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(photo by Debby Rose)

They're off!

Runners, walkers and at least one athletic dog broke away from the starting line at the annual KentuckyOne Health Dreidel Dash on a frigid January 8. The participants dashed, jogged, strolled and otherwise propelled themselves out of the JFCS parking lot, down to Keneseth Israel synagogue and back to The J, where a post-race party awaited them. See story and photos, Centerpiece, page 1.

Super Sunday volunteers make a difference – Wahba

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

One thing Leon Wahba has noticed since he first started calling people for the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Sunday: Things haven't changed much. The volunteers still show up around 9 a.m. on a Sunday morning. They get orientation; they work the phones.

"I have worked each of the Super Sundays for the last 10 years — my way of giving back to this very compassionate community," Wahba said. "It's a great opportunity to share a bagel and a schmear with your friends."

Something else hasn't change: the mission of the Federation — to enhance Jewish life in Louisville — which the proceeds from Super Sunday support.

"You get to convey that message to friends, neighbors, relatives and good acquaintances, all in an effort to solicit their continued support for the Federation," Wahba said.

The 2017 Super Sunday will be held
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Milton Metz's impact felt beyond mic

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

He will be remembered as a broadcasting pioneer in Louisville, the voice behind the long-running talk show *Metz Here* on WHAS Radio, and a man who insisted on civility when he was behind his microphone.

But Milton Metz, who died Thursday, Jan. 12, at age 95, had an influence that traveled far beyond the airwaves.

Metz will long be remembered for his communal service, particularly in

Louisville's Jewish community where he was an active volunteer.

Rabbi Gaylia Rooks of The Temple, where Metz and his wife Miriam belonged, recalled Metz's work with her on The Crusade for Children telethon to support special needs children in Kentuckiana. Metz was one of the founders and its emcee.

"His enthusiasm and commitment to this most amazing charity never flagged," Rooks said. "It was always a joy and an honor to work with him."

In fact, in all 63 years of the telethon, "he did not miss one," said Dawn Lee, president of Crusade for Children. "This will be the first crusade ever without Milt Metz. Remarkable."

Metz's community activism didn't stop there. He was a volunteer with the Jewish Community Relations Council

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Kanovitz broke gender barrier at UofL

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Not every woman lawyer breaks down gender barriers, writes textbooks, teaches a generation of women to follow in her footsteps and still finds time to bake brownies for her class.

But that is why family, friends and colleagues of Jacqueline Rothschild Kanovitz, who died Wednesday, January 18, at Baptist Health of Louisville, remember well the first female pro-

fessor of the University of Louisville's School of Law.

"She was an American original," said her husband, Dr. Bob Kanovitz. "By being herself, she broke down many barriers. You must realize what it was like. Two generations learned from her what a woman could do with the law."

Like many women of her time coming out of law school, Kanovitz couldn't find a job. Many law firms were closed

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Jewish Film Festival makes Speed debut

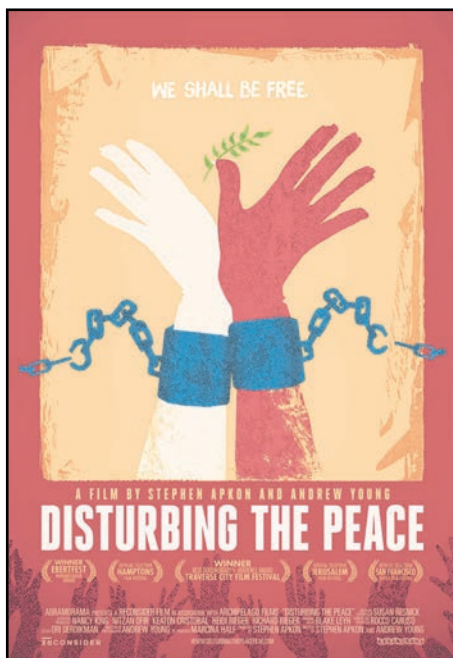
By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

For the first time, the Jewish Film Festival will show one of its pictures at the Speed Art Museum — a move that Festival Director Marsha Bornstein hopes will expand the audience for the annual program.

The festival will screen the Israeli documentary *Disturbing the Peace* in the museum's 144-seat Speed Cinema on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m.

The film follows Israeli soldiers from elite units and Palestinian fighters, many of whom have served time in prison, as they come together and challenge the status quo. A discussion moderated Ranen Omer-Sherman, the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence chair of Jewish studies at the University of Louisville, will follow the screening.

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JCL wants religious freedom for all

By Matt Goldberg, Director
Jewish Community Relations Council



Matt Goldberg

Just a few weeks ago, I was asked by a reporter how I felt about a “so called” religious freedom law that is currently under consideration in Frankfort. This law, which mirrors similar laws throughout the country, proposes to provide a defense for businesses to discriminate if they feel a closely held religious belief to do so.

In practice, it will provide an excuse to discriminate against the LGBT community, which does not have any federal protections. It is a law that appears vaguely familiar to controversial laws passed in North Carolina and Indiana that caused businesses to boycott the state.

The concept of religious freedom is an important one, particularly for the Jewish community. As a religious minority, we are rightfully sensitive to communities wishing to practice and observe their faith without any obstacles placed there by the government. But we certainly cannot stand idly by when discrimination is legalized.

Our community will always support the full rights of the LGBT community and will oppose any bill that aims to restrict those rights. We will oppose any bill that in any way legalizes discrimination, despite the heartfelt religious convictions of some who believe that certain lifestyles are immoral.

The JCRC will continue to advocate for the issues we care about, regardless

of which party or which individuals have power in Washington or Frankfort. Freedom of religion, programs that help the less fortunate, immigration issues, healthcare, poverty and — of course — support for Israel are just some of the issues we advocate for.

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Postscript on Israel as we move to a new era in U.S.-Israel relations.

The last several weeks have seen a lot of acrimony between former President Obama’s administration and the Israeli government over U.N. Resolution 2334, which declared all settlements illegitimate and asked countries to distinguish between Israel pre-1967 Israel and settlements in the West Bank. While the United States did not vote in favor of the resolution, it abstained instead of its normal veto allowing this resolution to pass. For many reasons, we oppose this resolution. As we have stated many times, the United Nations is an inherently biased institution and U.N. resolutions condemning Israel are rightly dismissed and ignored. Furthermore, this “victory” for the Palestinians will only encourage them to seek redress in international forums instead of negotiating with Israel, which is the only way they will have a state of their own. For these and other reasons, we criticized the U.S. decision to abstain.

Secretary Kerry’s speech clearly showed that he is a heartfelt Zionist. He cares deeply about the future of the Jewish state and rightly called on Palestinians to recognize Israel as a Jewish state. But the bulk of his speech was dedicated to criticizing settlements. While we agree settlements are contentious and contribute to the obstacles to a final peace agreement, it is one of several issues that need to be worked out in a final deal. The emphasis on this one issue again creates the impression that the

onus is on Israel to make peace when, in reality, both sides will need to meet and make compromises.

We were happy to see that Congress passed a resolution criticizing the U.S. abstention. All sides on this issue agree on the need for peace between Israel and the Palestinians, and all sides would like to see a final two-state resolution as soon as possible. But the criticism of settlements will not lead to a face-to-face meeting of the parties. In fact, it will further entrench both sides in their respective hardened positions.

Kula brought message to Louisville: embrace change

By Sara Klein Wagner
President and CEO Jewish Community of Louisville



Sara Klein Wagner

When Rabbi Kula, president of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, spoke recently in Louisville, he described how people often don’t resist change; rather, they fear loss.

That’s understandable. Loss can be a visceral and raw emotion, but I was also struck by the potential of the inverse. How can we help people embrace change as something new and exciting that will energize and inspire a transformation in our community?

In fact, we plan for good changes all the time. As New Year’s resolutions unfold, some of us look for change by improving our diets, increasing our exercise habits, and making commitments to change behaviors, to create positive change.

For our Jewish community, Rabbi Kula gave us a gift. Gathered together, the leadership of our community received a not-so-gentle nudge to understand the changes happening in our community. We were given a wake up call to find meaningful and relevant ways to embrace and understand the needs of those we serve. It is our responsibility to look ahead with clear eyes and vision of sustainability; 2017 is here and the Jewish Federation and The J have important work and opportunities ahead. Our year ahead includes JTomorrow!, the Federation’s annual campaign and serving those who are counting on us for quality programs and services.

For the next few months our focus is on JTomorrow!, our community initiative to reimagine The J and Jewish programs that will provide direction for our community. The steering committee, which is led by Jeff Goldberg, meets next week.

The annual campaign provides the support that sustains and enables our community to thrive. Every donor and every gift counts. We need everyone to answer the call. Super Sunday is on January 29.

I am so proud of the experience and opportunities we offer the community. There are many places to participate, from the Jewish Film Festival kicking off in February to PJ Library. Our Jewish Community Relations Council builds bridges with coalition partners and remains vigilant as we monitor safety and security in an ever-changing world.

Please join me as we learn, grow and drive meaningful action for a vibrant, sustainable Jewish community.

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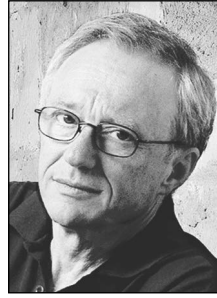
Israeli novelist David Grossman to speak at UofL in JHFE-sponsored event

By staff and releases

Israeli novelist, journalist and peace activist David Grossman will make an appearance in Louisville, speaking here Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the Chao Auditorium of Ekstrom Library. The event, the third annual Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence presentation, is free to the public and includes a book signing after the Q & A.

Born in Jerusalem in 1954, Grossman is considered a leading Israeli writer of his generation. He has been called a "secular prophet" by George Packer in the *New Yorker* and his fiction and journalism have been translated into more than 35 languages. He is the author of eight novels and two journalistic books addressing the lives of Israel's Arab minority and that of Palestinians in the West Bank.

Grossman's novel *See Under: Love* is considered a masterpiece of Holocaust literature. *To the End of the Land* was proclaimed a searing anti-war novel, appearing on over a dozen lists of top 10 books of 2010.



David Grossman

"He weaves the essences of private life into the tapestry of history with deliberate and delicate skill," wrote Colm Toibin in *The New York Times*. "He has created a panorama of breathtaking emotional force, a masterpiece of pacing, of dedicated storytelling, with his characters whose lives are etched with extraordinary, vivid detail.

After his son was killed in the Second Lebanon War, Grossman transformed his private grief into redemptive art for *Falling Out of Time*. A tapestry of poetry, drama and prose, the book is set in a strangely timeless landscape filled with wandering characters struggling to cope with the unbearable loss of their children.

His latest novel, *A Horse Walks Into A Bar*, is set in a comedy club in a small Israeli town where an audience awaits an evening of amusement. Instead, it witnesses the comedian's personal hell. Ultimately, the book addresses human suffering, society, truth and love – all of the aspects of the human condition.

In his public appearances, Grossman's words have also transformed the way audiences view the world, and perhaps even themselves.

Ranen Omer-Sherman, the JHFE-en-

dowed chair in Judaic studies at the University of Louisville, hosted Grossman at a large community event in Miami several years ago.

"He is an absolutely captivating and genuinely warm speaker," Omer-Sherman said. "During a time of growing unease and uncertainty, both here and in Israel, David Grossman's humanity and thoughtfulness will be especially appreciated."

Grossman's visit to Louisville is supported by the JHFE, Commonwealth Center for the Humanities & Society, University of Louisville Office of Diversity and International Affairs, International Students and Scholars Services, Department of Comparative Humanities, Liberal Studies, Creative Writing & Department of English, Hillel of Louisville.

Onward Israel seeks participants from Louisville for six-to-10 week program

By Benji Berlow
For Community

Every year, tens of thousands of Jewish teens and young adults travel to Israel for the first time. Some travel in high school as part of an organized teen program; others, on the free 10-day Taglit Birthright Israel trip during college. Although these and other short-term programs are incredible experiences with lasting memories, they tend to leave students wanting more.

If Birthright and similar programs give a taste of Israel, then Onward Israel, which is seeking greater participation from young people in Louisville, is the main course.

Started in 2012, Onward Israel offers six-to-10-week programs for students and young adults who have been to Israel before. Its goal is to provide an affordable, immersive and transformational experience in Israel with a wide variety of resume-building opportunities such



Onward Israel participants build friendships during their Jewish state experience. (photo provided by Onward Israel)

as internships, service learning, aca-

demical courses and fellowships.

In addition to matching individuals with internships and other specialized experiences to advance their resumes, Onward Israel programs also feature inspiring educational modules, with special attention dedicated to activism opportunities within local communi-

ties, and to the development of a deeper understanding of Israel, and enhanced Jewish identity and commitment.

While short-term trips may focus on camel rides and floating in the Dead Sea, Onward Israel propels participants' professional careers forward, providing opportunities to actually live in Israel for the summer.

This summer, Onward Israel is featuring a new menu of options for theme-based programs ranging from \$300-\$500, including arts & culture, diversity & social justice, education & social services, entrepreneurship & innovation, Go Tech, government & politics, green energy, marketing & communication, sports, hospitality & business and science, technology & health.

Young people ages 19-27 who have been to Israel before and are interested in these programs may contact Benji Berlow at 502-238-2715 or bberlow@jewishlouisville.org for more information. If you have not been to Israel before and are 18-26, then consider applying for Taglit Birthright Israel, which has summer registration opening February 6.

(Benji Berlow is the young adult and Hillel director of the Jewish Community of Louisville.)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 4

Jewish Film Festival 7:30 a.m., Adath Jeshurun

The 2017 Louisville Jewish Film Festival will kick off with the picture *In Search of Israeli Cuisine*. The documentary, which is based on the book by Chef Michael Solomonov, showcases the fusion of different cultures in Israeli society. Modern Israeli appetizers by Izzys Kosher Catering will be served. Call Marshal Bornstein at 502-238-2731.

FEBRUARY 5

YAD Hike in the Jefferson Memorial Forest Noon, Forest Welcome Center at 11311 Mitchell Hill Road

A picnic and hike in partnership with the J's JOFEE program. Participants will meet for lunch (please bring your own) before setting out. Contact Benji Berlow at bberlow@jewishlouisville.org or Michael Fraade at mfraade@jewishlouisville.org.

FEBRUARY 10

TU B'SHEVAT COMMUNITY SEDER 6 P.M., THE J

A festive dinner to mark the start of the growing season in Israel, the holiday also is known as the birthday of the trees. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for

children. The J is located at 3600 Dutchman's Lane. Contact Michael Fraade at 502-238-2769 or at mfraade@jewishlouisville.org.

FEBRUARY 21

JOFEE Restaurant Night 6:30 p.m., The Table Café

The Table's staff will talk about its work and Portland neighborhood representatives will speak about ensuring access to healthy, affordable food in this ongoing dining out series. The Table Café is at 1800 Portland Ave. Cost is \$20. Contact Michael Fraade at 502-238-2769 or mfraade@jewishlouisville.org.

FEBRUARY 26

Louisville's Got Talent: Live Grand Finale

7 p.m., The J
Louisville's Got Talent is a competition celebrating the talented youth in Greater Louisville produced by CenterStage. Young performers, ages 6-18, will take the stage at The J and compete for a cash and prize package valued at over \$2,000. All proceeds directly benefit CenterStage Acting Out, a touring children's theatre troupe. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for kids 10 and under. Contact the J at 502-238-2709 or jewishlouisville.org/the-j/centerstage.

Lions of Judah gain MOMentum, embrace project, at January brunch

By Community staff

Members of the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Lion of Judah Division had many reasons to celebrate when they met for brunch at Kate Latts' home on Sunday, January 8.

"It was a really great event," Latts said. "It was a nice, sunny day and everyone was excited to start the year off seeing the other Lions and hearing from the women who participated in the Israel trip," learning about a new project and welcoming two new Lions.

Jane Goldstein, the 2017 Federation Campaign co-chair, said she was impressed by the comments made by the two young women, Jessica Springer and Paola Moretta, who just returned from Israel on the free Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP) MOMentum program.

Springer and Moretta spoke about how The MOMentum trip, which is for Jewish mothers with children under the age of 18, changed their lives.

"It was gratifying to see Lion dollars at work and to confirm how valuable our donations are to the community," Goldstein said.

Originally from Harrisburg, PA, Springer has made her home in Louisville for over five years with her husband, Jeff, and sons Maximus and Samuel. She said she always felt unsure of her connection to Judaism, though she knew that it was important to her. So when the opportunity to make the trip arose, her husband encouraged her to go.

Being part of a group of 16 Jewish mothers from Louisville experiencing Israel and Shabbat together engendered a sense of belonging for her. As a result, she has been doing things to enhance her family's Shabbat experience since



Robin Miller and her mother, Marilyn Goldberg, embrace after Miller was pinned as a new Lion at the January Lion of Judah brunch. Goldberg, herself Lion in Detroit, visited Louisville to be part of the ceremony. (photo by Ted Wirth)

her return.

Born and raised in Ecuador, Moretta chose Judaism after she met her husband, Adam. Long-time members of The Temple, they have a 4-year-old son, Asher.

Since she chose Judaism, Moretta felt there were gaps in her Jewish background that would always be there since she wasn't raised in the faith. She said the JWRP experience created for her the Jewish family she needed and strengthened her religious identity.

Both women described their experiences as life changing and the friendships they developed as close and supportive.

Another JWRP trip is planned for next year.

While the trip is free for the participants, it is funded through JWRP, 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.

For the Lions, who contribute a minimum of \$5,000 a year to the Annual Federation Campaign, Springer and Moretta exemplified the importance of the work made possible by their support.

Pearls of Wisdom

Also at the brunch, Cheryl Karp introduced a new interactive project for Louisville's Lions called Pearls of Wisdom. She invited the Lions to share lessons they have learned from life and bits

of wisdom by writing about them in a shared journal.

As each "pearl" is added to the book, a pearl bead will be added to a strand, creating a visual representation of the collected effort.

Promising that she had a large supply of beads, Karp started the project with two of her own pearls and encouraged everyone there to add to it in the weeks and months to come.

Lion Milestones

Two new Lions were pinned in a special ceremony that includes a blessing created specifically for the occasion.

Robin Miller received her pin from her mother, Marilyn Goldberg, who is a Lion of Judah in her home community, Detroit. She came to Louisville to honor her daughter.

Maxine Rouben received her pin from Debbie Friedman.

Also, it was announced that Shiela Steinman Wallace endowed her own Lion of Judah donation.

"It was wonderful to welcome new Lions," Goldstein said. "Maxine Rouben's commitment is very special, and the legacy of one generation to another, as what Robin Miller and her mother did, was joyful.

"The endowment of Shiela Wallace's Lion of Judah donation is extraordinary," she continued, "and one for which we are all grateful. It was a terrific morning."

The Lions of Judah is an international sisterhood of philanthropic Jewish women who care deeply about the Jewish future. Each woman makes an annual donation to the Jewish Federation that reflects her capacity to give. In most communities, the threshold annual commitment is \$5,000.

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Louisville pastor at MLK Shabbat promises people 'will rise' from the valley

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Members of Louisville's black and Jewish communities came together at The Temple, Friday, Jan. 13, to remember slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. and to remind one another how freedom and equality are not just ideas; they're God-given rights.

The 28th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat included The Temple's Shir Chadash choir, which freshened up the Shabbat liturgy by including "We Shall Overcome" and singing Mi Chamocha to the tune of "Go Down Moses."

Rabbis Gaylia Rooks and David Ariel-Joel officiated.

But the highlight of the service was the guest speaker, Pastor Bishop Michael Priester, spiritual leader of the Promised Land Baptist Church for 23 years.

Referring repeatedly to the Book of Job, Priester spoke of "rising from the dust and ashes," saying people who have accomplished much in the past can do so again.

"As we look forward to this New Year, we're faced with many obstacles and barriers, vicissitudes of life that challenge us," Priester said. "There are unseen things before us, but with confidence and faith we're able to move forward and deal with things that we are not aware of because we have hope in God."



Bishop Michael Priester urged people to take heart and stay active despite the current social and political climate during his Jan. 13 address at The Temple's Martin Luther King Shabbat. (photo by Lee Chottiner)

"Sometimes, in order to look forward you must look back," Priester continued. "I have learned in life that you cannot leap from one mountain to another. Both geographically and gravitationally, we must experience some valley moments; there must be some valley

time. If we don't have valley moments we cannot appreciate the mountaintop experiences."

He never referred to President-elect Donald Trump, but he did touch on the political climate and how African-Americans are viewed.

"We will have times when we are in the dust; it looks like it politically now. It looks like we're in the dust. It looks like we're faced with some things that we don't have any answer to.... And there are those who have been marginalized and left for dead, forgotten. It seems to be that there are those who sit in positions of power of prestige that feel that certain people will not be able to make it because of where they come from."

But he continued, "I have discovered it is not where you come from, it is what you come with that makes a difference." "We will rise, we will rise, we will rise," he repeated several times until the crowded sanctuary broke into applause. He used the pulpit to pay tribute to black-Jewish cooperation in Louisville.

"As we look back at African-Americans, as we look back at the Jewish community, the unique relationship that was woven together. I could not have started tonight to thank you for your commitment to the Promised Land Baptist Church and to the African-American community, and the networking that we have been able to do together throughout the years," Priester said. "My friends, we continue to rekindle those things, to set examples of how people can work together even though they are from different backgrounds."

"Even when we have differences," he concluded, "we have to be able to make a difference in the world."

JFCS names five honorees from varied backgrounds for 2017 MOSAIC Awards

A leader and innovator in public transit and community planning, a technology leader and entrepreneur, a social work professor specializing in sustainable health and optimal aging, a Grammy-nominated composer and arranger and a serial restaurateur will be recognized for their accomplishments at the annual MOSAIC Awards on Thursday, May 18 at The Hyatt Regency Downtown.

The fundraising event, which benefits Jewish Family & Career Services, honors international Americans who have made a significant contribution in their profession and in our local/global communities.

This year's honorees are Barry Barker from Great Britain, Vik Chadha

from India, Anna Faul from South Africa, John La Barbera of Sicilian decent, Coco Tran of Vietnam.

"JFCS was founded to assist newcomers to Louisville, and this event honors its original mission," Judy Freundlich Tiell, JFCS executive director, said in a prepared statement. "To date, the event has recognized 57 international Americans who make our community a richer and more interesting city, creating a mosaic of many colors and perspectives."

A cocktail reception will start at 5 p.m. featuring a showcase of new micro-businesses that have received training and financial assistance from the JFCS Navigate Enterprise Center.

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is the title sponsor and WLKY 32

is the media sponsor. Papercone Corporation and PharMerica also are supporting the event. Rachel Greenberg is this year's event chair.

Tickets are \$150/person, and table

sponsorships begin at \$2,000. Contact Beverly Bromley, JFCS director of development, at 502-452-6341, ext. 223 or bbromley@jfcslouisville.org to RSVP.

Women to 'connect' before *Funny Girl*

As part of its continuing efforts to bring Jewish women of Louisville together,

The Women's Philanthropy Cabinet and Lions of Judah will hold another of their Connecting events, meeting for drinks at The J prior to the February 9, 5:30 performance of the CenterStage play *Funny Girl*.

The event is the latest in a series designed to bring Jewish women together in informal settings.

"We try to do different things to spark people's interest to get together as Jewish women," said Debbie Friedman, a member of the Women's Philanthropy Cabinet. "We had a fabulous Chanukah party in December that over 200 people came to. There are Jewish women who want to be connected somehow. People may not want to chair an event or be on a board."

Other activities the Cabinet has organized were a hike in the Parklands at Floyd's Fork in September and a coffee matinee with the Louisville Orchestra.

"It's just a way of coming together," Friedman said. "I think it's been extremely successful. We've met a lot of different people in different age groups

with different interests. It's really great."

The cost for the event is \$50, which includes a ticket to the play. RSVP to Kristy Benefield at 502-238-2739 or kbenefield@jewishlouisville.org.

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Etty offers one woman's observations on life, humanity and the Holocaust

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Esther Hillesum and Anne Frank had much in common.

They were both Jewish, living in Holland and they used their diaries to write about what they saw and felt during the dark days of the Holocaust. They also died in the concentration camps before the end of World War II.

But the similarities end there. Frank was a young girl during the war; Hillesum, a young woman in her late 20s. Frank wrote from her hiding place in Amsterdam; Hillesum, known to her friends as "Etty," refused to go into hiding and wrote from Amsterdam as well as Westerbork transit camp.

Lastly, Frank's novel was published and became an international best sell-



Susan Stein

er. Her story has been dramatized many times over the years in plays, movies and television series.

Hillesum, though she wrote extensively between 1941 and 1943 – as many as 10 or more diaries as well as letters, works that were published years later, in 1979 – she remained largely unknown after the war compared to Frank.

Stein purchased a paperback copy of Hillesum's diaries for 50 cents at a yard sale in 1994. She became captivated by the author's words and committed to bringing them to life.

The result is the two-act, one-woman play, *Etty*, created and performed by Stein, which will make its Louisville premiere on Saturday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Road.

Directed by acclaimed actor, director and playwright Austin Pendleton (*My Cousin Vinny*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Catch-22*) *Etty* is a portrait of Hillesum's struggle to declare her humanity in the face of Nazi brutality.

"If I should not survive," she wrote, "how I die will show me who I really am."

The lines in the play are literally taken from Hillesum's diaries. Nothing is added, though Stein may change which passages she speaks from one performance to the next.

The first act is essentially the entire

play. For the second act, Stein steps out of character, though still in costume, to take questions from the audience and continue the dialogue that the late author began.

Etty is open to the greater Louisville community. The production for adults and high school students is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to 502-458-4739 or ettyplay.org for more information.

Stein has performed *Etty* around the world for eclectic audiences. She has even taken her play behind prison walls for inmates.

"Their comments have been powerful," Stein said during a recent performance. "I think it's through the comments of the inmates that I learned this is a prison story."

International Jewish service groups joining forces, creating new network

By staff and releases

Two international Jewish service organizations to which Jewish Family & Career Services belongs have announced they are combining to create a new organization.

For many years, JFCS has been a member of the Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies (AJFCA) and the International Association of Jewish Vocational Services (IAJVS). In fact, local lay leaders Shelton Weber and Jane Goldstein have served as presidents of AJFCA, while Judy Freundlich Tiell has been president of the IAJVS.

Separately, AJFCA and IAJVS have provided JFCS access to networks of providers across North America and the world. They also offered grant opportu-

nities that JFCS could not have pursued alone. For examples, the Mazon project for senior food insecurity came through AJFCA, and the Gateway Jobs Program came through IAJVS.



Judy Freundlich Tiell

Now, the two entities are coming together to create the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies, an international trade association for Jewish vocational and family groups as well as other Jewish human service agencies. Reuben Rotman, formerly executive director of

Jewish Family Service of MetroWest New Jersey, has been named the new entity's CEO.

According to Tiell, executive director of JFCS, the new network will continue to provide the "value" on which her organization has come to rely while bringing other organizations into the network and create countless opportunities as well.

Tiell played a role in the consolidation. During her IAJVS presidency, she initiated a conversation among member agencies of AJFCA and IAJVS about joining forces. The meetings she co-chaired underscored the similar challenges and needs of the two entities, and the possibility of creating a new trade association that would be a leader in the human service and Jewish worlds.

These discussions were OK'd by the boards of both associations, leading to a formal consolidation process.

Tiell served as the first co-chair of the steering committee along with Jim Kahn, a past president of the JFCS in Philadelphia. The steering committee has been working with consultants on the project for nearly two years.

"Working with my colleagues from around the country, plus Canada and Israel, has been an amazing experience," Tiell said. "We have put aside any differences, focused on creating a meaningful, relevant and sustainable organization and have been able to develop powerful relationships."

Kwasny to plan for fitness programs for active adults

For 10 years, The J members have known Susan Kwasny as a group fitness instructor and personal trainer. Starting Monday, January 9, though, she began a new job here that will fill a gap in the organization's services for active adults.



Susan Kwasny

Kwasny is The J's new Kindred Fellow Coordinator for the Kindred Active Adult Series. Her job, which is made possible through a three-year grant from Kindred Healthcare, is to develop physical, mental and nutritional programming for adults ages 45-75.

"We have a well-developed senior program and a developed physical program, but we saw a gap," Kwasny said.

"So we'll be filling the gap with this fellowship they gave us."

The types of programs she will be developing could include social networking, health screenings, meditation, book clubs, movie nights, walking groups, pickleball and corn hole to name a few.

All the while, she will survey the participants, record attendance at each ac-

tivity and report back to Kindred.

"The goal is to go back to Kindred and show them that their money was put to good use," Kwasny said, "and we made changes as a result of this program."

A Louisville native, Kwasny, 40, has done event programming for other non-profit organizations as well as The J. She sees this new job, as a marriage of her backgrounds in fitness and planning.

Contact Kwasny at 502-459-0660 x194 for more information.

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Sunday morning, January 29, at The J. Community members from all walks of life, including Young Adult Division members, will be placing calls to people throughout Kentuckiana, asking them to support the Federation.

Wahba said each volunteer makes a difference.

"If we can get 20 volunteers to make 10 calls each," he said, "that's 100 people we've reached."

The theme of this year's Super Sunday is "Gemilut Chasadim" (Acts of Loving-Kindness).

"Our hope is not only to reach people asking for a gift, but to spend a few moments on the phone with them and explain all that the Federation is doing here and overseas," said Stacy Gordon-Funk, vice president of philanthropy for the Jewish Community of Louisville. "We've spent a lot of time doing outreach and communicating, so people have a better understanding of the work we do."

The Federation supports summer camp, employment services, food support, camp scholarships, home health

services for seniors and other services for Jews in Kentucky, Israel and 70 countries worldwide.

It also supports Jewish institutions, including the Partnership 2Gether, camps and schools, Hillel, The J, High School of Jewish Studies, Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad (LBSY) The Temple Religious School, Vaad Hakashruth, Hadasah, NCJW, the J Summer Camp, Jewish Family & Career Services and JCL programs.

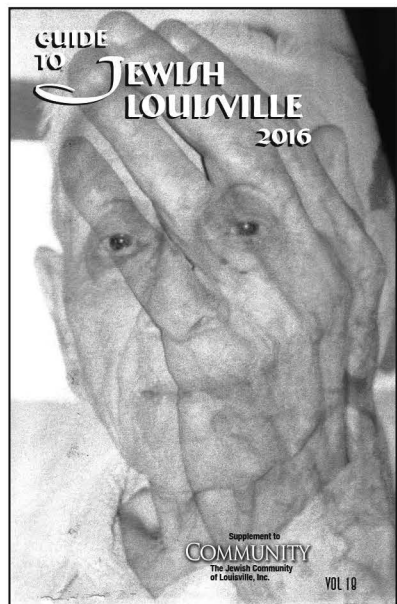
Nationally and globally, it backs the American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League, Birthright Israel, Conservative Judaism Movement in Israel (Masorti), Israel Movement for Reform & Progressive Judaism, Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and World ORT.

Calls will be made between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Not only will volunteers pitch the Federation and its mission to the donors, they will also be interested in what donors think is important, "what motivates and excites."

This year's Federation Campaign co-chairs are Jane Goldstein and Jon Fleischer.

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(JCRC).

"The Jewish community was very important to Milton," said JCL President and CEO Sara Wagner, a past JCRC director. "He served on the Community Relations Council for many years. Milton was instrumental in many media-related opportunities and concerns quietly behind the scenes. He supported the community as a mentor, volunteer, moderated countless events and political forums and was a lifelong supporter of the annual campaign."

Age didn't slow Metz down, even after retirement.

"At Temple, even in the last few decades, Milton and Mimi were always involved, participating in services, programs and fundraising," Rooks said. "He

was especially helpful in narrating and producing The Temple's 150th anniversary video in 1993.

Rooks' colleague, Rabbi David Ari-

el-Joel, recalled a less-public side to Metz. He saw firsthand his devotion to his wife, even after she developed Alzheimer's disease.

"He took care of her for 13 years, eight years at home and five years at the nursing home," Ariel-Joel said. "He was at the nursing home every day. He would come every day to take her to a movie, for a ride in the car. Every day he would come. I have never seen someone so caring and loving to his spouse the way he was."

Metz's son, Perry Metz, said his father's devotion to his mother definitely made her final years worth living.

"It gave her a better quality of life," Perry said. "While she didn't remember day to day, she enjoyed her rides, going out to eat and the movies in a way that prolonged her ability to enjoy things."

Metz began his broadcasting career in Cleveland — his hometown — following graduation from The Ohio State University.

One of the best known on-air personalities in Kentucky and southern Indiana, Metz began *Metz Here* on WHAS in 1959. The show became the longest running program in Louisville (34 years) and one of the oldest in the country.

That was no small accomplishment, said Perry, who also works in broadcast-

ing. "It's harder and harder to maintain the popularity of a program over time. It takes a lot to remain relevant."

As far as his father was concerned, *Metz Here* was never about him, it was about his listeners, and what they were thinking.

"People could listen for many years and not know what his views were on subjects," Perry said.

Rabbi Emeritus Chester Diamond of The Temple lauded Metz for his skills as a listener.

"He was not just a person with a flair for words, but more importantly, he was a listener," Diamond said, "whose understanding and compassion virtually lifted his listeners' burdens from their shoulders and eased their hearts...."

For nine years, Metz also co-hosted and co-produced the WHAS-TV show *Omelet*, a talk and interview program. He also was the channel 11 weatherman

for 19 years.

On the air, Metz was "a voice of reason," Perry said, "a good listener, and well-read across a wide variety of topics, someone who was interested in the long term welfare of Louisville, KY."

A 1989 inductee into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, Metz also received a Ford Foundation grant to the United Nations to work in radio, television and film. He also won top radio award from the American Psychiatric Association.

"Milt identified very strongly with the Jewish community of Louisville and beyond," Perry said. "He felt very strongly about Jewish values and how they should be expressed in everyday life and community."



Milton Metz

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to female attorneys.

The only job that Kanovitz, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from the law school, could get was with the Legal Aid Society, said Mary Barrazotto, senior vice president and general counsel for North America and Latin America for Brown-Forman Corporation, and one of Kanovitz's students, and research assistants and friend over the years.

"As she said," Barrazotto recalled, "she was female, pregnant and Jewish, and no one would hire her but Legal Aid."

She worked for Legal Aid for two years.

The dean of the law school, James Merritt, recommended Kanovitz for a clerkship to federal judge, husband Bob said, but that jurist rejected her.

"Send me a boy," he said.

However, that rejection proved fortuitous. Merritt would turn around and hire Kanovitz for a faculty position. She became the law school's first woman professor and eventually its first tenured woman professor.

She served as an associate dean for the school, which was later renamed the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, from 1989-90, and she authored a leading textbook, *Constitutional Law for Criminal Justice*, which is in its 14th edition. She also became an advocate for women entering the legal profession.



Jacqueline Kanovitz

All the while, she taught her students in and out of the classroom.

"She would take some women who needed a little help out shopping so they would understand the appropriate professional image to convey," Barrazotto said. "She supported us in any way she could. She would be our cheerleader, our advocate, our facilitator, a teacher beyond teaching academics."

She also found time to bake brownies for her students and even make them part of her own family.

"She would invite me over to her

house; I would go out to dinner with her and Bob," Barrazotto recalled. "She was just all-embracing. I had come to law school from Virginia; I didn't have much family here, so she made me part of her family."

A woman with a sense of humor and sharp wit, Kanovitz was not above using both skills on occasion.

Bob Kanovitz recalled a time in Pittsburgh — the couple moved there briefly so he could accept a fellowship — when the lawyer handling the closing on their house refused to shake hands with Kanovitz. Later, after thinking better about it, he said as times change he didn't know what to do when a woman offered her hand.

"That's easy," Kanovitz shot back. "You curtsy."

"She was a hater of prejudice and misogyny," husband Bob said. Still, he stopped short of calling her an activist.

"She was a true American pioneer by believing that a woman [acquired] rights by going out and exercising them."

He also said his wife had a "great dignity," something she exhibited in her final days.

As Kanovitz's daughter, Elana Levitz, recalled, when she learned her prognosis — she had cancer — she took the news philosophically, reflecting on all the blessings in her life. She always said thank you to the nurses who checked her vital signs.

"She said the last weeks with her family were some of the most beautiful, meaningful times of her life and she wouldn't change them," Levitz said.

"Only my mother could find beauty in everything, including dying."

Born, December 11, 1942, in Louisville, a daughter of Isaac and Jenny Rothschild, Kanovitz is survived by her husband, Bob; her children, Michael Kanovitz and Elana Levitz (Darren); her sister, Barbetta Loevy (Arthur); and grandchildren, Anya and Simon Kanovitz and Jacob Levitz.

The family would like to express their profound gratitude to the staff at Baptist Health Oncology Ward.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 22, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. The burial followed in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Donations may be made to Mazon at Congregation Adath Jeshurun or the Jewish Family & Career Services Food Pantry to feed the hungry.

Louis Levy, Louisville Jewish Film Festival Co-founder

My lovely wife Wilma and I are proud to support the 19th annual Louisville Jewish Film Festival. Congratulations to Keiley Caster and his Film Festival Committee for continuing to select wonderful films from around the world. We know that your choices this year will be just as fantastic as — in the past, and we encourage everyone to — support the festival. You know you'll be supporting the arts at The J and you'll have a great time while doing it.



Of course the Film Festival wouldn't be the same without the wonderful volunteers, sponsors and venues. And we must give special thanks to — Marsha Bornstein, The J's marvelous Film Festival Director; Sara Klein Wagner, our fearless leader and CEO; and the entire staff at The J.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the opening of another successful Louisville Jewish Film Festival!

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PICTURE THIS: LOOSE PARTS TRAINING

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Early Learning Center Teachers were trained on Loose Parts on January 16. Loose Parts aims to take upcycled materials to spark children's creativity and innovation. Students will use the recycled pieces to move, manipulate, control and change the materials in their play by using their imagination. The training was conducted by the Community Coordinated Child Care Association.



On January 20, mezzuahs were installed on all ELC Classrooms by Keren Benabou and Miss Cindy, the ELC Hebrew Specialist.



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Our children are the builders of a world of peace; they must be protected

by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky
For Community

As we begin 2017, we are faced with an increasingly violent world. For KentuckyOne Health and Jewish Hospital, committed to bringing healing, not only within the walls of our hospital, but out into our community, this means dedicating ourselves to nonviolence with renewed passion.



Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky

Our anti-violence initiatives span the gamut from preventative initiatives for children to interventions for those who are caught in the cycle of violence, with a recognition that it is only by helping the next generation to break the cycle of violence bequeathed to them that we will be able to create a more peaceful world.

This approach, which is also at the foundation of Catholic Health Initiatives' approach to violence prevention work, is grounded in Jewish values. Regarding the verse in Isaiah 54:13: "And all your children shall be students of G-d, and all your children will find peace" our rabbis taught: "Read not *banayich* (your children) but *bonayich* (your builders)" to highlight the sacred responsibility that is placed upon our children to build up the world of tomorrow. In order to help transform our children into builders of

a world of peace, we have a responsibility to teach them the necessary skills.

Sadly, according to the Center for Women and Families, one out of every three teens will experience violence in a relationship. This has serious long-term and short-term effects. Many teens do not report it because they are afraid to tell friends and family. A 2011 CDC nationwide survey found that 23 percent of females and 14 percent of males who ever experienced rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner, first experienced some form of partner violence between 11-17 years of age.

As teens develop emotionally, they are impacted by their relationship experiences. Healthy relationship behaviors can have a positive effect on emotional development. Unhealthy, abusive or violent relationships can have severe consequences and short- and long-term negative effects on a developing teen. Youth who experience dating violence are more likely to experience:

- Symptoms of depression and anxiety
- Engagement in unhealthy behaviors, such as tobacco and drug use
- Involvement in antisocial behaviors
- Thoughts about suicide

Young people need information — and more importantly skills — to help them navigate relationships, resolve conflicts, recognize abuse and take positive action for themselves and their friends. Everyone has the right to healthy relationships free from emotional and physical violence.

As part of our commitment to actualize this mission, this month we have

two exciting ways that we are working to redress these terrifying statistics, and to provide teens with the skills that they need to have healthier relationships.

Since last year, we have been working with leaders of B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) and Parkhill, Algonquin & California Teens in Action (PACT in Action). PACT in Action is a teen dating violence prevention initiative of The Center for Women & Families and KentuckyOne Health and funded by Catholic Health Initiatives Mission and Ministry Fund. This innovative program puts prevention to work to eliminate teen dating violence before it happens by focusing upon approaches that strengthen individual knowledge and skills, promote community awareness, foster coalitions and influence policy and legislation — the real way to make lasting impact.

At the end of January, as part of BBYO's J-Serve Day of Service, youth from both programs will come together to continue fostering a relationship of collaboration across cultures, program visions/missions and other attributes that often divide — rather than unify — learning from each other and working together to build a more peaceful and

inclusive world.

We are also supporting another exciting program, organized by Metro Louisville's Health Department and Leadership Louisville Bingham Fellows team to create Louisville's first ever Break Up Summit on February 25, at Spalding University School of Social Work. Teens from the Boston Public Health Commission's Start Strong program will share their nationally recognized, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded teen dating violence prevention seminars.

Finally, 125 teens from Louisville will participate in FREE fun, interactive workshops about managing difficult feelings like anger and jealousy, resolving conflicts, recognizing abusive relationships, building healthy relationships, and navigating breakups. There will also be an adult track for parents to learn from teens and hear how they can be supportive of their children during break ups. To learn more, contact me at nadiasiritsky@kentuckyonehealth.org or sign up (team@breakupsummit.com).

(Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky is vice president of mission at KentuckyOne Health.)

Menkin to speak at film fest after On the Map

Dani Menkin, writer and director of the film *On the Map*, which is part of this year's Jewish Film Festival, will be in the theater the night of the screening — Saturday, February 25, 7:30, at Village 8 Theatres — for a Q & A afterwards.

An Israeli Academy Award-winning filmmaker, Menkin, speaks at international festivals and is a juror and film professor in American and Israeli universities.

Menkin's appearance is sponsored by Cantor David Lipp's Discretionary Fund at Congregation Adath Jeshurun. He also is a sponsor of the film.

On the Map is the story of Maccabi Tel Aviv's 1977 European Cup Basketball Championship. At a time when Israel was still reeling from the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the 1972 Olympic massacre at Munich and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France flight from Tel Aviv, the Israeli team toppled the four-time defending Soviet Union team to win the title. When the team returned to Israel, 200,000 fans were waiting in Tel Aviv to welcome them home.

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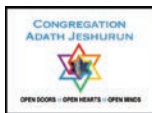
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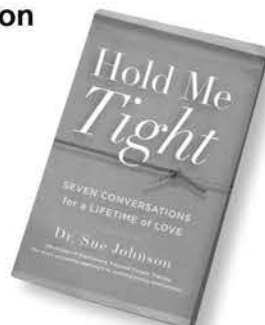
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Wedding Section

Looking for a quickie Jewish wedding in Las Vegas? Call Rabbi Mel Hecht

By Ron Kampeas

LAS VEGAS – Rabbi Mel Hecht clutches his black coffee and paces in front of the Dunkin' Donuts just down the road from the Red Rock Casino.

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

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

Karen Butt, resplendent in a teal bridal gown and carrying a bouquet of cloth flowers, is waving from the stretch limo idling in the parking lot unable to fit into a space. She trots across and apologizes for being late, but it's all good because Hecht has turned on his rabbinical calm, flashing a huge toothy grin framed by his trim, white beard.

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

Hecht sets about calming the nervous couple.

"I thought this was a circumcision," he says, introducing himself as "Rabbi Cutcherdickoff."

Silver laughs, relieved – a little relieved, anyway. He's getting married, after all. He launches into a story about how his mother insisted on a doctor for his own circumcision, which wasn't a thing 59 years ago like it is today, but thinks better of finishing and trails off. Hecht explains how to get from the parking lot to the actual Red Rock – not the casino, but the geological formation just west of this city.

"Meet us at the first turnoff," he says. The rabbi slips into his white SUV and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For the couple who wanted a West-

ern wedding, Hecht appeared in dungarees, a three-quarter black coat, a wide-brimmed hat and a shotgun (unloaded). The Jewish costumers at Bally's who threw a Renaissance wedding for themselves dressed Hecht in the flat hat and cassock-like garment a contemporary rabbi might have worn.

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

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

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

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

Passers-by become part of the ritual, bikers whooping cheers to Hecht's grinning approval.

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



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TEEN TOPICS

By Kari Semel
For Community

Nearly 200 teens from Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio gathered together for KIO BBYO's Regional Convention in January.

The convention focused around two main events: regional elections and the installation and de-installation of the incoming and current regional board.

The 62nd regional board, which was elected 13 months ago, consisted of 10 teens, two of whom were from Louisville. Laina Meyerowitz served as KIO regional n'siah, or president, and Charles Bessen served as KIO regional shaliach, or vice president of Jewish Heritage, Community Service and Social Action. They spent the past year serving Louisville and the larger Kentucky Indiana

Ohio region, representing both to the larger BBYO International Order.

The Regional Convention honored the outgoing board's legacies and paid tribute to its hard work and commitment. In their own speeches, those leaving office reflected on their time in BBYO and the legacy that they will leave behind.

Bessen said his connection to BBYO and members of the KIO region brought him closer to the Jewish community in Louisville.

"After yearning for greater involvement at a young age, I'm happy to represent the young men in Louisville," he said. "It's hard for me to imagine maintaining such a strong relationship with the local Jewish community without BBYO."

Meyerowitz noted the impact that BBYO had on her work ethic and her

ability to manage tasks. She also discussed BBYO's relevance with her future plans.

"On each level I've participated in," she said, "I've been challenged to connect more with Judaism, spread the movement to more Jewish teens, improve my leadership skills and be a better version of myself."

Louisville's representative to the incoming 63rd Regional Board, Max Strull, will be serving as regional mazkir. Strull, who will be responsible for all regional communication and fundraising efforts, presented some fantastic ideas during his election that will help propel the KIO Region forward. He is following in the footsteps of his mother, who served as regional mazkirah in the Cotton States Region during her time in BBYO. Louisville is excited to be repre-

sented by Strull and is looking forward to seeing all he can accomplish.

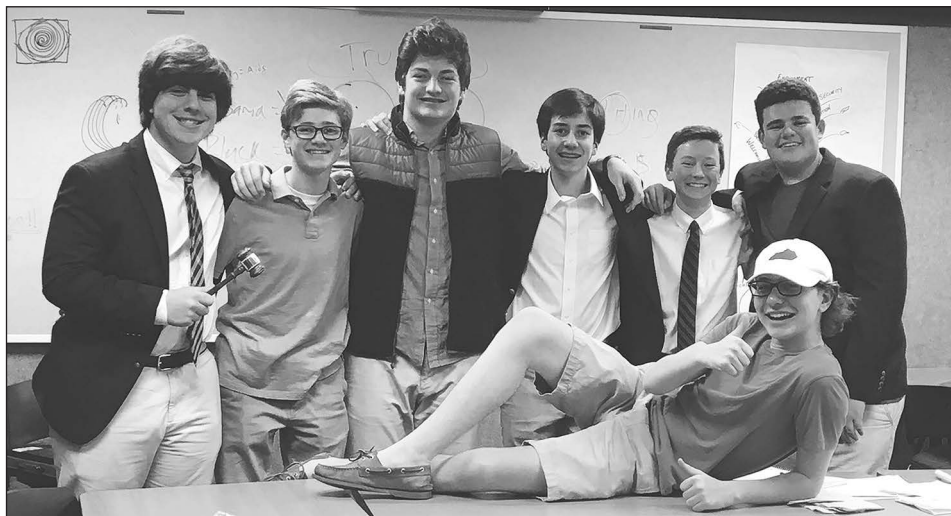
Louisville BBYO was honored with many awards during Regional Convention. Levi Wolff was awarded Gizbor of the Year, paying tribute to his success with chapter fundraising efforts. Alayna Borowick was awarded with Gizborit of the Year, for her creativity with chapter fundraisers. Abigail Geller was honored with the N'siah of the Year award, which pays tribute to an outstanding chapter president. Under Abigail's leadership, Jay Levine BBG won the coveted Chapter of the Year award, which recognized its continued success, creativity and recruitment efforts as a chapter.

(Kari Semel is teen director for the Jewish Community of Louisville.)



Jay Levine BBG members pose with their Chapter of the Year award. (photo by Kari Semel)

BBYO elects officers



The Louisville BBYO chose a new slate of officers during chapter elections in January. Pictured above are the new leaders of Drew Corson AZA, Andrew Tuvlin, godol (left); Zev Meyerowitz, s'gan; Jacob Ioffe, moreh; Alex Salamon, shaliach; Drew Goldstein, mazkir; Matthew Melendez, gizbor; Joey Schuster, kohene godol. The new Jay Levine BBG leaders are Abigail Geller, n'siah; Ava Schumacher, s'ganit; Carly Schwartz, morah; Lucy Calderon, sh'lichah; Lilli Russman, gizborit; Tovah Frocht, mazkirah; Ashley Waller, madricha. A photo for the BBG leaders was not available. (photo by Kari Semel)



Laina Meyerowitz and Charles Bessen appear with other members of the 62 KIO Regional Board. (photo by Kari Semel)

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NEWSMAKERS

Jim Ensign and **Judy Freundlich Tiell** are among the 41 community leaders to be named Bingham Fellows for 2017. Tiell is the executive director of the Jewish



Judy Freundlich Tiell



Jim Ensign

Family & Career Services; Ensign, chief digital officer for Republic Bank. The Bingham Fellows program is the advanced leadership program of the Leadership Louisville Center. Bingham Fellows provide experienced leaders with the opportunity to put into practice the skills that credential them as a leader of leaders. The topic for the 2017 Bingham Fellows is: "Winning the Talent of the Future." The class will work to advance Louisville's ability to develop, retain and attract the talent needed to compete and thrive. The 2017 class is supported by The UPS Foundation.

Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Gittleman received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Harvard School of Dentistry during his 50th reunion. A scholar, inventor and scientist, Gittleman has

written numerous publications, book chapters, research abstracts, awards, honors and editorial board positions to his credit. His three patents awarded in the 1980s involved soft and firm composition denture liners. He was the principal investigator of the NIH grants that developed Novus®. Gittleman has worked for the U.S. Public Health Service in San Francisco where he did laboratory and clinical trials on dental



Larry and Ricky Gittleman

materials. He then joined the Harvard faculty as assistant professor from 1971-1976 and in 1976 he moved to the LSU School of Dentistry and Gulf South Research Institute in New Orleans. He joined the University of Louisville faculty in 1990 while maintaining a part-time private practice in restorative dentistry and prosthodontics. Currently, Gittleman is a lecturer of prosthodontics and biomaterials at the University of Louisville's School of Dentistry where he was a professor for 24 years until his semi-retirement in 2014. He has volunteered for

more than 25 years with the Louisville Regional Science & Engineering Fair.

Sue Huttenlocher, a long-time art instructor at The J, has just been awarded the Master Painter prize for 2017 by the Kentucky Watercolor Society. Huttenlocher came to painting as a student of then-JCC instructor Bernice Mazin, who encouraged her to study art at the University of Louisville. From there, Huttenlocher graduated in 1982 with a concentration in painting. Over the years, she has taught painting, drawing, life drawing and crafts to senior citizens, teens and adults. She also chaired the art committee for 12 years.

Larry Kass, director of trade relations for Heaven Hills Brands, has been reappointed to the Kentucky Distillers' Association Board of Directors. The KDA is a nonprofit trade group that promotes and represents the state's bourbon and distilled spirits industry. There are currently 33 members, the most since the repeal of prohibition.

Steve Hofstetter has sold The Laughing Derby to long-time employees Dianea and Kerry Comstock for \$20,000, WDRB-TV reported. Hofstetter announced in November had decided to sell the Highlands-based comedy club. According to the report, the club will remain open and all current employees are welcome to stay.

Anne Harlow and her partner, **Leslie Wilson**, have opened their new brick and

mortar location for Hi-Five Doughnuts. They received a write-up in the *Courier-Journal*. Harlow and Wilson are also the subject of a new book by Harlow's father, UofL Professor of Management Lyle Sussman, entitled *Breaking the Glaze Ceiling*.



Lyle Sussman, Anne Harlow and Leslie Wilson

Roanne Victor was featured in a Jan. 8 cover story in the Arts section of the *Courier-Journal* about the 23rd African American Art Exhibition at the Actors Theatre of Louisville. The story recognizes Victor's role in organizing the exhibit at the Actors Theatre.

John Gage, host of *Kentucky Homefront* who works regularly with preschoolers at The J, has won the Anne Braden Humanitarian Award. *Kentucky Homefront* is a radio show that features the best of the state's acoustic, folk, country and bluegrass musicians and storytellers.

D'VAR TORAH

Acceptance and engagement – the challenge and danger to American Jews

By Rabbi David Ariel-Joel
For Community

The biggest challenge we are facing as a community is acceptance and engagement.

The majority of Jews in the United States are marrying non-Jews. It happens in all the Jewish communities.

The challenge to synagogues today is how to welcome, accept and engage the intermarried families. How do we prevent losing interfaith families?

Intermarriage is not going to stop. It was never a question of whether Jews would marry non-Jews; historically, when non-Jews were willing to marry Jews, Jews were happy to marry them. Intermarriage is a positive challenge, not a problem, thank God Jews are not hated or excluded in our country. Thank God that non-Jews want to marry Jews. Our challenge is how to make our doors wide enough for everyone who wishes to

enter. Our challenge is to stop policing who is Jewish and who is not, and put our energy into acceptance, engagement and welcoming interfaith families and their children and fully accepting them into our synagogues and communities.



Rabbi David Ariel-Joel

Through history, there were three ways to become Jewish; at each given moment two of the three were in effect and agreed upon:

1. Birth — In the Bible, it was birth to an Israelite father; in rabbinical Judaism it changed to a Jewish mother.

2. Intermarriage — In the Bible, this was the only way to join the children of Israel, most biblical heroes married non-Israelite women (Judah, Jo-

seph, Moses, David, Solomon and many more).

3. Conversion — After the Bible, when intermarriage was forbidden, conversion was invented.

In our days all three ways are active, and Jews do not agree on all three of them.

Birth — Jewish streams do not agree on the parent's gender.

Conversion — Israel's chief rabbinate does not recognize the conversions of many modern Orthodox rabbis and definitely not Conservative or Reform.

Ultra-Orthodox Jews do not recognize conversions done by Chabad or Orthodox or liberal conversions.

Jews argue about acceptance of intermarried families.

Reform synagogues tend to be most welcoming to interfaith families. Treating the non-Jewish spouse equally during life cycle events, letting both parents actively participate in the bar or bat mitzvah of their child and treating the

children as Jews. Most Reform rabbis will marry interfaith couples and help create another Jewish home by blessing the marriage.

This question is pivotal to the future of American Jewry. It is our duty to be in the business of acceptance and welcoming and not of policing and making boundaries. As our congregations grow more and more diverse, we will find that we are in the midst of recreating what it means to be Jewish. This is a challenge that we should embrace with open arms.

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Shabbat candles should be lit on Fridays, January 27 at 5:42 p.m., February 3 at 5:50 p.m., February 10 at 5:58 p.m., February 17 at 6:06 p.m. and February 24 at 6:13 p.m.

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Editor's note: Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, a rabbi of The Temple – Adath Israel Brith Shalom (Reform), has volunteered to provide Torah commentaries for Community.



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AROUND TOWN

Stop & Chat at Panera with Ariel-Joel
Rabbi David Ariel-Joel from The Temple will hold a "stop and chat" Friday, January 27, from 2-3:30 p.m., at Panera Bread, 1801 Rudy Lane. All topics may be discussed. The event is free to the community. The coffee is on the rabbi.

Lunch and Learn at Bristol with Wolk
The next Keneseth Israel Lunch and Learn will be Thursday, February 2, noon, at The Bristol on Main Street. Rabbi Michael Wolk will lead a discussion on Jewish settlers in Israel. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 459-2780. The class is free to the public (food sold separately).

Alef service held at The Temple
The Temple will hold its second Alef service of the year, Friday, February 3. It will be a celebration of nature and dedicated to Boy Scout Troop 30. Rabbis Gaylia R. Rooks and Joe Rooks Rapport will lead. Paola Gallagher will play guitar; Alan Zukof, the bass.

AJ hosts Celebration Shabbat
Adath Jeshurun will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries at its February 4 Shabbat service. All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of February may participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services beginning at 9:30 a.m.

AJ offers prayer book Hebrew class
Adath Jeshurun's Prayer Book Hebrew classes take place on Sundays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26. Beginning Prayer Book Hebrew starts at 10:30 a.m.; Prophets at 11:30 a.m. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Tu B'Shevat seder at the Temple
The Temple will hold its Tu B'Shevat seder, Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m., in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center at The Temple. Cost is \$5 per person. RSVP to The Temple at 423-1818 by Monday, February 6.

Kabbalat Shabbat Salon at KI
Keneseth Israel families will next host Kabbalat Shabbat in their homes, Friday, February 10, followed by dinner and discussion. Services start at 6 p.m. Space is limited to the first 15 RSVPs.

Call 502-459-2780 or email mwolk@kenesethisrael.com.

No-Shush Shabbat at Temple Shalom
Temple Shalom will hold its next No-Shush Shabbat on Friday, February 10, 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner and YAD Director Benji Berlow lead the family service. A potluck dinner follows. Contact Temple Shalom at 458-4739 or information@templeshalomky.org for more details.

Keneseth Israel's New Roots Shabbat
Keneseth Israel will host a Kiddush luncheon on Saturday, February 11, catered by New Roots, a Louisville agency that works with food-insecure communities to create sustainable access to farm-fresh food. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. The luncheon, cooked by Chef Sasha Chack, will begin immediately after services. RSVP to 502-459-2780 or rsvp@kenesethisrael.com.

Adath Jeshurun hosts family service
Deborah Slosberg will lead a "Short & Sweet Family Service" for kids grades K-7, Saturday, February 11, 10:30 a.m. Parents, grandparents and the community also are invited.

Hamentaschen baked at AJ
Adath Jeshurun will hold a hamantaschen-baking day, Sunday, February 12, 1:30 p.m. Kids also will decorate gift bags and cards. Hamentaschen will be given to nursing home and assisted-living residents as "Mishloach Manot." The cost is \$5 per family. RSVP by Monday, February 6, at adathjeshurun.com/hamantaschen.

Abramson to speak at Temple Shalom
Former Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson will speak at the next Temple Shalom Men's Club Breakfast, Sunday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m., about working for President Barack Obama. Abramson served as director of intergovernmental affairs in the White House. He also will address the current political climate. Cost is \$6. RSVP at 458-4739 or information@templeshalomky.org. The community is invited.

AJ hosts book club
The Adath Jeshurun Book Club will

meet Sunday, February 12, 3 p.m., to discuss *The Yid: A Novel* by Paul Goldberg. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com for more information. The program is free to the community.

Hoops night with AJ Men's Club
AJ Men's Club game night will be Monday, February 13, at Adath Jeshurun. The UofL-Syracuse game will be televised. There will be pizza, beer and refreshments starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the game at 7 p.m. Reservations are \$5 if made by Monday, February 6, and \$10 between February 7 and 13 or at the door. Visit adathjeshurun.com/gamenight to RSVP. The community is welcome to attend.

Torah Yoga class meets
The next Torah Yoga class led by Cantor Sharon Hordes and yoga instructor Lisa Flannery is Thursday, February 16, 6:30 p.m., at Keneseth Israel. KI, Temple Shalom and Hadassah are co-sponsors. Each class, which incorporates yoga and Judaism, is free to the community.

Wine tasting at Temple Shalom
Temple Shalom's Adult Education committee will host a wine tasting event at Westport Whiskey & Wine Tasting Room, 1115 Herr Lane, # 140, Sunday, February 19, 1:15 p.m. Space is limited to 25 people. The charge is \$5 per person. No-shows will be billed.

Moroccan Night at The Temple
A Moroccan-style Rabbi's Shabbat Dinner is planned at The Temple, Friday, February 24, 6 p.m., in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center. Moroccan delicacies will be featured. Cost is \$5 for adults. Kids under 12 eat for free. RSVP at (502) 423-1818 by Wednesday, February 22.

KI unplugs for Shabbat
The next Keneseth Israel Shabbat Unplugged is slated for Friday, February 24, 6 p.m. A Shabbat dinner catered by Chef Sasha Chack will follow the service. A tisch will follow the dinner with singing and story telling. RSVP at 502-459-2780 or rsvp@kenesethisrael.com.

Keneseth Israel plans annual Gala

Keneseth Israel's 2017 gala will be Sunday, April 30, 6 p.m., at the synagogue. The evening will include a cocktail hour, silent auction, dinner and raffle. For more information, call 502-459-2780 or email gala@kenesethisrael.com.

Temple holding text study
Rabbi David Ariel-Joel is leading text study titled "Joshua and Judges: The Books Reform Jews Never Study," on Monday nights, 7 p.m., at the Temple.

Aleph bet taught at Temple
Rabbi Gaylia Rooks teaches Hebrew Alef at The Temple Monday nights at 7 p.m. This is a beginning course for those who have not yet mastered the Hebrew alphabet.

The Temple holds chavurah study
A study circle on biblical and prayer book Hebrew meets Mondays, 8 p.m., at The Temple. The chavurah prepares participants to lead four Shabbat morning services during the year, studying the meanings of words prayed and interpretations of the Torah portions and passages in Mishkan T'filah.

Temple Torah study held Saturdays
Rabbi David Ariel-Joel leads Torah study over coffee and bagels every Saturday from 9-10 a.m. in the Temple's Fishman Library before services.

Scholars program held at Temple
The Temple Scholars program is held on Wednesdays at The Temple. Rabbi David Ariel-Joel teaches *What is a Jew? Dilemmas of Identity in the 21st Century* from 9:30-10:35 a.m. Then Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport teaches *The Golden Age of Spain* from 10:50 a.m.-noon. Call The Temple office at 502-423-1818 for more information.

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Applications must be completed on-

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B'nai Mitzvah

Isabella Luna Von Roenn

Isabella Luna Von Roenn, daughter of Stacy von Roenn and Ken von Roenn III, will be called to Torah on Saturday, February 4, at 6:30 pm at The Temple.

The granddaughter of Marge Brown and the late Jerome Brown, Isabella is a seventh grader at Noe Middle School, where she is involved in the Performing Arts Magnet. She enjoys drama and dance and is a member of the Beta club, a service organization. She is also a member of the Noe field hockey team.

In her free time, Isabella loves swimming, hanging with friends and shopping for bargains. She also has taught herself how to create nail art. She gives a great mani/pedi!

Isabella participates in the JFCS Pledge 13 program by volunteering once a week, working one-on-one with a struggling third grade reader at Bloom Elementary School.

She and her family invite the community to join them in celebrating this exciting milestone.

Engagements



Lustig/Weiss

Julia Lustig, formerly of Louisville, announces her engagement to Michael Weiss, also of New York. Lustig is the daughter of Joanie and Craig Lustig of Prospect, and the granddaughter of Bob and Margie Kohn of Louisville and Arlene and Gary Lustig of Plainview, NY. Weiss is the son of Robin and Steve Weiss of Parkland, FL., and the grandson of Arline Weiss of Boynton Beach, FL. An August wedding is planned.

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Skokie, IL, are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Jeremy, to Leah Berlin of Oak Park, MI. Jeremy's grandparents are Carol and Jacob Wishnia of Louisville. Leah's parents are Bill and Missy Berlin, and her grandmother is Alice Berlin, all of Oak Park.

Goldmeier/Zimmerman

Leslie and Shaya Goldmeier of Chicago, IL, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rivka, to Ami Zimmerman of Chicago. Rivka's grandparents are Carol and Jacob Wishnia of Louisville. Ami's parents are Becky and Joey Zimmerman of Chicago; his grandparents are Rabbi and Rebbetzin Borow of Israel

Mueller/Hanfling

Leah and Stewart Mueller of Houston, TX, are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Barry, to Zisse Hanfling of Teaneck, NJ. Barry's grandparents are Carol and Jacob Wishnia of Louisville. Zisse's parents are Pessi and Phil Hanfling of Teaneck; her grandparents are Judith and Sandor Schwed.

Obituaries



Al Baron

Al Baron, 84, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away while surrounded by his loving family on January 16, 2017.

He is survived by his children, Steven David (Paula), Mark Alan (Lori), Janice Elaine Woods (Raymond) and Helen Judith Jones (Jeff). He leaves behind grandchildren, Courtney, Joseph (Victoria), Ashleigh, Rebecca, Sydney and Sean, and great-grandchildren, Macy Leigh and Jameson Lee Woods; a sister-in-law, Rhoda Levine; and a dedicated companion, Mary Ann Hollinden.

Al proudly served in the Marine Corps, 2nd Battalion 1st Marine Air Division. During his service in the Korean conflict, he received two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and Silver Star.

He returned home and married Shirley Levine. During their marriage, they owned and operated Humpty Dumpty Nursery School, Senior Citizens Network and American Accessibility. Al was an active member of the Marine Corp League, St. George Masonic Lodge #239 F&AM (50-year member), Scottish Rite and Kosair Shrine. In 2009, he established, in memory of his wife, the Shirley L. Baron Foundation, which dedicates resources to special needs children.

Burial, with military honors, was held at Anshei Sfard Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Shirley L. Baron Foundation at the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville. Herman Meyer & Son was in charge of arrangements.

Bernard "Bernie" Rosenthal

Bernard "Bernie" Rosenthal, 77, transitioned to his next adventure on Saturday, January 7, 2017.

Born in Louisville to Joseph and Charlotte Rosenthal, he was preceded in death by his dear brother, Bobby.

The founder of Pix Sample Shoes, Bernie believed in oneness, helping others and having a nonjudgmental presence. His spirit shined on all who knew him, including passers-by on Clay Avenue, at the bank, while shopping and early mornings at Keeneland. Quick witted, Bernie loved to make people smile, including his children who inherited his gift of making bad puns.

Bernie is survived by daughter Julie Halpern, Florida; son Jonathan Rosenthal (Indira), Florida; daughter Cameron Laurent (Chris), England; son Keene Rosenthal (Jenn), Kentucky; niece Dori Rosenthal, California; former spouses Roni Komie and Jennifer Leslie; grandchildren Jordan, Hannah, Sarah, Claire, Addie, Clay and beloved cat, Baby.

A celebration of his life was held Sunday, January 22 in Lexington. Donations may be made to the International Campaign for Tibet or Hospice of the Bluegrass. Namaste.



Debbie Singer

Debbie Singer passed away Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

Born July 1, 1929, Debbie was the daughter of Abe and Yetta Hoffman and grew up in Louisville with

her younger sister, Shari. A home economics major at the University of Kentucky, she later continued her education by watching every single show on the Food Network that was ever produced.

Debbie married Manuel (aka Kelly) Singer in 1950. The couple lived in Lexington, Louisiana, Arizona, California and Texas before finally returning home to Louisville.

She was beloved by all the fantastic friends she met and kept throughout her life who, along with her extensive family, say Debbie was kind, funny, sweet, smart, loving, witty and wise.

Debbie was preceded in death by her husband, Manuel. She leaves behind a close and very, very sad family. We love you, sister. We love you, Aunt Deb. We love you, cousin Debra. We love you, Debbie. We love you, Mom.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, January 8, at the home of Debbie's niece, Kim. Family and friends were welcome. Contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.



Fay Glanzman Prohovnik

Fay Glanzman Prohovnik died Monday, January 2, 2017. She was the beloved wife of the late Morris Prohovnik; devoted mother of Helane (David) Cooper; dear sis-

ter of the late Doris (Joel) Richmond; loving grandmother of Brian (Lindsey) Cooper, Michael (Hannah) Cooper and Allison Cooper; and loving great-grandmother of Zachary Cooper and Bennett Cooper.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 5, at Sol Levinson & Bros., Inc., 8900 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD. Burial followed in Arlington Cemetery - Chizuk Amuno Congregation, N. Rogers Avenue.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Meghan's Mountain Charitable Foundation, Inc., 5600 Harrods Cove, Prospect, KY 40059, JFCS or

to Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Joyce Berman Loeser

Joyce Berman Loeser, 85, died Sunday, January 15, 2017 at Episcopal Church Home.

She was born in 1931 to the late Freda M. Baer and Robert J. Berman. Joyce attended the University of Michigan and University of Louisville and worked with her husband, Stanley, at the old United Auto Parts and was a real estate agent with Lawrence Schuster Realtors.

Later, Joyce joined the city of Louisville and worked in the Law, Sinking Fund & Housing departments. She was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Sisterhood and Haddassah.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Stanley B. Loeser.

Loeser is survived by her daughter, Margie L. Loeser; her son, James R. Loeser; her brother, Herbert "Herbie" Berman (Sondra) of Deerfield, IL; her granddaughter, Lauren M. Sells (Staff Sgt. Stephen Sells, USMC) of Santee, CA; and her great-grandchildren, Aralyn and Maddox Sells.

Funeral services were held at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc.. Burial followed in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Melton Fund at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.



Julie H. Singer

Julie H. Singer, 48, died Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at Norton Women & Children's Hospital. She was born September 12, 1968 in Detroit, MI, to Linda Esther Aaron and the late, Herbert Yale Bez. Julie was a member of The Temple.

Julie is survived by her beloved husband, Scott Singer; her sons, Braydon, Corey and Camdyn Singer; her mother, Linda Bez of West Bloomfield, MI; her sister, Lisa Anderson (David) of Tampa, FL; her brother, Steven Bez (Ilene) of Farmington Hills, MI; her sister-in-law, Wendy Summers (Michael); and her brother-in-law, Marc Singer (Tiffany).

Funeral services were held Friday, January 13, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in The Temple Cemetery. Visitation will be after 10 a.m. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Jewish Federation or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Lisa Heyman

Lisa Heyman, formerly of Louisville, died at home in Sarasota, FL, on December 13, 2016. She was 98.

An avid bridge player, her smile would light up the room. She will be missed.

She is survived by three children, Bonnie Bartman (Charles), Patricia Heyman (Alan Roer), and Robert Heyman (Stephanie); two grandchildren, Andrew Heyman and Gregory Heyman; three step-grandchildren, B. Jason Roer, Samantha Bradley (Paul), and David Roer; and two step-great-grandchildren, Jaden Roer and Abigail Bradley.

Born in Sigmaringen, Germany on February 24, 1918, she immigrated to the United States in 1937 and located in Louisville, where she lived for 67 years. She was a member of B'rith Shalom Temple. She resided in Sarasota for the past 12 years.

Donations may be to the United

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States Holocaust Memorial Museum or to the charity of your choice.



Sam Rosenberg

Sam Rosenberg, 95, passed away peacefully, January 13, 2017, surrounded by family and friends.

Sam was the core and strength of his family, a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was born in Chicago and a native of Coldwater, MI. He achieved high recognition as a World War II veteran, fighting for our country in the areas of New Guinea and the South Pacific, earning a Purple Heart. He shook hands with presidents, was president of the Jaycee's in Coldwater and did a great deal of community work there.

He sat on the board of Jewish Hospital for 15 years when its innovative growth excelled far beyond many hospitals nationwide. He was a successful businessman and major industrialist in Louisville, involved in many community affairs, teaching and supporting many in their efforts to become successful in their lives. Extremely intelligent, tough, yet compassionate, he was a major source or "go to" for many and made a great impact on several lives.

He and his wife, Bettye, were supporters of Israel and his family there, as well as supporters of the Compassionate Friends Organization after their loss of their son, Michael. Sam and Bettye had a deep commitment to each other throughout their 52 years of marriage and are now reunited.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Phillip and Sarah Rosenberg; his wife, Bettye; his son, Michael; and sister, Belle Kapp.

He is survived by his daughter, Crystal Hamilton; his granddaughters, Lindsay McGowan and Jessica Hampton; his great-grandchildren, Gavin, Gage, Dakota, Isabel and Joseph; his brother, Marvin Rosenberg; and his sisters, Evelyn Rappaport and Vivian Speiser.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, January 18, at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, 2926 Preston Highway. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Compassionate Friends of Oakbrook, IL or the local Alzheimer's Association. Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.



Stephen Simon Frockt

Stephen Simon Frockt, who died Friday, Jan. 13, in Louisville, lived life on his own terms for nearly 75 years.

First and foremost in his heart was the family he made with Madolyn, his beloved wife of 52 years. He was never happier than when the "14" would come together: Steve and Madolyn; daughter Deborah (Steve Alter) and sons David (Rebecca Steinfeld) and Daniel (Jasmine Farrier); and grandchildren Aaron, Isaac, Tovah, Annabelle, Samuel and Talia.

Steve is also survived by his brother, Richard (Janet); his sister, Sandee

Schulwolf (Lynn); a niece, Amy; and nephews, Ryan and Jonathan. He was preceded in death by his mother, Johanna Fleischacker and father, Robert Frockt.

Steve had a lifelong passion for the law and this year he was recognized for 50 years as a member of the Kentucky Bar Association. He practiced with dedication to his clients, a great respect for the Constitution and integrity. He was proud of his published federal arbitration decisions in his later years.

Steve was a graduate of Atherton High School. He met Madolyn, the love of his life, at Tulane University. He graduated from the University of Kentucky Law School.

Steve was a lifelong UofL fan, and he passed his love of Cardinal basketball on to his whole family. He made sure that everyone in the family was fluent in basketball, baseball, football, golf and tennis.

Steve worked hard throughout his life and hued closely to the principles and the people he held dear. We loved him and will miss him.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 16, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Avenue. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Norton's Childrens Hospital, St. Jude's Childrens Hospital or donor's favorite charity.



Thomas J. Lonergan

Thomas J. Lonergan, 78, died Monday, January 16, 2017, at Baptist Health.

Born December 24, 1938 in Chicago, to the late Mary Moran and Thomas F. Lonergan, Thomas was a self-employed consulting engineer, a member of the Professional Engineer's Association, Seneca Golf Course & Men's Club and a former member of Temple Shalom.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jean Kraitsik Lonergan; his daughter, Alicia Howell of Shepherds-ville; his son, Thomas Francis Lonergan; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Friday, January 20, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

SPEED

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Bornstein hopes the subject matter will attract new film goers.

"This is a hopeful circumstance," she said. "You have Israelis and Arabs, and they're saying, it's enough! And they're doing something about this. Forget the government. What can we do?"

"My desire is to get more diversity in the audience," she added. "Little by little, it's happening. And this [film] is a good vehicle for that."

By bringing the festival to UofL, she also hopes to reach a different audience. "We're hoping to draw in the students," she said.

Omer-Sherman, a member of the film festival committee, shares that hope.

"I do think the film will likely have large appeal to the academic and greater community," he said. "Especially in such a bleak time, domestically and internationally, people are drawn to authentic signs of hope and coexistence, especially when they avoid false notes of sentimentality."

Omer-Sherman has firsthand experience with the issues addressed by the film.

"As a former Israeli combat soldier who fought the PLO in Lebanon back in the 1970s, I found the message of *Disturbing the Peace* tremendously stirring and consequential," he said. "As an academic who has studied and taught the Israeli-Palestinian conflict since the mid-1990s, I found that it laid bare one of the deepest and most festering reasons for enduring enmity; namely, the distance between two peoples in spite of their intense proximity to one another."

Dean Otto, curator of film for the Speed, said the museum has much to gain by being a venue for the festival.

"A major component to the film pro-

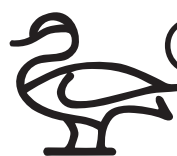
gram at the Speed Cinema is the establishment of community partnerships," he said. "The Speed Cinema has state-of-the-art projection, and I want to make sure that we can work with established film festivals in the community to provide great experiences for their audience members. It helps us raise the visibility of the Speed's ongoing film program as well."

Likewise, Bornstein envisions using the Speed Cinema for future festivals.

"I would love to do this every year," she said. "It's a magnificent theater and partnerships in the community are important for everyone. We need each other."

CORRECTION

A photo caption in the December Teen Topics incorrectly identified a man shaking hands with Louisville Orchestra conductor Teddy Abrams as Charles Bessen. He was Joey Schuster.



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