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## Louisville remembers

### Children perform 'I Never Saw Another Butterfly' for Yom HaShoah program

By Lee Chottiner  
Interim Editor

Like butterflies, the names of the children filled the air.

It wasn't just their names, though. It was their drawings, their music, even their dreams.

One said she would eat nothing but white bread when she went home, another would drink hot chocolate in the winter, another would play ball in the courtyard and still another would go to the park and feed the pigeons at night. All when they went home.

Of course, they never went home. These were the Jewish children of Theresienstadt, and instead of home, they went to their deaths at Auschwitz.

But their names, poems, pictures and songs survive. They filled the stage of the Bomhard Theater Tuesday – like butterflies – spoken and displayed by 12 children of The J's CenterStage/Acting Out program.

These kids performed *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, a theatrical project based on the book by the same title, and the theme for this year's Yom HaShoah commemoration.

"These depictions allow us to see through the eyes of the children what life was like [at Theresienstadt]," said



Students of CenterStage/Acting Out remembered the children of Theresienstadt by performing the poetry and music of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," Tuesday, April 25, at the annual Yom HaShoah commemoration. Cathy Butler-Weathersby and Marianne Zickuhr joined the production as singers. Approximately 300 people attended this year's commemoration. (photo by Debby Rose)

CenterStage Director John Leffert, who has staged the production in schools around Louisville and in far-flung parts of Kentucky such as Flat Gap.

Wherever it's performed, he said, children have been touched by it, contributing to the Butterfly Project, by coloring paper butterflies – as many as 4,000 to date – which are being hung in the hallway of The J.

This is how the children of Theresienstadt continue to fly.

*I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, is a col-

lection of children's drawings and poems from the notorious camp.

"Children were neither just the mute and traumatized witnesses to this war, nor merely its innocent victims," wrote Nicholas Stargardt, an Oxford University history professor who has studied World War II through the eyes of children. "The war invaded their imaginations and the war raged inside them."

More than 12,000 children under the age of 15 passed through Theresienstadt between 1942 and 1944 on their way to

Auschwitz. Most would not survive.

The title of the book is based on *The Butterfly*, a poem by Pavel Friedman, a Czech Jew who was deported to Theresienstadt in 1942. During Tuesday's performance, the children took turns reading lines from Pavel's poem.

The commemoration wasn't all about the children, though.

Eleven candles were lit at the outset to remember the mothers and fathers who died in the Shoah, political activists,

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### First charrette held

### Jewish Louisville residents weigh in on future uses for JCC as planning process proceeds

Jewish Louisvillians have begun to imagine how a future JCC would fit their changing community.

Meeting Sunday, April 23, at the JCC for the first of three scheduled open



JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner opens the first charrette, Sunday, April 23, in the Patio Gallery of the JCC. (photo by Courtney Hatley)

"charrettes," more than 40 members of the community floated ideas for what they would like to see in the facility of the future.

"We have a once-in-several-generations opportunity to redesign a facility that will be a legacy, not only for our kids, but our grand kids, if we do it right," said Jeff Goldberg, chair of the JTomorrow! steering committee for the project.

A charrette is a term of art for a meeting of stakeholders to iron out problems and map solutions for a given project. It could also be described as an enhanced

brainstorming session.

The JCC currently occupies an 84,000-square-foot facility along Dutchmans Lane that was built in 1955. While approximately 1,200 people pass through the door each day, experts say the facility will not meet the needs of future generations.

"She's a great 60-year-old building," said Project Manager Chris Bingaman said, "but she's not going to last another 20 years."

On this day, participants broke off into separate sessions to discuss program and facility ideas in the areas for

arts & ideas/Jewish life, active adults/seniors, early childhood education, camp/youth/teens, and health/wellness/food sustainability. Associates from the LMH Architecture firm, which is managing the charrette phase of the project, oversaw each session.

Bingaman said he was looking for unique ideas from the participants. And he got several.

For example, someone suggested providing tech courses and linking the campus to the burgeoning high-tech sector in Israel.

Craig Lustig, a Louisville attorney and participant in that session, liked that idea and added to it, saying such a campus should be open to adults and children alike. He said one of his clients laments the lack of a highly skilled IT professionals in America.

Many participants broached ideas with young people in mind.

Bill Altman, another member of the JTomorrow! steering committee, shared a few such proposals, suggesting that the new center contain a genealogy center, a photo lab or a "really cool coffee shop."

He also said none of these ideas should be acted upon without first picking the brains of children and teens to see what

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# SHOWCASE

## ‘Wisdom traditions’

### Truth-seeking rabbi, Rami Shapiro, opens 22nd annual Festival of Faiths downtown

By Lee Chottiner  
Interim Editor

Sitting alone on the stage of the Bomhard Theater, Rabbi Rami Shapiro rang a singing bowl, calling the 230 people in the hall to meditation.

Very Buddhist.

But he also led the audience in chanting *Elohai N'shamah*, celebrating the purity of the soul God has placed in each individual.

Very Jewish.

Shapiro, a Reform rabbi who was raised Orthodox and has studied with the likes of Rabbis Mordecai Kaplan, Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Arthur Green, Arthur Waskow and Sherwin Wine, sees no conflict between the two religions (he prefers to call them “wisdom traditions”).

The noted author, spiritualist and public speaker says the wisdom of each tradition's mystics is essentially the same, even if they take different journeys to achieve it.

“Each [religion] has its own uniqueness and own focal point,” Shapiro said, “but the mystics are rooted the same realization.”

Shapiro opened the 22nd Annual Festival of Faiths Wednesday, April 19, with his prayer program. Though accented by the eastern religions of Buddhism and Hinduism, which he has studied over the years, it was a uniquely Jewish program. He led the audience in a Chasidic melody, taught the event-goers a little Hebrew (he projected the Hebrew, English and transliterated versions of *Elohai Nisha-*



Rabbi Rami Shapiro leads the audience in the chanting of *Elohai N'shamah* during the opening of the Festival of Faiths. (photo by Courtney Hatley)

*ma* on a screen behind him), and even cracked a few Jewish jokes.

The theme of this year's festival was “Compassion: Shining like the sun,” which festival Chair Owsley Brown III highlighted in some of his remarks.

“We're going to do the best that we can do to really get into what does the word mean and how can we make this word meaningful,” Brown said.

He invoked Thomas Merton, whom he described as “our north star,” referring

to the Catholic priest's 1958 Louisville epiphany in which he said all the people he saw on a crowded downtown street were “shining like the sun; everyone was connected.”

Indeed, the conference sessions touched upon many subjects through which compassion can be manifested, including city management, economics, world affairs, the arts and social action.

Speaking to *Community* before his program, Shapiro also touched upon compassion, saying Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism all impart “perennial wisdom” through four tenets:

- Everything is a manifestation of the one (God, adonai, allah, etc.).
- Human beings have an innate capacity to realize this one.
- Being part of this divine reality carries an ethical tradition of justice and compassion.
- This realization is the highest calling one can attain.

“I'm looking for the Judaism that says that, for the Hinduism that says that,” Shapiro said.

He acknowledged, though, that the major faiths have different “emphases” as they strive for the same realization.

“Until the Vietnam War ... Buddhism wasn't really about social action,” Shapiro said. “The Buddhism I studied was mostly about monastic life, and Judaism is nothing without being involved with

justice and social action.”

Even though he has studied Buddhism and Hinduism (he was initiated into the Ramakrishna Order in 2011), Shapiro is not trying to blur the lines between religions.

“I'm not trying to put together some kind spiritual Esperanto where you pick from one or two and make your own religion,” he said. “But I'm saying that, rooted in the perennial wisdom, you can learn the ways different religions articulate it, then deepen your understanding of that one that we're all part of. Well, Judaism talks about it one way, Hinduism might talk about it another way, but the mystics, I think, all say the same thing. The Jewish mystics say *ain od*, there is nothing else.”

Shapiro, who grew up in a modern Orthodox home in Springfield, MA, became enamored with Zen Buddhism as a young man. Even so, he always knew – innately, at least – which faith tradition he would follow.

“I took a break from Judaism and went seriously into the practice of Zen Buddhism and did that for 10 years with several roshis (Zen Buddhist spiritual leaders),” he said, “but Sasaki Roshi was my primary Zen master.”

Shapiro recalled how Sasaki once cornered him at Zen retreat, about the time he was graduating from college, and told him it was time for him to go to a Zen monastery.

“I didn't want to do that,” Shapiro recalled, “and I just blurted out, ‘Can't do that, roshi, I'm going to become a rabbi.’ And that was not in the cards; that was not what I was planning at all.”

But that's what he did. He was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, served as an Air Force chaplain at Wright-Patterson AFB and went on to found his own synagogue in Miami.

During his career, he has reached out to Jewish scholars of all streams: Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, Schachter-Shalomi and Waskow, giants in Jewish Renewal; Wine, the founder of Humanistic Judaism, and Green, one of the leading Conservative rabbis of his day.

“I was looking for some deep wisdom and I went after teachers, not denominations,” Shapiro said.

“These were brilliant people who didn't agree, but I wasn't looking for a cogent Judaism, I was looking for wisdom that was articulated through the language of Judaism.”

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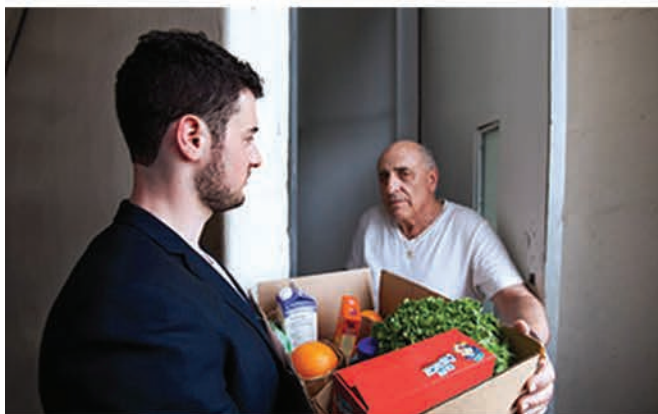
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# Love from Louisville

## Jewish Louisville steps up, collects clothing, necessities, for Syrian refugees in Greece

By Lee Chottiner  
Interim Editor

Jewish Louisville played a role in the recent two-week citywide drive to collect clothes and other necessities for needy refugees in Greece.

Temple Shalom and The Temple served as collection points for the Love from Louisville drive, an interfaith effort to collect clothing and necessities for Syrian refugees who had reached the Greek shores, fleeing war and hardship in their homeland. Many came with little more than the clothes on their backs. Many others died during the journey.

Last month, volunteers from the synagogues – in cars, vans and SUVs – transported the collections to the Supplies Over Seas warehouse in Butchertown. There, the items were sorted and packed for the trip to Greece.

Rabbi Gaylia Rooks said she saw one person at The Temple who had removed the seats from her van and made several trips to Butchertown, her hatch full every time.

"People just kept bringing and bringing," she said. "It was just a big outpouring of love."

At Temple Shalom, a row of SUVs were parked outside the synagogue early Friday, March 24, to transfer their collectables. Within minutes, volunteers cleared out a hallway and room full of boxes, bags and baskets of clothing.

Supplies Over Seas, which served as the operations center for the drive, is a Louisville-based nonprofit organization that meets critical health care needs in medically impoverished communities around the world. It does so by collecting and distributing medical supplies



Marc Smith of Temple Shalom loads boxes of collected clothing for the Love from Louisville drive. Temple Shalom and The Temple participated in the drive, which sent tons of needed clothing and other items to Syrian refugees in Greece. (photo by Lee Chottiner)

and equipment and other necessities.

Denise Sears, president and CEO of SOS, said enough items had been collected to fill two overseas shipping containers, double what she expected to receive. The containers will be holding 37,000 pounds (18.5 tons) of collectables, to which SOS has assigned a monetary value of more \$100,000.

Sears said the monetary value is required by the Greek government for customs.

Firefighters, Army chaplains from

Fort Knox and people from all walks of life, including Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer, assisted Supplies Over Seas in sorting and packing the collectables.

In a big assist, UPS, at the mayor's request, agreed to fly some items to Greece where Jesuit Refugee Services is working to get them to the people in need. A donor came forth to cover transportation costs from the airport in Athens to the camps where the refugees are being quartered.

In a statement circulated by Love

from Louisville, Father Maurice Joyeux of Jesuit Refugee Services said he was touched by the outpouring of compassion from Louisville.

Gray Henry, a board member of the Center for Interfaith Relations, who conceived the idea for the drive, said many people stepped forward to line up collection points, write the flier, design the logo, secure donations and do a host of other chores necessary for success. Some organizations donated large amounts of rice and macaroni.

She hopes the network established to assist refugees in need will now stay together to tackle other critical projects.

"Now that we have Love from Louisville set up, let's just keep working," Henry said. "Why should it be one-off?"

Henry said she got the idea for the drive while at a John Hale lecture on January 14 at the Speed Art Museum. During the program, Hale showed a short film made by Ai Weiwei. Ai a famous Chinese artist and dissident, who has made to the refugee crisis a major issue. (In February, he created a outdoor display in which he wrapped 14,000 life vests left refugees on Greek beaches around the columns of the concert hall in Berlin.)

In the film, Ai spray painted an ancient vase before shattering it – to gasps from the audience.

"You're shocked over the breaking of this old ancient vase," Ai said in the film, but not the loss of a life washing onto a beach."

"I just started sobbing because I know it's true," Henry said. "I'm thinking, here's this Chinese man doing this; why not us who are warm and well fed here in Kentucky?"

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# JFCS receives funds to enhance care for aging Holocaust survivors

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Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS) has been selected to receive a substantial grant to care for the community's aging Holocaust survivors.

The grant, which comes through Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care, will total \$42,708 in new programming for survivors when combined with matching funds.

JFNA launched the Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care in the fall of 2015, following an award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for up to \$12 million over five years. The money will advance innovations in Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed (PCTI) services for Holocaust Survivors in the United States.

PCTI care is a holistic approach to service provision that promotes the

dignity, strength and empowerment of trauma victims by incorporating knowledge about the role of trauma in their lives into agency programs, policies and procedures.

The services are already offered by JFCS, according to Family Services Director Mauri Malka, but its providers will be trained in spotting and reacting to conditions in the lives of these survivors that can trigger trauma.

"For example, a person who experiences a loss right now" such as the cutting of a benefit, "just that uncertainty could trigger all the trauma they felt during those uncertain times," Malka said.

She said there are 70-75 survivors in Louisville, some from the Holocaust, but most from the Soviet era that immediately followed, who also qualify for assistance under PCTI.

"They were in labor camps or faced

some persecution as a result of the Holocaust," Malka said, "so they are also considered survivors."

Nationwide, there are more than 100,000 Holocaust survivors in the United States, nearly one quarter of whom are 85 or older, and one in four lives in poverty. Many live alone and are at risk for social isolation, depression, and other physical and mental health conditions stemming from periods of starvation, disease and torture.

"These funds allow us to meet critical needs for our survivor population as they are aging, and it extends their ability to remain living in their own homes," Malka said. "Survivors will access the direct services needed to support safety and independence by giving them choices that were financially unavailable without this funding."

The Survivors Support Program is intended to preserve community living.

It will provide direct services such as non-medical homecare – light house-keeping, personal care, companionship, transportation, errands, laundry, medication monitoring, assistance with medical appointments and meal preparation.

Additionally, the program will offer supportive services to family caregivers to assist them in long-term care planning and resource coordination.

"Meeting the needs of Holocaust Survivors is a critical mission, and we are excited to partner with the federal government for the second year of this project, which will help us improve the lives of this fragile community," Mark Wilf, chair of the JFNA Fund for Holocaust Survivors, said in a prepared statement.

Survivors or their families can contact Malka at 322-1919 for more information about the program and to access services.

## Hadassah speaker touts medical facility during High Tea for Chai Society

Dr. Barbara Isaacs, a Hadassah Louisville life member, saw firsthand how the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem serves Arabs, Israelis, Orthodox Jews and all others during her recent trip to Israel.

Speaking at the April 2 Louisville Hadassah Chai Society High Tea, which was hosted by Dr. Lisa Klein, Isaacs, along with National Vice President, Carol Ann Schwartz and Visiting Fellow in Pediatric Nephrology Dr. Oded Volovelsky shared their impressions and experiences with the updated hospital facilities, resources and current research ongoing at the campuses.

Isaacs said she was impressed by the equal treatment people received at the

hospital.

She said she toured the new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower, which includes an underground Emergency Department and operating rooms that are reinforced for use during bombing and chemical weapons attacks.

Isaacs also said she was impressed with the hospital school that teaches in Arabic and Hebrew and also accommodates Haredi students, as well as the famous Chagall windows.

As a participant in the Israel Exchange Program between Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Hadassah Medical Organization, Volovelsky is pursuing his fellowship in pediatric nephrology in the United States with plans to return to

Israel at its completion.

His research team at Hadassah Hospital was representative of the diverse population of the country. A native born Israeli, a new immigrant, an Orthodox Jew, a Muslim and a combat officer comprised the team.

Schwartz reinforced the importance of research and clinical work at Hadassah Hospital, where doctors are expected to perform both aspects of medical care. The doctors on staff are available directly to potential patients, and their clinical trials are open to anyone in the world who meets the eligibility criteria.

Other countries in the region send patients to the hospital to take advantage of the cutting edge therapies developed

there. Arab/Palestinian physicians are trained there and go back to their communities. Jews and Arabs also work together on the Mt. Scopus campus, a community hospital covering northern and eastern Jerusalem and serving mixed neighborhoods.

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# FORUM

## What Passover, Yom HaShoah and Sean Spicer teach us

Late last year, Rabbi Irwin Kula gave a compelling community address titled “Embracing Change.” During his address, he noted that the most observed Jewish practice today is the Passover Seder.

The order and structure of the Seder are much the same as they were thousands of years ago. However, a comfort level has developed over time with adapting the telling of our story of slavery to freedom.

I am always struck by the creativity put into Seders. This year, for instance, some wrote plays to tell the story. Others incorporated yoga poses to act out the 10 plagues. And the trendsetters of the season changed words of the Hagadah to the music of *Hamilton*.

The spirit and energy put into preparing the Seder and retelling the story of the Exodus has endured time in a way other holidays have not.

Passover is *our* story. And yet, it transcends religious and ethnic lines, acknowledging and praying that all people should be free from persecution and fear.

While preparing for the second Seder this year, I was shocked – as I’m sure many of you were – to hear White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer insist that even Hitler’s actions were not as bad as those of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. Not only were Spicer’s words insensitive, but to hear this as we prepared our Seder tables was disappointing and alarming.

Spicer’s remarks clearly illustrated why we must tell and retell our own story, why we need to put into context what has happened to the Jewish people simply for being Jews throughout history, and why we need to embrace both traditional and new ways of sharing it.



Sara Klein Wagner

After the Seder, I read a Facebook post by a former Louisvillian, Ted Nathan who, 25 years ago, participated in the March of the Living as a teen. Ted was responding to Spicer’s remark in a passionate and honest manner. “I cannot be silent any longer. Twenty-five years ago, I went with thousands of other Jewish teenagers from around the world to remember what happened at Auschwitz, the other extermination camps, the concentration camps, the ghettos, the cities and thousands of towns in Europe. I went to celebrate that my great-grandmother, my great-aunt and my grandmother and some of her best friends survived places called Auschwitz, Majdanek, Riga, Kiel and so many other names. I went to remember what happened during the Holocaust so that I could help teach others and keep an atrocity like this from happening again, I went to figure out

why portions of my family tree are missing for no other reason than ‘they were Jews.’”

As I read the comments to Ted’s much longer post, he was asked about his March of the Living experience. As the *madricha*, or counselor, who prepared teens and traveled with the group to Poland 25 years ago, it was very emotional to read Ted’s comments. He thanked the Federation for sending him on this life-changing experience. Ted has kept his promise to continue to remember and teach the lessons of the Holocaust.

Ted concluded, “Tonight is the second night of Passover. A night where Jewish people around the world retell the story of persecution and persistence. Resistance and persistence are important in this political moment. #never forget”

Following Passover, our community came together on April 25 for Yom HaShoah and heard the poetry of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*. This is part of our tradition and our commitment. We retell the story of the Exodus each year and we remember the lives lost in the Shoah. We also remind ourselves that there are clearly people in this world who are in danger and need help. As Jews, we have a responsibility to speak out and stand up against all forms of persecution. As Jews, we also have the responsibility to remember and to teach.

(Sara Klein Wagner is president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville.)

## What to do when anti-Semitism surges in America

Recently, there has been an increase in anti-Semitic incidents reported nationally, according to the ADL and the Southern Poverty Law Center, and it is manifesting itself in many different ways.

We have seen increases in Swastika graffiti, online harassment, and issues at schools with students excluding others based on their faith or national origin.

The Southern Poverty Law Center recently sued a white supremacist in Montana for encouraging an online campaign of harassment against Jewish residents of Whitefish. This is a landmark case, marking one of the first times someone has faced legal action because of online hate-filled harassment, and it opens the door for further litigation against online attacks.

Anti-Semitism is a very old story, but one that keeps repeating itself. Fortunately, we have several weapons with which to fight it.

One, of course, is awareness. We must always be vigilant and make sure that once we see something, we report it. These incidents must be investigated, and the perpetrators punished.

Another weapon is unity. One of Louisville’s many wonderful attributes is its

compassionate people. They will always come together to confront hate.



Matt Goldberg

Two years ago, our Jewish community (and many others) responded overwhelmingly when a local mosque was defaced. A month ago, the city again showed its positive colors when The J received a harassing phone call and bomb threat. A positive response can turn something ugly into something beautiful.

Finally, of course, we must educate, particularly when an incident happens in the schools. These are teachable moments, and we must encourage that. In April, we commemorate the Holocaust, vowing on behalf of the victims that it will never happen again. Part of that is through study, hearing witness testimony, going to a Holocaust memorial or museum (or some landmark to another crime against humanity), and meeting with people from different ethnic

groups.

Our Jewish Community Relations Council deals with issues and incidents like this often, please alert me when something occurs.

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This year commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War, a historic and formative event in the history of the State of Israel.

Out of this miraculously brief war, Israel increased the territory under its control three fold. Saved from a legitimate existential threat, the Jewish state suddenly found itself in direct control of Palestinian lives, an issue that obviously impacts the country today.

Also, for the first time in 19 years, Jews had access to its holy sites in Jerusalem and for the first time in 1,900 years, Jews had sovereignty over the Temple mount.

A lot of good came out of those six days and a lot of difficulty as well. Over the next several weeks we will commemorate the Six-Day War with community briefings, op-eds, and a historical timeline of events. I look forward to sharing these programs with our community.

(Matt Goldberg is director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.)

## Brothers and heroes: A first-person look at Yom HaZikaron

By Moshe Ben-David  
Guest Columnist

Ever since I moved to the United States, I have visited Israel, my homeland, about twice a year. Over the years, I’ve managed to experience each and every Jewish holiday there. For some reason, though, I always missed Israel Independence Day.

Finally, due to a family simcha, I

landed in Tel Aviv a few days before Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day, which follows Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) for the fallen in Israel’s defense. I stayed with my older brother in Tel Aviv, as I usually do when I go home.

His wife, Shoshana, has a brother and sister. Both are bereaved parents who each lost a son in the wars. So when my brother asked me to join them for the memorial service for fallen IDF soldiers

in Herzliya, where his brother-in-law lives, I agreed.

Such ceremonies take place throughout the country, in cities, towns, and kibbutzim. It begins with a mourning siren at 8 p.m. precisely. As we traveled from Tel Aviv, I had no concept how powerful an emotional experience I was about to have.

My brother parked the car and we See **BEN-DAVID** on next page

## Ben-David

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made our way to an expansive vista. Simple chairs stood in long rows in front of the stage. It was 7:40 p.m. and the place filled up quickly. I looked around, checking out the crowd. This was not the audience I might see at the symphony, or even a pop concert. The crowd assembled was diverse: Ashkenazi, Sephardi, secular, Orthodox.

The common denominator was bereavement.

The atmosphere was also different – restraint laced with mutual respect. Everyone conversed quietly.

Two minutes before eight, the gathering began to rise. All conversations stopped. A complete silence fell on the place. The quiet was palpable.

Even though I was ready for the siren, it still jolted me. Maybe it was because of the special occasion, the perfect silence that preceded it, or perhaps because it was my first time after many years, the siren sounded different. It made me shiver; the shrill permeated every pore, every organ of my body. Slowly, I looked around. Some stood in a tense silence; others were downcast. Some murmured psalms and others stood straight with eyes shut or gazing straight ahead. I noted tears in some eyes.

Suddenly, a woman in the row in front of me burst out in a choked sob. The siren itself began sounding like the wail of the bereaved mother. I shivered.

As the siren died down, the assem-

bled sat. The time for the reading of the names of those who had fallen in the wars of Israel had come. There appeared on two screens on either side of us, pictures of the soldiers, the dates of their birth and death beneath them.

Most of the images were young with bright smiles. One shot of a handsome youngster with black eyes and pure white teeth, appeared on the screen. From behind me burst a cry, "My baby! Oh my baby!"

I turned around slowly. Two rows behind me, I saw an elderly Yemenite woman striking her palms and shaking back and forth. According to the dates, her son fell in the Yom Kippur War. He was 23. Had he lived, he could already be a grandpa. And here his elderly mother still wailed for the son taken in his prime. Again, tears welled in my eyes.

Name followed name, picture chased picture. A bitter gasp followed by an anguished cry, as a young woman called the name of the deceased again and again, and an elderly man sitting next to her, held her tight. Tears continued to well in my eyes. A lump rose in my throat. I managed to swallow it. I went through this over and over again during the ceremony.

My brother, who sat next to me, looked over at me, but he didn't comment. The picture of my sister-in-law's nephew appeared. I didn't know him well, but I remembered the words of my brother when he called me after the funeral. He told me how the grandmother had yelled out bitterly: "Why, God? Why do you take my grandchildren? Take me!"

The pictures of the two cousins, the Herzlian and the Jerusalemite, both hang in the bereaved families' homes. Their images will never age.

As I wept, my back trembled. A kind person behind me noticed and placed a consoling hand on my shoulder. I didn't personally know a single one of the fallen whose pictures continued to appear, but I knew who they were: friends from the neighborhood, from school, from boy scouts, from the army. They were my fathers, uncles, cousins, my brothers, heroes.

When the ceremony ended, I rose from my seat and walked amid the crowd. I didn't stand out. I wasn't the only one with red eyes. Suddenly, I noticed a startling phenomenon. To my right and left, I saw bereaved families greeting with joy and love friends in sorrow. They exchanged hugs and asked one another how their year went. It dawned on me that they met each year at this ceremony, like a reunion. The atmosphere turned upbeat, freer, as people were laughing and sharing stories.

My brother popped next to me. "I see that the years in the diaspora haven't corrupted your sense of solidarity and identity." I nodded without speaking.

"May the memory of the fallen be for a blessing," he continued. "Yet, we should not forget that the total number of IDF fallen in all Israel's wars, equals approximately the number of martyrs in the Holocaust that were led to the gas chambers of Auschwitz every two-three days."

A siren concluded the observance of the Memorial Day the next day at 11 a.m.

Unlike the one that opened Memorial Day, this one sounded more soothing. I was on Jeremiah Street in Tel Aviv. Merchants stood at the doors of their stores, drivers by their cars and pedestrians on the sidewalks. They all stood at attention, honoring those who are no longer with us.

Later, I walked the length of the boardwalk. Toward me walked an ultra-orthodox man – black hat, black coat, peyos and a beard. Among the Haredim, there are many who do not honor the Day of Independence. Still emotional, my impulse overcame my sense of restraint.

"Say, did you stand at attention when the siren sounded?" I asked.

He stopped and gave me a piercing look. With a strong and confident voice he asked me: "How long did you serve in the IDF?"

"Me? Well, like everybody else, the regular military service."

"Just to let you know, I served in the Golani Brigade and I lost comrades in arms. After 16 years, I retired at the rank of colonel. Of course I did, during the siren!"

Embarrassed, I jumped to attention and my hand snapped to my forehead. "Sir, I salute you!"

What irony! Of all the tens of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews, I fell upon a Golani commander who had become religious. A fighter who gave of himself many times what I had given.

*(Moshe Ben-David lives in Louisville.)*

## Trump faces Mideast challenges — Ross

By Shayna Goodman  
For Community

President Donald Trump faces the most challenging situation in the Middle East of any president in U.S. history, former Ambassador Dennis Ross said during a recent appearance at Indiana University.

Speaking March 21 to a capacity crowd at an event sponsored by the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center at IU, Ross explained that the civil war in Syria alone would pose enough challenges for the new president, but that Trump must also deal with a proxy war in Yemen, ISIS fighting in Iraq and borderline instability in Egypt.

These conflicts, he said, threaten the overall stability of the region, where rebuilding will cost hundreds of billions of dollars.

Even if the Israeli-Palestinian conflict were resolved, Ross said, it would not work out the myriad other problems in the Middle East.

But the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can only be resolved, he continued, with the assistance of other Arab nations. Such cooperation could bring benefits far beyond final border status if it were to happen. Ross noted how Israeli technology, which is being used to address the ongoing drought in California, could also be put to work lessening the pressing water shortages in the Middle East.

A leading diplomat and Middle East expert, Ross has served presidents from both parties. He was director of policy planning in the State Department under President George H. W. Bush, special Middle East coordinator under President Bill Clinton, and as a special adviser for the Persian Gulf and Southwest Asia in the State Department under President Barack Obama.

He is currently the William Davidson Distinguished Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Barbara Schwartz and Ken Grossman, both of Louisville, were honored

guests at the VIP dinner at Hillel prior to Ross' presentation at the Kelley School of Business. Their sons, Michael Schwartz, a student in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and Jack Grossman, a freshman in the Media School, were also on hand.

IU President Michael McRobbie, introduced Ross at the event and at the dinner. He was invited to the university as part of the IU Hillel Jewish Agency Israel Fellows to Hillel speaker series.

In a statement to *Community*, Grossman called Ross's depiction of the conflicts in the Middle East "incredibly insightful and troubling."

"He explained that President Trump's administration faces more challenges than any U.S. president in history," Grossman said. "The challenges include the failing states of Syria, Libya, and Iraq; the wars against ISIS and Assad; and the potential of Egypt a country of 94 million people also becoming a failed state. We all gained a deeper understanding of the challenges in the Middle East and the Israeli-Arab peace process. I was thrilled to go back to my Alma Mater and attend the event with my son Jack."

In a separate statement, Schwartz added. "IU Hillel did an incredible job planning, organizing, and executing the event. The a cappella group Hooshir is amazing. Their versions of *Hatikvah* and our national anthem were most inspiring. It was fabulous to have the opportunity to hear Dennis Ross thought provoking presentation.

*Shayna Goodman is a junior at Indiana University majoring in Jewish studies.)*



Dennis Ross

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# Hallelujah! The answer is blowin' in the wind

## Louisville performers salute Cohen, Dylan during 'Kentucky Homefront' taping at AJ

By Lee Chottiner  
Interim Editor

They sang *Hallelujah* at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Sunday, April 2, but it wasn't a religious service.

It wasn't an anti-war protest either, though the 400 in attendance swayed to *Blown' in the Wind*.

But the capacity crowd did see some of Louisville's best-known performers – Jew and non-Jew – pay tribute to the music of Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen, two Jewish artists who changed the 20th century music landscape and have left indelible memories.

The public radio show *Kentucky Homefront* taped two programs live Sunday from the bima of AJ's main sanctuary. They're part of an episode series, "A Bird in the Wind: Kentucky Homefront Celebrates the Music of Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen," which will air at a later date.

"Each artist brings a ... song of their own choosing and own interpretation," said *Kentucky Homefront* host John Gage as he opened the Dylan program, the first of two tapings.

For Cohen, the salute was posthumous. The legendary musician and poet died November 7, 2016, at age 82 – a note not lost on Cantor David Lipp, who sang many of his songs that night.

As he tuned up to sing, *Who By Fire*, inspired by the High Holy Day *Unetaneh Tokef*, Lipp told the crowd, "This is the first time I've sung it when Leonard was not written for one more year."

Dylan, on the other hand, won the Nobel Prize for Literature last October, an honor that thrilled his fans, but irked others who thought a novelist, essayist or poet should have won.

Among the Jewish Louisvillians who sang were Lipp, Cantor Sharon Hordes



Cantor David Lipp (second from the left) and Teddy Abrams (extreme right) jam with the Kentucky Homefront band during the April 2 salute to Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen at Adath Jeshurun. (photo by Ted Wirth)

of Keneseth Israel, vocalist Jennifer Diamond of The Temple, and Louisville Orchestra conductor Teddy Abrams.

In addition, Robert Sachs, a short story writer, and Michael Jackman, a writer, poet and senior lecturer of literature at Indiana University Southeast, read stories they had written for the occasion.

Sachs read a piece titled *Dance Party 1963*, about a man who lines up a Dylan look-alike to perform at a reunion for his friends, only to see things turn out not quite the way he planned.

Jackman's story, *Belonging*, is about an orphan coming of age who discovers he is Jewish. In his search for a family to belong to, he gravitates to the music of Cohen.

Rounding out the performance lineup were Aaron and Adam Bibelhauser, Mickey Clark, Tyrone Cotton, Brigid

Kaelin, Britton P. Morgan, Turley Richards, and the house band (Paul Lentz, Jimmy Brown, Dave Clark and Gary Pahler).

There were standout moments during the show. When Hordes, accompanied by the house band, sang Dylan's *I Shall be Released*, she infused *Osey Shalom* into the lyrics.

Lipp's collaboration with Abrams on the keyboard for Cohen's *Sisters of Mercy* brought the crowd to its feet for a standing ovation.

And Diamond's solo rendition of Cohen's *Everybody Knows* was edgy, sultry and soulful.

The idea for the series, Lipp said, took root last fall when Gage saw the cantor perform five of Cohen's songs with the Pat Lentz trio.

"I think he said he wanted to do some-

thing with Cohen's music," recalled Lipp, who has made previous appearances on the *Homefront*. "Little by little, the idea grew. When Cohen came out with what turned out to be his last CD and Dylan won the Nobel Prize, we started to think the program might include both Dylan and Cohen music since the former was clearly an influence on the latter."

The Stuart A. Handmaker L'dor Vador Fund of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and *Kentucky Homefront* sponsored the program.

It's not clear when the shows will actually air (*Community* will report the dates times), but when they do, rest assured you'll hear Gage's customary sign off do: "Be good to yourself, be good to each other, and walk softly on Mother Earth."

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# Local moot beit din team faced futuristic question at Houston contest

By Phyllis Shaikun  
For Community

Thanks to driverless cars and a simulated accident, four High School of Jewish Studies (HSJS) students now have a pretty good idea what it's like to serve on a religious court.

Ben Berdichevsky, Abigail Brodsky, Bailey Hatzell and Saralee Renick just finished a comprehensive course in the rules of law Jewish-style. It began last October with their enrollment in an elective class and culminated with their participation in a moot beit din (mock trial) competition that took place during a shabbaton, March 17-19, in Houston.

The Louisville four were among some 150 students, representing schools from around the country, taking part in the event. It was sponsored by the Prizmah Center for Jewish Day Schools.

Rabbi Michael Wolk, of Keneseth Israel Congregation, coached the team. He said the teens devoted the entire school year to researching a contemporary legal issue, using the principles of halachah (Jewish legal code) to prepare an opinion based on law and facts.

The case at hand? A self-driving car that swerved to avoid killing a pedestrian in its path and ended up hitting an oncoming vehicle, seriously injuring its driver.

Grappling with who was at fault in the exercise, the students spent weeks categorizing the self-driving car according to halacha. They debated whether the driver, who was distracted at the time of the accident, should be liable for expenses incurred by the injured driver or if the



Ben Berdichevsky (left), Saralee Renick, Bailey Hatzell and Abigail Brodsky comprised the Louisville Moot Beit Din team that competed against other squads of students during a March shabbaton in Houston. (photo by Rabbi Michael Wolk)

car's manufacturer, who programmed the vehicle only to protect human life (pikuach nefesh), should be responsible.

In its written brief submitted to the judges, the HSJS team compared starting the self-driving car with lighting a fire (aish) and concluded the person who lit the fire – the driver in this case – should be responsible for the damage. They used feedback from the judges to prepare their oral argument for the trial.

HSJS Principal Sarah Harlan got interested in the moot beit din two years ago when she learned that the trial competition, originally available only to Jew-

ish Day School students, was being piloted to supplemental high schools as well.

"I felt strongly," she said, "that our students' participation in the program would provide them with a terrific opportunity to develop public speaking, research and leadership skills and to connect with other Jewish high school students."

Harlan secured grants from the Jewish Community Foundation and the Jewish Community of Louisville to underwrite expenses. The school then recruited students for the year-long elective. By October, the 11th grade class

received its book of halachic sources along with information about the case.

They received legal advice along the way from Jefferson County District Judge Jennifer Leibson.

While HSJS did not win, the students returned home motivated to participate in another moot beit din next year.

"We listened to the other groups in our room," said Abigail Brodsky, of Keneseth Israel, "and came to realize there was no right or wrong decision, just a difference in interpretation. We felt confident and thought we did well in defending ourselves."

Saralee Renick, of Temple Shalom, was surprised to be one of the few Reform students present. Most competitors, she said, were from Conservative and Orthodox day schools on the East Coast. Still, they all got along well.

Bailey Hatzell, of The Temple, said she and her classmates bonded as they worked together 50 minutes every Sunday to hammer out the finer points of ancient law and come to a conclusion.

"We all identify as Jews," Hatzell said, "but we all differ in our own beliefs. We also learned that that's OK."

She also found religious teens she met at the competition were open to discussing politics and sharing their thoughts on gay rights, a woman's right to choose, meditation and even yoga.

Ben Berdichevsky, of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, is interested in a career in law.

"I enjoyed our Moot Beit Din class and had a great time at the trial competition, Ben said. "We all worked hard together and I would love to do it again."

## Golfers to tee off for community at Republic Bank Challenge in June

By staff and releases

When golfers tee up for the 13th annual Republic Bank Players Challenge on June 26, they'll be doing more than playing a round in the fewest number of strokes possible.

They'll be supporting services that are vital to families in Jewish Louisville.

"Many families who utilize counseling services for themselves and their children cannot afford the full cost of the service," said Judy Freundlich Tiell, executive director of the Jewish Family & Career Services, a co-sponsor of the tournament, "so funds raised help provide scholarships for family counseling, ensuring that families learn skills that help them strengthen their family life."

The event is also co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center. Proceeds will support camp and membership scholarship funds for those families and individuals in need, helping The J continue to build a vibrant, caring, inclusive



community.

Golfers will assemble on at the Standard Club on June 26 for the annual event. Playing in foursomes for top prizes, they will also compete in contests such as closest to the pin, and longest drive.

As many as 110 participants are ex-

pected to register this year.

"It's more social, but everyone wants to play well and the owners are awarded with gift cards and trophies," said Ed Cohen, event chair for this year's challenge, "but it's about fun for those in the community, and it has always been that way."

In addition to Republic Bank, the title sponsor of the tournament, sponsorships are available at several levels ranging from \$1,000-\$10,000.

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# Jewish Hospital chapel upgrade in keeping with its family values

By Rabbi Nadia Siritsky  
For Community

The prophet Ezekiel (11:16) states that wherever the Jewish people shall go, they are commanded to make a “mikdash me’at” – a small sanctuary, with an eternal light, so that they would remember that which is eternal in the midst of a world that was always changing. Throughout our exile, the Jewish people have turned to the synagogue as a place to find hope, and to reconnect with the wisdom of the generations who have come before them.

Jewish Hospital’s chapel is a place where employees, patients and family members, for decades, have been able to do the same thing. Dedicated to Joseph H. Greenstein, the husband of Sara Greenstein, first female president of the board of trustees (1962-1965), this chapel has helped generations of individuals, struggling to find meaning amid illness and grief.

Unfortunately, this chapel was built in an earlier era and is not wheelchair accessible. I am grateful to the Jewish



Rabbi Nadia Siritsky

Hospital and St. Mary’s Foundation for their work with Sara Greenstein’s daughter, Janet Lynch, to fund a renovation of this chapel and make it accessible to all. Indeed, this accessibility was at the core of Sara Greenstein’s mission and values. During her tenure as board president, Greenstein led efforts to add three more stories to the north wing of the hospital, establish the pension program for employees, establish the open heart surgery team and program, develop the relationship with the rehab hospital that would later become Frazier Rehab Institute, open the first cardiac intensive care unit in Kentucky, establish the first full-time director of teaching services at Jewish Hospital, and perhaps most historically: desegregate patient rooms and medical staff, leading us to be the first hospital in Lou-

isville to be racially integrated.

Many of the reasons that we are so proud of Jewish Hospital can be traced back to her. This commitment to inclusivity for all people, at the heart of our core values of reverence and integrity, is the reason why Jewish Hospital was founded.

First named Jewish Free Hospital in 1903, this hospital was created to provide care for poor refugee and immigrant Jews, and to provide a hospital where Jewish physicians could practice in an era where neither were possible in surrounding hospitals.

This commitment to tikkun olam (repairing the world) was deepened by Sara Greenstein’s insistence that the hospital and medical staff be desegregated, and is proudly continued by Jewish Hospital to this day, as we continue to care for the underserved and advocate for refugees and immigrants of all faith traditions and backgrounds. We are all created in the divine image.

While a hospital that provides free medical care is not possible in today’s world, we continue to try to find ways to

care for all who are underserved, and to ensure that we do not turn away anyone who needs care, however challenging that may be. This mission has at times been counter-cultural, and as such, we are grateful for the support of the Jewish community and benefactors throughout Louisville, who believe in this mission, and are willing to step up and help Jewish Hospital to continue this sacred and ever-increasingly important mission. Lynch’s generosity and financial support is one such example, and will enable us to ensure that our chapel will be accessible to all people, by enabling us to renovate it and make it wheelchair accessible.

In a time when the only constant is change, it is comforting to know that we are continuing to fulfill the prophet Ezekiel’s call to build a *mikdash me’at* – a small sanctuary where one can enter to find a sense of peace and hope. May our chapel continue to bring Light and comfort to all who enter it.

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

## D’VAR TORAH

### If I forget thee O’ Jerusalem...

By Rabbi Chaim Litvin  
For Community

Fifty years ago, as Israel celebrated her birthday on May 15, 1967, many feared for her survival.

Much of the Arab world was gearing up to destroy the fledgling state, and there was talk of another Holocaust. Miraculously, that is not what happened. Yet by winning what became known as

the Six-Day War, a new group of challenges beset the young nation.

The challenges facing Israel are many, both physically and philosophically. Those challenges are so great that they are deserving of more time and space than this column allows. However, I will tell you later about a six-part class to decipher the many issues that are now seen as challenges to Israel.

But first, let’s go back 50 years to the events of the war as they unfolded.

By May 1967, the Jewish state had been attacked so frequently from the Golan Heights that most children slept in bomb shelters. Meanwhile, a recently formed terrorist group, the PLO, repeatedly attacked Israeli citizens.

Then, on the 19th anniversary of the establishment of Israel, the Egyptian army massed at Israel’s southern border. Within days, the Syrian army joined them to the north. One week later, the United Nation peace keeping mission was withdrawn from the region. Egypt then closed the Straits of Tiran, cutting off Israeli shipping – the first concrete step that led to the war.

By the end of May, Egypt, Jordan and Syria signed a pact, with the goal of completely wiping out Israel. With Iraq and the PLO joining their cause by early June, Israel was surrounded by almost 1,000 war planes, more than 2,500 tanks, and more than a million soldiers.

On June 5, the Israel could wait no



Rabbi Chaim Litvin

longer. Calling in reserves to bolster its army of 50,000 men, it sent nearly its entire air force south to negate Egypt’s aircraft on the ground. The mission was a success, but Israel still faced stiff fighting ahead.

Standing alone, embargoed by its allies in France and the United States, Israel stood up to its Soviet-backed Arab enemies.

By the end of the first day the Israeli air force had defeated the combined Arab air forces, and the land battles began. After three days of intense fighting, the outnumbered, outgunned Israeli Defense Forces had an overwhelming victory in the south.

Meanwhile the Jordanian army attacked hard from East Jerusalem, but Israel overcame overwhelming odds and reunited Jerusalem on June 7. The next day, the Egyptian border was secure as well, with Egyptian armies retreating across the Sinai.

Israel then turned its attention to the north, where an outnumbered, brave group of soldiers defended the border against the Syrian army. On June 9, Israel took the Golan Heights, freeing its citizens in the Galilee from Syrian artillery.

After five days, Israel was still stand-

ing. Although it suffered heavy losses, the country had survived and had the opportunity to press on to Amman, Cairo, Damascus and Beirut, all of which were open before them. Nevertheless, Israel signed a ceasefire on May 10, content to remain safe with their land.

There were six key issues related to the war, which will be expounded upon in a six-part series of 90-minute classes on Monday nights in May and June.

The first issue, which will be taught on May 8, 7 p.m., will be: “If Judaism is a religion of ideas, why do Jews care so much about land?” The second class a week later addresses “Why Israel perpetually raises the ire of the entire world?” The next class will be titled, “What are the ethics of preemptive strikes and collateral damage?” The classes in June will focus on, “How Israel should protect itself against an enemy that hides behind human shields.” The next class’ topic is, “What should Israel do with territories captured during the six day war?”

The final class is titled, “What lies at the heart of the land-for-peace debate?” All classes will be held at the Jewish Learning Center, 110 Dupont Circle, each Monday night at 7 p.m. beginning on May 8. The cost for the entire series is \$80. The first class is free and a 25 percent discount is available by May 2 by using the code Community Newspaper. Registration can be made online at myjli.com or by calling 502-235-5770.

(Rabbi Chaim Litvin is the program director at Chabad of Kentucky.)



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# Jewish Louisville radio legend Milton Metz honored as Hometown Hero

By staff and releases

Milton Metz reached incredible heights during his career and even after wards.

The Louisville broadcasting pioneer and longtime host of the “Metz Here” talk show on WHAS Radio became the latest “Hometown Hero.” He was honored with a banner on the side of the Architecture Building, 425 W. Market Street, which was unveiled at an April 10 ceremony.

“We sincerely tried to hang the banner before Milton passed away on January 13, of this year,” Greater Louisville Pride Foundation (GLPF) spokesperson Mike Sheehy said in a prepared statement, “but buildings are getting harder to come by and we just couldn’t locate a suitable building.”

GLPF has hung 28 banners to date that recognize Louisville’s most distinguished citizens.

Metz began his radio career in the 1930s in Cleveland after graduating from The Ohio State University. After serving in the army in World War II, he joined the staff at WHAS radio in 1946. The same year, Metz also began recording Talking Books at American Printing House for the Blind.

One of the nation’s first call-in programs, “Metz Here” was on the air for 35 years and became the longest-running radio show in Louisville, and one of the longest running radio talk shows in the country.

In addition to being inducted into the



Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame in 1989, Metz was awarded the Ford Foundation Fellowship at the United Nations, and was honored by the Kentucky Medical Society, the American Psychiatric Association, the Kentucky Bar Association, the National Arthritis Foundation, and the National Commission on Working Women. He was married to Miriam Metz for 65 years and was a devoted part of every Crusade for Children since 1954.

The purpose behind GLPF’s Hometown Hero project is to build pride within the local community and enhance Louisville’s image.

The other Hometown Heroes honored are:

- Muhammad Ali (installed 2002)

– LG&E Building at Second Street & River Road, facing the Ohio River

- Pee Wee Reese (2003) – Fetzer Building at 209 East Main Street, headed west from Slugger Field toward the H&B Factory and Museum

- Mary T. Meagher (2003) – Norton Suburban Hospital Building in St. Matthews, viewable from I-64 East (since removed)

- Ed Hamilton (2003) – Glassworks Building at Ninth & Market Streets, facing Ninth Street

- Bob Edwards (2004) – 624 Baxter Avenue, seen headed north

- Pat Day (2004) – Second & Broadway, viewable from I-65 North/South

- Colonel Harlan Sanders (2004) – BP Apartment Building at Third and Guthrie

- Judge Louis Brandeis (2004) – Chase Bank Building, best seen headed east on Liberty Street between Fifth and Fourth

- Kentucky’s Derby (Installed May 2005) – US Bank Building 5th and Market

- Diane Sawyer (2005) – Starks Building on Muhammad Ali between Third and Fourth Streets, viewable from I-65 North/South

- Bud Hillerich (2006) – Heyburn Building at Fourth & Broadway

- Darrell Griffith (2006) – Watterson City Building, along I-264 East at Newburg Road

- Paul Hornung (2006) – Watterson City Building, along I-264 West at

Newburg Road

- Tori Murden (2007) – Kentucky Exposition Center, facing I-65 South just passed the Crittenden Drive exit

- Patrick Henry Hughes (2008) – OK Storage Building, East Broadway at Barrett

- Kleinert & Kutz (2009) – Jewish Hospital Heart and Lung Building

- Phil Simms (2009) – Southern High School east wall at Preston Highway

- Wendy Whelan (2010) – J Graham Brown School, corner of 1st and Ali

- George Garvin Brown (2011) – 122 West Main Street

- Denny Crum (2012) – Marriott Courtyard, across from KFC YUM! Center

- Victor Mature (2013) – Derby Dental Building on Shelby Street

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- Sue Grafton (2016) – Springhill Suites by Marriott – 132 E. Jefferson Street

- Lisa Harrison (2016) – Southern High School

## Abramson: Red Cross volunteers needed to serve Kentucky region

By Lee Chottiner  
Interim Editor

As Madeline Abramson will tell you, the Red Cross always needs more volunteers.

There are currently 3,000 volunteers in the Kentucky Region alone, she said – still not enough

“Do we need more? The answer is yes,” Abramson said. “Particularly in disaster services, there aren’t that many people who can deploy for three weeks to a disaster site.”

She should know. As a regional board member of the American Red Cross Kentucky Region, Abramson has been intimately involved in efforts to boost and train volunteers.

It’s why she just received the National Red Cross Presidential Award for Excellence.

Abramson was recognized by Red Cross National CEO Gail McGovern and her executive team at a March 28 awards dinner and ceremony in Washington.

The wife of former Louisville Mayor and Kentucky Lieutenant Governor Jerry Abramson, Abramson, a 25-year veteran of the Red Cross, has “served as a living example of community service leveraging her relationships to further the mission of the Red Cross by increasing statewide involvement with community partners, corporate leaders, increasing the number of volunteers throughout Kentucky, as well as helping support fundraising efforts,” the Louisville Chapter office said in a prepared statement.

Specifically, Abramson has chaired the statewide Volunteer Steering Committee, which is developing the Red Cross volunteer workforce in the Bluegrass State. Under Abramson, the steering committee has established programs such as: volunteer recruitment and engagement task force teams in 10 locations throughout the state. This has



Madeline Abramson

resulted in the appointment of more than 30 leadership volunteers in key positions in all lines of business.

“Many people think the Red Cross is funded by the government; it is not,” Abramson said. “But it is mandated to provide relief during times of disaster, health and safety courses, and ensure a safe blood supply. It’s really a volunteer-driven organization.”

“Aside from typhoons,” she said, “just about every disaster you can have we have in Kentucky.”

Sometimes, the region must even send volunteers to neighboring states depending on the need.

Given how vulnerable Kentucky has historically been to natural disasters, she said, the need for more volunteers simply doesn’t abate.

Under her leadership, welcome teams have been formed in 10 locations to pave the way for 1,236 volunteers who joined the workforce in fiscal year 2016 – a 280-percent increase over the previous year.

Abramson was also instrumental in

forming a professional development training program for Red Cross employees and volunteer in fiscal year 2016, resulting in an engagement workshop for all regional leadership. She has also played a role in developing a Leading through Change seminar for the regional Disaster Services Team.

The Presidential Award for Excellence is given each year to Red Cross employees and volunteers who demonstrate superior job performance aligning with the organization’s priorities. This award is presented to only 30 Red Cross individuals across the country.

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## Butterfly

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rabbis, teachers, homosexuals, Roma, the mentally ill, those who resisted Nazi aggression, those who sacrificed their own lives so others might live.

This year's candlelighters were Dan Penner, Madelyn Gus, Dan Streit, Janet Jacobowicz, Fred Gross, John Rothschild Thelma and Shari Marx and Shannon Kederis. Students from Fred Whittaker's class at St. Francis of Assisi School in the Highlands also took part in the candlelighting.

The program opened with a scratchy recording of Es Brent (It's Burning), a song based on a 1938 Yiddish poem by Mordechai Gebirtig about a pogrom in a Polish shtetl. The song, which became an anthem to Jews living through the horrors, was sung on the recording, in Yiddish, by a survivor named Guta

Frank. Cantor Sharon Hordes sang it live in English.

"Guta and her family ran from ghetto to ghetto for four years, trying to keep ahead of the Nazis," explained Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner. "Eventually, she and her sister – the only surviving

***"The text is simply the words, and the names, too, but it is the speaking of them which leads to memory, and in that we may yet find peace."***

**— Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport**

members of her family— were imprisoned in a forced labor camp."

Cantor David Lipp led El Malei Rachamim (God full of compassion) the prayer for the departed.

And Holocaust survivor Fred Gross

led the Mourners Kaddish, but with a twist. After he spoke each line of the prayer, the assembled responded with the name of a place where victims of genocide were murdered. They started with "Auschwitz ... Dachau ... Warsaw" and ended with "Bosnia ... Rwanda ... Darfur."

Approximately 300 people attended this year's Yom HaShoah dedication, said event coordinator Matt Goldberg.

In closing the program, and reflecting on the Kaddish, Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport wondered aloud, with six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust and millions more in other genocides, "is this truly a time for us to say, Amen?"

"The text is simply the words, and the names, too," he concluded, "but it is the speaking of them which leads to memory, and in that we may yet find peace."



## Charrettes

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they want from their J.

"We have to ask people of a certain age if these would be draws," he said.

That's going to happen, according to JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner. "We plan to have a charrette just for teens," she said.

Several people did suggest the need for a place where children and their parents could meet after school and before activities to decompress and do homework. Many cited a need for a place where Jewish youth to come together and see that they're part of a community.

"I'm really worried about Jewish kids not knowing [other] Jewish kids," said former Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson, who recalled how the JCC



Jason Hartz (center) makes a point during the health/wellness/food sustainability session of Sunday's charrette as Maury Tasman and Laura Seigle listen. (photo by Courtney Hatley)

was the place where kids from different synagogues could come and meet each other.

Other participants called for a "versatile" theater that could house Center-Stage, children's programs and the film festival. And the Standard Club, by virtue of its green space, could become an off-site summer camp, or a shabbaton retreat, they said.

The next two charrettes are slated for Tuesday, May 9, 7-9 p.m., and Sunday, May 22, 3-5 p.m., both at the Standard Club. Reservations are being taken on a first-come, first-serve basis at jewishlouisville.org/charrette or at 502-459-0660.

Wagner said she is prepared to schedule more charrettes as needed to let people join the discussion.

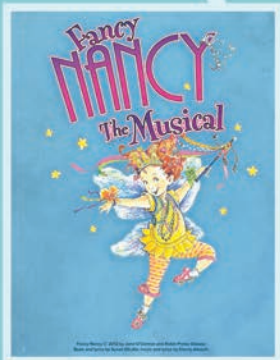
"We're not voting and making decisions here today," she said. "It's about making sure we have the right space and the right opportunities for the next generation."

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# Leshem to Louisville: I connect to the world one story at a time

By Bruce Snyder  
For Community

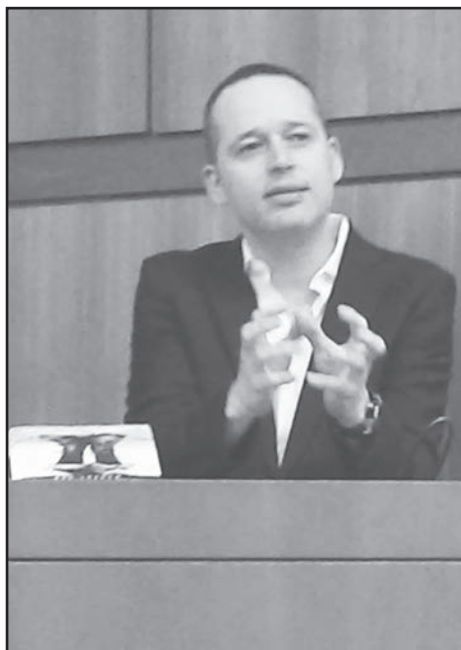
He is an award-winning author, screenwriter and one of the top TV producers in Israel. Now, Israeli born Ron Leshem has taken his talents to America.

While his new pilot awaits approval on the AMC cable channel, Leshem has been executive producer of the short-lived NBC spy drama *Allegiance*.

Yet according to the 41-year-old writer, who spoke Sunday, April 9, in the Ekstrom Library on the University of Louisville campus, what really motivates him is the opposite of success.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time I fail, so it feels to me like a huge endless failure," Leshem said. "I don't feel successful. I just feel disappointed almost every day. I don't want to end in failure so I just keep on writing. I love stories. I love meeting people."

Leshem, who appeared at U of L as part of the JCC's Naamani Memorial Lecture Series, explained how creative products from Israel are increasingly finding markets around the world. Stories, dramas and comedies that are created in the Jewish state are often sold



Ron Leshem during his U of L appearance (photo by Bruce Snyder)

to production companies abroad and adapted to fit local audiences.

For example, Leshem showed a clip of a movie with which he was associated.

*The A Word* is about an autistic boy who does not talk, but does memorize every song he hears and sings them back. In so doing, Leshem showed how a film put together for Israeli movie-goers can be modified to appeal to audiences as far-flung as Greece and Great Britain.

"When I started on my first film, all I wanted to do was talk to Israelis," he said. "I wanted to create bridges when I write; I had no interest going worldwide."

"But the company I worked for could make more money [selling the rights outside of Israel]," he continued. "It took me years to fall in love with the idea that a show can have audiences all over. I was late to understand it."

Leshem admitted he is still learning the nuances of the entertainment industry.

The native of Ramat Gan, a city near Tel Aviv, started his career as an Israeli newspaper journalist and senior editor. "Twenty years ago, I was a journalist. I miss it a lot, but I was editing every night until 1 a.m. some of the most horrific war stories. I was seeing tons of Israeli and Lebanese bodies."

"I found drama as an escape and a comfort. The good thing about drama is that you are not working alone because

unlike a novel when you are writing alone, in drama all of us are working together."

Leshem knows what he is talking about. Twelve years ago he wrote *Beaufort* (pronounced Boo-Fore), a novel that looks at war through the eyes of soldiers. It won Israel's top literary award, spent two years on the country's best sellers' list, and was ultimately translated into multiple languages, and adapted to a film.

"I lost my uncle in the first Lebanon war," Leshem later told *Community*, his voice getting quiet. "For me and my family, we did not talk about it for 18 years. I was trying to see what my mother felt like when she lost her brother, and what it meant living in the skin of these soldiers. It's about how war ends. For me, that was the story."

Nowadays, Leshem goes back and forth between Hollywood and Israel, working on his many entertainment projects.

"I write to escape from myself," he said. "If I choose something I am passionate about, I can live in my alter ego for several years."

## Inaugural awards to be presented at first Generation to Generation celebration

Jewish Louisvillians, whether they have been here for generations or just a year, are invited to join the JCC as it convenes a celebration of the people who comprise the fabric of this vibrant community.



Annette Sagerman

The first Generation to Generation Celebration, a community-wide event, will be held Sunday evening, August 27, at the Louisville Marriott East. It will feature dinner, dancing to hits from all generations, and a tribute to Annette Simon Sagerman, Z"L, who dedicated 65 years of service to the Jewish Community Center.

"She truly assisted families from one generation to another," Jaye Bittner, an event co-chair, said of Sagerman. "During her career, she lovingly cared for the servicemen at Ft. Knox, the cultural arts programs, the welcoming of new members and her favorite job of all, the Hospitality Queen."

During the celebration, The J, in partnership with Bittner and her family, will present the inaugural Annette Simon Sagerman L'dor V'dor Award and The Next Generation Annette Simon Sagerman Award to two people who embody Sagerman's spirit.

"We view this event as an opportunity to singularly recognize their efforts and to encourage their participation in the years to come," said Bob and Margie Kohn, also event co-chairs.

Several months into planning, the Generation to Generation Celebration is co-chaired by Bob and Margie Kohn and Jaye & Bob Bittner. The event will also include a Young Adult Division "After Party" chaired by Jodi Halpern.

Committee members include: Carey Addison, Shellie Benovitz, Dr. Shellie Branson, Perry Factor, Tracy Geller, Nacy Goodman, Olga Itkin, Lisa Kaplin, Dr. Laura Klein, Dr. Lisa R. Klein, Duby Litvin, Shmully Litvin, Marcy Rosengarten, Cori Roth, Maxine Rouben, Susan Rudy, Mona Schramko, Julie Strull, Hunter Weinberg and Frank Weisberg.

More details will appear in *Community* as they are available.

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Marc Charnas

**Marc Charnas**, vice president and CFO of GE Appliances, is a 2017 recipient of the *Louisville Business First* Best in Finance Award. He is one of 20 honorees this year. In addition to his work at GE, where he's worked since

1996, Charnas is a member of the executive board of the Jewish Family & Career Services where he serves as treasurer. The honorees will be feted at a luncheon, Thursday, June 1, at the Marriott East.

**Teddy Abrams**, music director of the Louisville Orchestra, graced the pop art

cover of the April 13 issue of *V The Voice Tribune*. Abrams is seen tagging a brick wall with spray paint. The tag? "Festival of Music," the subject of the page 6 feature story. The second annual festival, which Abrams and the orchestra opened, ran from April 14-29.

**Karen Moskowitz** executive director of New Roots, was featured in a front page story in the March 19 *Courier-Journal* about entrepreneurs who use their business skills to address social issues, "Social Enterprise: Can entrepreneurial skills solve social issues? Nonprofits are giving it a shot."

Founded in 2009 to bring fresh, nutritious produce to food deserts, New Roots now operates 14 fresh stop markets, including one at The J. Each outlet is run by a community leader, Moskowitz

it told the *C-J*. They work with farmers to determine what is needed in the community the market serves.



Louis Winner

**Louis Winner**, an attorney with the law firm Clay Daniel Walton & Adams, was featured in the April 21 story, in *Louisville Business First*, "Louisville lawyer's approach is to treat his clients like family." The story included

a Q&A with Winner.

Also in the March 19-*C-J*, **Allan Rosenberg** was the subject of a story about his latest business venture, Butchertown Pizza Hall, which he is starting at the site of the old Hall's Cafeteria. According to the report, Rosenberg and

his wife, Shelly, are leasing the first floor of the building; they plan to completely renovate the space.

**Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Parks & Weisberg Realtors** were featured in the March 30 issue of *V: The Voice-Tribune*. The story lauds the St. Matthews-based commercial and residential real estate firm, which it says is doing well after a rough transition in 2011. The current and former owners, Frank Weisberg, Dave Parks, Pat Parks, Judie Parks and Ron Weisberg appear in a portrait together. According to the story Dave parks and his sister, Judie Parks, took no salary when they became co-owners. They relied on their previous training – Dave as a Marine, Judie as a computer engineer – to make a go of the longstanding business.

## CHAVURAT SHALOM



By Sarah Harlan  
For Community

May is going to be an entertaining and engaging month for Chavurat Shalom. Please join us for the following programs:

- Thursday, May 4 – Get your Derby on! We'll be playing Derby-themed games and music. Lunch will include grilled cheese, tomato soup, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and brownies.
- Thursday, May 11 – Sara Robinson will play *Name that Tune* and we'll celebrate all the mothers in the group with fun games and prizes. Lunch will

include herb roasted chicken, rice pilaf, creamed corn, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and cheesecake.

- Thursday, May 18 – We'll be traveling across the river to see Sister Act at the Derby Dinner Playhouse. Tickets (including transportation) will be \$10. (Such a deal!) We'll meet at The Temple at 11 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. RSVPs are absolutely required no later than Thursday, May 11. Contact Sarah at 423-1818 or at sarahharlan86@gmail.com to register.
- Thursday, May 25 – Our friend Danny Fortier from the Humana Social Isolation Project will be talking about

"Real Aging vs. Dementia and How to Maintain a Healthy Brain." Lunch will include meatball and orzo soup, deli platter, pasta salad, fresh fruit, and blackberry cobbler. We'll also be celebrating May birthdays and anniversaries.

Chavurat Shalom is a community-wide program for all Jewish senior adults and their friends. We meet in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42, unless otherwise designated in the listing. A healthy and nutritious lunch is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Come see what all the buzz is about with Chavurat Shalom's re-energized programming and fabulous caterer, Chef Z, and make sure there is enough for everyone to eat by re-

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Vegetarian meals are available if requested by the Tuesday before the event.

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

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

## AROUND TOWN



J.J. Goldberg

### 'Battle for Israel's Soul' at AJ

Left versus right will duke it out over Israel, Monday, May 1, 7 p.m., at Adath Jeshurun. J.J. Goldberg, editor-at-large of *Forward*, and Jonathan S. Tobin, senior online editor and chief political blogger of *Commentary* will debate respective views from the political left and right. The program is free to the community and a dessert reception will follow. Contact AJ at 458-5359 or info@adathjeshurun.com. Adath Jeshurun,



Jonathan Tobin

The Charles & Jean K. Erskine Fund of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, The Jewish Federation of Louisville and The Temple are sponsoring the program.



Gary Zola

### Scholar to speak on Washington, Jews

Rabbi Gary P. Zola, executive director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Insti-

tute of Religion in Cincinnati, will speak on "George Washington, Jews, and the Story of Religious Freedom in America" during an adult education program, Monday, May 15, 7 p.m., at Temple Shalom. Refreshments will follow the Q&A session. Zola also is the Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience & Reform Jewish History at HUC-JIR. The program is free, but RSVPs are requested. Call Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739.

### JOFEE seeks garden volunteers

Starting April 20, and every Thursday thereafter, from 10 a.m.-noon: JOFEE (Jewish Outdoor Food and Environmental Education) will hold volunteer hours at the J Community Garden. People new to gardening, or with plenty of experience, are needed to help keep the garden thriving. The program started April 13 with a lunch and learn. Work on the garden will continue throughout the growing season.

### JOFEE starts Food Justice Shabbats

The J and New Roots are starting a series of home-hosted Shabbat dinners to celebrate Earth Day, food justice and local food. The Food Justice Community Shabbat Dinners, which began April 21, will feature learning opportunities about Kentuckiana farms, food insecurity in Louisville and The J's upcoming Fresh Stop Market season, where local produce will be available for free to all regardless of resources. Contact Michael Fraade at mfraade@jewishlouisville.org to be placed with a host or to volunteer to host a dinner.

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### JFCS FOOD PANTRY

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR MAY

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- Toothpaste

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

### MOSAIC AWARDS

**May 18-5:30-8:30 pm • Hyatt Regency**



**Barry Barker – Great Britain** Director of the Transit Authority of River City (TARC); a leader and innovator in the fields of public transit and community planning for more than four decades; civic service for many local non-profits.

**Vik Chadha – India** Co-founder of Backupify and GlowTouch technology companies; instrumental in creating iHub at the Nucleus Innovation Park and in developing the city's entrepreneurial environment.

**Annatjie Faul – South Africa** Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Kent School of Social Work; Executive Director of the Institute for Sustainable Health & Optimal Aging, part of the UofL Health Sciences Center.

**John La Barbera – Sicilian Descendent** Grammy-nominated composer/arranger; Professor Emeritus of Music at the UofL School of Music; two-time recipient of The National Endowment for the Arts award for jazz composition.

**Hong "CoCo" Tran – Vietnam** Arrived in the US as a refugee in 1975; opened Louisville's first fast-food Chinese restaurant in 1978, The Egg Roll Machine, and has since opened nine Asian-themed restaurants offering healthy eating.

**Ticket Information: 502-452-6341 or [jfcsloouisville.org/mosaic-awards](http://jfcsloouisville.org/mosaic-awards)**

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### SUPPORT GROUPS

**MAY 2**  
**Caregiver Support Group 4 pm**

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

**MAY 11**  
**Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group 1 pm**

Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Connie Austin at 502-452-6341, ext. 305.

**MAY 12**  
**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support SSPGroup 2 pm**

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

**MAY 17, 10 am**  
**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month at Kenwood Elementary, 7420 Justan Avenue Contact Jo Ann Kalb at 502-452-6341, ext. 335.

**MAY 18, 7 pm**  
**Adult Children of Aging Parents**

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

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

## Around Town

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### Fresh Stop Market returns

May 10 is the tentative return date for the first Fresh Stop Market of the year. According to JOFEE, the date is contingent upon farmers having enough produce to stock the stands. Follow Community on Facebook and Twitter – Jewish Community of Louisville and @CommunityLou – for updates.

### Restaurant Night crosses the river

JOFEE's next restaurant night is slated for Monday, May 22, in New Albany, IN, at a location to be determined. Diners will hear from Jeannie Regan-Dinus, director of Special Initiatives of the Indiana State Department of Natural Resources, about the history of Jews in southern Indiana.

### AJ hosts book club

The Adath Jeshurun Book Club will meet Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. for an informal discussion of the book, *The Beautiful Possible* by Amy Gottlieb. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com to RSVP and order a copy. Slosberg will lead the discussion, which is free to the community.

### Stop and Chat with Rabbi David

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel of The Temple will hold his Stop and Chat, Thursday, May 27, 2 p.m., at Panera Bread, 1801 Rudy Lane. The rabbi will be available to discuss any topic and the coffee is on him.

### AJ accepting items for Treasure Sale

The following items are being accepted: Antiques, art, coins, crystal, décor, furniture, jewelry, lamps, pictures, serving pieces, toys and watches. Items may be dropped off at AJ weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Donations are tax-deductible and benefit the synagogue. The sale will be held in early August.

### AJ hosts Mother's Day Shabbat

Adath Jeshurun will celebrate Mother's Day, Saturday, May 13, and fulfill the mitzvah of *kibud eim* (honoring your mother).

### KI to hold Mother's Day Brunch

Keneseth Israel Sisterhood will host a Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 14, 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 4-11. Children 3 and under eat free. Reservations and checks must be received no later than Sunday, May 8, to Keneseth Israel Sisterhood, c/o Beth Haines, 2907 Summerfield Drive, Louisville, KY 40220.

### AJ hosts Derby Shabbat

AJ will celebrate Derby Day, Saturday, May 6. Come to Shabbat services at 9:30 a.m. wearing derby hats. Derby-inspired treats will be served following the worship.

### AJ hosts Celebration Shabbat

Adath Jeshurun will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries on Saturday, May 6. All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during May are invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning services beginning at 9:30 a.m.

### No Shush Shabbat slated

Temple Shalom's next No Shush Shabbat, featuring Benji Berlow on guitar, is slated for Friday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. There will be no pot-luck dinner this month.

### Shabbat Under the Stars at TS

"Shabbat Under the Stars," an outdoor celebration of Shabbat, will be held Friday, May 19, at Temple Shalom. The evening, which begins at 6:30 p.m. will be capped by the dedication of several new features in the Founders' Garden. A cookout and bonfire will follow the service. RSVP to 502-645-2978.

### AJ hosts short, sweet family service

Deborah Slosberg will conduct the Short & Sweet Family Service, Saturday, May 20, 10:30 a.m. at Adath Jeshurun. The service is for children in grades K through 7, their parents and grandparents. The community is invited.

### Softball league to start soon

The Synagogue Softball league is about to start its 2017 season at the JCC on Tuesday evenings from May through August. Practices began in April. Synagogue affiliation is not required, but players must be 15 or older to play. The league is open to men and women.

Contact Jeff Slyn at 426-5469 or Travis-Tuxy@Bellsouth.net.

### Tikkun Ley'l Shavuot at AJ

Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel and Temple Shalom will host a shared-synagogue observance of erev Shavuot, Tuesday, May 30, 7:30 p.m., at AJ. Jonathan Lippman and Andrea Olinger will lead a presentation titled, "From Caedmon to the Coen Brothers – The Torah in Literature & Film." A creative service, dairy treats and study sessions with the clergy of all three synagogues will follow. The evening is open to the community. There is no charge, but reservations are required. Visit [adathjeshurun.com/tikkun](http://adathjeshurun.com/tikkun) by May 23.

### Confirmation at TS

Temple Shalom Shavuot/Confirmation Service will be held Friday, May 26, 6:30 PM. Emily Callam, Amy Niren and Miriam Shir will be the confirmands. An oneg will follow services.

### JOFEE studies Torah, Shmita

JOFEE will hold a Torah Study titled, "Shmita: What is the Sabbath for the Land?" Monday, May 8, 6-7 p.m., in the J library. The Torah teaches the practice of shmita, also known as the Sabbath for the Land or the Year of Release, when fields are to lie fallow and debts are forgiven.

### Shalom Center to hold retreat

Shalom Center of Louisville will hold a retreat, "From Aging to Sage-ing", May 19-21, at the Kavanaugh Retreat Center in Crestwood. Reservations are required. Contact Nadyne Lee at 270-230-3448 or request brochure by emailing [nadynelee@gmail.com](mailto:nadynelee@gmail.com).

### Brown bag Torah Lunch at TS

Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner will lead Torah study at Temple Shalom, Tuesday May 23, at noon. Participants should bring their own lunch.

### Torah Yoga at KI

Cantor Sharon Hordes and professional yoga instructor Lisa Flannery teach Torah Yoga the third Thursday of every month, 6:30 p.m. at Keneseth Israel. The class is free. Temple Shalom and Hadasah are co-sponsors.

### Lunch and Learn at Bristol

Rabbi Michael Wolk holds a lunch and learn class the first Thursday of the month, noon, at The Bristol on Main Street. RSVP to [rsvp@kenesethisrael.com](mailto:rsvp@kenesethisrael.com) or 459-2780. The class is free; food is sold separately.

### Jews and Brews on Wednesdays

Rabbi Michael Wolk will hold "Jews and Brews," a one-hour class to study the weekly Torah portion through the prisms of ancient and modern commentary over coffee, Wednesdays, 11 a.m., at the JCC Coffee Shop.

### Joshua, Judges topics of Temple text study

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will lead a text study of the Books of Joshua and Judges Mondays at 7 p.m. at The Temple. The class will end Monday, May 8.

### Rooks teaches Temple Alef class

Rabbi Gaylia Rooks of The Temple leads a class Mondays at 7 p.m. for beginner Hebrew students. The class focuses on the alef-bet and some basic vocabulary.

### Advanced Hebrew Study at The Temple

The Temple holds a study circle Mondays at 8 a.m. for advanced Hebrew students. The chavurah prepares participants to lead four Shabbat morning services throughout the year.

### Basic Judaism taught by Temple rabbis

The rabbis of The Temple will cover Jewish topics in three six-week sessions Saturdays year round. The third session is being taught by Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport.

### Temple Scholars Program at Temple

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel of The Temple will lead Torah study Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. in the Fishman Library before the morning service. There will be coffee, bagels and cream cheese.

### Rapport teaches Golden Age of Spain

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport teaches a course on the Golden Age of Spain, Wednesdays, 10:50 a.m.-noon. The class explores five centuries of Jewish life in Muslim Spain. The class ends Wednesday, May 10.

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## LIFECYCLE

### B'nai Mitzvah



#### Talia Farrier Frockt

Talia Farrier Frockt, daughter of Jasmine and Daniel Frockt and sister of Tovah, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 13, 9:30 a.m., at Adath Jeshurun.

Talia is the granddaughter of Madolyn and the late Stephen Frockt, and Bonnie Farrier, Alan Beck and Arthur Farrier of New York.

Talia is a seventh grader at Kammerer Middle School where she is a member of the tennis and lacrosse teams. She also plays flute in the Kammerer band. Talia is looking forward to her fourth summer at Camp Livingston.

Talia and her family invite the community to join them in celebrating this joyous occasion.

#### Andrew Jasper Sands

Andrew Jasper Sands, son of Lynn and Harlan Sands and brother of



Samson, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah, Saturday, May 20, 10:30 am at The Temple.

"AJ" is the grandson of Harvey and Iris Sands, and Nancy and the late

Dr. Adolph Brazinski.

AJ and his family moved to Louisville from Birmingham, AL, in 2015. He is in the seventh grade at Kentucky Country Day School, where he is on the school basketball and tennis teams.

AJ plays basketball year round, loves all things basketball, and can identify any basketball shoe from a distance of 100 yards.

He has spent the last seven summers attending the Henry S. Jacobs Camp in Jackson, MS, and previously attended Hebrew and religious school at Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham.

For his mitzvah project, AJ will be collecting gently used sporting equipment to donate to less fortunate

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## B'nai Mitzvah

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children in the community. AJ and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and the Kiddush luncheon following the service.



**Kathryn "Katy" Anne Roemer**

K a t h r y n "Katy" Anne Roemer, daughter of Alison and Doug Roemer and sister of Kyle, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 27, 6

p.m., at The Temple.

Katy is the granddaughter of Betty and Gail Pohn, and Amy and Albert Roemer.

Katy is a proud Wyvern, in the seventh grade at St. Francis School in Goshen. At St. Francis, Katy participates in musical theater, ski club and the diversity committee. She is a member of the Louisville Leopard Percussionists Steel Ensemble.

Katy loves spending time with her friends, and her younger cousins, and enjoys cooking and baking, riding her bike, listening to *Hamilton* and doing craft projects.

Katy is participating in the JFCS Pledge 13 program by collecting items to donate to The Kentucky Humane society. Katy also plays percussion at many family services.



**Josephine Belle Shapira**

J o s e p h i n e Belle Shapira, daughter of Kristin and Andy Shapira and sister of Molly and Lila, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah, Saturday,

May 13, 10:30 am, at The Temple.

Josephine is the granddaughter of Vincent and the late Joanne Lawrence of Pittsburgh, PA, and Ellen and Max Shapira of Louisville, KY.

Josie is a seventh grader at Kentucky Country Day where she is a member of the Geography, Critter, and Photography clubs. Josie is also a member of the field hockey and tennis teams. Josie loves spending time with her friends, reading and tumbling at Louisville Gymnastics.

For her mitzvah project, Josie sewed colorful drawstring bags for girls with scoliosis to carry their back braces when they aren't wearing them. Josie donated her bags and a self-written book about scoliosis to the National Scoliosis Center in Fairfax, VA.

Josie and her family invite the community to celebrate her bat mitzvah and the Kiddush luncheon following the service.



**Molly Eliza Shapira**

Molly Eliza Shapira, daughter of Kristin and Andy Shapira and sister of Josephine and Lila, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May

13, 10:30 am, at The Temple.

Molly is the granddaughter of Vincent and the late Joanne Lawrence of Pittsburgh, PA, and Ellen and Max Shapira of Louisville.

Molly is a seventh grader at Kentucky Country Day where she is a member of the Geography, Ghana, and Critter clubs, and the Green Team. Molly is a competitive figure skater with the Louisville Skating Academy. She loves spending time with her friends, reading, and is an avid chef and baker.

For her mitzvah project, Molly sewed "Taggie" blankets for the babies in the NICU at Norton Children's Hospital. Molly also baked desserts and served meals at the West End School for boys.

Molly and her family invite the community to celebrate her bat mitzvah and the Kiddush luncheon following the service.



**Jacob Rossook Hyman**

Jacob Rossook Hyman, son of Debby Rose and Lee Hyman, brother to Sadie Hyman, grandson of Steve and Peggy Hyman and Murray Rose and the late Flor-

ence Rose, and snuggle-buddy to four legged family member Blizzard, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah, Saturday, May 27, 9:30 a.m., at Keneseth Israel Congregation.

Jacob is a seventh grader at Noe Middle School where he enjoys his time in the robotics, outdoors, and beta clubs. Outside of school, Jake fosters his love of art through the Louisville Visual Arts Association's Children's Fine Art Classes program.

In his free time, he enjoys boating at Rough River, snowboarding, bike riding, tennis, reading and hanging with friends.

Jacob and his family invite the community to join us in celebrating this simcha.

## Obituaries

### Barbara Gloria (Kolomer) Grossman

Barbara Gloria (Kolomer) Grossman, 83, passed away on March 23, 2017, surrounded by her family.

Family and friends mourn her passing.

She was born in Brooklyn, NY, on July 13, 1933 to Albert and Ruth Kolomer. In 1965, she and her husband moved from New York to Paramus, NJ and made their home there until they moved to Kentucky in 2004. Kentucky became her second home.

She was the widow of Kenneth Grossman. She was predeceased in death by her parents, Albert and Ruth Kolomer; her sister, Jeanette Sokole; her brother, Stanley Kolomer; granddaughter, Rebecca Rothballe; and her niece, Rhonda Yael Kolarik.

A career educator, Barbara took her job seriously and passionately. She taught business for over 25 years at Ramsey High School in Ramsey, NJ, and made numerous long-term relationships with her students and co-workers. Even as time went by, many of them continued to call and visit Barbara, or write to keep her updated on their lives. She loved staying involved and watching how her students had grown into responsible adults.

Devoted to her Jewish faith and her family, Barbara was always grateful for her long life. She had a gift of making everyone she met feel comfortable. A tough New Yorker, she nevertheless was always ready to make someone smile with a gesture or token of love.

She is survived by her daughters, Stacey Grossman Rothballe (William) of Pewee Valley and Wendy Grossman Kroner (Evan) of New York; and her grandchildren, Jessica Kroner, Aaron Rothballe, and Sarah Rothballe.

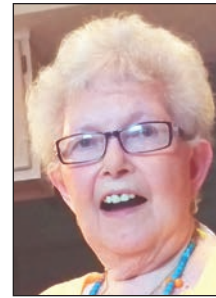
Throughout the years, Barbara has "adopted" friends as her own family. One special "son", Stuart Burrows, (Anna) has always remained close and dear.

The family would like to send special thanks to those who have been there for mom and themselves, and have helped to enrich her life.

Mom was always up for a baseball or softball game, or just a gathering of friends. The family gives its heartfelt thanks to Dr. Glenn Lambert and his team. For many years they were a source of hope and comfort to the whole family. Thank you.

The funeral took place in Fairlawn, NJ, with burial following in Beth-

El Cedar Park, Paramus NJ. Shiva was held in Paramus. A celebration of Barbara's life will be planned at a later date in Louisville. Donations can be made to: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation "Fund A Cure" or a charity of the donor's choice.



**Bea Linker**

Beloved Bea Linker passed away on Passover, Monday, April 10, 2017, two days before her 91st birthday.

Beatrice Bernice Beverly Brauer Linker was born on

April 12, 1926. She leaves a legacy of unconditional love to all who knew her, especially her family who keep her memory alive; husband Bob Linker, with whom she had 70 years of a devoted, happy marriage; her son, Alan Linker (Laurie); her daughter, Linda Rosenthal; her grandchildren, Dena Linker Gellmann (Marc), Lisa Linker Nitzkin (Stuart), Brian Rosenthal (Jen), Jenny Rosenthal, Jodi Pesich (Steve), Julianne and Jessica Harvey; and her seven great grandchildren, Jacob, Lyla, Roxie, Josh, Lucas, Skylar, and Stella.

Bea was a successful entrepreneur for 20 years with her wedding consultant business, Personally Yours. She received numerous awards for her service in the USO at the VA Hospital and in human relations from the National Association of Tobacco Dealers. She generously volunteered 25 years of service at the Jewish Hospital, was a life member of Hadasah, and was a member of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 13, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Julie Linker Fund of the Jewish Foundation of Louisville or The American Heart Association.

### Joan Kroutil Stein

Joan Kroutil Stein, 79, died Sunday, March 26, 2017, after a hard fight with cancer. She was a former educator with Greater Clark County Schools, former instructor with

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Spalding University and Louisville Jewish Day School, a former Docent with Speed Art Museum and Louisville Science Center, a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun and JCC.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Frances Kroutil; her husband, Dr. Jacob Stein; her brother, Joey Kroutil; her brother-in-law, Sol Odze; her brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, Howie and Ginger Mayer and Harold & Selma Stein.

She is survived by her children, Daniel Stein (Debbie) and Deborah Stein Goldberg (Brian); her grandchildren, Stephen, Robert and Jonathan Stein and Marnina, Abigail, Ethan and Noah Goldberg; and her sister-in-law, Eva Odze.

Funeral services were Monday, March 27, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. Burial followed in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Congregation Adath Jeshurun, JCC or J. Graham Brown Cancer Center. Special thanks to CBC and Baptist Health Oncology.

### Lore Silverman

Lore Silverman, 96, of Beachwood, OH, formerly of Louisville for 52 years, passed away Wednesday, April 12. She is preceded in death by her husband, of 54 years, Jack Silverman.

She and Jack were founding members of Temple Shalom.

Silverman is survived by sons, Gary Silverman (Debi) of Plymouth, MI, and Roy Silverman (Karen) of Lyndhurst, OH; and granddaughters, Allison and Dana.

Graveside services were held Sunday, April 16, at Cave Hill Cemetery, 701 Baxter Avenue.



### Murrel H. Winner

Murrel H. Winner, 92, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017, in Sarasota, FL.

He was born in Hannibal, MO, to the late Emanuel and Henrietta Garfein Winner Handmaker. He lived in Louisville until he retired to Sarasota. He was a graduate of Male High School and was a World War II veteran, having served in the 5th Army Headquarters, Public Relations section.

After the war, Murrel founded Winner Home Furnishings in 1946, which later changed its name to Winner Furniture. He began as a door-to-door salesman, selling home goods and transitioned to furniture and appliances. He had stores on East St. Catherine Street, Market Street, then 7th Street and, finally, Dixie Highway until he retired and sold the business.

Murrel's gift for social networking will be remembered by all who met him. He was genuinely interested in other people's lives. He talked to people wherever he went, striking up conversations and making connections to people who could help one another.

He was a member of Temple Emanuel-El in Sarasota, past member of The Temple and Temple Shalom in Louisville, St. George Masonic Lodge #239, The Odom Club, Shively Lions Club and B'nai B'rith International.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jean Brownstein Winner; and his sister, Harriette Rubenstein.

He is survived by his three children, Eddie (Judy), Sharon Ran (Jerry) and Bob (Marianne), as well as his seven grandchildren, Louis (Millie), Michael, Greg, Vickie and Brian Winner, Scott Ran (Shannon) and Lacy Ran; six great-grandchildren, as well as a host of friends, including his cherished companion, Bobbie Cornell.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 24, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave., Burial followed in The Temple Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Temple Emanuel-El, 151 McIntosh Rd., Sarasota, FL 34232.



### Bertram W. Klein

Bertram W. Klein, loving husband, father and grandfather; retired chairman and chief executive officer of Mid America Bancorp d/b/a Bank of Louisville, died peacefully, Friday, March 24, 2017, surrounded by his family.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Elaine, and his son, David. He is survived by his sons, Stephen (Yael) of Yelm, WA, and Richard (Beth); four grandchildren, Erin, Kathryn, Chelsea and Casey; and one great-grandson, Luke.

Bert attended Louisville Public Schools, graduating from Kentucky Military Institute. He attended the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania where, while majoring in banking, he wrote his senior thesis entitled "Banking in Kentucky." He graduated in 1952

with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics.

Upon graduation, he entered the Air Force as a second lieutenant and was stationed in Germany. While in the service, he married Elaine Brodnax of Birmingham, AL.

Bert began working with the bank in 1953. He joined its board of directors in 1967 before becoming president in 1970 then chairman and chief executive officer in 1985. He retired in 2002.

Being so active in the bank, doing the work that he cherished, he also served in many capacities throughout the community he loved: he chaired the Louisville Regional Airport Authority during the time when the new terminal was built. Later, he became the sole negotiator in its negotiations with UPS to establish the company's main hub in Louisville.

He was a member of the Downtown Development Corporation Board of Directors; Chairman of the Greater Louisville Fund for the Arts and its Annual Fundraising Campaign; member of the Jefferson County Financial Advisory Committee; vice chairman, treasurer and board member (for over 20 years) at Jewish Hospital; Opening Night Gala co-chair with his wife, Elaine, for Kentucky Center for the Arts; a member of Kentucky and Louisville Chamber of Commerce; treasurer for Kentucky Opera Association, Louisville Ballet and public television channel 15; chairman of the Board for the Louisville Zoo Foundation; and member of the Louisville-Jefferson County Cultural Complex Committee.

He served on the Mayor's Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development and chaired the Mayor's Economic Development Committee. He was the Annual Dinner Chairman in 1971 for the National Conference of Christians and Jews; a member of Project 2000, State of Kentucky Financial Institutions Board, treasurer of The Temple and a member of the Board of Overseers at the University of Louisville.

Over time, with dedicated service, Bert was honored by many organizations, including Man of the Year 1985 at the Israel Bond Tribute Dinner; 1986 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award at the National Conference of Christians and Jews; 1990 Community Service Award – Catholic School Alumni; 2001 Man of Vision – Prevent Blindness; 2008 Couple of the Year – The Temple; and in 1990 Adopted Alumnus Membership Bestowed from the University of Louisville Alumni Association, to name just a few.

Bert enjoyed swimming, working on his farm, duplicate Bridge, traveling to many wonderful destinations. He loved chocolate, but most of all, he loved his family. He loved his Jewish community and heritage, and the entire Louisville community was dear to his heart. He simply loved life, had a beautiful heart and a beautiful mind, as he was known for being a "numbers genius."

A great passion for Bert was shared with his wife when, in 1998, they formed a thoroughbred racing and breeding partnership with and their son, Richard, winning over 90 stakes races, of which 22 were graded stakes wins. Having a beautiful and generous heart, he and his family were donors to many major gifts including the Klein Neuroscience Wing at Jewish Hospital, Klein Family Center at The Temple, Klein Learning Center at Churchill Downs

Backside, Klein Family Scholarship at Centre College, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, Inc. – Elaine Klein Career Development Award and the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance Scholarship.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 28, at The Temple, 5101 US Hwy 42, with burial to follow in The Temple Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation – Elaine Klein Career Development Fund, 821 Corporate Drive, Lexington, KY 40503 or The Temple Julia, Bert and Elaine Klein Memorial Landscape Fund.

### Paula Monheit

Paula Monheit, 98, passed away Friday, April 7, 2017. She was born May 11, 1918, in Poland and was a survivor of the Holocaust.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Max Monheit; her parents, Jacob and Mina Neidorfer; her sisters, Rifka, Laya Neidorfer and Eda Zauler; and her brother, Markus Neidorfer.

She is survived by her neice, Mina Tasman (Jerry); her nephew, David Zauler; and several great- and great-great nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to the caring staff at the Episcopal Church Home.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 10, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Anshei Sfard Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.



### Roanne Helman Victor

Roanne Helman Victor, a prominent leader in the arts and civic organizations for more than four decades and an elegant, brilliant force of nature,

died peacefully Wednesday morning, March 29, at the Episcopal Church Home.

Her husband of 58 years, Karl N. Victor, Jr., and her parents, Carl K. and Helen S. Helman, preceded her in death.

A native of Louisville, Roanne and her husband, better known as "Buzzy," were founders of Actors Theatre of Louisville (ATL) in 1962. For the rest of her life, she was a constant and influential presence at the theatre where her service as a board member, volunteer and first night attendee made her a singular patron. She joined the board beginning in 1978, and at the time of her death she was a sustaining director.

A daily presence at ATL, a minute list of Roanne's contributions includes founding and directing numerous fundraisers, most recently Page to Stage. She founded ATL Associates and was founder/director of the ATL Art Gallery from 1969 to the present. Roanne was proud of founding and directing the gallery's annual African American Art Exhibition since 1984.

She became a key leader in the modern interfaith relations effort in Louisville beginning in the 1980s. She was a founder of the Center for Interfaith Relations (originally Cathedral Heritage Foundation), and was a leader of the Festival of Faiths, beginning with the very first one in 1995. She continued to serve on the

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### Michael J. Kreitman

Michael J. Kreitman, 52, died peacefully, surrounded by his family on Saturday, April 1, 2017, after his courageous battle with cancer.

A native of Gaithersburg, MD, he was born December 29, 1964, to Kaye Morgan and Herbert Kreitman.

Michael was a former firefighter and EMT with the City of Virginia Beach, a firefighter for the City of Louisville and a Captain with Louisville Metro EMS. He was a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation and the local Teamsters Union 783.

He is survived by his wife, Carla Klose Kreitman; his children, Simeon and Eva Kreitman, and Tyler and Kennedy Prather; his parents, Herbert "Sonny" and Kaye Kreitman; his sister, Judy Powers (David) of Baltimore, MD; his brother, Jed Kreitman (Penny Glover) of Bethesda, MD; his granddaughter, Calli Prather; and many, wonderful friends and colleagues, who will miss him dearly.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 3, at Keneseth Israel Congregation, 2531 Taylorsville Road. Burial followed in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Supporting Heroes, Inc., 10440 Bluegrass Parkway, P.O. Box 991547, Louisville, KY 40269.



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Center for Interfaith Relations board to the present.

In all of her activities, Roanne was known for her dependability and enthusiasm. She founded and/or served on the boards of the Louisville/Jefferson County Heritage Weekend Foundation, the Kentucky Opera, Kentucky Arts and Crafts Foundation and the Kentucky School for Art and Design, to name a few. Gov. Paul Patton appointed her to serve on the Kentucky Arts Council from 2001 to 2008.

Most of all, Roanne had fun and cultivated an extensive and diverse social circle. With Buzzy she enjoyed the racetrack and being a horse owner. She loved to travel, eat, garden and was a legendary hostess. A life-long Democrat, Roanne supported many candidates and cared deeply about her community.

A loving and supportive mother, Roanne is survived by her devoted family: daughter Gwenn (Paul), son Karl, brother, Grant Helman, and nieces Vicky Unrich, Sharon Butler (Greg), Julie Maldonado (Oscar), Robyn Ngo (Bee), and grandchildren, Samuel Lieber, Aaron and Garbiell Victor.

Roanne's family expresses gratitude to Dr. Gracie Wishnia, Zohreh Golgiri, Dr. Jane Cornett and the staff of the Episcopal Church Home for their compassionate support.

A memorial service was held Sunday, April 2, at The Temple, 5101 US Hwy 42. Burial was private. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Actors Theatre of Louisville or The Temple.

A special thanks to the caring staff at the Episcopal Church Home.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 10, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Anshei Sfarid Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.



**Ruth Lerman Fitzpatrick**

Ruth Lerman Fitzpatrick, who died in Louisville on Sept. 11, 2016, was a mother, wife, sister, friend, neighbor, teacher, colleague and consultant. Her

many roles reflected her vitality and zest for life; there were always plans afoot and music in her house.

Born July 28, 1932 in Louisville, a daughter and granddaughter of Eastern European immigrants she was graduated from Barnard College (B.A., 1954) and Bank Street College (M.S. Ed., 1955).

Ruth led a vibrant professional life of public service in the field of early childhood development. She was the director of the Miami County Head Start program in Ohio, director of student teaching and teacher certification at the University of Kentucky, early childhood development specialist and program manager at the Kentucky Department of Education and chair of the public policy committee of the National School-Age Childcare Alliance.

In 1984, Kentucky Business and Professional Women named her Woman of the Year.

She married Louisville artist Jo-

seph Fitzpatrick in 1958. Ruth and Joe embarked on all kinds of adventures together including traveling, children, dogs, home renovations and social gatherings. They lived in Israel, New York City, Columbus, Yellow Springs, Ohio; Lexington and Louisville.

Upon retirement, they organized and led painting workshops in North America and Europe. Ruth and Joe were summer residents of South Shore, Nova Scotia from 1971 to 2013.

Ruth loved reading, cooking, entertaining, swimming and walking. She made friends wherever she went. She was a consummate networker and an avid correspondent, constantly expanding links between the myriad spheres of her life.

She is survived by her children Josie, Michael and Tamara, granddaughter Kate, brother David (Cecilia Blomberg) and many dear nieces, nephews and cousins. A concert celebrating Ruth's life will be held later this year. Please contact family at ruthie3216@outlook.com.

### Simon Dubrovsky

Simon Dubrovsky, 87, died Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at Hillcreek Rehabilitation & Nursing Center.

He was born in Babruysk, Belarus on February 12, 1930, to the late Sarah Podokshik and Abram Yankele Dubrovsky. He was a nuclear physicist and worked with electrical power for over 40 years. He was also a member of Congregation Anshei Sfarid.

Simon is survived by his wife, Emily Dubrovsky; his children, Alex Dubrovsky and Kira Shekhovtsov (Igor); his brother, Mark Dubrovsky; and his sister, Zhenya Ocheretner.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 6, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed at Anshei Sfarid Cemetery.

### Joan Switow

Joan Switow, 84, passed away on April 11, 2017, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Graveside services were held on April 13 at Green Acres Cemetery in Scottsdale.

Joan was born August 11, 1932, to her parents Anna Levine Schermer and Harry Schermer. She was raised on Second Street, always sharing such fond memories and stories of living with her extended family and the wonderful neighbors and friends.

Joan attended Cochran Elementary, Louisville Girls High and the University of Louisville.

On October 10, 1954, she married her beloved, Eddie Switow. They were married for 62 years. Joan was the perfect homemaker and enjoyed cooking, having basketball parties and spending time with her family and friends.

Her passion was being a season ticket holder to the University of Louisville Basketball games. Joan and Ed loved to travel with the team and especially attending the NCAA championship.

Joan was a very devoted mother and took great pride in being an avid part of her daughter's life. She was always there to be the room mother, fieldtrip mom, carpool driver, and an engaging friend to all.

Joan and Ed lived in Louisville until October 2014. They moved to Overland Park, KS, and then to Scottsdale, AZ, in 2015 both times to

be close to their children.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Switow in 2016. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Harryette and Ron Cooperman of Scottsdale; her granddaughters, Amy Cooperman and Marcie Cooperman Komaiko; her husband, Richard Komaiko; and brother and sister-in-law, Barry and Eleanor Schermer.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Sinai Mortuary of Arizona, 602-248-0030.



**Robert "Bob" Allan Deitel**

Robert "Bob" Allan Deitel, after 44 months of living on borrowed time thanks to an organ donor, Bob Deitel and his transplanted lungs died in his

home on Thursday, April 6, 2017, surrounded by his wonderful family. He was 62.

Bob was born in South Bend, Indiana, to Max and Clara Deitel. Clara was a first generation child of Russian and Ukrainian immigrants who had fled 1890s anti-Jewish pogroms. Max, born in Hungary, escaped to the USA in 1949 after enduring forced slavery and atrocities by the Nazis, Hungarians, Rumanians and Russians. The rest of Max's immediate family was systematically exterminated in the Holocaust.

Indiana proved to be much better. Max found work as a grill cook and then as a regional salesman for a restaurant supply company. Clara left her secretarial job at the electric company after the birth of Bob's only sibling, Jeanne. Bob was born 2 1/2 years later on Oct. 17, 1954.

After schooling at South Bend's Lincoln Elementary/Junior High and Riley High School, Bob began his trek south by attending Indiana University Bloomington, where he double-majored in Journalism and Political Science. He majored in Journalism because he took several interesting courses and soon found himself closest to a Journalism degree.

When graduation came in 1977 and he needed a job, Bob looked throughout the region and found nothing; but he did get interviews around Louisville. After one interview at the New Albany Tribune, while Bob was waiting for a friend to pick him up, he sat near the sidewalk and saw a man attempt to buy a newspaper from a nearby rack. When the man dropped a nickel, Bob picked it up, handed it to the man and began chatting. The man was interested in Bob's ties to South Bend because he was a big Notre Dame fan. He asked why Bob was in New Albany. When Bob said he was looking for a newspaper job, the man said he worked at the Indiana Bureau of The Louisville Times and his boss was seeking part-time help. Bingo! (Bob didn't disclose that Louisville's two big newspapers previously wouldn't even grant him an interview.)

Bob moved to Louisville the next week and worked for 22 years, 3 months and 7 days reporting for the great old Louisville Times and later the once-great Courier-Journal. After the Gannett Corporation bought

the newspapers and eventually dismantled Bob's promised retirement plan, Bob started looking onward.

No matter what happened in his journalism life, Bob found joy in his personal life. In December 1987, at a party in Indianapolis, he met his forever sweetie, Diane Rose, originally from Connecticut. Bob was supposed to be fixed up with another woman but met Diane at the door and they spent the night talking. Eleven days later, on New Year's Eve, they became engaged.

Then things happened quickly. Within 4 months they had bought a house and gotten married. A year later, Joshua D. Deitel was born. His sister, Alexandra N. Deitel, arrived 2 years and 4 days later. Josh works in advertising in New York City, and Allie teaches elementary school in Seattle.

Bob's wonderful sister, Jeanne Livne, has lived in Israel since 1975 and has 3 children, Gilad, Maya and Shira, and 8 grandchildren, all living in Israel. Bob has two sisters-in-law, Amy Immerman (Alan) of Cincinnati and Robin Rose (Carl Sturgeon) now living in Brussels, Belgium. Robin's two daughters, Rebecca and Rachel, both live in New York City. Carl's son Ryan lives in Columbus, Ohio. Bob was a proud uncle to all the young folks.

Bob's beloved wife, Diane, is a long-time professional specializing in Early Childhood Education. Diane's educational contacts brought Bob a second career -- as a school Technology Director, first at St. Francis School in Goshen for 10 years and then at Summit Academy in Middletown for 6 years.

It was the surprise discovery of an incurable lung disease in 2013 that changed Bob's life once again. Never had he smoked and for many years he had jogged, hiked and exercised daily. Darn. A generous organ donor provided him with an extended life for which his whole family is grateful. Bob would like to encourage you to enjoy every breath and sign your organ donor card.

Bob and his family would like to thank his wonderful neighbors and friends, and also his medical support team, especially: Dawn Marie Wilson, J. Wesley McConnell, Sonia Compton and Ashish Maskey.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 7, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. Burial followed in The Temple Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA), The Temple, or the Frazier Rehab Institute Pulmonary Gym Renovation Fund.

Bob's friends and family love and will miss him.

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