Festival, the Speed Art Museum; the University of Louisville's Middle East and Islamic Studies and Jewish Studies Departments; and Hillel, *Disturbing the Peace* will be shown on Thursday, February 23, at 7 p.m. in the Speed Art Museum Cinema, 2035 S. Third St.

The film follows former Israeli soldiers from elite units and Palestinian fighters, many of whom served years in prison, as they join together to challenge the status quo and say, "ENOUGH." Representatives from both sides form Combatants for Peace, a nonviolent group that uses dialogue and the arts to find compassion and empathy to work towards their goal of ending the conflict.

Following the film there will be a moderated discussion, led by Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman, The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Endowed Chair in Judaic Studies at UofL.

Tickets are \$8.50 in advance and for Speed Museum members, \$10 at the door and \$6 for students. Parking is available for a fee in the Speed Parking Garage. Transportation by van is available for \$5 per person. The van will depart The J at 6:15 and return after the discussion. Reserve your seat on the van by contacting Marsha Bornstein, 502-238-2731 or mbornstein@jewishlouisville.org.

Against all odds, Maccabi Tel Aviv won the 1977 European Cup Basketball Championship. *On the Map*, which will be shown on Saturday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m., tells the inspiring tale, set against the political realities of the world at that time. Featuring interviews with the star, Tal Brody and other American and Israeli athletes, this American documentary depicts the excitement of the game set against the political realities of the world at that time. This film is co-sponsored by Cantor David Lipp's Discretionary Fund at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

The 2017 Jewish Film Festival wraps up with *Once in a Lifetime* on Sunday, February 26, at 12:30 p.m. Based on a true story, a dedicated history teacher at a French high school challenges her underprivileged inner-city pupils with a unique assignment: a national competition on the theme of child victims of the Nazi concentration camps. Despite the odds against winning, these rebellious teens soon begin to see one another –

see **FILM FEST** page 5

SCHWARTZ INSURANCE GROUP



Matt B. Schwartz, RHU

**KEEP INSURANCE
SIMPLE & SAVE !**



Scott Schwartz, RPLU

WANT TO SAVE ... WITH THE CORRECT COVERAGE?

- PROACTIVE ANNUAL COVERAGE REVIEWS
- COMPETITIVE BIDS FROM UP TO 15 CARRIERS
- PERSONAL (LOCAL) ADVICE AND ADVOCACY

Schwartz Insurance Group puts YOU in control

CALL (502) 451-1111

www.schwartzinsgrp.com/KISS

*Serving Individuals, Businesses
and Professionals since 1956.*



Pop-Up Shabbat Market Will Open in January

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Having Shabbat dinner together as a family with a good, home-cooked meal sounds wonderful. It's easy to imagine the smells of roasting chicken and potato kugel wafting through the house.

In today's world, however, when parents work and children have their own busy schedules, the reality is a home-cooked Shabbat dinner on Friday night just isn't going to happen.

Or maybe it could – if you didn't have to worry about the cooking.

There is a new kosher food resource coming to Louisville. The J will host a weekly Pop-Up Shabbat Market run by Sasha Chack, proprietor of Izzy's Kosher Catering. The Market will be open at the J starting the first week of January.

Chack has put together a menu of his offerings. The ingredients he uses are all produced under mainstream Orthodox kosher supervision. All meat is OU glatt kosher. All cheeses have also been produced under OU or similar supervision. All fresh fish also meets OU standards. (OU is Orthodox Union.)

All menu items are considered meat and will be prepared with meat uten-

sils except for cheese specialty arranged platters which will be prepared with dairy utensils.

Here's how it will work:

- Orders must be placed no later than 8 p.m. on Wednesday of each week.
- Menus are now available on Facebook and will be available soon at The J.
- When you make your selection, send it to Izzy's. You can circle your selections and text a photo, call in or email your order to the phone number or email address below.
- An itemized invoice will be emailed to confirm each order.
- The minimum order is \$48, excluding the 6 percent sales tax and 20 percent gratuity.
- Food will be available for pick up at The J on Thursdays from 2-5 p.m. or at Keneseth Israel on Fridays from 2-5 p.m.

Chack is also working with Keneseth Israel, and all food will be prepared in the congregation's kosher kitchen.

Chack promises to offer creative takes on classic Jewish food and to use fresh ingredients. The menu will include dips and salads, sides, main courses and specialty platters.

A limited amount of food will be available for purchase that day for walk-in customers.

For more information, email izzyskoshercatering@gmail.com, visit facebook.com/izzyskoshercatering or call 502-309-4269.



Sasha Chack

Save the Date

Inaugural Annette Sagerman Award to Be Presented at J's L'Dor Vador Gala

by Lenae Price

Director of Philanthropy and Outreach, The J

Last year, over 450 people gathered to celebrate The J's 125th anniversary. Since then, we've received such heartfelt feedback about how nice it was catching up with old friends and meeting new members of our growing community and how lovely it would be to have more social opportunities like this in the future.

Well, we listened and you won't need to wait another 125 years! Save the date, Thursday, March 30, for the Generation to Generation Gala, a celebration for you, the people who make up the fabric of our vibrant community.

The J, in partnership with Jaye Bittner and her family, will also use this special event to present the inaugural *Annette Simon Sagerman L'dor V'dor Award* to a very special person who truly embodies the spirit of Annette Sagerman z"l. For

65 years, Annette was the face of the JCC and as President and CEO Sara Wagner said, "Annette was a mentor, a leader and a champion of every person who walked through our doors. She believed with her whole heart the JCC should be open to everyone."

The Generation to Generation Gala will be co-chaired by Bob and Margie Kohn and Jaye Bittner. The event will also include a Young Adult Division "After Party" chaired by Jodi Halpern.

Stay tuned for more details and don't forget to save the date, March 30, 2017. You won't want to miss it!



Annette Sagerman, z"l

FILM FEST

Continued from page 4

and themselves – in a whole new light. This film is co-sponsored by Ann and Coleman Friedman Children's Judaic Activity Fund which makes it possible for the Jewish religious school students to attend.

The 2017 Jewish Film Festival is made possible in part by The Eye Care Institute, the Louis Levy and Wilma Probst Levy Film and Theatre Arts Fund, Hillel, Bellarmine University, The Temple, the Speed Art Museum, the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Cantor David Lipp's Discretionary Fund at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Florence Morguelan, z"l, and the Rosa Gladstein Fund.

Members of the 2017 Jewish Film Festival Committee are, Chair Keiley Castor, Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, Lisa Sobel-Berlow, Janice Glaubinger, Angeline Golden, Toni Goldman, Meryl Kasdan, Jenna Koff, Louis Levy (co-founder), Cantor David Lipp, Ranen Omer-Sherman, Pami, Mark Prussian, Shelly Rifkin, Susan Waterman and Rabbi Michael Wolk.

Marsha Bornstein is the Jewish Film Festival director.

Stay Current!

Visit Us Online At

CenterStageJCC.org

And Join Us On

facebook

"CenterStage at the Jewish Community Center"

Are you a wondering Jew?
Don't get lost in translation.



the florence melton school of adult jewish learning

A PROJECT OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

Ruth, Judith & Esther

Tuesday Evenings 6:30-7:40 p.m.
Jan. 10-March 7, 2017 | \$125
Instructor: Rabbi Laura Metzger

Bereshit (Genesis) from Adam to Abraham

Tuesday Evenings 7:50-9 p.m.
Jan. 10-March 7, 2017 | \$125
Instructor: Deborah Slosberg

Beyond Borders Arab/Israeli Conflict

Thursday Mornings 9:30-10:40 a.m.
Jan. 12-May 25, 2017 | \$125
Instructor: Professor Ed Segal

Shemot (Exodus) from Slavery to Sinai

Thursday Mornings 9:30-10:40 a.m.
Jan. 12-March 9, 2017 | \$125
Instructor: Deborah Slosberg

History of Jewish Humor Sinai to Seinfeld

Thursday Mornings 10:50 a.m.-Noon
Jan. 12-March 9, 2017 | \$125
Instructor: Cantor David Lipp

New Melton Courses Beginning January-March 2017

All courses take place at Adath Jeshurun. Scholarships are available for all classes. Register online at www.jewishlouisville.org/melton. For registration by phone, information on courses and scholarships, contact Melton Director Deborah Slosberg at 502-458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

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

Sponsored by:

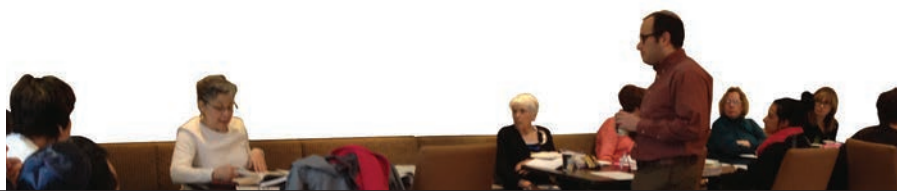


CONGREGATION
ADATH JESHURUN
OPEN DOORS • OPEN HEARTS • OPEN MINDS

Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence



Jewish Federation OF LOUISVILLE



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 24

Chanukah, First Candle

The Festival of Lights begins at sundown and continues for eight days.

DECEMBER 29

Vodka Latke Chanukah Party

7 p.m., Vines and Canines, 1985 Douglass Blvd. \$5. Sponsored by YAD and Keneseth Israel. Open bar for wine and cocktails, gourmet latke bar, appetizers, music, dreidels, gelt, menorah lighting. Please bring canned or dried food for the JFCS food pantry. Reservations required. tinyurl.com/Hanukah2016. Must be 21+ and present a valid ID.

JANUARY 2 and 16

School's Out Day at The J

9 a.m.-3 p.m., extended day options. Includes sports, swimming, arts and crafts. January 2 Theme: All Things Blue. January 16 Theme: All things Brown. To register, go to jewishlouisville.org/event/sod/.

JANUARY 8

KentuckyOne Dreidel Dash

1:15 p.m., packet pickup, 11 a.m. The J. Before January 2, \$25 per person for J members, \$30 for community members, \$20 for children under 12. After January 2, \$35 for J members, \$40 for community members, \$20 for children 12 and under. Includes long sleeve tech T-shirt, swag bag, race entry and after party. Family friendly run/walk followed by a party at The J. Sponsored by KentuckyOne Health. Register at www.jewishlouisville.org/dreideldash.

JANUARY 8-FEBRUARY 21

Patio Gallery Exhibit

Art and Architecture of the Jewish Ghetto in Venice, Italy, by Rachel Singel. Opening reception Sunday, January 8, 2 p.m.

JANUARY 9

JOFFEE Text Study Series

5:30 p.m. The J Library. Study texts related to Jewish Outdoor, Food and Environmental Education. Explore ancient and modern Jewish ideas about how we treat our planet, ourselves and each other. All are welcome. For more information, contact Michael Fraade, mfraade@jewishlouisville.org.

JANUARY 11

Women of the Wall Seminar

7 p.m. Adath Jeshurun, Yarmuth Chapel. Free. Women of the Wall Seminar, led by Rabbi Robert Slosberg. 60 minute presentation and 30 minute Q&A. Open to all. Reservations required. Contact Lenae Price, lprice@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2768. Sponsored by Adath Jeshurun, the Jewish Federation of Louisville, Jewish Family & Career Services.

JANUARY 15

Family-Friendly Story Time

2:30 p.m. The J Patio Gallery. Free. Resident teaching artist Marlesha Woods will bring the art of storytelling to life while painting. For more information, contact Betsy Schwartz, bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2708.

JANUARY 15

Louisville's Got Talent Auditions

3 p.m. The J. \$15. Performers ages 6-18 are invited to compete for a cash and prize package valued at over \$2,000. Audition registration open now. The top 20 acts will compete in the grand finale. Sign up at www.CenterStageJCC.org/talent. Proceeds benefit CenterStage Acting Out.

JANUARY 18

JewLou Happy Hour

6 p.m. The Hub, 2235 Frankfort Av. Cut a rug, meet some peeps, join the tribe! YAD covers the first drink and some apps. #JewLou.

JANUARY 24

JOFFEE Restaurant Night

6 p.m. Ramsi's Café. \$35. Join The J for a private dinner with Ramsi Kamar, owner of Ramsi's and Raising Hope Farm, who will talk about growing up in East Jerusalem, bringing multicultural, locally sourced food to Louisville, and his hopes for the future of the city's food culture. Space is limited. RSVP by Jan. 16 at www.jewishlouisville.org/Ramsi. For more information, contact Michael Fraade at mfraade@jewishlouisville.org.

JANUARY 26-February 12

CenterStage and Platinum Travel Present Funny Girl

The J. Adults \$20 each in advance, \$22 at the door. The story of comedienne Fanny Brice as she clowns her way up from the burlesque clubs and vaudeville stages on her way to becoming Ziegfeld's "Greatest Star." Purchase tickets at www.CenterStage.org or call 502-238-2709. (See CenterPiece, page 3.)

JANUARY 29

Super Sunday

Watch for details.

JANUARY 29

Movie: The Hero of Auschwitz

3 p.m. Cralle Theatre, Bellarmine University, 2001 Newburg Rd. Free. Movie premiere, *Hero of Auschwitz: The Life and Love of St. Maximilian Kolbe*.



David Kaplan



KULA

Continued from page 1

Temple had been destroyed and the way Judaism had been practiced had been destroyed. To ensure its survival, the leaders of the time had to reimagine and reinvent Jewish practice.

They retreated to Yavneh for intense discussions away from the hubbub of cultural chaos and developed the seeds of rabbinic Judaism.

Today, Rabbi Kula posited, we are facing the same kind of disruption and chaos and it is up to us to reimagine and reinvent Judaism to be relevant to the generations to come.

For most of the 20th century, Rabbi Kula said, the Jewish community had a "basic, coherent narrative that linked us together." We were affiliated with Jewish congregations. We gathered at Jewish Community Centers to be with other Jews, and often weren't accepted as part of the general community. We worked together to free Soviet Jews and Israel's survival was a unifying cause because we knew that the Jewish state would be our refuge should our lives and communities be threatened.

Millennials experience the world very differently. For them, Judaism is not a barrier to full participation in American life, and a recent study reported that Jews are even considered desirable life partners in the non-Jewish community. They are exposed to a wide range of cultures and are used to "mixing, bending, blending and switching" everything from music and food to news sources and the way they watch television and movies, picking and choosing the pieces that are relevant to them.

This applies to Jewish practice as well. "This millennial generation is saying, 'you know what, I don't have your baggage, I don't have the nostalgia. I don't understand the sentimentality. If it works, I'm on it. If not, don't worry. I'll do the six things all Jews do. I will come to Seder, and even when you die, I will still have one. I will light Chanukah candles. I'm not going to say I'll do it eight days in a row. I may not light them one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. I might do it eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one, which is the way Shamai did it, but I will light Chanukah candles. And I will show up for some sort of High Holiday experience.'"

These changes in practice and affiliation are not unique to Judaism. "The same thing is happening in Catholicism," he said. "One of 10 Americans are lapsed Catholics. Protestant churches are going under."

In fact, he added, "The fastest growing religious identity is none." Rather than relying on clergy and religious establish-

ments, young people are inventing their own rituals and they're approaching their spiritual needs like they approach shopping. If one source doesn't offer what they want, they go to another, and much of what they do is collaborative.

This demonstrates that the community doesn't have an identity problem, he explained, but if existing institutions don't change and reimagine their offerings, we will lose the next generation.

"Louisville," he continued, "has the possibility of being Yavneh." The population is large enough for people to work together and come up with new approaches, and, he said, the stakeholders don't say, "Do it my way or I'm going to take my marbles and go," thus holding the community hostage.

Kula identified two metrics from Torah for all things Jewish as identified by Maimonides: "The welfare of the soul and the welfare of the body – tikkun hanefesh and tikkun haguf. ... That's the purpose of Torah. Every piece of Torah has to be refracted through helping you, then helping others gain existential truth."

Seeking these truths and finding ways to help ourselves and others are the things that matter.

In a community of 8,500 Jews, Kula observed, everyone knows the leaders. The downside is everyone knows everyone's triggers and weaknesses, but there is also an upside. "We need to give each other the benefit of the doubt," he said, "and we need to fund failure."

By that, he means we need to experiment and discover what works. "It's messy," he added, "but it's how we grow." We don't know what the world will look like 170 years from now, he concluded, "but if you do this in Louisville, people will say you lived in one of the historic ages" like the rabbis in Yavneh.

David Kaplan, representing the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, which provided the funding made this program possible, introduced Rabbi Kula. JHFE's grant is designed to bring the community together and also includes support for continuing consultations with Rabbi Kula.

The Jewish Federation convened a Steering Committee made up of clergy and executive directors from Adath Jeshurun, Jewish Family & Career Services, Jewish Federation of Louisville, Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Keneseth Israel, Temple Shalom and The Temple. Together, they worked with Rabbi Kula to plan his visit to be of maximum value to the community and will continue to consult with him to move the community forward.

While he was in Louisville, Rabbi Kula also met with Jewish community professionals and board members.



PHOTOS BY TED WIRTH

Women Who Went on JWRP Mission to Speak at Lion of Judah Luncheon

Members of the Lion of Judah Division of the Annual Federation Campaign are invited to a brunch on Sunday, January 8, at 10:30 a.m. at a private home.

That morning, they will have the opportunity to hear a special presentation from the local women who just returned from the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project mission to Israel and have the opportunity to interact with them.

For many of these Jewish mothers, this was their first trip to Israel. It was a time of discovery and creating bonds that will last a lifetime as each undertook her own unique Jewish journey that was made possible by the Campaign.

New Lions, those who have chosen to endow their Lion gifts and the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award winner will be recognized.

There will be a \$36 couvert for this event.

RSVP by January 4 to Kristy Benefield, kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2739. A Vaad-approved option is available upon advance request.

Members of the Lion of Judah Division make a commitment of \$5,000 or more to the Annual Federation Campaign.

The Lions of Judah's set an exemplary standard of leadership and giving. Their collective philanthropy enriches our own lives while improving the lives of others. For more information on the benefits of being a Lion of Judah, please contact Federation Vice President of Philanthropy Stacy Gordon-Funk at sgordon-funk@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2755.

Committee Prepares for 2017 MOSAIC Awards

It may be five months before the event, but the 2017 MOSAIC Committee is well underway planning for another outstanding event.

"The MOSAIC Awards are a meaningful way to recognize how our community benefits from multiculturalism. We are thrilled to have enlisted JFCS Board Member Rachel Greenberg to be this year's event chair," said JFCS Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell. "Rachel brings a renewed enthusiasm, fresh ideas and a bevy of friends who are volunteering to help."

In its 12th year, the event recognizes international Americans who are making a significant contribution in the profession and in our local/global community.

"I am excited to bring together a fantastic group of experienced event organizers to honor an impressive group of honorees," said Greenberg. Serving on the committee are Madeline Abramson, Terri Bass, Heather Bass, Beverly Brom-

ley, Jeani Bryant, Leslie Charney, Mary Cleary, Lynn Cooper, Emily Digenis, Harsha Dronawat, Sunny Dronawat, Jane Emke and Judy Freundlich Tiell.

Also, Debbie Friedman, Pat Gabriele, Amy Gilbert, Jan Glaubinger, Kelly Atkins Hertzman, Hillary Pohn, Laura Jones, Laura Klein, Lisa Klein, Emily Klempner, Julie Kling, Jessica Loving, Joanie Lustig, Diane McCallum, Mark McCallum, Annie McLaughlin, Melissa Mershon, Stephanie Mutchnick and Djenita Pasic.

And, Claudia Peralta-Mudd, Betsy Prussian, Lisa Resnik, Douglas Riddle, Maxine Rouben, Beth Salamon, Marilyn Schorin, Karen Sherman, Karen Shpilberg, Bruce Simpson, Maura Temes, Diane Tobin and Leon Wahba.

The MOSAIC Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 18, at the Hyatt Regency. For more information, visit www.jfcslouisville.org.

International Jewish Leaders Discuss Pluralism in Israel at Community Forum in Louisville

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

In Israel, Jewish ritual life and life-cycle events are controlled by the ultra-Orthodox movement. It is these Haredim who determine who can marry, who can divorce, whose conversion to Judaism is recognized, who is buried as a Jew and more. Its schools and synagogues are subsidized by the state and its leaders are on the state payroll. At the same time the other streams of Judaism struggle.

To help Jews in Louisville understand the issues and to encourage support for “freedom of religion and freedom of religion,” as Rabbi David Ariel-Joel explained in his welcoming remarks, the community brought three prominent proponents of pluralism in Israel to Louisville for a community forum on Sunday, November 20, at The Temple.

Those leaders, Rabbi Gilad Kariv, the executive director of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism; Yizhar Hess, the executive director and CEO of Masorti, Israel’s Conservative Movement; and David Mallach, the executive vice chair of the United Israel Appeal, presented their information in a panel discussion format.

This was the first time Hess and Rabbi Kariv have appeared together in the United States, and the forum was well attended, filling The Temple’s Waller Chapel. Adath Jeshurun, the Jewish Federation of Louisville, Keneseth Israel, The Temple and Temple Shalom collaborated to present the forum and additional support came from a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

Rabbi Ariel-Joel introduced Rabbi Kariv, AJ’s Rabbi Robert Slosberg introduced Hess, and Jewish Community of Louisville President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner introduced Mallach. Biographical information about them can be found in the November 18 edition of Community and on www.jewishlouisville.org.

Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg moderated the panel discussion.

The discussion happened now, Goldberg explained, because in January a historic agreement was reached in Israel to allow egalitarian worship at The Wall in an area known as Robinson’s Arch, some distance from the main plaza. The announcement followed years of discussion and was hailed as a major breakthrough. Since then, however, nothing has happened and non-Orthodox and egalitarian groups still have no place to worship at The Wall.

Rabbi Kariv started by providing the history that led up to the political situation that exists today. When Israel was first established, David Ben Gurion chose to keep the structure established during the days of the British mandate, including the post of chief rabbi. “This led to the unfortunate existing situation of the Orthodox monopoly over the families in Israel.”

To help the audience understand the full effect of the Orthodox domination of Jewish life in Israel, Hess recounted his personal journey. He grew up, served in the Army and married in Israel. In 2000, he and his wife, Yael, applied to become *shlichim*, emissaries for Israel, and were posted to Tucson.

Shortly after their arrival Hess received an invitation to a bat mitzvah from a donor. The bat mitzvah girl read from the Torah and her grandmother had an aliyah, something he had never experienced before.

Although Hess grew up as a Jew in Israel he “had to get to, of all places, to Tucson, AZ, to experience my first significant Shabbat,” he said. “And that tells you something about the challenge that we are facing here.”

Ben Gurion’s decision to grant the Chief Rabbinate oversight of certain aspects of religious life, Hess continued, created a coercive monopoly for the Orthodox. “It means that if Rabbi Kariv officiates at a



Back, left to right, David Mallach, Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, Rabbi Michael Wolk, Rabbi Gilad Kariv, Cantor David Lipp, Yizhar Hess and Rabbi Robert Slosberg. Front, Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner and Sara Klein Wagner.

wedding in Israel, his wedding is not recognized by the state. It means that about 20 percent of the Israelis, if they want to get married, and they cannot or would not be recognized by the chief rabbinate, they would have to fly outside of Israel to Cyprus to get married.”

“It’s not only about Jewish pluralism or freedom of religion or whatever,” he insisted. “It’s a basic human right and it’s a basic civil right and it’s basically a big paradox that ... Israel today is the only democracy in the world where Jews do not celebrate freedom of religion.” As a Zionist and a Jew, Hess finds this particularly painful.

Pressed by Goldberg to explore the issue of who is a Jew in greater depth, Mallach explained that when Israel was created in 1948, it was “more or less valid” to divide the new country’s population into religious and secular groups. Today, while Israelis represent the full spectrum of Jewish practice, the chief rabbinate functions as a government institution, funded through taxes, paid by the state and managed by the Knesset; and it is dominated by the Haredim.

To illustrate his point, he cited the case this summer where Israel’s chief rabbinate refused to recognize conversions performed by the prominent American Orthodox rabbi, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. That decision constrained the lives of some Israelis, but is really just the tip of the iceberg.

“Somewhere in the neighborhood of 800,000 to 1 million Jews from the former Soviet Union made aliyah [immigrated to Israel]. Many of them are patrilineally descended Jews,” he explained. ... They are not considered to be Jews in many cases and their ability to convert is something that essentially the rabbinate has made almost impossible. This has created a whole series of people – we’re talking about hundreds of thousands – who cannot marry Jews in Israel under the laws of the State of Israel.”

When you take into account the LGBTQ community, it gets even more complicated. Mallach reported that the chief rabbinate threatened to cancel a hotel’s kashrut certification if the business allowed an LGBTQ conference to take place on its premises.

Rabbi Kariv added that the unique Jewish character of the State of Israel means that this is not just a domestic policy issue, but is one that is relevant to Jews around the world.

“While we can easily understand why the issues of the Law of Return and conversion and who is a Jew are joint issues,” he stated, “we are here in order to suggest that all other issues that have to do with religion and state in Israel are also part of our joint discussion over the role of Israel in the life of the Jewish people.”

All three panelists called on the members of Louisville’s Jewish community to be active participants in the discussion of the matters. Rabbi Kariv challenged the group, asking, “What is the impact on the young people that are coming with their Birthright groups [who] come

to the Kotel and see that their Jewish beliefs are not respected by the Jewish state? ...

“I think that the answer is clear,” he added. “Unfortunately, instead of celebrating the engagement of our younger generation with the state of Israel, we are allowing the current situation in Israel to push too many young American Jews far away from state.”

Hess even called it a “holy battle” and called on American Jews to support the Reform and Conservative movements in Israel financially. “Israel, on an annual basis, invests over \$1 billion a year (3.70 billion shekels) a year, in Orthodox religious services and cultural activities,” he stated. The other streams receive nothing.

In spite of that inequity, “today there are more than half a million Israelis – 7.1 percent of the Jews in Israel – who identify themselves with either Reform Jews or Conservative Jews,” Hess said. That number has doubled over the last decade.

With regard to access to the Kotel, Hess said that after three and a half years of intense negotiations with the Haredim, led by the Women of the Wall and a coalition of the Reform and Conservative Movements and the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), an agreement was reached. “We gave up many, but not all, but quite a lot of our principles,” Hess said, settling for a less prominent area of Western Wall with the Haredi governing one side and the other streams governing the other.

“It’s 10 months since the agreement with the government,” he continued, “and nothing happened in spite of the fact that there was an appendix to the agreement with a very detailed time line. The government didn’t implement it due to the very severe pressure from the ultra-Orthodox politicians.”

At JFNA’s recent General Assembly, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addressed the delegates by teleconference and urged the American community to be patient on this issue and to use quiet diplomacy. His message was not well received, and JFNA was preparing a letter expressing American frustration with the stalemate, Mallach said. He added that Natan Sharansky, the highly-respected and influential chairman of the Jewish Agency and vocal advocate for pluralism has not succeeded, speaking to the difficulty of the issue.

Hess said American support is vital. When the full force of the American community is brought to bear, as it has been multiple times over the issue of maintaining the Law of the Return. With respect to pluralistic prayer at The Wall, Rabbi Kariv explained, “If we stand together on this issue, Netanyahu will have the ability to go to his ultra-Orthodox partners and to say, ‘friends, this is a red line I’m not willing to cross.’ I truly believe that Netanyahu wants to implement this resolution.”

All three panelists called on Louisvillians to join Mercaz or Artza, the Conservative and Reform Movement Zionist organizations, and to support the movements’ congregations in Israel.



PHOTOS BY DEBRA ROSE. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



Event Co-Chairs Aly Goldberg and Faina Kronenberg with Stacy Gordon-Funk

Ladies Chanukah Party – Fun, Food and Friendship

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The Jewish Federation of Louisville's Ladies Chanukah Party drew over 100 women to Standard Country Club on Tuesday, December 13, and the event delivered an evening of fun for everyone.

Festive decorations set the tone as friends connected with friends and met new friends. Some spent the time visiting while enjoying the signature Heaven Hill drink, latkes and other festive treats, or indulged in delectable desserts by Sweet Surrender.

Others tested their skills at cake and cookie decorating Kroger and Pastry Chef Dara Cohen or painting with coaching from Whet Your Pallet. Many women took advantage of the quick head and neck massages from one of The J's therapists.

Of course a Federation Chanukah

party is also an opportunity to do a mitzvah, and many of those in attendance did just that, bringing items for the Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry or donations for the Janet and Sonny Meyer Food Pantry Fund.

Kudos to event co-chairs Aly Goldberg and Faina Kronenberg and committee members Joyce Bridge, Julie Ciriano, Dara Cohen, Michelle Elisberg, Jasmine Farrier, Elise Goldstein, Debbie Hyman, Julie Kling, Risa Kobay, Keren Benabou, Devon Oser, Sue Paul, Allison Roemer, Susan Rudy, Julie Strull, Hunter Weinberg and Dara Woods for a great ladies' night out.

This Jewish Federation of Louisville event was sponsored by Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Heaven Hill Brands, Kroger, Sweet Surrender and Whet Your Pallet.



PHOTOS BY TED WIRTH

CenterStage Shone ... 'Once Upon a Time'

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

“Once upon a Time” was the theme of a steampunk evening as CenterStage transformed The J for its magical annual Light Up CenterStage gala fundraiser on Saturday evening, December 3.

The building was transformed into the place to see and be seen, to indulge in a variety of hors d'oeuvres, light plates and decadent desserts, and to bid on auction items big and small.

And of course the evening wouldn't be complete without an original Broadway revue and the announcement of shows for the 2017-18 Season. The season will include *RENT*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *The Wild Party* and *Disney's Little Mermaid*.

“Thanks to everyone who supported the event,” said Light Up Chair Sarah Harlan. She was pleased that everything ran smoothly, particularly with the on-line bidding and the new procedures that made the evening flow well and enabled it to end on time. “It felt great,” she said, “and everybody seemed happy.”

“We are appreciative of the support of all the guests, particularly for the Costume Replacement Fund,” she added. Over \$12,000 was raised in that special effort alone.

The event Producing Sponsors were Hilliard Lyons, Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, Greg and Melinda Vincenti and the Jones Family Fund.

The Marquee Sponsors were Louisville Jefferson County Metro, Highland Cleaners, Printworx and the Cralle Foundation.

The Red Carpet Sponsors were Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana, ABC Signup, Eventualities, Yum Brands Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Louisville, Platinum Travel, Tova Industries, Fifty Chairs, Heather

and Chris Dremov, Yael and Zack Melzer and Sandra and Barry Stoler.

The Spotlight Sponsors were Heart to Heart Pediatric Cardiology, Heaven Hill Brands, Barbara and Dr. Gene Dorf, Dr. Lisa and Robert Klein, Margie and Bob Kohn, Denise Schiller and Jerry Fine, Alyce Weixler, Michael Clark and Toni Goldman.

The Stage Door Sponsors were John The Balloon Guy, Wilson Muir Bank, Tracee Dore Interiors, Pat and Chris Bowles, Tracee Dore-Brown, Dr. Chris and Joanna Federico, Jack and Adrienne Guercia, Mike and Sarah Harlan, Dr. and Mrs. Roy Hyman, John and Sheila Lozon, Candy Pierce and Julian and Lois Shapiro.

Funding in part for Light Up CenterStage was provided by the Kohn Berman Endowment for the Arts, the Annette Sagerman Special Events Fund and the Marian Weisberg Youth Theatre Fund.

The Light Up CenterStage Cast included Jessica Adamson, Brian Bowles, Kyle Braun, Michael Detmer, Mitch Donahue, Frank Goodloe III, Lauren McCombs, Tamika McDonald, Julie McGuffey and Kate Welsh.

CenterStage Artistic Director John R. Leffert created the show along with his team, Anne Ensign-Urteaga and Marianne Zickuhr.

Sarah Harlan is Light Up CenterStage chair. Kelly Dodd is Light Up CenterStage Auction chair. Candy Pierce is CenterStage Board chair. CenterStage Board members include Dona Boone, Jan Bowling, Kristy Calman, Carol Dines, Dr. Eugene Dorf, Virginia Evans, Frank Goodloe III, Abby Gordon, Lauren Morelli Hammond, Rusty Henle, Cindy Hytken, Anthony Johnson, Sally LaBaugh, Tom LaBaugh, Barbara Myerson Katz, Brian Martin, Rabbi Stan Miles, Sam Pilotte, Donald Platoff, Jordan Price, Larry Singer, Janet Stites, Ken Stites, Sandy Stoler, Leni Sweet, Carrie Syberg, Alyce Weixler and Michael Whatley.

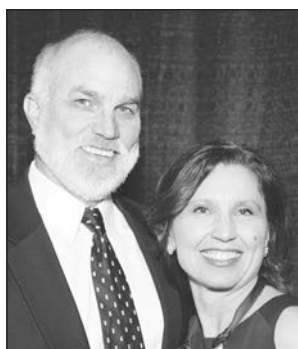
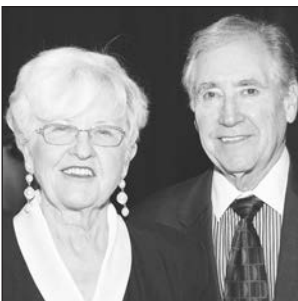


The CenterStage acting company

PHOTOS BY TED WIRTH



Jan Bowling, CenterStage Board Chair Candy Pierce and Light Up CenterStage Chair Sarah Harlan





Connecting with Culture was a Musical Treat

Nearly 50 women participated in the Women's Philanthropy Connecting with Culture event on Friday, November 18, and they were treated to the Louisville Orchestra's Coffee Concert, lunch overlooking the plaza behind the Kentucky Center for the Arts and a visit with the LO's charismatic director, Teddy Abrams.

This second event in the Jewish Federation's "Connecting with" series was hosted by Viki Diaz and Karen Abrams. The women enjoyed a series of pieces by classical composers based on the works of Shakespeare. The lunch gave them a chance to visit with old friends and talk

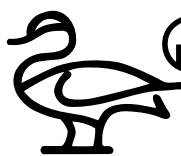
with people they might not have met before.

Members of the Women's Philanthropy Cabinet are Dr. Karen Abrams, Keren Benabou, Dr. Shellie Branson, Viki Diaz, Julie Ensign, Debbie Friedman, Jane Goldstein, Stacy Gordon-Funk, Cheryl Karp, Kate Latts, Robin Miller, Susan Rudy, Julie Segal, Jennifer Tuvlin and Ann Zimmerman.

If you would like to join the Women's Philanthropy Cabinet, contact Federation Vice President of Philanthropy Stacy Gordon-Funk, 502-238-2755 or sgordon-funk@jewishlouisville.org.



PHOTOS BY DEBRA ROSE. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



**GOOSE CREEK
DINER**

**1/2 price
Entree With
Purchase of Regular
Price Entree**

Of equal or greater value.
Not good with any other offers or discounts.
Must present coupon at time of purchase.

Expires 1/31/17

Dine In Only

2923 Goose Creek Road
Just off Westport Road
502-339-8070

Mon.-Th. 11-9 PM
Fri. 11-9:30 PM
Sat. 8-9:30 PM
Sun. 9-8 PM

L'dor Va'dor
From Generation to Generation



MICHAEL WEISBERG
3rd Generation Realtor

**FOR ALL YOUR
PROFESSIONAL
REAL ESTATE NEEDS.**

Call Michael Weisberg
(502) 386-6406

mweisberg@bhhsparisweisberg.com
www.weisberglouisvillehomes.com



BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices
Parks & Weisberg, Realtors®



**SUPPORTING JCC
YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**Perelmutter
& Goldberg
ORTHODONTICS**



897-1112 ■ www.GreaterSmiles.com

JWRP Israel Trip Is Transformative

by Lenae Price

Director of Philanthropy and Outreach, The J

This November, I had the great honor of leading 15 Louisville women on the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP) MOMentum Trip to Israel. The mission of JWRP is "to empower women to change the world through Jewish values that transform ourselves, our families, and our communities."

The trip was heavily subsidized by JWRP's donor base, the Israeli government, The Jewish Foundation of Louisville, The Kling Hadassah Fund, The Stuart Pressma Fund, The Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Fund and the Jewish Federation of Louisville.

I could write for days about the unique experiences we shared and the things we learned about Israel, our people, our faith, ourselves and one another. Instead, I'd like you to hear directly from these incredible women who have indeed been empowered and will absolutely have a positive impact on our community for years to come.

"I was surprised by (and very grateful for) the emotional intensity of this trip. It could have been the dynamics of our incredible group of moms or the spirituality of the places we visited or both. I didn't feel like I arrived in Israel broken, but I do feel like I returned home healed." – Jessica Springer

"I wasn't raised in a religious home. I went to Sunday School, spent a lot of time at the JCC when I was young and was involved with BBYO for a few years. During high school and college, I experienced some discrimination when people learned I was Jewish. As a result, I kept my religion a secret out of fear and slowly shied away from it altogether.

"I have always believed in G-d, but labeled myself 'not very Jewish' or 'Just Jewish.' I went on this trip because I needed a way to reconnect to my Judaism. I have never felt as connected to Hashem as I did in Israel, and I absolutely feel a beautiful connection to Judaism that I never really had before.

"I get emotional every time I tell people about my experience. When I returned from Israel, for the first time ever in my home, we celebrated Shabbat. My children loved it! I feel so blessed to have been selected to join 15 amazing women on this life-changing journey. Thank you to all who made it possible." – Lisa Barnes

"After lighting Shabbat candles with 200 other women; we all walked down to the Western Wall for some singing and dancing before we headed to our Shabbat dinner. At one point in the dancing; there were hundreds of mom's in our colored shawls; surrounding beautiful Israeli soldiers dancing in our middle as well as a group of high school girls danc-

ing in the middle with them. It was just amazing and I was grateful to be a part of the experience." – Karen Bass

"In 43 years, I have never been given an opportunity to take 10 days out of my life to focus on myself, my beliefs and my friendships. This trip gave me an opportunity to step outside of my comfort zone and reassess my life.

"I think I returned with a new sense of clarity of what I want to prioritize, for my family, our Jewish community and my relationships with my new 'sisters' from the trip. As a full-time working mother, I never thought I could make this trip work and I am so grateful to the JCL for supporting this trip and my husband for insisting that I 'take the plunge.'" – Tracy Hirsch Geller

"The trip has already impacted my future. I want to feel more connected with the Jewish community in Louisville. I want to be part of something and share my experiences I had on this trip with others. I am so appreciative of being afforded the opportunity to be part of this inaugural group of women to take this journey." – Julie Strull

"I loved the time we spend at the yeshiva and the underground tunnel tours, which gave me historical, engineering, religious, political perspective of the Temple Mount/Kotel/Wall. I will also never forget the hysterical, sleep-deprived laughter on the plane home, iced coffee, getting to know new friends on the bus rides, Alan yelling "Leweybill... Dallas!" everywhere we went, floating in the Dead Sea, and hitting 20,000 steps on my Fitbit EVERY DAY (OK ... not every, but MOST)." – Lisa Hirsch

"I am so grateful that I'm a member of Louisville's first JWRP undertaking. Being a part of the JWRP program and traveling to Israel for the first time was both intense and emotional. There is something magical about being in Israel and sharing the experience with other Jewish mothers. It produced feelings that I've never felt as a Jew on American land and inspired me to enhance our family's practices and commitments to Jewish life." – Kristen Yoffe

"I did not realize how connected to Israel and the group of 16 women 'sisters' I would feel. Many, like myself, had never been to Israel. I felt we were like kids in a candy shop. When Israelis say welcome home, I now understand what they mean. Israel felt like home. I never felt that I was in any kind of danger, I was happy and safe." – Julie Strull

"I fully expected being in Jerusalem and at the Kotel to be a highly emotional and spiritual experience, but having the opportunity to be with a group of amazing women who have now become such great friends with, brought the experience to an entirely different level. This trip was literally life-changing. I have come back so inspired to do things here

in our community." – Dara Woods

"I was surprised by the peaceful co-existence of the diverse people in Jerusalem juxtaposed with what is always portrayed on the news. Two of my biggest takeaways are to have more grace with my husband, to model/teach/practice tzedakah more with my son so he grows up with this mindset. I was also surprised at how candid and progressive the Knesset member we met and talked with were." – Lisa Hirsch

"I still cannot believe I just experienced one of the most amazing moments in my life. Traveling to Israel was completely different than visiting any other country. I am so thankful to JWRP and everyone who worked to make this trip possible. They showed me not just Israel but the beauty of being Jewish.

"Being a mom, a wife and having a career have absorbed my life but this trip gave me time for myself to learn about who I am, what my role is and it made me think about my real purpose in life. I know this is only the beginning of my new life and now there is a lot of work to do to keep our Jewish values alive at our home and in our community." – Paola Moretta

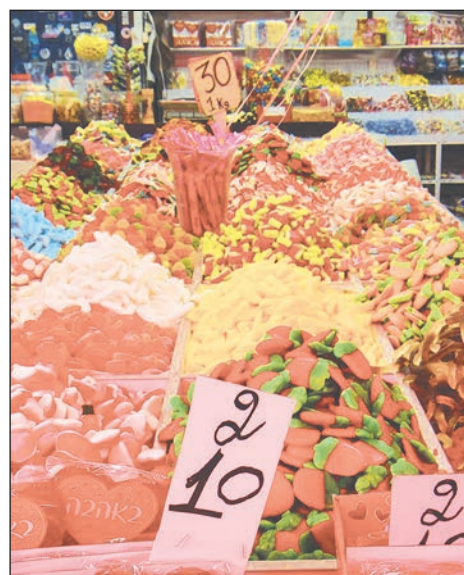
"I am more confident in who I am as a woman, Jewish woman, mom, wife and friend. I am more accepting with who I am right now and hopefully with who I evolve to be. I am looking forward to collaborating and spending more time with this funny, passionate, opinionated, motivated, intelligent, thoughtful, talented, diverse group of women I now call friends." – Lisa Hirsch

As for me, I am so grateful to have shared in this tremendous experience with such inspirational women. I am grateful for the commitment they have made to our Jewish community, but most of all, I am grateful for their friendship.

The Jewish Federation of Louisville plans to send a second group on the JWRP MOMentum trip in 2018. The program is designed for Jewish mothers (with children under 18) the majority of whom have not been to Israel. Please visit JWRP's website www.jwrp.org for more information. The application process will begin in 2017.

To help inspire more women through this program, please consider making a gift to The Jewish Federation of Louisville.

The 2016 Louisville JWRP participants were Lisa Michel Barnes, Karen Bass, Ellana Bessen, Jasmine Farrier, Tracy Geller, Lisa Hirsch, Lisa Kaplan, Julie Kling, Paola Moretta, Mona Schramko, Jaime Schwartz, Jessica Springer, Julie Strull, Dara Woods, Kristen Yoffe and City Leader/ Staff Lenae Price.



SHARING THE LOVE MEANS CARING FOR SENIORS IN OUR AREA

Over the past eight years, Subaru and its retailers have helped the nationwide Meals on Wheels network deliver more than **1.4 MILLION MEALS** to seniors in need. You can help that number grow when you buy or lease a new Subaru during the 2016 Share the Love Event (November 17 – January 3) and select Meals on Wheels America as the recipient of a \$250 donation from Subaru. As a member of Meals on Wheels America, we are proud to participate in the Share the Love Event to help raise critical funds needed to support our local seniors.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.MEALSONWHEELSAMERICA.ORG/SHARETHELOVE.



Louisville's Jewish Organizations Can Be Part of LIFE & LEGACY

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

When the Jewish Community of Louisville was chosen by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to be part of the fifth cohort of communities to participate in the LIFE & LEGACY program, the JCL made a commitment to partner actively with Jewish agencies, organizations and congregations here to build a strong and sustainable Jewish community in Louisville for generations to come.

As a first step toward fulfilling that obligation and making legacy giving the cornerstone of Louisville's Jewish future, the JCL convened an informational meeting at Standard Country Club on December 1. The leaders of many of the eligible groups came to hear details of the program from the Grinspoon Foundation's Certified Fundraising Executive Christine Kutnick, who will serve as Louisville's consultant, providing the support and guidance that Louisville will need to secure meaningful legacy gifts and to help build a legacy culture in our community.

Those in attendance also had the opportunity to meet and talk with Grinspoon's national director of the LIFE & LEGACY program, Arlene Schiff.

Harold Grinspoon, Kutnick explained, is a generous entrepreneur who made his fortune in the real estate industry. He has a passion for investing in the Jewish community to help it grow and thrive in a sustainable way. He is the driving force behind PJ Library and JCamp 180, both of which The J participates in already. He also instituted the Visions and Voices program that focuses on Jewish art.

With the LIFE & LEGACY program, Grinspoon is working to convey a sense of urgency. Over \$59 trillion is being transferred now from the generation that has lived their lives and done well to the next generation. If Jewish agencies, organizations and congregations are not asking these seniors to consider leaving a portion of their estates to benefit the Jewish community, they are missing an opportunity.

If 20 percent of a Jewish agency's operating budget is not coming from the proceeds from endowments, Kutnick said, it will face a fiscal crisis by 2025. Endowments are essential to nonprofit stability, she stated.

Nonprofits today are evolving. They are faced with increased demands for programming while the competition for the charitable dollar is increasing. Through LIFE & LEGACY, Grinspoon is asking Jewish communities to become proactive and encourage widespread legacy giving.

Kutnick pointed out that 92 percent of Jews already make charitable donations and 79 percent of them give to Jewish organizations, yet many of them have not provided for charitable donations in their wills, and often is it because they have not been asked. Making a legacy gift, she explained, allows someone to do something significant during their lifetimes.

It is a myth, she said, that only the wealthy can leave legacy gifts. She encouraged those present to ask their prospective donors to discuss the possibility of including charitable giving in their wills with their children. Making legacy gifts, she continued, is about showing and teaching children what's important.

LIFE & LEGACY is a four-year program that provides training and support on how to have legacy conversation, program funding and monetary incentives for collaboration and building successful legacy programs. Since its inception, Kutnick reported, the 35 participating communities have secured over 11,000

legacy commitments valued at \$450.5 million.

To participate in the program, the Harold Grinspoon Foundation provides up to \$100,000 for the community. In Louisville, the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and the Jewish Federation of Louisville have committed to provide matching funds to ensure the success of the program. Jennifer Tuvlin has been hired to coordinate the program.

The JCL has spots for 10 Jewish agencies, organizations and congregations in Louisville to participate in the program, go through the training, write legacy plans and follow through with legacy giving conversations and effective stewardship.

All of Louisville's eligible Jewish

groups were invited to this kickoff program and encouraged to complete partnership applications. The program will only work if there is broad participation.

"This is a great way to support Jewish Louisville," Tuvlin said. "My job is to help you achieve that goal." She encouraged all present to complete partnership applications and to building Louisville's legacy giving program.

The participants in the LIFE & LEGACY program will be trained all winter and spring. The breadth of the interest and involvement from the various Jewish agencies and synagogues demonstrate this community's recognition of the value of legacy planning and excitement about adding it to their financial development.



Jennifer Tuvlin and Arlene Schiff

For additional information about this program or to discuss legacy gifts for Jewish agencies and synagogues, contact Jennifer Tuvlin at 502-238-2735.

FOUNDATION

Continued from page 1

ish Foundation forward. The committee reestablished the Jewish Foundation brand, conducted an extensive review of policies and procedures and reinstituted the policy of giving impact grants for deserving programs across the community.

The Foundation has also been the recipient of grants designed to enhance its abilities. Recently, Louisville was chosen as part of the fifth cohort in the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's Life & Legacy program, and the Foundation's participation the program was made possible by a grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and funds from the Foundation itself.

Through the Life & Legacy program, the Jewish Foundation of Louisville will help Jewish agencies, organizations and congregations collaborate to develop and build their legacy giving. (The story about Life & Legacy that ran in the November issue of *Community* is available at www.jewishlouisville.org.)

In addition, the committee did a thorough review of all the donor advised funds to ensure that they are continuing to be used appropriately. Over the years, the community has changed. Some of the funds were designated to support agencies or programs that no longer exist today.

When the committee found funds like that, they consulted with the donors or the donors' heirs, whenever possible, to repurpose the funds in accordance with their wishes. When no there are no family members, the committee looked at the purpose for which the fund was established and directed that the disbursements from the fund be used in a manner consistent with the original intent of the fund.

The Jewish Foundation also addressed a number of complex legal, tax and investment issues, often working closely with donors.

In addition, the Foundation attracted some new funds and endowments. The Foundation has two active committees, he explained. The Foundation Committee, which he chaired, deals mostly with marketing and administration. The Investment Committee is now chaired by Eric Goodman. During most of his tenure, Glenn Levine chaired that committee, and did an outstanding job. Goodman took over in the fall, and Resnik said, "We're very fortunate to have Eric. He is an international investment manager, and we're lucky he has chosen to continue to live in Louisville."

Resnik believes Jewish Foundation is now positioned well for growth and he's excited that Brice has agreed to serve as chair. "I've known Chris for more the 15 years," he said, "and I consider him to be a champion and educator of philanthropy. He has the financial and marketing background and he has both profession-

al and volunteer experience" that will serve him well."

In addition to all the administrative work that has been done, he explained, "We have a broadly respected and up-to-speed management team with Sara, Ed and Stacy," referring to JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner, Vice President and CFO Ed Hickerson and Vice President of Philanthropy Stacy Gordon-Funk.

The Live & Legacy program also means that the Jewish Foundation has the resources to market and manage legacy giving for the community. The Grinspoon and JHFE grants enabled the Foundation to invest in a Life & Legacy coordinator, and Resnik believes that hiring Jennifer Tuvlin for that position was a good move. "She will be great in that role," he said.

Brice is the Chief Development Officer (CDO) for Northwestern Mutual – The Rivers Network Office.

A native New Yorker, he grew up on Long Island and earned his BA from Duke University in political science. He got excited about teaching during his sophomore year and was a volunteer coach at the YMCA.

After graduation, the teaching job he had planned to take didn't pan out, so he interned on Capitol Hill and worked for the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee. Later, he landed a faculty position at the Oakwood Friends School in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Brice returned to Duke for graduate school and earned his MA in liberal studies for teaching. In 1992, he moved to Louisville "for what I thought would be a two-year gig" teaching and coaching at Kentucky Country Day School, he said, but Kentucky proved to be his lifetime home. In his first hour in here, he attended a faculty party and "met my now wife, Sarah."

He called staying in Louisville "the best decision I made."

After two years at KCD, he worked as general manager for Maker's Mark Products where he was responsible for coordinating the first catalog featuring Maker's Mark promotional items.

Brice joined his family's business, Superior Printing Ink Company, in 1996. He established a branch office in Louisville to service printers in the Ohio Valley region and he served as the national accounts manager. He also headed the re-branding effort for this 80-year-old company.

Brice returned to KCD as assistant head of school for development in 2000. During his tenure at KCD, he led a variety of initiatives related to the external affairs of the school, including fundraising, alumni relations, parent relations and admissions.

While at KCD, he developed a philanthropy class that received the National Association of Independent Schools' highest award for curriculum development. The course "was grounded in leg-

acy giving," he explained. "We created a donor advised fund at the Community Foundation of Louisville and the kids would decide" where distributions from the fund would go.

Since philanthropic funds are designed for the long term, the students understood that part of the project was setting aside some funds for future classes to distribute. "We looked at the grander vision and created a vehicle to give options for the future," he continued. Philanthropic funds are part of a healthy nonprofit.

Brice joined Northwestern Mutual in April 2009 and served as chief marketing officer for The Rivers Network Office through December 2014, assuming the role as CDO in January 2015. As the CDO, he oversees the recruitment, training and development of the office's financial representatives and the college financial representatives.

Brice has volunteered extensively in the youth services sector of the Louisville community. His volunteer efforts are now focused on supporting soldiers and their families, especially those with a U. S. Army Special Forces battalion stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY.

He also serves on the board of directors for Where Opportunity Knox, an organization devoted to making the Greater Louisville Region the best place in America for veterans to live.

Brice has been active within the Jewish community in the past. He served on The Temple board and coached Maccabi basketball for The J. In addition, he served as principal of the High School of Jewish Studies and director of Keshet Kentucky.

Now, he is ready to participate in the Jewish community again, and for him, the time is right. "Life & Legacy is a tremendous opportunity," he said. In his new role, he is looking forward to supporting the participating organizations.

"It's about having conversations with people around what they envision as a legacy of purpose and fulfillment for them," he said. "They may have very broad ideas. They may want to support a school or other things. We can connect them to other organizations and talk with them specifically about what they want their legacy to be within the Jewish community. ... I'm part of a team with Stacy [Gordon-Funk], Jen [Tuvlin] and Sara [Klein Wagner]," he said, and he's ready to do his part.

Brice had words of praise for Peter Resnik, too. "He has really helped propel our community forward through tireless efforts to make our systems stronger and the Foundation is part of it," Brice said. "I consider him a friend and it is a real honor to succeed him in this role. I don't think we would have this opportunity to build our foundation if it weren't for Peter's good work. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude.

Brice and his wife of 21 years, Sarah, have two teenagers, Lilly and Wilder.

Faith Communities Come Together with Hope and Prayers for Peace

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

As an American holiday, Thanksgiving bring people from all walks of life and all faith groups together. In Louisville, the Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Dinner has become an annual tradition to promote understanding, compassion and fellowship.

This year's program, held on Monday, November 21, at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, was sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace in partnership with the church, River Road Mosque and Temple Shalom.

Rev. Jason Crosby, pastor of the host congregation, welcomed everyone, highlighting the role the Baptist church had in establishing freedom of religious expression and the separation of church and state as important precepts upon which the United States was founded.

Interfaith Paths to Peace Executive Director Haleh Karimi talked about the changing role her organization must play in the face of rising terrorism. "Our organization has planted seeds of interfaith understanding and peacemaking for 20 years," she said, "and we will continue to harvest the fruit for years to come."

Dr. Muhammad Babar, long a proponent of interfaith cooperation who has been making a difference for good in the community and in the world for many years, spoke of the pain this year has brought as he and his family have suffered from rising Islamophobia. He called on all those present to write, speak and stand for liberty.

Congressman John Yarmuth and Metro Councilman Bill Hollander also addressed the group.

The prayer service started with Gregory Rahming, accompanied by Dr. Louie Bailey, singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

That was followed by community faith leaders offering prayers from their diverse traditions. Those leaders were Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner of Temple Shalom, Imam Mohammad Wasif Iqbal of the River Road Mosque, Rev. Nanda of the Kentucky meditation compassionate Peace Center (Buddhist), Dr. Jahanigir Cyrus of the Louisville Baha'I Community, and Sunder Iyer from the Hindu Temple of Kentucky.

To wrap up the formal program, Jeremiah A.R. Cunningham of Iktomi Sha Oyate (Lakota tradition) led a Native American peace pipe ceremony and candle lighting. Everyone in attendance was invited to pick up a lighted candle and stand on the front steps of the church.

Cunningham brought a traditional sacred pipe of unity for the ceremony. The long wooden stem, made of cedar, symbolizes all that grows on the earth, or the masculine, he explained; and the stone bowl, carved of catlinite, represents the earth itself, or the feminine. Together, they represent all the universe.

He lit the pipe and shared it with the other faith leaders for prayer, ceremony and unity.



IPP Executive Director Haleh Karimi



Rev. Jason Crosby



Rep. John Yarmuth



Councilman Bill Hollander



Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner



Dr. Muhammad Babar



Imam Mohammad Wasif Iqbal



Rev. Nanda



Sunyer Iyer



Surrounded by community members of many faiths, Jeremy A.R. Cunningham led a pipe ceremony on the steps of the church.

PHOTOS BY SHIELA STEINMAN WALLACE

APPLY NOW

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMP, ISRAEL TRIPS AND OTHER INTENSIVE JEWISH EXPERIENCES

ONE HAPPY CAMPER GRANTS

Louisville Jewish campers can participate in the One Happy Camper program. In conjunction with Foundation for Jewish Camp, your youth may be eligible for an incentive grant of up to \$1,000 if your child has never before attended Jewish overnight camp program of 19 days or more or up to \$700 for a program of 12 days or more. To qualify, your child must be registered for a Jewish overnight camp program that lasts 19 days or more at an approved camp. Approved camps are listed on www.onehappycamper.org. Youth currently enrolled in a daily immersive Jewish experience like a Jewish Day School are not eligible for this program.

Visit www.onehappycamper.org for more information and to confirm eligibility. Incentive grants are limited to available funds so don't wait! These scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis while funding lasts, with priority given to those who apply by January 1.

ELLEN AND MILTON CANTOR ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship Fund provides an annual scholarship to a high school junior or senior from the greater Louisville area to help defray the cost of an Israel trip and enable that individual to participate in an approved, month-long educational opportunity in Israel.

Written applications must be submitted to the Ellen and Milton Cantor Israel Scholarship Fund by January 1. Each candidate must also include the recommendation of his/her rabbi or an appropriate Jewish communal professional.

Scholarship recipients must commit to participate in voluntary community activities upon their return from Israel.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Laura K. Cohen Camp Scholarship, the Miriam and Dennis Fine Beber Camp Memorial Scholarship and the Frankenthal Family Camp Ramah Scholarship are need-based grants that provide assistance for families to send their youth to summer overnight camp. Written applications must be submitted at the Jewish Foundation of Louisville. Each candidate must also include the recommendation of a Jewish communal professional (rabbi, youth group leader, religious school principal, etc.). Applicants demonstrating financial need will be given preference, but other criteria will be considered as well.

Receipt of the scholarships is contingent upon enrollment/acceptance at an eligible Jewish camp. By accepting the scholarship, the applicant agrees to participate in appropriate publicity before and/or after camp in the Community paper. Applications for the Laura K. Cohen partial-tuition camp scholarships will be accepted from youngsters interested in attending Jewish overnight summer camps that observe kosher dietary laws, are Zionist in approach (provide an Israeli element in orientation and/or programming), and observe Shabbat.

The Fine Scholarship is for those going to Beber Camp and the Frankenthal Scholarship is for Camp Ramah.

MARCH OF THE LIVING SCHOLARSHIP

The March of the Living is a program that takes teens to Auschwitz/Birkenau, Dachau, Majdanek and other Holocaust sites in Poland, accompanied by a Holocaust survivor, and then to Israel. Participants visit Auschwitz on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, and are in Israel to celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day. The next March of the Living will be April 20-May 4, 2017. Written applications must be submitted to the March of the Living Fund by January 1. Applications can be downloaded from www.jewishlouisville.org/scholarship. Additional information about the March of the Living can also be found at www.motl.org.

DEADLINES

With the exception of One Happy Camper grants, all scholarship applications may be downloaded at www.jewishlouisville.org/scholarship. Application and recommendation letters are due by January 1, 2017. They may be e-mailed to bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org or mailed to the attention of Betsy Schwartz, c/o Jewish Community of Louisville, 3600 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY, 40205. Applications received after January 1, 2017 will be considered on a first come, first served basis as long as funds are still available. January 1 applicants will be informed the week of February 20 as to their award status.

Contact Betsy Schwartz, 502-238-2708 or bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org for more information.



Jeremy A.R. Cunningham

WALLACE

Continued from page 1

of significance in the Jewish community over that time and has never let illness or personal tragedy get in the way of doing her job. She has amassed a remarkable record of achievement, including the creation of an award-winning publication, for which our community has been the beneficiary.

Shiela and her husband, David Wallace, had moved 12 times during the first 10 years of their marriage. They finally moved to Kentucky in 1986 when David accepted a professorship at St. Catharine's College in Springfield. He commuted from the college to Louisville for 30 years before his retirement so they could live and raise their children in a Jewish environment.

Their son, Glenn, was 9 years old and daughter, Sara, was 4 in 1990 when former Jewish Community Federation of Louisville Executive Director Alan Engel offered Shiela the editor's job at the *Community* newspaper. Shiela couldn't wait to get started and has considered the *Community* paper her "baby" ever since.

"Hiring Shiela turned out to be a wise move and a true benefit for the community," says Engel. "I remember interviewing a shy, but thoughtful young woman who explained very carefully how she could transform *Community* into a paper that would benefit the Jewish community in a variety of ways and would become the 'go to' place to find out what is happening and the issues facing us locally, regionally and nationally.

"She did all that and more," he said, "brought order from chaos, improved our revenue stream, enhanced PR and marketing and gave Federation and our agencies the opportunity to share our work with the community. I am very appreciative of all she has done."

After her very first paper went to press, Shiela discovered that the last bit of an anecdote in a long story had been left out, due to an error by those who pasted up the paper. She quickly priced the cost of equipment to do the job and brought the entire the process in-house – saving the Federation thousands of dollars annually.

She inherited Steve Baker, as her assistant, and the young graphic designer who quickly became indispensable. Baker taught her computer technological as she taught him about newspaper production.

One of his favorite memories of those days was going with Shiela to the Speed Art Museum in the early 1990s to see a special exhibition of historical pieces from New York's Jewish Museum. While the docent provided information about various items on display, Shiela could not help but offer additional details about them. She had a perspective that even fascinated the docent and we all got an education that day."

Community became her own and as time went on, and Shiela made it a point to include other writers to balance her own strong voice. Over the years, she worked closely with a number of Federation Board presidents and eventually added speech writing to her repertoire.

"Shiela always surprised me when we were working together," said past Federation Board President Fred Joseph (1995-98). "Whenever Alan Engel asked me for remarks, I turned to Shiela for help in crafting them. She was like in my head and said she could hear my voice as she wrote."

Sometimes, the presidents' first ladies got into the act as well. At the beginning of her tenure, Shiela missed taking a photo of past Board President Ron Abrams when he handed his gavel to incoming president Marcia Roth. Shiela was distraught. Ron's wife, Marie, took Shiela under her wing, set up a substitute photo shoot and assured her

that everyone makes mistakes. Marie, a strong leader in her own right with a reputation of being a bit prickly, made Shiela promise not to tell anyone about her softer side. (Shiela told the story now with Marie's permission.)

Marie, whose activities on behalf of the Jewish community locally and nationally are legendary, has always had great confidence in Shiela's ability to make even complicated things "sound nice."

Shiela's goal has always been to offer substantive information and to communicate it clearly and with transparency. She understood how the paper could make a difference in peoples' lives – and it has. The Jewish Community Center and Jewish Community of Louisville (JCL) need to communicate effectively in order to ensure a strong Jewish community for the foreseeable future, and *Community* functions as our voice and prime educational tool to the world.

Although the paper's change to a monthly format has made it somewhat more difficult to provide timely information on future events, Shiela provides content for www.jewishlouisville.org, keeping it chock-full of timely local, national and international information to bridge the gap.

"Our local community has been blessed with strong leaders over the years," Shiela reflects, "and my job has allowed me to know many of them." Her work also has taken her to Israel four times to offer first-hand accounts of the situation there. Her trips included a stops in Kiev and Odessa, where she was able to see and report on how Annual Federation Campaign dollars benefit Jewish communities there and around the world.

She witnessed how JDC (Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) volunteers helped stretch those dollars to better the lives of so many who could not survive otherwise. Taking that message to heart, she considers giving to the Campaign a personal commitment. This year, thanks to inheriting her parents' estate, she increased her pledge to the Lion of Judah level (an annual minimum gift of \$5,000 and above).

Karen Abrams, another past Federation president (2013-15), considers Shiela hard-working, extremely devoted to the JCL and the *Community* paper and always generous with her time and tzedakah. "I consider her," she said, "the embodiment of the Lion of Judah she has become."

Reporting on news stories, especially those about individuals with whom you develop a rapport, can be deeply personal. Shiela has often had such relationships and especially remembers interviewing a 90-year-old woman, Rose Hansen, on the occasion of her becoming a Lion of Judah. Rose was wearing a lovely gold necklace given to her by her husband and she showed Shiela a menorah the two had rescued from the Holocaust. After Shiela shared a draft of her story, Rose remarked, "Who gave you the eyes to see into my soul?" The two became friends and Rose gave Shiela her treasured necklace as a gift.

Prior to coming to *Community*, Shiela served on the board of Eliahu Academy when her son was a student and, with her husband, was a Bingo captain.

She has a strong interest in interfaith relations, and in the early 2000's, joined the local Religion Communicator's Council (RCC) chapter and soon after was asked to serve as the local chapter's president. Concerned that the group presented as an interfaith organization but was run more as a Christian-based initiative, she took her concerns to the RCC's national board and was invited to join their ranks to help the organization become a more inclusive. She changed the culture of the organization, and, on occasion, was able to provide her colleagues who worked for faith groups with anti-Israel platforms information



JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner presented Shiela Wallace a memento – copies of the front page of her first paper in 1990 and her last one, which Wagner promised would be updated with this issue.

PHOTOS BY TED WIRTH

about Israel with which they were not familiar.

Of all the organizations to which Shiela has given her time and talents, Temple Shalom is probably the closest to her heart. She became a member during her first year in Louisville when the temple was located in a house on Taylorsville Road. She approached Rabbi Stanley Miles and asked if he needed a Hebrew teacher and she ended up teaching sixth grade classes for over 25 years. When the congregation built a structure on Lowe Road, then-Choir Director Anne Niren recruited her for the choir. Eventually, she became the Shabbat morning volunteer song leader, and has been doing it for years. She began composing liturgical music and now has about 40 copyrights. A grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women allowed her to write and produce a sacred service for Temple Shalom's 25th anniversary.

"Shiela did me a huge favor with the choir," says Niren, "and it worked both ways. Another person might have said he or she was too busy, but she is the most driven and motivated person I have ever met. As the editor and voice of the Jewish community, she will be hard to replace."

Temple Shalom Rabbi Emeritus Stanley Miles, agrees. "I have known Shiela for over a quarter of a century, and her intellect, integrity and creativity have constantly enhanced our community and her congregation. She is, in so many ways, a bracha!"

"Shiela came to work at the Federation a couple of months before I did," says

Jewish Community of Louisville Executive Director Sara Wagner, "so I have always felt a personal connection with her as our Federation/JCL experiences and careers continued to grow and the community changed and evolved. I watched Shiela go from covering stories to becoming an active and involved member of the Jewish community.

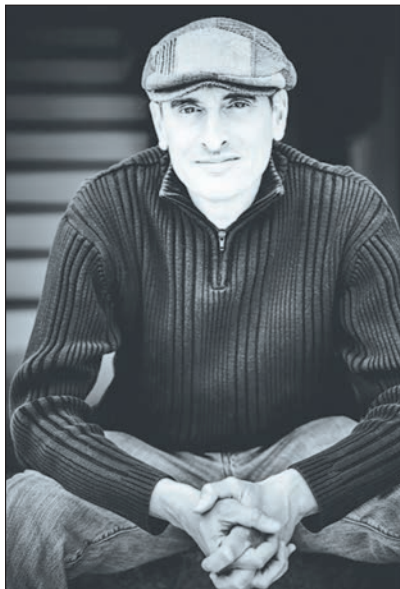
"For over 26 years," she continued, "she has been Jewish Louisville's storyteller and has quietly, and in her own way, shared the news, happenings, celebrations and highs and lows of the entire community. She has an immeasurable amount of respect for the news and the life stories she has shared. Mentored and inspired by the late Herman Landau, we are forever grateful to Shiela for taking the lead and assuming responsibility for preserving our community's stories and history."

Although she is retiring from her "paid job," Shiela plans to become an active JCL volunteer. Her flexible timeframe will allow her to work with the local Jewish Community Relations Council and continue working to establish a formal archive for the Louisville Jewish community.

She and David also plan to travel a bit and spend more time with their daughter, Sara, a third-year law student at the University of Arizona, and her husband, Ross Levine, and with their daughter-in-law, Carla, and grandchildren Madeline and Gavin in Louisville.

Additional comments from colleagues and friends can be found at www.jewishlouisville.org.

Chottiner Named Interim Editor



Lee Chottiner

PHOTO BY REBECCA KIGER

Lee Chottiner will succeed Shiela Steinman Wallace as interim editor of *Community*.

A career journalist, Chottiner spent 13 years as the executive editor of *The Jewish Chronicle* in Pittsburgh following a long career in daily newspapers.

During his tenure, the *Chronicle* won several awards from the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania and the American Jewish Press Association, including the AJPA's first ever Rockower Award for outstanding web sites.

Chottiner is a graduate of American University in Washington, D.C., and he earned his master's degree in journalism from Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

He is married to Rabbi Beth Jacobowitz Chottiner of Temple Shalom. Together, they have one daughter, Noa.

"I have full confidence in Lee," Wallace said. "I know that I am leaving *Community* in capable hands."

GA Inspires Louisville Delegation

by Becky Swansburg

Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award Winner

Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Scott Weinberg. Chuck Todd. Jay Klempner. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks. Hunter Weinberg. Bravo's Andy Cohen. Sara Klein Wagner. Me.

What do all these people have in common? Besides being Jewish leaders, we all attended the Jewish Federation of North America's General Assembly in Washington, D.C. last month.

And since the power of a conference is not in attending, but in bringing new ideas home and putting them to use, I want to share with you some insights and take-aways we gained at the General Assembly.

We gathered in Washington, D.C. less than a week after the presidential election. Naturally, many speakers at the GA addressed the election outcome, and how Jewish organizations should interact with the new administration. Hunter Weinberg, attending her first GA, enjoyed hearing from pundits and campaign workers as they unpacked the election. There was consensus that Jewish organizations had to push their agendas forward over the next four years, and to do that, they would need to engage with President-Elect Donald Trump and his appointees. As JCPA President David Bernstein noted: "Trump cannot be treyf to us."

At the same time, speakers addressed the need to draw attention to rising anti-Semitism and push our elected leaders to take action against it. They emphasized this had to start at the top, with President-Elect Trump. Expect all these conversations to impact the Jewish community's advocacy approach over the coming years.

Scott Weinberg, who was attending the GA as a Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award winner, was motivated by a panel discussion on "Next Generation Jewish Philanthropy." The panel examined how communities can make philanthropic giving a tradition passed down from generation to generation, and included ideas on empowering the next generation of Jewish families to give back. Look for some of these ideas to be used here in Louisville, particularly as we embark on the Life and Legacy program.

Yavilah McCoy, an African-American Jew and founder of a Jewish diversity non-profit, spoke about civil rights and how we can move this agenda forward. She emphasized that real change is made through building relationships, not writing letters and throwing barbs. This reinforces the work our JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) and others are doing to build relationships and advocate for Jewish causes.

Scott and I also attended a session on outreach to young families. It was a great mix of provocative conversation (how can we create Jewish spaces that meet the needs of today's new parents?) and fun ideas (ice cream socials have biblical roots!). Watch for some of these ideas to be put to good use by our synagogues and the JCL (Jewish Community of Louisville).

I attended a session on using storytelling to combat the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel. In front of a packed room, I stood up and had 90 seconds to tell a story that would move someone to feel differently about boycotting Israel. Too often, we focus exclusively on facts, and forget that each of us has a personal narrative that supports Israel's right to exist. Ask me about mine – and I look forward to hearing yours.

The Louisville delegation also attended the PJ Library reception hosted by Harold Grinspoon. PJ Library has grown over the years from a book sharing program to a thriving connector for Jewish families. It is an important program in Louisville that provides high-quality Jewish books and CDs to families with young children. It recently expanded to engage older children through PJ Our Way, and Louisville even has a young participant, 10-year-old David Kaplan, serving on the PJ Our Way Design Team.

The General Assembly was an inspiring three days in Washington. But now the real work begins: the work of putting these new ideas into action. I hope you'll join us as we work to strengthen Jewish Louisville and our relationship with partners, other faiths, government leaders, and each other.

Editor's note: The Louisville delegation included JCL Board Chair Jay Klempner, Becky Swansburg, Hunter and Scott Weinberg and JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner.

GFoundation Helps The J Feed Seniors

by Shiela Steinman Wallace

Editor

An important part of the Senior Adult program at The J is the Senior Nutrition Program. Seniors come to The J five days a week to enjoy a hot, kosher meal in the company of friends. They make a suggested donation of \$3 per meal or whatever they can afford, and additional donations are welcome.

There are, however, seniors who need the meal program but are unable to come to The J. For them, The J offers home-delivered hot, kosher meals through Meals-on-Wheels.

The need for these home-delivered meals often exceeds the resources available to provide them, and, in the past, when maximum enrollment in the program was reached, those who could not be served were put on a waiting list. This is a problem found across the Meals-on-Wheels network, and not just with The J's program.

GFoundation, an organization that was established to address senior hunger, veteran and civilian post-homelessness, children's hunger and teen hunger, learned about the problem.

"The first program we started was a senior meal program called GMeals-on-Wheels," said John Howard Shaw-Woo, a founding member of GFoundation. "It

came about after we had approached Meals-on-Wheels to see if we could have fundraiser and donate money to Meals-on-Wheels to feed the seniors on their waiting list.

"They would have had to use money within a month or lose equivalent in federal funds," Shaw-Woo explained, so GFoundation decided to create a gap program that would provide meals to those who were on the waiting list.

GFoundation solicited funds from individual donors and corporations and now provides those seniors with five healthy meals a week.

Once the program was up and running, Meals-on-Wheels alerted GFoundation to a similar need at The J. "So the board decided to support JCC by paying for meals that could be distributed to seniors on a waiting list," Shaw-Woo said. "The J provides kosher meals, which other meal providers are not able to do, so the JCC fills a niche for those seniors on the waiting list who need to keep kosher."

Senior Adult Director Diane Sadle said, "The J is grateful for the additional support. The GFoundation is enabling us to serve all the seniors who need kosher Meals-on-Wheels so nobody has to go hungry."

Today, GFoundation is serving about 100 seniors across the region.

More information about GFoundation can be found at www.gfoundation.org.

The Jewish Community of Louisville gratefully acknowledges donations to the following

JCC SECOND CENTURY FUNDS AND OTHER ENDOWMENTS

RE AND RICHIE RICHLIN ATHLETIC FUND

MEMORY OF THE 81ST ANNIVERSARY OF MAURICE & RYNA RICHLIN
DAVID FELDMAN

ROBERT AND BETTE LEVY BRONNER ELLIS ISLAND EDUCATIONAL FUND

MEMORY OF LIL
ERWIN SHERMAN

SADYE AND MAURICE GROSSMAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CAMP FUND

SPEEDY RECOVERY OF MELISSA ZACHARIAH
MEMORY OF ARNOLD PARRIS
MEMORY OF LYNN GOLDSTEIN
HONOR OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF SHELLA & MEL DAVIS
MEMORY OF SANDOR KLEIN
HONOR OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF JACOB WISHNIA
HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINDY & RICHARD SIEGEL
JUDIE SHERMAN
MEMORY OF MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER, SADYE GROSSMAN
JUDIE SHERMAN & FAMILY

FLORENCE KREITMAN ISAACS SUMMER CAMP FUND

HONOR OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF LOIS & JEFF GUSHIN
BARBARA ISAACS
HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF SIDNEY HYMSON
LOIS GUSHIN

STUART PRESSMA YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND

MEMORY OF PHYLLIS SCHAFFER
DIANE GORDON

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LOUISVILLE ALSO GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES DONATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LOUISVILLE

MEMORY OF BETTY FLEISCHAKER
LEON & HELEN WAHBA

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

MEMORY OF GEORGE KLEIN
RAYMA SHUSTER
MEMORY OF EDWARD SWITOW
RAYMA SHUSTER
MEMORY OF LYNN GOLDSTEIN
LOUISVILLE ATHLETIC CLUB SILVER SNEAKERS CLUB

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER SENIOR ADULT DEPARTMENT

MEMORY OF LYNN GOLDSTEIN
JON SCHNEIDER
ANDREA LEVERE & CFED STAFF
SHIELA WALLACE
ROZ & ARNOLD SCHNEIDER
BOB & MARGIE KOHN
RUTH SILON

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER CENTERSTAGE

MEMORY OF LYNN GOLDSTEIN
BRIAN YESOWITZ

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

HONOR OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF JACOB WISHNIA
LEON & HELEN WAHBA

JAY LEVINE YOUTH FUND

MEMORY OF BETTY FLEISCHAKER
SHANNON & TODD BENOVIKZ

STACY MARKS NISENBAUM FUND

HONOR OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF DAVID GORDON
LOIS & IVAN MARKS
HONOR OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF JACOB WISHNIA
LOIS & IVAN MARKS
HONOR OF THE BAT MITZVAH OF THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF LOIS & IVAN MARKS
BART & CAROL FREEDMAN

MIRIAM AND DENNIS FINE BEBER CAMP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF DAVID GORDON
GLENN & KATHI FINE

SKOLNICK GUMER COMMUNITY FUND

HONOR OF THE SKOLNICK FAMILY



JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES and SONGS



FREE JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES and SONGS

ENRICH your entire FAMILY'S JEWISH JOURNEY.

We'll send you Jewish bedtime stories every month – for FREE!



APPLY TODAY

Call Betsy Schwartz at 502-238-2708 or sign up online at www.jewishlouisville.org/pjlibrary.



Jewish Federation®
OF LOUISVILLE



Celebrating Chanukah



Stories, Songs and Sufganiyot ... Sharing Chanukah Traditions

JCRC ALSO HONORS NCJW PRESIDENT JOYCE BRIDGE, VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

The Jewish Community Relations Council's annual Interfaith Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 11, drew a large group of people of many faiths to share in a little early Chanukah joy. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner of Temple Shalom shared the Chanukah story and Cantors Sharon Hordes of Keneseth Israel and David Lipp of Adath Jeshurun shared some favorite Chanukah songs.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of the JCRC's Annual Award to volunteer extraordinaire Joyce Bridge, president of National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section. Cantor Hordes made the presentation.

The heart of community relations, Cantor Hordes said, "is working toward the betterment of your community in many different ways. This is what Joyce does and why she is so deserving."

Prior to coming to Louisville 10 years

ago, Bridge ran a social service agency that helped domestic violence victims. The NCJW chapter there helped her agency a lot. So when Bridge moved here, she immediately "joined NCJW to meet people and form friendships."

"She soon became very active in their mission of positively impacting the lives of women children and families throughout our community and in Israel," Cantor Hordes continued. "Two years ago she was asked to become president of the organization and even though she is not Jewish. She's been a leader that represents Jewish values in the most positive way, values that are universal."

In addition to her work with NCJW, Bridge volunteers with Gilda's Club and is a docent at the Speed Museum.

After the formal program, there were plenty of latkes and sufganiyot for everyone.

Jeff Slyn chaired this program and Matt Goldberg is the director of the JCRC.

Interfaith Paths to Peace cosponsored this program.



Above, NCJW President Joyce Bridge

At left, top, Cantors David Lipp and Sharon Hordes shared some Chanukah songs and invited people to sing along.

PHOTOS BY TED WIRTH



Above, Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner

At right, JCRC Director Matt Goldberg and daughter, Rachel



KENESETH ISRAEL & YAD
Young Adult Division of the Jewish Federation of Louisville
PRESENT
VODKA LATKE

Thursday, Dec. 29th
7-10pm

Vines and Canines
1985 Douglass Blvd.
Louisville



Open bar – wine and cocktails •
Gourmet latke bar • Appetizers • Music •
Dreidels & Gelt • Menorah Lighting
\$5/person. Please bring canned/dried food for JFCS food bank. Pay/RSVP at tinyurl.com/Hanukah2016
Must be 21+ w/ ID.



"WE CAN'T PUT OFF PAYING MY MOM'S MEDICAL BILLS AND HER OXYGEN, SO WE STRUGGLE TO GET ENOUGH TO EAT."

- RHONDA



©2012 MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger/Barbara Grover

Please
donate to
MAZON
today.

Every day, hungry people have to make impossible choices, often knowing that, no matter which option they choose, they will have to accept negative consequences. It shouldn't be this way.

MAZON is working to end hunger for Rhonda and the millions of Americans and Israelis who struggle with food insecurity.

MAZON

A Jewish Response
To Hunger

P.O. Box 96119 Washington, D.C. 20090 | (800) 813-0557 | mazon.org



Celebrating Chanukah



A Chanukah Short Story: The Latke Maker

by Lee Dugatkin
Special to Community

There had been no traditional family recipe before him. No quasi-mystical list of ingredients that only the gastronomic high priests were permitted to recite incantations over. He had been a chef in the Korean War and had learned to improvise: making do with what was around, mixing some of this and some of that, and letting the food do the rest.

When a wife, and then eventually kids, came along, and with them the twice-a-year holiday dinners with barely tolerable, hideously boring relatives, he comforted himself as any epicurean might. If he could, he would have had military sentries posted outside the tiny kitchen in apartment 11H, with orders to bar entry to any unauthorized personnel, meaning everyone.

His enclave was the smallest of rooms, so tiny that he was certain that the pseudo-nouveau-riche relatives coming in for four hours that day from Long Island thought it hardly merited the title kitchen. But then he didn't really give a damn what they thought, if they even did think, and he loved every one of the 18 square feet that comprised his sanctum sanctorum. In part because he could just turn and reach to get whatever was called for next. But it was more than that; there was something comforting about the very shape and layout of the space. It seemed to him that the room's fate as a repository for all good things had been set from its inception. The white Amanda refrigerator had

been created to sit on the northeastern wall, just as the gas, four-burner stove was destined from construction to be on the southwestern wall. The meager counter space had been interspersed in just the right way, even if there was no other way possible.

The holiday meals that came out from the kitchen and into the adjacent, equally miniscule, dining room, the seemingly endless convoy of different courses shuffling in and then out, were a thing to behold, and he was rightly proud of that.

But one dish above all others mattered most. The latkes had to be just right. If they weren't, he judged the meal an utter failure.

Long ago he mastered the recipe, and, unlike his army chef days, things were now canonized and set in stone. A bowl housed five large Idaho potatoes, meticulously selected to be perfectly bruiseless. The salt and pepper shaker sat next to a container with four medium-sized eggs. Another receptacle held the flour, and hovering over that rose a large bottle of Crisco oil for the frying: together they were the duo that that would determine that most important of latke qualities: crispiness.

He peeled the potatoes, then grated them, producing long, but razor thin slices. The eggs and flour were mixed, and the slices were gently added to that, and then topped off with a smidge of pepper and salt. As that all unfolded, the oil was heating up in a giant pan on the front-most, right-hand burner of the stove. When a droplet of water was tossed in, and it bounced along the sur-

face, the oil was ready. Then, spoonful by spoonful, the mixture was lowered in, and somehow – and even he was not quite sure how – when it hit the oil it formed a perfect ovoid, three inches long, two inches wide, and half an inch thick.

Six latkes in the frying pan. Always six. Flipped every 30 seconds so that the tops and bottoms were equally browned. Once done, each was placed on a paper towel to soak up the excess grease, and another perfect ovoid was dropped in, until 50 or so had gone through the process. Then, and only

then, were the wife and kids permitted in for the highly anticipated sacrosanct taste test.

Once they had given their approval, the latke maker was done, until the next gathering, when he would get out the bowls and ingredients and begin anew.

The latke maker is gone now, but his legacy lives on, scribbled on a crumpled up grease-stained piece of paper buried between the pages of a cookbook that the next generation breaks out for holiday meals. The kitchens are larger and fancier than his, but the latkes could care less about such things.

Happy Chanukah!

FLORIDA AND KENTUCKY LICENSED

JAMES L. FINE
Attorney, PLLC

WILLS • TRUSTS • CONTRACTS
KENTUCKY & FLORIDA CLOSINGS ESTATE
PLANNING • TAXES ESTATE AND TRUST
SETTLEMENTS

FLORIDA DEEDS INTO TRUST

(502)899-9997

www.jameslfine.com
jfine@jameslfine.com

4175 Westport Road
(Unit 106)

Westwood Office Condominiums
across from Target

THIS IS AN ADVERTISEMENT

KentuckyOne Health Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES

KentuckyOne Health, including Jewish Hospital, has many volunteer opportunities at its Louisville facilities that we are seeking individuals to fulfill.

No matter whether you are interested in transporting patients to their area of service, helping family members track their patients during a procedure or sitting at the information desk to assist visitors, we have a need.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Contact Danni Kiefner,
Director, Volunteer Services, at
dannikiefner@
KentuckyOneHealth.org.
to begin your volunteer
experience today.

Our volunteer application is
now online at
www.KentuckyOneHealth.org
/volunteer.



Anshei Sfard Chanukah Dinner

Wednesday, December 28th

6:00 pm

Dairy Dinner

Adults: \$8.00 Children Ages 3-12: \$5.00

Children 2 and Under: FREE

Bring your family and come enjoy
an evening of fun and celebration

Reservations requested by Friday, December 23rd

by calling the office at 451-3122 x 0

Happy Hanukah!



Join us for our annual Hanukah Party! Tuesday, December 27, 2016 @ KI

5:30pm-6:00pm
5:45pm-6:00pm
6:00pm-6:15pm
6:15pm-6:45pm
6:45pm-7:45pm

Interactive Hanukah sing-along
Evening minyan
Hanukah Candle Lighting

Dinner, with plenty of latkes and jelly donuts!
Festival: horse and carriage, dreidel games, face painting, bounce houses, circus acts, cookie decorating, arts & crafts, music, yummy food, & much more!



rsvp@kenesethisrael.com
or 502-459-2780





Celebrating Chanukah



Warren Buffett: Investing in Israel Bonds Is “A Terrific Tribute to the Country” Famed Investor Emphasizes Point with Personal \$5 Million Israel Bond Investment

OMAHA, NE — Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett welcomed 43 U.S. Israel bond investors to Omaha recently, each of whom made a minimum \$1 million new investment to participate in an exclusive evening with the famed “oracle of Omaha.”

The evening opened with a tribute video from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who said, “Warren is one of the most brilliant and successful investors of our time. He knows a good investment when he sees it. That’s why he invests in Israel.”

Buffett, who made Israeli company Iscar his first overseas acquisition, spoke warmly of the Jewish state, calling it “a remarkable country.” He stressed that

“The United States and Israel have a common destiny,” saying, “If you are looking for brains, energy and dynamism in the Middle East, Israel is the only place you need to go.”

Buffett also spoke positively of investing in Israel bonds, calling the investments “a terrific tribute to the country.” He said he would invest \$5 million in Israel bonds in his personal portfolio if participants at the event matched his investment. In doing so, Buffett stated, “I wanted – through the last-minute challenge – to set the bar even higher for future events.”

He added, “You can tell prospective investors that I would have taken a perpetual bond if you had offered one. I believe

Israel is going to be around forever.”

As a result, Israel bond sales directly attributable to the event totaled \$60 million. In addition to Buffett’s \$5 million investment, Berkshire Hathaway’s portfolio has included Israel bonds since its acquisition of GUARD Insurance in 2012, now known as Berkshire Hathaway GUARD Insurance Companies.

The evening was the result of an April meeting held in Omaha between Buffett and then-Bonds President & CEO Izzy Tapoohi, Vice President for Sales Stuart Garawitz and Pennsylvania Region Executive Director Harold Marcus.

In commenting on the meeting, Buffett said, “I learned quite a bit more about the Bonds program and said I’d love to do (the event).”

In expressing appreciation to Buffett, new Israel Bonds President & CEO Israel Maimon said, “This event tells me that Warren Buffett, famed for his investment expertise, continues to view Israel

as a sure bet.”

The evening was hosted by Henry Davis, president & CEO of Greater Omaha Packing.

Thomas A. Lockshin is executive director of the regional office located in Cleveland.

Israel bonds are debt securities issued by the government of Israel. Israel Bonds is also the commonly known name of Development Corporation for Israel (DCI), which underwrites the bonds in the United States. Capital provided through the sale of Israel bonds has helped strengthen every aspect of Israel’s economy, enabling the development of key national infrastructure. Today, expanded ports and transportation networks help facilitate the shipment of “Made in Israel” technology around the world, enhancing national export growth. Capital accrued through the sale of Israel bonds has enabled cutting-edge innovation that saves lives and changes the world on a daily basis.

One of the best ways to fight terrorism in Israel is to help save its victims.



With Israelis grappling with nearly daily acts of terrorism, you can help ensure that those injured don’t join the list of those killed. Your support of Magen David Adom, Israel’s national EMS service, provides the equipment, supplies, and on-going training to keep MDA the preeminent mass-casualty medical response organization in the world. **Your donation saves lives.**

AFMDA Midwest Region
30100 Chagrin Blvd. Suite 150
Pepper Pike, OH 44124
Toll-Free 877.405.3913
midwest@afmda.org



AMERICAN FRIENDS OF
MAGEN DAVID ADOM

SAVING LIVES IN ISRAEL
www.afmda.org

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A
HAPPY CHANUKAH



FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF OF
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LOUISVILLE

WWW.JEWISHLouisville.org | 459-0660



Jewish Community
of Louisville

Together in Life, Learning & Leadership



Are you new to the Louisville Jewish community?

or

Do you know someone who has come to Louisville within the last year?
Let the Jewish Community of Louisville make the connection!

Please let us know you’re here by giving your name, address and phone number to Kristy at the JCL, 238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.

Jewish Community of Louisville
3630 Dutchmans Lane
Louisville, Kentucky 40205
(502) 459-0660 • jewishlouisville.org

Welcome to Louisville!

Bob Sachs' Short Story Nominated for a Pushcart Award

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

All of us are born with a set of skills and talents. Sometimes we recognize them and pursue careers that put them to good use. Other times, we don't discover them until later in life.

"I never really knew I could write well," Bob Sachs said. It is a talent he discovered after a long, successful career in law and banking. Now, his short story, "Vondelpark" has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize by *The Louisville Review*, and the author is "feeling good" about it.

"I was an indifferent student in high school and actually flunked out of the University of Illinois after my first year," he said. To continue his education, he had to petition for admittance to Wright Junior College in Chicago.

"The creative writing professor read my petition and interviewed me," he continued, "and he said it was very well written." So Sachs went on to take a course from him and did well. Years

later, Sachs discovered the professor regularly read one of his stories to the creative writing classes "as an example of what they should be doing."

A number of years later, in 1971, Sachs, now a lawyer, came to Louisville with his wife, Felice. With the exception of a story he wrote for a creative writing class at Bellarmine in the 70's, he didn't write another story until after he retired from the Bank of Louisville in 1998.

At that time, he began taking a wide variety of courses at the University of Louisville and chose a creative writing course from Sena Jeter Naslund as one. "I went to her class and she asked how many people had registered," he recalled. "I had not yet registered and she told me that the class was full, that she doesn't want to take more than 18 people."

She allowed him to sit in the class that date and told him, "'Write down your name and phone number, and if somebody drops out, I'll call you.' So I did," he said. "I wrote that on a piece of paper, but on top of the paper, I wrote in very big letters, please, and I gave it to her at the end of class. She looked at me and said, 'oh, all right,' and let me in the class."

Sachs wound up taking two classes from Naslund, the award winning author of *Ahab's Wife* and a number of other novels as well as two classes from

poet and playwright Jeff Skiner and one from novelist and short story writer Paul Griner, all at UofL.

In 2004, he also submitted a short story to the Metroversity Writing Contest, and took first place in the graduate division. In 2005, he repeated that feat with "Vondelpark," a fictionalized version of an experience he had while in Europe.

With those successes, Sena Naslund pushed Sachs to get more serious about his writing and take the two-year low-residency creative writing program leading to an MFA in Creative Writing at Spalding University. The program that she directed is one of the top 10 creative writing programs in the country.

"In 2007, I did that, graduating at the age of 70 in 2009 – a graduation my mother came to," he said.

"I rewrote 'Vondelpark' several times," he said, "and kept sending it out to literary magazines and no one accepted it." After letting it sit for a while, "Finally, I sent it to the *Louisville Review*, which is run by Spalding, ... and they accepted it."

The story was published earlier this year, and about a month ago, Sachs learned that they nominated it for a Pushcart Prize in Literature. "The Pushcart Prize goes to best writing among small literary magazines," he explained, "and many of the literary magazines are run by universities."

The judging will happen in 2017 and it's a big field. "The honor is being nominated," Sachs noted. "I have no pretensions of getting the award."

"Vondelpark," he explained is about a young Jewish boy who was sent to England on a Kindertransport during the Holocaust who later reunited with his mother in the United States. That person became a scientist for DuPont and

traveled back to Europe for a conference at Utrecht, south of Amsterdam.

"One night," Sachs recounted, "another scientist says let's go for a walk, and he takes him into a large central city park, Vondelpark, and the fellow starts to talk to the Jewish protagonist about how he was involved in the Holocaust." Vondelpark, Sachs added, was off limits to Jews during the Holocaust.

The conversation in the story "continues through the park until they get back to the conference and reveals some of the characters' history and present situations," he said. While fictionalized, Sachs reports that elements of the story are true.

After he learned about his nomination for the Pushcart Award, another of his stories, "A Geometry of Life," was accepted for publication in the *Chicago Quarterly Review*.

Sachs continues to write, and now has about 20 published stories. The Spalding program, he said, "changed my life. My focus is now on writing short fiction."

He is also a member of a small writing group with Mickey Ruby and Rick Neumayer. Joe Peacock, z"l, was also a member. "We've become close," he said, "and support one another." The group has had several readings at The Bardstown.

In addition to his writing, Sachs is an avid and excellent photographer.

Most of his published stories and a lot of his photography, for which he has also won awards, can be found at www.robertsachs.com.

He also enjoys volunteering in the general and Jewish communities.

Bob and Felice Sachs have two sons, Adam and Joshua, and two grandchildren, William, 5, and Julia, 3, with whom they enjoy spending time.



Bob Sachs

UofL Offers "Jewish Culture in Latin America"

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

I am excited to announce a brand new Jewish Studies course which will be taught by Dr. Manuel Medina this spring at the University of Louisville.

Humanities 361-01: "Jewish Culture in Latin America" will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3:15 p.m. in the Humanities Building, Room 119. I hope that you will consider auditing this course, taught by one of UofL's most

cultural studies theoretical framework to study Jewish cultural production in Latin America since 1900. It provides an introduction to such topics as migration and exile, otherness, memory and the Holocaust as they are represented in literature, film, music and the visual arts.

The class will study works produced since 1900 such as *May I See You Married* by Rosa Nissan, *The Book of Memories* by Ana María Shúa, *Prisoner without a Name, Cell without a Number* by Jacobo Timerman and *Cross and a Star: Memoirs of a Jewish Girl in Chile* by Marjorie Agosin.

The class will also discuss films like *Waiting for the Messiah* directed by Daniel Burman and documentaries including *Legacy* by Vivian Imar. All of the included works have been published translated into English and all of the films have English subtitles.

For further information please email Prof. Medina at manuel.medina@louisville.edu.



Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman

popular professors.

A brief description: This course uses a



at The J 3600 Dutchmans Lane

Parties for children of all ages are 90 minutes and can be customized!

Mention this ad for a \$15 discount! Expires January 31, 2017

bschwartz@jewishlouisville.org | www.jewishlouisville.org/birthday

The Top Ten Things To Do If You Want To Sell Your House

1. Hire me, Lou Winkler.
(I will take care of the other nine things.)



LOU WINKLER

Kentucky Select Properties

502-314-7298

lwinkler@kyselectproperties.com



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS.

THEY MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO BRING COMMUNITY TO YOU!

JFCS CALENDAR

Stay up to date on all things JFCS when you sign up for our monthly e-newsletter! Contact marketing@jfcslouisville.org.



2821 Klempner Way
Louisville, KY 40205
phone | (502) 452-6341
fax | (502) 452-6718
website | jfcslouisville.org

JFCS FOOD PANTRY

SUGGESTIONS FOR JANUARY

- Crackers
- Chunky soups
- Hot cereals
- Cereal snack bars

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. Contact Kim Toebbe at 502-452-6341, ext. 103.

As a proud sponsor of JCC, let us be your reliable local printer. We can do all of your **printing, signs** and **promotional products**.

Stop by today to meet our friendly staff.

PRINT | SIGNS | PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS

Printworx
OF LOUISVILLE

3928 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40218

(502) 491-0222
www.PrintWorxofLouisville.com

CAREER



NEW YEAR –NEW JOB Jumpstart Your Job Search

In four weeks, develop a strategic job search for getting you resume to the top of the stack. Connect to Employers Interviewing Skills

JAN 11,12,18,19; 10AM-12PM
JAN 23,30, FEB 6,12; 6-8PM

Contact Kendall at 502-452-6341, ext. 236.



Get started now! Our unique assessment program measures interests, aptitudes, personality, study drive, motivation and values. Working with professional counselors, students develop an individualized career plan. A variety of packages are available to assist no matter where your student is along the way. Contact Ellen Shapira at 502-452-6341, ext. 225

EVENTS

HANUKKAH HELPERS

JFCS and Temple Shalom wish to thank our wonderful giving community. Through calls to action, volunteer Hanukkah Helpers have provided much needed clothing and gifts to 40 children. Bags full of groceries and Hanukkah foods have been donated this past month to help Jewish families to have a happy holiday. Many volunteers and their children participated at the Carole and Larry Goldberg Family Mitzvah party held December 18 at JFCS.

These holiday helpers unloaded the donated gifts at JFCS and celebrated the holiday early with gift sorting, snacks, music and arts and crafts. (Pictures of this event will be published in the next Community)



SAVE THE DATE

May 18, 2017 – Hyatt Regency



MOSAIC
AWARDS

For ticket and sponsorship information contact Beverly Bromley at bbromley@jfcslouisville.org



JFCS is excited to bring back the Jazz & Jewelry Event on March 2, 2017 to benefit the Sonny & Janet Meyer Family Food Pantry Fund. We still are seeking donations of new, gently used and antique fashion jewelry that is clean and in excellent condition. Jewelry displays and gift boxes will also be accepted. Donations can be delivered to Kim Toebbe at JFCS by February 10, 2017. Contact Kim Toebbe at 452-6341, ext. 103 or ktoebbe@jfcslouisville.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

COUNSELING

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 for more info.

SUPPORT

Lucky's Market

Bags for Change Support JFCS by Shopping at Lucky's Market

Remember that you have until January 27 to shop for groceries and household items at Lucky's Market, 200 N Hurstbourne Pkwy. Bring your own re-usable bag and you will receive a token to place in the JFCS bin. Lucky's will double the donation!

YOUNG ADULTS

JFCS invites all young adults to come together to share their interests and passions for volunteering with us. We are holding a focus group meeting on January 22nd to our new young adult volunteer corps. Help us envision what this group could be and the impact it can make on the JFCS and great Louisville Community! RSVP to Lisa Sobel-Berlow and Naomi Malka at lsobel@jfcslouisville.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS

JANUARY 3 Caregiver Support Group 4 p.m.

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

JANUARY 12 Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group 1 p.m.

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

JANUARY 13 Alzheimer's Caregiver Support SSPGroup 2 p.m

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

JANUARY 18 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 10 a.m.

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

JANUARY 19 Adult Children of Aging Parents 7 p.m.

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

JANUARY 23 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 12:30 p.m.

Meets at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Jo Ann Kalb at 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.

TEEN TOPICS

Louisville BBYO Embodies L'dor Vador at Family Havdalah Service

by Kari Semel
Teen Director

On Saturday, December 3, over 50 Jewish teens and their parents came together to celebrate the culmination of BBYO's Global Shabbat weekend with a Havdalah celebration.

The theme of BBYO's Global Shabbat weekend was "Be a Gamechanger" and each city was tasked with inviting a local Gamechanger to come and speak to the group. This year, the group was lucky enough to be joined by Teddy Abrams, the music director of the Louisville Orchestra.

The evening, which was hosted by Ke-

neseth Israel, began with a short introduction by Charles Bessen, who is currently serving as the Kentucky Indiana Ohio Region's Shaliach, vice president of Jewish heritage, community service, and social action. Bessen clarified the intent behind inviting Abrams, and explained how his incredible success at such a young age inspires so many in the room.

The service, which was planned by local chapter Sh'lichim Andrew Tuvlin and Carly Schwartz, not only incorporated the traditional prayers and songs, but also included an intergenerational component. Throughout the service, various teens and parents gave short speeches describing BBYO's impact on



their lives. Some spoke about the leadership tools that BBYO has provided, while others conveyed their pride in watching their children grow through BBYO experiences.

While introducing Abrams, AZA Chapter President Joey Schuster stated, "Teddy exemplifies what BBYO teaches

all of us; that if you put in the effort, any dream can be reached."

Abrams spoke to the attendees about following his dreams, and his intentionality behind his career path, describing his decision to become a conductor after attending his first concert at age nine.

The families were eager to hear about Abrams' response to Muhammad Ali's death, and the spontaneous informal concerts that followed. After Abrams finished his speech, he was officially inducted into Drew Corson AZA by Schuster.

Abrams' speech was interesting and informative, and the families left with a great appreciation for the arts and for the entire community of Louisville, which Abrams explained was unlike any other community of which he had been a part.

Fifteen teens left the event with complimentary Louisville Orchestra Hall Passes, which allow students free admission to multiple concerts throughout the season. The evening was a great success, and Louisville BBYO is very grateful to Abrams and the Louisville Orchestra for helping to make their Havdalah service so special.

Rabbi Snaid to Serve at Congregation Anshei Sfard

by Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor

Recently, Anshei Sfard began a new phase in its life by welcoming Rabbi Simcha Snaid as the congregation's spiritual leader.

Originally from Savannah, GA, Rabbi Snaid is looking forward to life here. Louisville is a bit bigger than Savannah, he said, but the two communities enjoy similar life styles and comparable Jewish communities. "That is what I appreciate about this city," he said.

In keeping with what he learned in the yeshiva, Rabbi Snaid wants to help people understand what it means to be Jewish, "to expose people to Torah and authentic Judaism." He believes this is particularly true with young people. "The next generations have to be well grounded and have a strong foundation in Judaism," he said, "especially in small cities" where there aren't as many resources.

Rabbi Snaid started his education at Jewish day school in Savannah. When

he entered high school, he enrolled in the Wisconsin Institute of Torah Study in Milwaukee, where he not only completed high school, but undertook three additional years of study and then studied at a yeshiva in Queens, NY, for an additional seven years.

He holds a masters degree in educational administration from Bellevue University, and has taken numerous courses on marriage and counseling. He also has Star K kashrut training.

The reward he feels in helping facilitate change in people's lives by bringing them closer to Judaism and Torah drew him into the rabbinic life.

Rabbi Snaid explained that his rabbi in Savannah was a big influence on his life. "What my family gained and what the community gained from his pres-

ence over 30 years is priceless. To be able to have the opportunity to give back, and hopefully affect the community the same way he changed lives in Savannah is what I hope and pray to do here."

He wants to ensure that Anshei Sfard is a happy, welcoming, vibrant place "where people feel comfortable coming for Jewish events ... and mingling with other Jews."

In working to increase people's exposure to Torah and Judaism, he is planning a number of events and classes for the coming year. He is also looking forward to working with the community.

He and his wife, Hindy, have two daughters, Ilana and Rachel. She shares his commitment to Judaism and plans to be involved with the community.



Rabbi Simcha Snaid

It Was Mitzvah Day for Bellarmine Hillel before Thanksgiving

Before Thanksgiving, Hillel at Bellarmine University helped the JFCS fill bags with foods for families in need here in Louisville. They included all the foods that we enjoy for Thanksgiving along with a few other special treats. The goal was to allow every Jew in Louisville to be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal this year. Pictured above, Diya Brian, Shelbi Dishman, Ryan Ward, Lilly Pinhas, Sara Dechow and Casse Cohen.



'Glaze Ceiling' the Frosting on Doughnut for a Successful Business

by Lee Chottiner
Special to Community

After 15 books, 60 scholarly articles and a column for the *Courier-Journal*, Lyle Sussman thought he was done as a writer. Then his daughter decided to go enter the doughnut business.

That was all the inspiration the semi-retired professor of management at the University of Louisville needed for his 16th and latest book, *Breaking the Glaze Ceiling: Sweet Lessons for Entrepreneurs, Innovators and Wannabes*, which comes out in December.

Sussman's daughter, Annie Harlow, and her partner, Leslie Wilson, have run Hi-Five Doughnuts, largely from the back of a truck, for the past three years, selling their wares at festivals and events, including a few Jewish ones. They have even rated a write-up in the June issue of *Southern Living Magazine*.

Now, they are about to open their first store in a converted camelback house in Butchertown.

And they've achieved this success without buying a single ad. Instead, they have built a following on social media, especially through their 13,000-plus followers on Instagram.

It's a success story that Sussman, who also works as a consultant in the financial

and retail sectors, including some Fortune 500 companies, never saw coming.

"I never expected they'd be where they are now," he said. "They started with a folding table at a flea market, and now they're at brick and mortar."

So he decided to write about it.

"It was about a year ago at this time that I said there's something happening here that I can share with a much wider audience."

The 75-page book chronicles 12 lessons that Sussman culled as he watched his daughter and Wilson for budding businessmen – the so-called "entrepreneurs, innovators and wannabes," he refers to in his subtitle – as well as established companies.

One of those lessons is, "Planning assumes, execution delivers." In other words, it takes more than a great idea to be successful in business.

"Breakthroughs are based more on courage than ideas," Sussman said. "I told Annie she shouldn't do this. She said, 'Dad, I'm going to do this. I don't care what you say.'"

On a recent visit to the as-yet unopened store, Harlow showed off the latest additions – an antique display case they found on Craigslist, a hand-painted doughnut mural on a counter and recessed lighting over a doughnut bar.

"It looks so rad!" she exclaimed, flick-



Lyle Sussman, Annie Harlow and Leslie Wilson

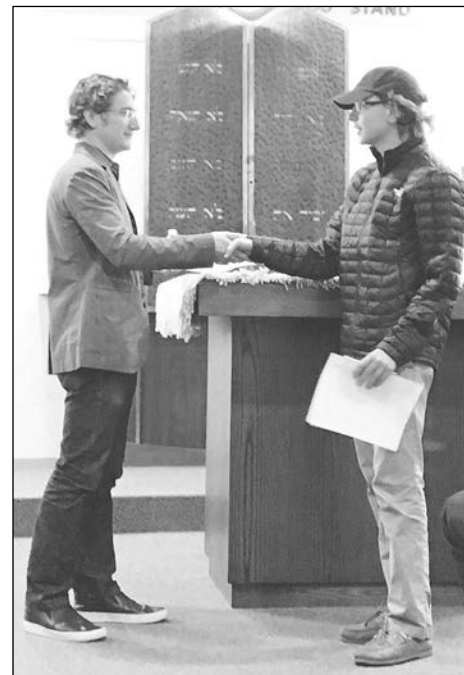
PHOTO BY LEE CHOTTINER

ing on and off the switch to the lighting.

A play on the line from the recent presidential election, in which Hilary Clinton became the first woman nominee of a major party, Sussman said the title of the book is a metaphor for all the barriers that Harlow and Wilson broke through to reach their goals.

For him, an author with more than 1 million copies of his books in print in 15 languages, *Breaking the Glaze Ceiling* represents a personal "breakthrough."

"This has reenergized me," he said. "There may be a sequel to *Breaking the Glaze Ceiling*. Based upon the market response I'm getting thus far, even before the book's launch, there may be a *Glaze II* coming up."



Teddy Abrams and Charles Bessen

I make house calls!



MARSHA SEGAL

Presidents Club

Top Producer with the Largest
Real Estate Company in Louisville

Semonin
REALTORS

600 North Hurstbourne Parkway

Louisville, KY 40222

Office: (502) 329-5247

Cell: (502) 552-4685

Toll Free: 1-800-626-2390, ext 5247

e-mail: msegal@semonin.com

NEWSMAKERS

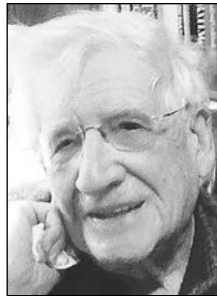


Dr. Jeffrey Callen

Jeffrey P. Callen, M.D. was awarded the designation of Master of Rheumatology at the recent American College of Rheumatology held in Washington, D.C. He believes he is the only dermatologist to have received this award, which

is for his contributions in the areas of rheumatologic research and education. Dr. Callen's dermatologic work crosses over into the area of rheumatologic autoimmune disease such as lupus and other disorders.

Seymour Slavin, Ph.D., emeritus professor, Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, has been given special recognition by his alma mater, the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied



Seymour Slavin

Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University, as an outstanding and distinguished alumnus for his major contributions both nationally and internationally. His name will be mounted on a wall at Case Western Reserve University. He was given a certificate and a special glass inscribed gift.

Dr. Susan Zepeda has been named to the Board of the Community Foundation of Louisville. She recently served as the president and CEO of the Foundation for Healthy Kentucky. She previously served as the first CEO of The Health-Care Foundation for Orange County, director of the San Luis Obispo County Health Agency and CEO of that county's General Hospital.

Dr. Zepeda is on the board for Grant-makers for Effective Organizations and the Southeastern Council of Foundations. She holds degrees from Brown University, University of Arizona and International College and has completed the CDC-sponsored Public Health

Leadership Institute and the Program on Negotiation for Senior Executives at Harvard University.

David Roth, the executive editor of LinkedIn and a 1991 graduate of Atherton High School, is featured on a poster promoting Jefferson County Public Schools.

The Leadership Louisville Center announced that **Gail Becker**, who retired from the Louisville Science Center; **Stuart Goldberg**, who retired from Baer Fabrics; **Pat A. Parks** of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Parks & Weisberg Realtors; **Michael Shaikun** of Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP; and **Jane Younger**, who retired from Jewish Hospital and Sullivan University, are among the 30 individuals chosen for the Encore Louisville Class of 2017.

This program is believed to be the first of its kind among leadership programs in the U.S. and is designed to give community trustees an encore, by connecting retired or retiring leaders in an advisory capacity with local nonprofit organizations in need of their experience, wisdom, and strategic vision.

For the fifth year, **Bob and Amy Keisler** and **Allan and Anna Weiss** sponsored and installed the Chanukah exhibit for "Holidays Around the World" at the Frazier History Museum.

The exhibit has books, dreidels and several different menorahs, including one by Louisville artist **Craig Kavier**. In addition, there is a mezuzah made from a machine gun cartridge by California artist Al Farrow.

"Holidays Around the World" features Christmas trees decorated in the traditions of various countries along with Kwanza and Chanukah displays. The exhibit is up until January 3.

In its restaurant review on Thursday, December 15, *The Courier-Journal* gave Rye on Market a four-star rating. **Michael Tragler-Kusman** is a founder and partner in the restaurant.



Cari Margulis Immerman

Cari Margulis Immerman has joined Friends of United Hatzalah as

its Midwest/Central Region director. In her new role, Immerman will be raising vital resources for United Hatzalah – Israel's all-volunteer national emergency care and medical service that provides Israel's fastest, free medical response.

Originally from Louisville, Immerman, who brings 30 years of for-profit experience working with major Fortune 500 companies and has served on numerous charitable boards, comes to United Hatzalah from her role as Midwest Director from American Friends of Magen David Adom.

Paula Erdelyi received The Johnnie Strong Award for "Standing Strong for Families" from Cornerstone Kentucky, where she works. She was recognized for her extraordinary dedication, commitment and acts of advocacy for children who experience an emotional and/or behavioral health challenge.

Mark Oppenheimer, the managing partner for the Louisville office of Bingham Greenebaum Doll was one of those *Business First* asked to predict what is on the way for the legal industry in 2017. Oppenheimer predicted changes coming in nearly every area of law under the new administration. The article ran in the December 2 edition.

The Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation, part of KentuckyOne Health, has received a grant of \$46,000 from the Louisville Metro Police Department for its Sexual Assault and Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Services to fund for programming at University of Louisville Hospital that will help local sexual assault victims.

In collaboration with the Louisville Metro Police Department, the SAFE program at University of Louisville Hospital provides medical/forensic exams to victims of sexual assault. The recent grant will provide funding for the salary, training and certification of a hospital-based coordinator for the program.

The mission of the SAFE program is to serve as the immediate haven of safety, providing emotional and physical welfare while protecting the integrity and dignity of the patient and family. With permission from the patient, evidence collected during this exam can be turned over to the police for use in criminal investigations.

The Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation also received a \$63,000 grant from the Veterans Administration (VA) to launch its "Veteran Soldier Adapted Sports Camps" project at Fra-

zier Rehab Institute, also part of KentuckyOne Health. This is the first federal grant Frazier Rehab has received from the Veterans Administration.

The VA's Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for disabled Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces (ASG Program) provides grant funding to organizations to increase and expand the quantity and quality of adaptive sport activities available to disabled veterans.

In partnership with Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation and Bowling Green Parks and Recreation, **Frazier Rehab Institute** will host two sports camps in Louisville and Bowling Green from May to August 2017. The camps will offer competitive, recreational activities to veterans suffering from spinal cord injury.

Service members who were active and physically fit prior to their injuries may struggle with their new identity as a person with a disability. The camps will provide veteran athletes with the opportunity to receive instruction in various adapted sports under the guidance of trained and qualified instructors.

KentuckyOne Health held a discussion with leaders on population health and the status of health in Kentucky, during its Population Health Summit at The Kentucky Center for African American Heritage December 8 and 9.

Guest speakers for the Population Health Summit included John Auerbach, associate director for policy with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer; Ruth Brinkley, president and CEO of KentuckyOne Health; Diane Jones, vice president of healthy communities for Catholic Health Initiatives; Judge Timothy Feeley, deputy secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services; and Dr. Hiram Polk, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Public Health.

Frazier Rehab Institute welcomed a new puppy to its Pet Therapy Program. The puppy will provide emotional support for rehab patients. The new puppy was made possible by a donation from the June and Stanley Atlas family, through the University of Louisville and Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation.

On December 5, the Louisville Orchestra announced that **Teddy Abrams**, its "energetic young maestro" (*New York Times*) who at just 29 is the youngest

see **NEWSMAKERS** page 23

Klein. Hearts. Kids.

For more than 25 years, Lisa Klein, MD, FAAP, FACC, has specialized in cardiac care for infants, children, adolescents and young adults. Her team's preventative approach to cardiac wellness includes evaluation and treatment for all types of conditions.

- Heart Murmurs • Congenital Heart Defects
- Chest Pain • Fainting • Palpitations • Obesity
- Screening for Sudden Cardiac Death Risk
- Pre-Sports Participation Cardiac Evaluations
- High Cholesterol & Other Lipid Disorders
- High Blood Pressure

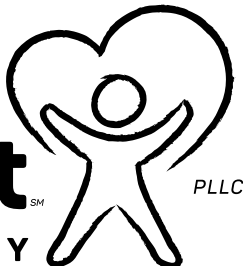
Dr. Klein is accepting new patients, so call today to schedule your child's consultation.

502 **915-8675**

Heart to Heart

PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

Care that starts with the heart.



HeartToHeartCardiology.com

AROUND TOWN

Torah Study Offered Every Saturday

The community is invited to join Rabbi David Ariel-Joel every Saturday morning, from 9-10 a.m. at The Temple in the Fishman Library before the morning service to read and discuss the Torah portion of the week over coffee, bagels and cream cheese, and other treats.

Make Sandwiches for the Homeless

The community is invited to help Rabbi David Ariel-Joel and other Temple volunteers prepare sandwiches for those in need on Saturday, December 24, from 2-3 p.m. The food will be delivered to St. Vincent DePaul homeless shelter. Volunteers are asked to contribute to the materials. RSVP to Becky King at 502-423-1818.

Fill the Freezer Event Set

The Temple Caring Committee will host its annual fill the freezer event on Sunday, December 25, from 2-4 p.m. These freezer meals will be used throughout the year for families who are experiencing illness or death or are in general need of a special gesture. RSVP to Becky King at 502-423-1818.

Chanukah on Ice Family Skate Is December 25

On Sunday, December 25, from 5-7 p.m., Chabad invites the community to Alpine Ice Arena, 1825 Gardiner Ln., for a family skating celebration of Chanukah and Jewish unity. There will be Jewish music, kosher refreshments and a grand menorah lighting all offered free of charge. Reservations are requested. Call 502-235-5770 or email rabbi@chabadky.com.

It's Time for Chinese Food and a Movie

Enjoy Chinese food and the movie, *Zero Motivation*, at The Temple on Sun-

day, December 25. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and the film at 7. RSVP to The Temple at 502-423-1818.

Mayor Fischer Will Light Menorah

Mayor Greg Fischer will take time from his holiday celebrations to join the Jewish community in celebrating Chanukah. He will light a grand Chanukah menorah on Monday, December 26, at 4th Street (near Mohammad Ali Blvd) and will share a special message of compassion and unity. The program will begin with free bowling at the Sports and Social Club, 427 S. 4th St., at 4 p.m., followed by the menorah lighting at 5:45. There will be gifts for the children and refreshments for all. This program is sponsored by Chabad of Kentucky. The community is invited.

Chanukah Dinner at Anshei Sfard Is December 28

The community is invited to an evening of family fun and celebration at Congregation Anshei Sfard on Wednesday, December 28, at 6 p.m. A dairy Chanukah dinner will be served. Costs: Adults, \$8; children ages 3-12, \$5; and children 2 and under, free. Reservations are requested by Friday, December 23, by calling 502-451-3122 ext. 0.

Nshei Womens Group to Host Womens Chanukah Event

Louisville Nshei group will present a special Chanukah program for women on Wednesday, December 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Chabad House. A large outdoor menorah will be lit in the courtyard and then the women will create designer latkes. All women of the community are invited to celebrate Chanukah and Jewish unity at this free community event.

Light the Night at Paddock Shops

On Thursday, December 29, Chabad

will sponsor a grand menorah lighting at the Paddock Shops. A new giant menorah has been constructed and there will be Chanukah doughnuts and hot chocolate, Chanukah gelt and dreidels. The community is invited to celebrate Chanukah and Jewish unity at this free community event.

Temple Shalom Chanukah Dinner Is December 30

The Temple Shalom Men's Club and Women of Temple Shalom will host their annual Chanukah dinner on Friday, December 30, following 6:30 p.m. services. Cost is \$5 per person over age 13. Children under 13 are free. Reservations are required by submitting checks to Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Rd., Louisville, KY 40220 by Tuesday, December 27.

Jewish Learning Center Offers New Program

On January 3, the Jewish Learning Center will unveil a new program of thematic learning that will be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. The topic, The Siege of Jerusalem and the Ultimate Destruction of the Holy Temple, will be presented in three 30-minute lectures that will cover various angles of this important event in Jewish history. There will be a historical lesson, a discussion of current relevance and an audiovisual component bringing this lecture to life.

This is part of JLearn – a new offering of classes geared to make Judaism relevant and exciting. The classes will begin at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Learning Center, 1110 Dupont Cir. Refreshments will be served. This program is free to the entire community and all are welcome.

Temple Scholars Program Resumes January 4

The new session of the Wednesday Temple Scholars program will begin on January 4 at The Temple. There will be no classes on December 28.

In the 9:30-10:35 a.m. session, Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will cover "What is a Jew? Dilemmas of Identity in the 21st Century." The class will grapple with the challenges and explore the opportunities of 21st Century Jewish identity. What are the essential features of being Jewish? What is the place of boundaries in today's changing Jewish community? How do Jewish communities in North America and in Israel view their identities differently, and what can we learn from one another?

In the 10:50 a.m.-12 p.m. session, Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will teach about "The Golden Age of Spain," the greatest flowering of Jewish life and learning in the long history of our people. The class will explore five centuries and more of Jewish life in Muslim Spain: the life

see **AROUND TOWN** page 24

CHAVURAT SHALOM



Chavurat Shalom meets in the Levy Great Hall of 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.

Chavurat Shalom will be back with some stimulating and entertaining programs in January. If you haven't been to a Chavurat Shalom program in a while, you have been missing out on a ton of fun. The group looks forward to seeing you soon.

Thursday, December 29

No meeting.

Thursday, January 5

No meeting.

Thursday, January 12

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will discuss "President-elect Trump and What That Means for Israel." Lunch will include meatloaf with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, caesar salad, fresh fruit, and pear and rice pudding.

Thursday, January 19

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will discuss "Martin Luther King Jr. and His Relationship with American Jews." Lunch will include orange glazed chicken, vegetable medley, roasted potatoes,

mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and chocolate pecan cake.

Thursday, January 26

John Leffert will talk about *Funny Girl*, and J Arts and Ideas! Lunch will include salmon patties with caper sauce, rice, glazed carrots, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and cookies and brownies.

Come see what all the buzz is about with Chavurat Shalom's new caterer, Chef Z, and make sure there is enough for everyone by reserving your place at 502-423-1818 or sarahharlan86@gmail.com by the Monday of the week you plan to attend. 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.

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.

NEWSMAKERS

music director of a major American orchestra, has renewed his contract for three more years. Each season through 2019-20, he will not only conduct the orchestra for a full 12 weeks, but also undertake an additional six weeks of community engagement and administration – more than is offered by any other conductor of a top metropolitan or regional orchestra nationwide.

Given the truly transformative nature of Abrams's tenure to date, the news



Teddy Abrams

should come as little surprise. It was he whose galvanizing leadership jump-started the orchestra's current creative resurgence.

Fueled by talent, energy, vision, drive and an extraordinary commitment to community engagement, since launching his directorship two seasons ago, Abrams's innovative, outside-the-box initiatives have succeeded in reconnecting the orchestra with its remarkable history, integrating it into the fabric of Louisville life and re-establishing it as the cornerstone of the city's vibrant music scene.

On December 5, *Business First* reported that **Amir Blattner** has been named the new general manager of the Hyatt Regency Louisville, and his first day on the job is January 8.

CONNECT WITH THE UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY CLUB LOUISVILLE

FAMILY | CATERING | LUNCH | TOP-NOTCH
EVENTS | SERVICES | BUFFET | SERVICE

Now offering membership specials for 2017

www.uclublouisville.org/jcc 852-6996

Enjoy membership with other passionate Cardinal fans | Visit us online or give us a call for a complimentary lunch & tour



AROUND TOWN

and works of great scholars, poets and philosophers Moses Maimonides, Judah Halevi, Abraham and Moses Ibn Ezra; Jewish statesmen, explorers and scientists, remarkable women, Jewish-Muslim interaction, and flowering of a uniquely mystical branch through Zohar and Kabbalah.

Knitters Invited to Join the Circle

The Knit & Qvell Circle at Congregation Anshei Sfard will meet Thursday, January 5, at 1 p.m. in the shul library. All knitters and want-to-be knitters are welcome to attend. All knitted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. For more information, contact Toby Horvitz, 502-458-7108.

AJ Plans Celebration Shabbat

Come to Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, January 7, to celebrate your birthday or anniversary. All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of January are invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services that begin at 9:30.

Learn About New Roots at AJ Kiddush Lunch

Come to Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, January 7, to learn about the organization, New Roots and enjoy the kiddush lunch featuring produce from Fresh Stop markets, an initiative focusing on improving access to fresh food for urban residents. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. The community is invited.

Lamkin to Give Stock Market Outlook

Mark Lamkin, a leading Louisville financial planner and investment adviser, will shed some light on what's ahead for the stock market and the economy in 2017 at the next Temple Shalom Men's

Club breakfast, Sunday, January 8, 10 a.m. at the congregation.

Lamkin, founder and CEO of Lamkin Wealth Management, will provide perspectives on what lies ahead for the coming year and the many factors that will influence the markets.

He has been listed by *Barron's* as one of America's Top 1,200 advisers. He also was a contestant in season four of Donald Trump's reality TV show, "The Apprentice."

The meal is \$5 per person. RSVP by Friday, January 6, to information@templeshalomky.org or call the Temple Shalom office at 502-458-4739.

The event is open to the community.

AJ Offers Prayer Book Hebrew Classes

Adath Jeshurun will offer Prayer Book Hebrew classes on Sundays, January 8, 22 and 29. Beginning Prayer Book Hebrew meets at 10:30 a.m. and Prophets meets at 11:30 a.m. The classes will continue on February 5, 12, 19 and 26. Please contact Deborah Slosberg for more information and registration at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Study Jewish Texts Related to Outdoors, Food and Environment

The J's JOFEE Fellow Michael Fraade, will lead a monthly series of Jewish text studies and discussions focusing on various topics related to the outdoors, food, and the environment.

The first discussion, to be held Monday, January 9, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in The J Library, will consider "Foundational JOFEE Texts." On February 6, the group will look at "Agriculture in Ancient Israel." On March 6, the topic will be "Understanding Leviticus and the Sacrificial System," and on April 3, it will

be "Communal Responsibility and the Environment." Another class is scheduled for May 8, but no topic has been announced. Topics are subject to change.

Contact Michael Fraade at mfraade@jewishlouisville.org or (502) 238-2769 with any questions.

The Temple Holds Monday Night Torah Study

The Temple's Monday Night Torah Study will resume on January 9 at The Temple. There will be no classes on December 26 or January 2 or 16.

From 7-8 p.m., the Text Study group meeting with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will consider "Joshua and Judges - The Books Reform Jews Never Study." The class will study both books in depth and try to see their beauty and why they represent the Golden Age of our biblical tradition.

At the same time, Rabbi Gaylia Rooks will teach Hebrew Alef, a beginning course for those who have not yet mastered the alef-bet and want to learn how to read as well as some basic vocabulary.

From 8-9 p.m., the Advanced Hebrew Study Circle or chavurah will meet. The group will guide its own study of biblical and prayer book Hebrew as class members prepare to lead four Shabbat morning services throughout the year. Together they will learn the history and meaning of the words we pray, study Torah to read and chant, prepare interpretations on the weekly Torah portion, and share the prose and poetry of the creative English readings of the Reform prayerbook, *Mishkan T'filah*.

At the same time, Rabbis Ariel-Joel, Rooks and Joe Rooks Rapport will teach Basic Judaism in three six-week sessions. Rabbi Rooks will teach the second session on Holy Days and Festivals beginning on January 9.

Jewish Learning Center Plans Variety of Learning Experiences

On Thursday nights, January 12, 19, and 26, at 7 p.m., the Jewish Learning Center invites the community to experience Jewish learning on a variety of levels and in different learning styles including classes, one-to-one study, and questions and answer sessions. These classes are participant driven and all Jewish subjects are fair game to be discovered, studied and understood. There is no charge for these classes. The Jewish Learning Center is located at 1110 Dupont Cir. Refreshments will be served. This program is free and all are welcome.

AJ Hosts Short & Sweet Service

Join Deborah Slosberg on Saturday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m. for Short & Sweet Family Service at Adath Jeshurun. This family service is for students in grades K-7, their parents and grandparents. The community is invited.

M.L. King Mitzvah Event Planned

Join The Temple and Love the Hungry on Monday, January 16, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to help meet the needs of hungry children both in Louisville and overseas at this annual mitzvah event. Volunteers will package shelf-stable meals that will be used to meet the needs of children who would otherwise go without. RSVP to Becky King at 502-423-1818 by Friday, January 13.

AJ Presents Shabbat Scholars Program

Come to Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, January 21, immediately following the Kiddush lunch, around 12:15 p.m. for the Shabbat Scholars program. Moshe Ben David will serve as guest speaker on the topic "Lmareet Ayin - Humorous Situations of What Things Appear to Be." The community is invited.

Talmudic Reasoning Course Begins January 30

A new six-part course, prepared by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute, will empower participants to apply mind bending, brain twisting, hair splitting Talmudic logic to solve real life modern dilemmas. What do you do when your gut tells you one thing yet your brain tells you exactly the opposite? What do you get when you apply talmudic reasoning to modern conundrums?

The course will be offered on six 90-minute sessions on Mondays at 7 p.m., beginning January 30. The fee for the entire series is \$80, which includes textbooks. To register, contact jlearn@jewishlearning.center or register at mh-jli.com. Rabbi Avrohom Litvin will be the instructor.

Apply for College Scholarship Now

Applications are now being accepted by the Community Foundation of Louisville for the Harry Isaac Shrader Scholarship for assistance with undergraduate college tuition.

During his lifetime, Harry Isaac Shrader had a great interest in the education of Jewish youth. To perpetuate that concern, he made a bequest to The Temple, which established the scholarship fund in his name to provide financial assistance for full-time Jewish undergraduate students enrolled at any accredited college, university, junior college or community college. Eligible applicants must live in Jefferson County; assistance is based on financial need and funds available for grants.

Applications must be completed online by March 15, 2017, and are available on The Community Foundation of Louisville's website at www.cflouisville.org/scholarships.

For more information, contact Ebony O'Rea at The Community Foundation of Louisville, 502-855-6971 or e-mail ebonyo@cflouisville.org.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR JCL?

There are a lot of very exciting things happening at the Jewish Community of Louisville.

To ensure that you are getting the information you need in the way in which you want to receive it, we are taking a deeper look at how we are communicating with you.

Please help us serve you better by answering a few questions about the ways in which you receive messages from us.

Visit

www.surveymonkey.com/r/JCLCommunications

We're CPA strategists!

When you put Welenken CPAs on your team, you gain a partner that is focused on your overall financial well-being.

Specializing in personalized accounting services for businesses, associations, and individuals, **we are ready to go to work for you.**



welenkenCPAs

502 585 3251 ■ www.welenken.com

LIFECYCLE

B'nai Mitzvah

Brett Allen Wittenstein

Brett Allen Wittenstein, son of Cheryl and Harrell Wittenstein and brother of Hannah, was called to the Torah and celebrated his bar mitzvah at Beber Camp in Mukwonago, WI, on Saturday, August 27. Brett is a sixth-year Beber camper, and his bar mitzvah project was to raise funds for the Beber Scholarship Fund so that every child could have a Jewish camping experience.

Brett, a seventh grader, is a member of the Junior Honor Society, plays on the local basketball team and is an advanced orchestra violinist.

Brett's grandparents are Shellia and Mel Davis, Shirley Grey and the late Herb Grey of Northbrook, IL, and Linda and Joe Wittenstein of Buffalo Grove, IL. He is the great-grandson of the late Faye and Simmy Davis, the late Berte Rita Bloch and the late Dorothy and Saul Pearl.

Emma Rose Perlstein

Emma Rose Perlstein, daughter of Deborah and Josh Perlstein and sister of Levi, was called to the Torah and celebrated her bat mitzvah on her birthday, Saturday, November 12, at Temple Emanu-El in Atlanta, GA.

Emma is a 5-year camper at Camp Barney in Cleveland, GA. One of her mitzvah projects was the Am Yisrael Daffodil Project, a program that matched Emma with Khaia Perlstein, a Polish child who perished in the Holocaust at age 12. Emma's other project was volunteering at the Community Action Center Thrift Boutique.

Emma is a dancer, softball player and basketball player with the Atlanta Jewish Community Center and her Jewish Day School, The Davis Academy.

Emma's grandparents are Shellia and Mel Davis, Bobbi Perlstein of Atlanta and Diane and Bob Perlstein of Weaverville, NC. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Faye and Simmy Davis, the late Berte Rita Bloch, the late Rose and Leonard Goldsmith and the late Muriel and Norman Perlstein.

Elise Goldstein

Elise Goldstein, daughter of Dan and Carey Goldstein and sister of Sally, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m. along with her cousin, Sydney

Marks, at the Temple.

Elise is the great-granddaughter of Elise Essig and granddaughter of Ronnie and Patti Goldstein and Douglas and Dani Kannapell.

She is in the seventh grade at Louisville Collegiate School where she is active in theater and dance and a member of the lacrosse team. She loves spending time with her friends, listening to music and singing along.

Elise serves as volunteer for Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Once a week, she tutors adults and children from a variety

of countries who have found refuge in Louisville and seek to find a comfortable life from their war-torn countries. In addition, she organized a donation drive to gather blankets and towels for the many displaced people who have found a home in Louisville.

Elise, Sydney and their families invite the community to celebrate their b'not mitzvah and to a Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Sydney Grace Marks

Sydney Grace Marks, daughter of Julie and Rodney Marks and sister of Ryan, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m. at the Temple along with her cousin, Elise Goldstein.

Sydney is the granddaughter of Jill and Alan Simon and Susan and Buddy Marks. She is the great-granddaughter of Elise Essig.

Sydney is a seventh grader at St. Francis School in Goshen where is a member of the field hockey team. Sydney also plays softball for Lyndon Recreation and attended B'nai Brith Beber Camp for three years.

Sydney is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program and is raising awareness and money for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

Sydney, Elise and their families invite the community to celebrate their b'not mitzvah and the Kiddish luncheon following the service.

Jason Louis Harkins

Jason Louis Harkins, son of Karyn and the late Eric Harkins, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, January 21, at 9:30 a.m. at Keneseth Israel Synagogue.

Jason is the grandson of Dr. Roy and Janie Hyman and David and Margaret Harkins as well as the brother of Henry Harkins.

Jason is a seventh grader at Western Middle School for the Arts where he is majoring in music. He is a member of the seventh grade band as a tuba player and also plays guitar and piano. Jason has participated in All County Band since elementary school and hopes to continue studying music. In addition to music, Jason loves drawing and photography. During the summers, you can find Jason at Camp Livingston or at his grandparents' lake house, tubing and paddle boarding.

Jason and his family invite you to celebrate at Keneseth Israel on January 21.

Obituaries

Arnold Ted Parris

Arnold Ted Parris, devoted husband of 60 years, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to everyone he met, died on November 15 shortly after watching his beloved University of Kentucky Wildcats win just one more game.

Parris was born in Louisville to parents Rose and Harry Parris. He and his

siblings, Gabriel, Dave and Dena, grew up working for their father's neighborhood grocery store on Brook Street, where Arnold sold grocery bags at an early age for one for three cents and two for a nickel.

Parris was a storyteller, and no one in his family ever forgot the one about when he fell headfirst into a vat of lard at the Parris Grocery while reaching to pour a bucket for a customer. With his typical humor, he said his hair was the shiniest and softest in the neighborhood for at least a month.

Parris graduated from the University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy in 1952, where he was a member of the Alpha Zeta Omega pharmaceutical fraternity, and entered the U.S. Army. He was stationed at Madigan Army Hospital at Fort Lewis in Seattle-Tacoma, WA; there, he also met his future wife, best friend and love of his life, Stella Shemarya. They married in 1956, and Arnold moved his bride back to his hometown, where they grew their family by a daughter and a son.

Arnold's entrepreneurial roots bore him in good stead when he opened his own neighborhood business, Mohawk Drugs, located on a street by the same name in Louisville. History repeated itself as he raised his two children in the back of that corner drug store, teaching them how to dust shelves properly, stock merchandise, serve sweet concoctions at the soda fountain and, eventually, ring the cash register.

He was a humble pharmacist known as "Dr. Parris" who delivered prescriptions in his white pick-up truck to customers too sick to come to his drug store, who always warmly welcomed neighbors to his soda counter, who savored time with his beloved bride – with whom he never, ever stopped holding hands – who found great joy in his children, grandchildren and loving extended family, and who always had a laugh, an internet story, a joke or a quip for friends, both old and new.

He is survived by his best friend in life and wife of 60 years, Stella; his daughter, Roshann Shemarya Parris and her husband, Jeff Dobbs; his son, Harry Jack Parris; two grandchildren, Justin Parris Cohen and Tessa Diana Cohen, who lovingly called him "Papu"; two cherished grandpups, Ambassador and Madam Senator; numerous nieces, nephews and grand-nieces to whom Uncle Arnold was especially close; and many wonderful, lifelong friends who will always remember his storytelling, his endearing humor, his love of BBQ, long walks, the stock market, Israeli coin-collecting and his endless nights of Kentucky and Louisville basketball and football on a bar stool with family and friends.

Burial was in Mount Moriah Cemetery.

The family would warmly welcome contributions to Village Shalom, Jewish Family Services Food Pantry or Kansas City Pet Project. Online condolences may be left at www.louismemorial-chapel.com.

Esta Pinkas

Esta Pinkas, 91, of Louisville, died Tuesday, November 15, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital.

She was born December 2, 1924 in Brooklyn, NY, to the late Julia Sedacca and Charles Penco. She was a housewife and a member of The Temple.

She is survived by her daughters, Julie Pinkas of Louisville and Renee Thalmer of North Carolina and her son, Ivan C. Pinkas of Wayne, NJ.

Burial was in Cedar Park Cemetery, Paramus, NJ. Local arrangements were entrusted to Herman Meyer & Son, Inc.

Betty Jane Spritz Fleischaker

Betty Jane Spritz Fleischaker, 96, died peacefully on November 18.

She was born September 9, 1920,



Spritz Fleischaker.

Betty married Leopold Fleischaker and moved to Louisville in 1941, quickly making a name for herself by immersing herself in volunteer activities and becoming a social justice advocate in the community. She was an early "feminist," lifelong lover of challenges who educated people to come around to the "correct" way of thinking.

She got her start in the community by joining the Louisville chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women in the late 1940's, where she got involved with the civil rights movement. She held various offices, including vice president for 10 years and president for two years, and was a mentor and role model to many women.

She was a member of the national NCJW Board, where she served for more than 20 years. In this capacity, she was invited to the Rose Garden in 1963 to participate in a meeting convened by President Kennedy, with several hundred women committed to civil rights.

She was active in the issues of ending discrimination, fair and open housing, education and healthcare; she testified before Congress and other national committees, and launched and directed agencies committed to these ideals.

She was chairwoman of the Public Accommodations Committee of the Louisville Human Relations Commission and was instrumental in bringing about passage of the city's first ordinance barring discrimination. She helped to organize, and served as the first chairwoman of the Louisville Women's Committee for Civil Rights in 1963.

Also serving on the Louisville and Jefferson County Youth Commission, Fleischaker cared passionately about education of youth. Specifically, "(T)here has to be continuing discussion, explanation and education on the subject (of civil rights) – so that we may behave with dignity toward everybody ... so that we can at least recognize and inhibit our prejudices. I'm speaking of all kinds of prejudices."

With a controversial change in health-care law in the early 1970's which created the Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), Fleischaker founded and was executive director of Kentucky's first federally certified HMO, HealthCare of Louisville, Inc., which some early opponents criticized as socialized medicine.

Having launched her interest and strong opinions in medical care, Fleischaker also served on the Jewish Hospital Board from 1973-2007, the longest serving board member, chairing several committees and helping oversee the merger of Jewish Hospital with St. Mary's Healthcare. She also served on the Metro United Way and Brooklawn boards.

see LIFECYCLE page 26

Shalom Tower Waiting List Now Has 3 Month Wait for Vacancy

For further information, please call Diane Reece or Eleonora Isahakyan at 454-7795.

Shalom Tower

3650 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY 40205

(502) 454-7795

LIFECYCLE

"I guess I am a crusader. I simply felt that most of us had something to do. In eloquent terms, I have a big mouth and don't mind talking," she was quoted as saying in the 1970's.

Fleischaker received the Center for Women and Families' Woman of Distinction Award in 1990 for her contributions to improve opportunity, education and quality of life for women in Kentuckiana. She also was awarded the Jewish Community Center's Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award in 1996 for her involvement with the civil rights movement and dedication to equality for all.

She was a two-time lung cancer survivor, the first time at the age of 65, which took half of a lung and ended her long-time smoking habit. However, she was a child of Prohibition and looked forward to her pre-dinner scotch every day.

Lest people think they were smarter than she, Fleischaker was a lifelong learner and kept her mind – and tongue – sharp, returning to academia to get her master's degree from Bellarmine University at the age of 80. She lived her life educating herself in order to share her opinions and tell people why they are wrong.

Fleischaker was an accomplished knitter, avid bridge player, reader and follower of politics and current affairs until the end.

The matriarch of a large family, Fleischaker considered her most outstanding accomplishment and legacy those she leaves behind. She is survived by three children: Jon (Kim Greene), Marc (Phyllis), and Beth Creamer; 11 grandchildren: Philip (Hiroko), Stuart (Susan), Eleanor (Peter), Rebecca, Greg (Celia), Daniel (Rachael), Jeff (Ophira), Deborah (Aram), Julia (Mike), Erin (Josh), and Dana (Graham); and 22 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at The Temple.

Gifts in Fleischaker's memory may be made to National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section and The Temple.

Sandor Klein

Sandor Klein, 96, passed away peacefully on November 24, after a short illness.



ADVERTISE

in Community's Special Section

January 27
Deadline Jan. 18

Wedding
Special Section

Contact Larry Singer at
502-418-5845
lsinger@jewishlouisville.org

He was born in Eger, Hungary, and, in 1938, was invited by his uncle, Elmer Klein, to come to Washington, D.C., to pursue his education. During World War II he served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corp, mostly in North Africa.

Receiving a letter that his two sisters had survived the war, Klein heroically went on a mission to find them in Germany and brought them to safety in Casablanca, Morocco. Returning to the United States after the war, he learned that his childhood sweetheart, Ann Löw, had survived Auschwitz and asked her to join him in America as his wife.

In January 1947, they began their 65 years of married life together in Bloomington, IN, where he earned a Ph.D. in psychology. The Kleins relocated to Louisville, where they raised their family and he started his long and successful career in clinical psychology.

Throughout his life Klein was an enthusiastic supporter of the Louisville Orchestra, Kentucky Opera, Actors Theatre and the Chamber Music Society. He was also diligent in keeping up with his extended family in Argentina and Hungary.

Klein was preceded in death by his wife, Ann; and his eldest son, Andy Klein; his parents, Zoltan Klein and Elizabeth Guttman Klein; and sisters Eva Ebergényi and Julia Nelken.

He is survived by his children, Elizabeth Klein (Greg Canote), Linda Klein (Marc Smith), and Robert Klein (Laura), as well as six grandchildren, Zach Kleinsmith (Sara), Eli Kleinsmith, Bayla Sussman (David), Alex, Elizabeth, and Sarah Klein, and one great-grandchild, Andy Kleinsmith, and by his special and loving friend, Katharine Fulkerson.

The family thanks the staff and residents of The Forum, where Klein lived for the past several years.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 28, at 2 p.m. at Temple Shalom. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to The Chamber Music Society of Louisville, University of Louisville School of Music, Louisville, KY 40292, or the Community Foundation of Louisville for the Ann Klein Memorial Fund for Holocaust Education, 325 W. Main St., Suite 1110 Louisville, KY 40202.

Harold Levy

Harold Levy, 93, died Friday, November 25, at the Robley Rex VA Medical Center.

A native of Louisville, he was born January 17, 1923, to the late Lena Litofsky and Abraham Levy. He was a retired salesman and was very proud to have served as a sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He is survived by his daughter, Lisa Levy Limerick (Jeff), and his son, Jeffrey Gordon Levy.

Burial was in Agudath Achim Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Sidney Bederman

Sidney Bederman, born September 22, 1923, in Louisville, died Tuesday, November 29.

Bederman graduated from the University of Kentucky Pharmacy School after serving in the Air Force in World War II. He was the owner and operator of Bedder Drugs on 18th Street. After



retiring, he served as a volunteer for 10 years at Jewish Hospital and was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Celia Bederman; and two sisters, Bernice "Goldie" Wolf and Edith Goldstein.

He is survived by his childhood sweetheart, Lucille Raff Lamb with whom he shared 45 glorious years together; his sons, Jay Bederman, Eric Lamb (Helene), and Douglas Lamb (Patty); his grandchildren, Sarah Bederman, Ari Bederman, George Lamb (Angela), Paul Lamb (Naomi), and Julie Lamb; his four great-grandchildren, Sarah Lamb, William Lamb, Simon Lamb and Emmett Lamb; and his favorite dog, Bob.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Please send donations to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund at Congregation Adath Jeshurun or to the Humane Society.

Stacy Michelle Rosenbaum

Stacy Michelle Rosenbaum, 39, died Thursday, December 1, at Jewish Hospital South.

She was a LPN and a member of Temple Shalom.

Rosenbaum loved helping people and her love for animals was just as great, as she would take in animals that didn't have a home, to care for them.

She is survived by her son, Isaac Rosenbaum; her parents, Dr. Leslie Ginsburg Rowland (Dr. Michael) and Richard Rosenbaum (Janet); her brother, David Rosenbaum; her step-brothers, Michael and Tony Miller and Brian and Keith Rowland.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Cari E. Kleinman for the Children Fund at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 2401 Woodbourne Ave., Louisville, KY 40205 or the donor's favorite charity.

Lynn Rae Echt Goldstein

Lynn Rae Echt Goldstein passed away on December 3. She was 78 years old.

Goldstein was a beautiful, musical woman. She sang like an angel and performed in multiple musicals and choral performances. She particularly loved playing Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof*. You could hear her sing "Do You Love Me?" with Tevye every year on the Belvedere for the Jewish Heritage Festivals and "Sunrise Sunset" at many weddings.

Goldberg was raised in Hammond, IN, by Ann and Albert Echt. She received a bachelor's degree in music education from Indiana University, Bloomington. She raised her family in Louisville. She worked at the Jewish Community Center for over 30 years, serving as the senior adult director. She taught Jewish music, sang and played piano for people young and old throughout her life. Goldstein was an active member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun and the Temple. She was an active member of Chavurat Shalom.

Goldstein has three children, Amy Shir (Ron Shir), Michael Hamburg (Amy Yen) and Steven Hamburg (Betsy Tyson); and eight grandchildren, Bekka, Ori, Julia, Allie, Maya, Miriam, Ian, and Gabriel; Goldstein also had two step-children from her second marriage to M. Jay Goldstein, who brought



great joy and adventure to her life, Lewie Goldstein and Elaine Limansky; and four step-grandchildren: Kayla, Ethan, Jeremy and Andrew. She was a beloved mother and Bubbie. Lynn also leaves behind nephews, Greg and Jeff; and niece, Audrey; as well as sister-in-law, Myra Echt.

She was pre-deceased by her brother, Charles Echt, her loving husband, M. Jay Goldstein and a step-daughter, Andrea Goldstein.

Burial was in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements. Contributions in her memory can be made to the Senior Adult Department at the Jewish Community Center or the charity of your choice.

Maurice Max Miller

Maurice ("Moe") Max Miller passed away peacefully on December 4, in Houston, TX, surrounded by family and friends.

He is survived by sister Kathy Kahn of Louisville; son Mike Miller of California; daughter Dana Kovalak of Brooklyn; and grandchildren.

Born in New Albany, IN, on February 18, 1929, to Annette and Elder (Eliyahu) Miller, Moe graduated from New Albany High School in 1944, and from Indiana University (Bloomington) with an A.B., M.A. and finally, a Ph.D. in nuclear physics with highest honors in 1952.

From 1949 to 1953, Moe worked with Edward Teller on a classified project in Los Alamos, NM. He earned a National Service Medal, among other honors, for his Army service during the Korean War.

During a 40-year career at Lockheed, his projects included C130, C5A, Polaris, Poseidon, Trident 1 and Trident 2 and the Space Station. He also worked as executive vice president at Cimmarron, Inc.

He was buried with military honors at Houston's National Cemetery on December 7. May his memory be for a blessing.

Herman Meyer & Son handled the local arrangements.

Jacques C. Morris

Jacques C. Morris, 91, died Thursday, December 15, at Baptist Health Louisville.

He was born October 4, 1925, to Bertha Brooks and Jacob Morris. He was a proud Army veteran of World War II and co-owner of Service Supply Home Furnishings.

Morris was a past president and member of The Temple, a member of the Romeos, a volunteer for American Red Cross and will always be known for blowing the shofar for decades during High Holy Days.

He is survived by his son, Jan Morris (Nancy Gall-Clayton) of Jeffersonville; his daughters, Judy Morris of Nashville, Joyce Morris of Oklahoma City and Jo Ann Morris of Indianapolis; two grandsons, James Morris and Joshua Morris (Leah Falk); and a brother, Julian Morris (Eleanor) of Seattle.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Albert and Betty Hess G.U.C.I. Scholarship Camp Fund, The Temple or the donor's favorite charity.

Maud Fliegelman

Maud Fliegelman, 93, died Thursday, December 16 at Baptist Health Louisville.

see LIFECYCLE page 27



D'VAR TORAH

by Rabbi Avrohom Litvin
Special to Community

Our country has just faced a very difficult election. It was by far the most divisive election in recent history. Even now, after the democratic process has brought us a leader, there remains much discord and conflict. What guidance can be gleaned from Jewish history and its teachings?

In a recent Torah portion, (Genesis 28: 10-22) Jacob was alone on a dark mountainside. The sun set and Jacob lay down to sleep. He arranged a pillow of stones around his head and dreamed of Divine images.

When the sun rose, Jacob found that the stones had miraculously merged into one stone. The traditional explanation shared in the Midrash is that each stone was envious of the other as to which would be the one directly under Jacob's head. So they merged into one stone and the quarreling ceased.

My question is: "What changed"? Why did the envy stop? Still there was only one part of the rock on which Jacob rested, so why did that stop the "other parts" of the rock from being envious of that part upon which Jacob rested?

The answer might just be the answer to our situation in America today. When the rocks joined as one, they were no longer bothered by their individual positions, because they were all one.

The lesson is that when you and I are one, your triumph is my pride. My success is your success. More than envy breeds divisiveness, divisiveness breeds envy. More than unity creates unity, unity creates tolerance. Our national unity depends first and foremost of the shared awareness of unity between each and every one of us.

Our community has the chance to promote this type of unity and be a shining light to inspire other communities to emulate and follow. In light of this, I was so inspired recently when I was contacted by Jennifer Tuvlin, who is the Life & Legacy coordinator for our community. This is a new Jewish Community of Louisville program aimed at connecting all of our community organizations with generous individuals to help secure our Jewish community for the next generation and beyond and to incorporate legacy giving within our community.

There is a story of a man who thought of a great idea to change the world for the better. He wrote the president, but got no reply. He tried writing to his senator, but received a standard "thank you for your thoughts" response. He wrote to the mayor, but to no avail. So he gathered his family and told them in no uncertain terms that he wanted to implement change and outlined what he wanted them to do. But they had other priorities.

The man then realized that he just needed to start on his own. His family saw his changes and they soon followed suit. Then his neighbors, and finally the entire community. He realized positive change begins with each of us singly – one person at a time.

This past week, I was leading a class at the Jewish Learning Center and we determined that unity is the key to all types of successes, both personal and

communal. I decided I would make a point to do whatever I could to foster more Jewish unity in our community. I shared this idea with my family they suggested that we create a series of communal events during the week of Chanukah and invite the entire community to attend.

On Saturday, December 24, there will be a Chanukah dinner and movie offered at Chabad House. On Sunday, December 25, there will be a free Chanukah ice skating party at Alpine Ice Arena on Gardiner Lane. On Monday, December 26, there will be free bowling and a



Rabbi Avrohom Litvin

LIFECYCLE

Born July 17, 1923 in Meridian, MS, she was one of three children to the late Anne Rothenberg and Ike Rosenbaum.

During the majority of her life, Fliegelman volunteered her time and was an advocate for civil rights and childcare. She was a member of The Temple and very active with National Council of Jewish Women, locally and at the national level. She was a co-founder and board member for CASA and VIPs, co-founder and past president for Keystone Learning Academy, and a board member for both The Family & Children's Place and Home of the Innocents.

On two occasions, she was invited to visit the White House: once during the Kennedy administration for civil rights, and during the Johnson administration for childcare.

Throughout her career she received many awards and citations, including the Distinguished Citizen Award from both the city of Louisville and the state of Kentucky, the Woman of Excellence Award from the Center for Women & Families, and many others. Her caring and generosity will be deeply missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her two brothers, Alfred and Sidney Rosenbaum.

She is survived by her loving family, her daughters, Ellen Prizant (Bruce) and Anne Oppenheimer (John) of Chicago; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were private. Herman Meyer & Son handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Visually Impaired Preschool Services, 1906 Goldsmith Lane, Louisville, KY 40218.



Pearl Greenberg Berg

Pearl Greenberg Berg, 84, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, peacefully passed away on Saturday, December 17, surrounded by family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold F. Berg, surgeon and mosaicist; her mother, Norma Greenberg; and her brother, Allen Greenberg.

Berg was born in Brooklyn, NY, but made Louisville, her home for over 60 years. She was a life-long student and lover of learning, having obtained her degrees in nursing from Cornell University, a Master's in English and a law degree from the University of Louisville. She also attended and taught Veritas classes at Bellarmine University.

Pearl and Harold Berg were avid world travelers. Her other enjoyments included reading, tennis, dancing and the arts. She was a member of The Temple, Hadassah, Mizrahi and National

grand menorah lighting led by Mayor Greg Fischer at Fourth Street Live in downtown Louisville. On Wednesday, December 28, there will be a women's Chanukah event highlighting Chanukah from a women's perspective. On Thursday, December 29, there will be a grand menorah lighting at the new giant menorah at the Paddock Shops (formerly the Summit).

Or find a community-wide program at The J or at the library. It doesn't have to be only Chanukah – there are myriads of programs which highlight unity all year long. The main thing is to unite with others and together to make our community and our world a better place for all. Make a start. Bring your fami-

ly. Encourage your friends to do similar things. We can put the UNITY back into community and together ensure the greatest future for ourselves and our children. Happy Chanukah and happy 2017.

Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, December 23 at 5:09 p.m., December 30 at 5:14 p.m., January 6 at 5:20 p.m., January 13 at 5:27 p.m., January 20 at 5:34 p.m. and January 27 at 5:42 p.m. Chanukah candles should be lit nightly from December 24-31.

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

Goldfarb. She was a bookkeeper in Russia and Israel and a member of Congregation Anshei Sfard.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Ihaskel Mosionznik.

She is survived by her children, daughter, Rima Gerber (Ivel); son, David Mosionznik (Luba); five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Anshei Sfard Cemetery. Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. handled the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Congregation Anshei Sfard.

Stay Current!

Visit Us Online At

jewishlouisville.org

And Join Us On

facebook

"Jewish Community of Louisville"



WARSAW—KRAKOW—BRATISLAVA—BUDAPEST: MAY 8-16, 2017

P2G JEWISH JOURNEY TO POLAND, BRATISLAVA & BUDAPEST

(Depart U. S. May 7, arrive Warsaw May 8, Depart Budapest May 16)

**with optional extensions to BERLIN or ISRAEL (see back for details)*

LAND ONLY FOR POLAND, BRATISLAVA & BUDAPEST

\$2950 double occupancy LAND ONLY

(\$550 Single Supplement)

Tips and individual transfers not included (other than with group arrival and departure). Trip price based on a minimum of 28 participants. We encourage all trip participants to buy trip insurance. Space is limited.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Museum of History of Polish Jews, Warsaw
- Warsaw Train Station and Old Town
- Warsaw Ghetto and Memorial
- Majdanek Concentration & Extermination Camp
- Kazimierz Jewish Quarter
- Krakow Synagogue and Jewish cemetery
- General city sites of Warsaw and Krakow
- Auschwitz - Birkenau
- Meet young adults building Jewish Budapest
- Budapest city sites including the Castle District
- Dohany synagogue
- Budapest Jewish Quarter
- Partnership Friends
- Balint JCC
- Israel Cultural Institute
- Szentendre artist village
- Boat ride on the Danube
- Bratislava Museum of Jewish Culture
- Tour Jewish Bratislava and synagogue

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach for all touring and sightseeing
- English speaking tour guides & guided tours
- Daily breakfast buffets in hotels
- 6 Lunches
- 6 Dinners
- Portage in hotels
- Entrance fees (including Majdanek and Auschwitz - Birkenau)
- Boat tour on Danube
- Hotels:
- 5★ Hotel Sofitel Victoria (Warsaw)
- 5★ Hotel Holiday Inn City Center (Krakow)
- 4★ Regency Suites Hotel (Budapest)
- 5★ Kempinski Hotel Corvinus (Budapest)

SIGN UP BY: January 6, 2017

(\$1000 Deposit to your Federation required, cancellation fees apply after Jan. 15, final payment required by March 10.)

Zoe Riekes at zrieques@me.com

Jan Goldstein at jan@israeljourneys.com



הסוכנות היהודית
JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL



www.westerngalilee.org.il



The right place for fast ER care.

With our new approach to ER care, your treatment can begin the moment you walk through the door. An experienced nurse determines the level of care you need and begins the treatment process. With this model we've cut the time it takes to see a physician by 50%. The result is compassionate care, geared towards getting you better, and on your way.

Visit ChooseYourDoor.org to find an ER location near you.



Louisville Area: Flaget Memorial Hospital · Jewish Hospital · Jewish Hospital Shelbyville · Medical Center Jewish East · Medical Center Jewish South
Medical Center Jewish Southwest · Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital · University of Louisville Hospital