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Devon Oser (left) seen here with Becky Swansburg, urged Jewish Louisville to engage its young and find ways to turn their ideas into action. (photo by William Beasley)

Young leadership shines at 2017 Annual Awards Meeting

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Becky Swansburg brought an encouraging message to the 2017 JCL Annual Awards Meeting.

As she took the podium to introduce two of the three recipients of the young leadership awards that evening, she noted that all three are relative newcomers to Louisville; none were born and raised here.

The message from Swansburg, herself a young Jewish leader, was clear: Jewish Louisville is vibrant enough to attract young people from around the country – all bringing with them new ideas and fresh energy.

The community need not only look from within to tap its next generation of leaders.

The June 8 Awards Meeting recog-

nized Jewish Louisvillians from across the spectrum – senior citizens enriching the lives of others, volunteers performing valuable services to the Federation, teens who are just now discovering how rewarding service to the Jewish community can be.

But the young leadership awards offered the chance to showcase Jewish Louisvillians who could be guiding the fortunes of the community before very long.

This year's young leadership award recipients were Corey Shapiro (Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award), Devon Oser (Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award), and Dara Woods (Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award).

Oser used her time at the mic to encourage leaders to help young people with new ideas and to find ways to put

those plans into action.

"Engage individuals at their level," the current YAD chair said. "Each of us has a special talent. Find out what they're passionate about and incorporate it into the community."

Shapiro, a JCRC board member, embraced the idea of being a future Jewish leader, saying people he respected saw him as one. And Woods, who brought the MOMentum trips to Israel for young mothers to Louisville, said she was gratified to help these women lead more meaningful Jewish lives.

The young adult recipients joined the rest of this year's honorees, including the winner of the most prestigious award, Dr. Muhammad Babar Cheema, (Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award).

"Those of you who know me, know that I am passionate about the

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Yael Dayan – daughter of Moshe Dayan – to speak here

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Yael Dayan, author, journalist activist, and the daughter of the late Israeli army general and defense minister, Moshe Dayan, is coming to Louisville.

Dayan who also served in the Knesset, will speak at The Temple during the Shabbat service on Friday, September 15, and will be part of the oneg that follows. The Temple and the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence are sponsoring her visit.

Dayan, 78, will be in the country to promote her latest book, *Transitions*, an autobiography whose liner notes were written by public figures no less than Amos Oz and the late Shimon Peres.



Yael Dayan

"She is a hero," Rabbi David Ariel-Joel said. "Not only a military hero, she was a high officer in the army. She is a true Israeli hero and icon; she fought all her life for Israel to be the place it ought to be."

"She fought for LGBTQ rights before it was popular to do so," Ariel-Joel continued. "She fought for women rights, for the freedom of religion and freedom from religion in Israel, including the freedom to go to the beach on Yom Kippur in a bikini."

Born in 1939 in Nahalal, a co-operative village, in Israel, to Ruth and the late General Moshe Dayan, Yael Dayan quite literally grew up with her country.

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Louisville's Andrea Glazer will blog from 2017 Maccabiah Games

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Andrea Glazer, the Louisville native and equestrian who will compete for Team USA next month at the 20th Maccabiah Games in Israel, will be doing more than vying for a medal while she's there.

Glazer, 22, who will compete in the show jumping event, will also blog about her experiences during the Games, and Community will carry those posts on its social media.

The Maccabiah Games, also known as the Jewish Olympics, will run from July 4-18. About 10,000 athletes representing 80 countries are expected to compete.

But there's more than sports. Maccabiah also will celebrate 50 years of a reunified Jerusalem during its opening ceremony at Teddy Stadium. A Kabbalat
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Andrea Glazer will compete in show jumping during the Maccabiah Games in Israel. (photo by Alex Banks)

SHOWCASE

Berg mosaic depicting Holocaust, Israel's birth rededicated at JCL Annual Meeting

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Tell your children of it and let your children tell their children.
—**Joel 1:3**

Dr. Harold Berg had a favorite saying: "Life is short, but art is long."

In other words, long after the artist passes away, his art, and its messages, live on.

So it's no wonder why Berg, an ardent Zionist, agreed to create a mosaic mural depicting the horrors of the Holocaust and the elation of the birth of Israel – the same mural that hangs today in the Linker Auditorium of The J.

"It starts in a terrible place, but it ends with the creation of the State of Israel," said Karen Berg, daughter of the late surgeon and artist. "The Jewish identity was not destroyed; it was not lost."

The 48-year-old work of art, Berg's largest, was rededicated at the JCL Annual Awards Meeting, Thursday, June 8. A new plaque describing the mural, titled "Darkness to Light," was affixed next to the mural.

"My father considered it his most important project," Karen Berg said at the rededication ceremony, "not because of its size, but because of its message."

JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner said it was time to rededicate the mosaic, and the story it tells, because the JCL stands for respect, "and we know what hatred can do."

Formally unveiled on Oct. 12, 1969, the mural was the brainchild Joseph J. Kaplan, then president of the JCC. Kaplan asked Berg to make the mural after



The Harold Berg mosaic, which shows the sweep of 20th century Jewish history from the Holocaust to the birth of Israel, was rededicated the June 8 Annual Meeting. (photo by William Beasley)

the JCC board OK'd the project. Berg accepted, donating his time and materials.

Berg "became so enthusiastic over the idea that he described it most effectively to the attention of the JCC board of directors, which resulted in its placement on the wall where it will be in constant sight of the public," the *Kentucky Jewish Post and Opinion* reported at the time.

The mural actually depicts an artistic transition from darkness to light: First, it shows emaciated victims of the Nazi death camps, then the steamer Exodus, made famous by Leon Uris' novel of the same title, as it reaches Palestine, the silhouette of a woman looking to the fu-

ture.

Finally, the mural depicts Israeli independence through scenes of a soldier's defending the country from a watch tower, another planting a tree in the ground, and people dancing about a menorah – grapevines in the foreground, Jerusalem as a backdrop.

The mural was unveiled two years after Israel liberated the Old City of Jerusalem in the Six-Day War, once again freeing Jews to worship at the Western Wall.

Karen Berg, whose daughter, Rachael Pass, is a rabbinic student in New York, said the artwork exhorts Jews of all generations "to be witnesses and to make sure your eyes are not closed to the lessons of history."

Joe Rigsby, an art teacher at the JCC, assisted Berg in creating the 25-foot-long, 15-foot-high wall sculpture – made with hundreds of mosaics from Mexico and Italy. The mural, built upon 15 separate panels, took an entire summer to complete.

Shards from Masada and the Western Wall, which were purchased from the Israeli Department of Antiquities, are incorporated into its design.

The graphic Holocaust scenes in the mural have always been somewhat controversial. According to the *Post and Opinion*, Rigsby was apprehensive at first about how stark they would be, but he soon came around to the concept.

"It's something too easy to forget," he told the paper. "So, it has to be shown. The first or second generation removed from catastrophe should be reminded of

what one human can do to another."

Wagner said a curtain was installed around the mosaic in the '90s, which concealed the mural when drawn.

But Karen Berg said the mural should be seen by young and old alike.

"It's too important of a story not to teach our children," she said. "That's what it was meant to do; that's what we are meant to do. If we abdicate that responsibility, then we're just allowing history to repeat itself."

Becky Swansburg, a JCL board member, said she recalled being a child and looking at the mural with a mixture of "fear and curiosity."

Berg came by his interest in mosaics by chance.

"The story goes he was visiting Mexico with my mother (Pearl) and another couple," daughter Karen recalled. "They were having lunch outside on a patio overlooking a mosaic factory. He thought, 'Wow! That looks interesting,' and went down there and bought some



Karen Berg describes her father's mural to the audience. (photo by William Beasley)

tiles. That's how it started.

"He was very, very good at it," she added.

That's putting it mildly. Today, her father's creations are on display at the U.S. embassy in Israel, the Israeli embassy in Washington and Jewish Hospital downtown.

"He has mosaics literally all over the world," Karen Berg said.

This particular mural was unveiled with a separate mosaic plaque dedicating the work to Kaplan and bearing two biblical passages: the line from Joel given above, and these words from Exodus: "I will redeem you. I will bring you into the land."

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Klempner completes term as JCL chair; calls for 'new faces' in next campaign

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Jay Klempner ended his two-year term as chair of the JCL Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting Thursday, June 8.

"We had a lot of work that we accomplished," Klempner told the capacity crowd in reflecting upon his term, "and we have a lot of work ahead of us."

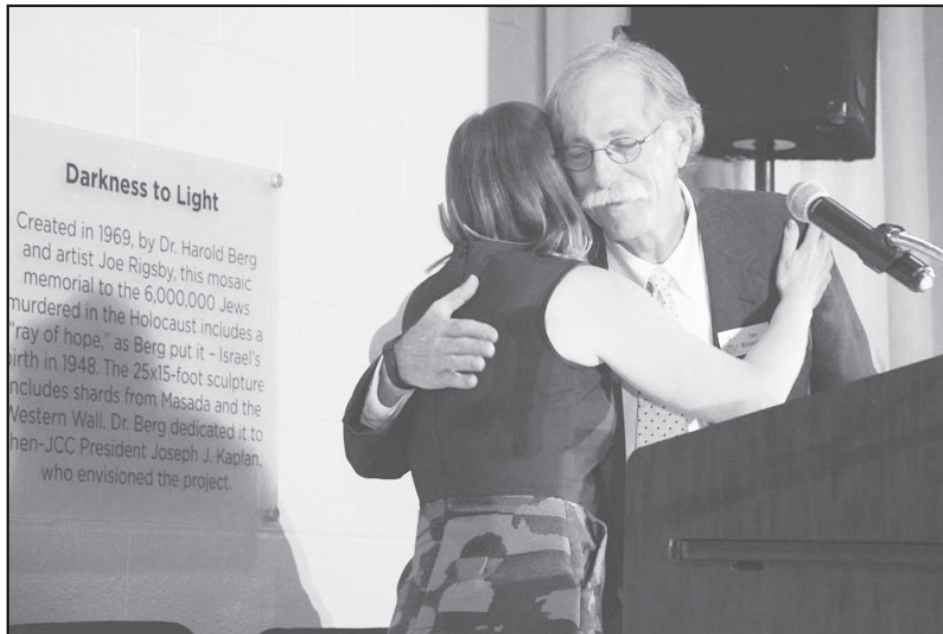
He said the JCL had brought in more revenue over the past two years while controlling expenses, and added new staff with new skills. He touted the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence for its \$200,000 campaign challenge.

"We're now ready and prepared for a bright future," he said.

He said he was proud that the JCL had addressed the contentious issue of religious pluralism in Israel over the past year, hosting the heads of the Jewish state's Reform and Conservative (Masorti) movements in an open forum to discuss the status of liberal Jews there.

"It's equally important that we, as Louisville Jews, overcome our differences," he said.

President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner paid tribute to the outgoing lay leader, calling Klempner "realistic, pragmatic and determined." She also liked how he always seemed to have a good story



Outgoing JCL Chair Jay Klempner gets a hug from President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner during the June 8 Annual Meeting. In the backdrop is the new plaque for the Dr. Harold Berg mosaic that was rededicated during the ceremony. (photo by William Beasley)

to share.

"Jay has an incredible respect for our team and professional staff," Wagner said. "And for that, I'm grateful."

Wagner used her remarks to laud the JCL for bringing LIFE & LEGACY, a program that nurtures legacy giving by individuals to local Jewish institutions,

as well as its homegrown JTomorrow!, which is laying the groundwork for a future J that will serve the needs of a changing community.

(She hinted that there will be more developments from JTomorrow! in September, but she didn't elaborate.)

According to Wagner, the JCL is doing

so much at its Dutchmans Lane campus that "it can't be wrapped up in a slogan."

On the business front, the new officers of the JCL board were elected at the meeting. They are Jon Fleischaker (chair), Ralph Green and Jeff Tuvlin (vice chairs), Laurence Nibur (interim treasurer), Becky Swansburg (secretary) and Klempner (immediate past chair).

Two board members were elected to their first terms – Madeline Abramson and Shari "George" Polur – and three were elected to a second consecutive term – Seth Gladstein, Nibur, and Jake Wishnia.

Per by-law rules, Amy Ryan will serve on the board as Program Cabinet chair, Rabbi Nadia Siritsky will serve as Louisville Board of Rabbis and Cantors president, and Rabbi Stanley Miles as JCRC chair.

Mark Behr, Karen Benabou, Sarah Harlan, Jon Klein, Ariel Kronenberg, Robin Miller, Benjamin Vaughan and Amy Wisotsky will remain on the board.

Lance Gilbert, chair of the Governance Committee, led the business portion of the meeting.

Klempner ended his own remarks by "challenging" the crowd to be ambassadors for JCL and tell family and friends what is happening at Dutchmans Lane.

"I want to see more new faces at next year's campaign," he said.

PJ Library grants help families with children connect to community here

Louisville-area families raising Jewish children will now have more opportunities to participate in Jewish life, thanks to a grant opportunity recently awarded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF).



The grants will be distributed to members of PJ Library, the flagship program of HGF that offers free Jewish books and programs to more than 125,000 families around the world. Louisville is among a select group of PJ Library communities in the United States and Canada chosen to participate in the Get Together grants program, an opportunity that will give local families up to \$150 to create their own experiences to get together with friends.

Get Together grants are meant to help build social connections among families and encourage them to engage in Jewish life, programming, or learn-

ing. In the past, Get Together grants were used for Shabbat-themed experiences, baking or crafts, book clubs, and parent-only evenings.

Get Togethers happen when families want to experience them, and how they want to experience them.

Madelyn Cerra, PJ Library coordinator at the Jewish Federation of Louisville said she is "honored to receive the grant, and thrilled to be part of the global PJ Library community reaching hundreds of thousands of families."

The grants are funded through the PJ Library Alliance. Partners in the Alliance include the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the William Davidson Foundation, the Marcus Foundation, Inc., the Jim Joseph Foundation, the William & Audrey Farber Philanthropic Fund; the Diane & Guilford Glazer/Jewish Community Foundation of LA, Carl & Joann Bianco, the Howard & Geraldine Polinger Family Foundation, the Susser Family Trust, Walter, Arnee, Sarah & Aaron Winshall, and two anonymous partners.

PJ Library and PJ Our Way™ families currently living in Louisville are invited to apply to host a Get Together.

Applications open on Monday, May 22 and close Friday, June 30.

For more information, visit pjlibrary.org/GetTogether or contact Cerra at mcerra@jewishlouisville.org. Families with children ages 0-8 can receive free

books every month by signing up for PJ Library at pjlibrary.org. Children ages 9-11 can choose a free chapter book or graphic novel every month by enrolling in PJ Our Way with a parent at pjourway.org.



Twitty visits Louisville



Noted culinary historian Michael Twitty made several appearances in Louisville in June including the Frasier History Museum and the 2017 Fresh Stop Market grand opening at The J. He is pictured here at a Lions of Judah function at the home of Janet Hodes. Pictured are Hodes (left), Twitty, New Roots Executive Director Karyn Moskowitz and Jewish Federation Director of Women's Philanthropy and Outreach Julie Hollander. (staff photo)

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First Person: Mom recounts JWRP journey to Israel, impact of trip

By Lisa Michel Barnes
For Community

It doesn't hurt to ask. If you don't ask, the answer will always be "no."

Because that has always been one of my philosophies, a year ago I sent a "nothing ventured, nothing gained" email inquiring about Louisville's first Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP) Israel trip – also known as MOMentum – I had no idea my life and my children's lives were about to be blessed with a positive change.

Last November, 16 Jewish moms, all with children under the age of 18, set off for a life-changing journey. Each of us could spend hours telling you about what we did in Israel, what we learned and how we were inspired. We each have favorite parts of the trip, but in the end, there were some very common threads.

Now that we've returned and completed six months of our one-year commitment to participate in post-trip education programming and activities, there have already been some powerful changes, among the biggest (for many of us) being the celebration of Shabbat.

Before Israel, I had never brought this



MOMentum moms on a Tel Aviv beach. (photo provided)

beautiful ritual into my home. Today, those of us who occasionally celebrated are now more consistently lighting candles and having Shabbat dinner as many Friday nights as possible. Several of us

have begun baking our own challah. My adult daughter recently moved into an apartment. About a week later, she sent me a picture that completely warmed my heart – lit candles and a table set with challah, wine and Shabbat dinner.

This was one small yet huge impact of Israel.

It's fair to say we all came home from Israel more knowledgeable and empowered, more connected to Judaism and our community, and simply more confident Jews.

Israel motivated us to begin or increase our participation in Jewish organizations and activities, and attend or volunteer at community events. In fact, our trip chairwoman, Dara Woods, was motivated to take on more leadership roles in the community and recently received the Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award at the JCL's annual meeting.

Among other trip participants, Jaime Schwartz said she feels more confident talking to her children about Jewish life and history. Jessica Springer said the experience inspired her "to look for opportunities for other Jewish people to become more involved (and) more con-

nected to the Jewish community."

In comparing her youngest daughter's recent bat mitzvah with that of her older daughter's three years ago, Jasmine Farrier said, "The first time around, I was obsessed with logistics. The second time around, I was fully engaged in her and the family's spiritual growth and connection to the synagogue and each other."

Like Jasmine, each of us came home from Israel with a "renewed spirit."

Through JWRP, the impact of Israel inspired 16 women to become better Jewish moms, daughters, friends and wives...better advocates for Israel and more involved members and leaders of the Jewish community. Israel changed us for the better.

We are all thankful to the Federation and The J for the amazing opportunity we were given to be a part of Louisville's first JWRP adventure. We are excited for the next group of 18 women who will join JWRP trip this November. And to young Jewish moms everywhere, we say "Go to Israel! Be inspired and empowered!"

Generation to Generation committee makes call for photos, memories

The J and its partners over the years have played a major role in something Jewish Louisville cares about, L'dor V'dor, "From Generation to Generation."

So much so, in fact, The J regularly hears from members and guests, reflecting on how they grew up at the center, how they learned to swim here, how their grandchildren learned to walk here, how their parents have lunch with friends in the Senior Adult Lounge, and how their kids look forward to camp.

None of that is possible without people like you – community members, dedicated volunteers and lay leaders, committed staff members and enthusiastic program participants. So, let's party!

The Generation to Generation Celebration on Sunday, August 27, 6:30 p.m., at the beautifully renovated Louisville Marriott East, is a chance to come together as a community to reminisce and reconnect with friends from the past, welcome newcomers and celebrate our bright future together.

The celebration will include Heaven Hill sponsored cocktails, a delectable 3-course dinner, dancing through each decade's classics with DJ Coxx, an opportunity to have a family portrait made and more.

The J, in partnership with Jaye Bittner and her family, will use this special event to present the Inaugural Annette Simon Sagerman L'dor V'dor Award to Marsha Bornstein and the Annette Simon Sagerman Next Generation Award to Keren Benabou, two very special people that truly embody the spirit of Annette Sagerman Z"L. For 65 years, Annette was the face of the JCC and as President and CEO Sara Wagner said,



Couples young and old are expected to dance the night away at the August 7 Generation to Generation Celebration at the beautifully renovated Louisville Marriott East.

"Annette was a mentor, a leader and a champion of every person who walked through our doors. She believed with her whole heart The J should be open to

everyone."

The Generation to Generation Celebration will be Co-chaired by Bob & Margie Kohn and Jaye & Bob Bittner

and Young Adult Division's Jodi Halpern.

Registration is now open online at <https://jewishlouisville.org/event/generation/> or by calling David Mays at 502-238-2770. Tickets are \$65 per person and next generation tickets for adult 30 years old and younger are \$36.

We need photos and memories!

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FORUM

JCL leaders reflect on year of growth here

It has been our privilege to serve together as leadership partners for our Jewish Federation and JCC. We were honored to host our 2017 Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 8, where we celebrated our award winners and reflected on a few highlights from this past year and looked towards the future.

The JCL made it possible for thousands of people with unique needs and aspirations to participate in Jewish experiences this past year. There are far too many to list them all. Here are just a few:

- We are grateful to Jane Goldstein and Jon Fleischaker for leading the 2017 Annual Campaign. Thank you to our donors and philanthropy team for meeting the generous \$200,000 challenge grant from JHFE.
- We took a major step becoming part of the LIFE & LEGACY program created and led by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. LIFE & LEGACY motivates Jewish organizations to integrate legacy giving into their fundraising to assure the financial sustainability of the Jewish community. Jennifer Tuvlin, LIFE & LEGACY coordinator and Stacy Gordon-Funk, vice-president of philanthropy, lead this important initiative. They are joined by Sheldon Gilman, LIFE & LEGACY chair and Chris Brice, Jewish Foundation of Louisville chair.
- Our first Jewish Women's Renaissance Project trip to Israel included 16 Jewish women who personally connected with



Sara Klein
Wagner



Jay
Klempner

Israel and returned with life-changing experiences and thoughts to share with their families and community.

- PJ Library welcomed a new coordinator, Madelyn Cerra who is already expanding engagement opportunities to our 300+ PJ participants and families.
- Michael Fraade joined us as a JOFEE fellow last spring. Our JCC is one of 10 participating in the JOFEE fellowship program through a partnership between JCCA and Hazon. "Farmer Mike's" energy and passion for healthy food and a sustainable environment is energizing, including collaborative work with New Roots and The J's Fresh Stop Markets. Michael also has re-established the community garden that our seniors started several years ago. The garden has now quadrupled in size and is no longer just a seasonal garden providing fresh produce throughout the year.

• JTomorrow! led by Dr. Jeff Goldberg and a cadre of wonderful volunteers kicked off in December. JTomorrow! is the vision of our future J. This includes the physical facility and the programs and services we will provide to both the Jewish community and the greater Louisville community to connect, grow and engage for generations to come.

There are countless stories of the lives impacted throughout the past year. We would be remiss, however, if we did not mention the bomb threat received by our JCC this past winter that caused much anxiety and was followed by heightened concern in Louisville and throughout the country. Our staff treated the event and the weeks that followed with great care, professionalism and strength. We are grateful to the hundreds of people of different faiths and backgrounds who gathered on our front lawn to share their love and solidarity during the #WeStandTogether rally.

Finally, thank you to the JCL Board of Directors, our volunteers and the JCL staff for your passion, energy and commitment. The work of the Jewish Federation and The J underscores the power of what we can accomplish together. May the year ahead continue to take us from strength to strength.

(Jay Klempner is the outgoing chair of the JCL Board of Directors. Sara Klein Wagner is the president and CEO of the JCL.)

The future of Holocaust remembrance is now

Jewish Louisville is tasked with a holy mission: to preserve the memory of those killed in the Holocaust, to never forget what happened, and to see that it never happens again – to us or to anyone.

This informs much of what we do as a community. It plays a role in our support for the State of Israel. It is the reason why so many Jews are in leadership roles in causes around the world. It played a role in our JCRC's support for a local Syrian refugee family.

"Never Again" is, in many ways, our guiding principle.

Part of this duty is to pay tribute to the victims of the Shoah and to educate the world about what happened. For many years we had first-hand accounts, for which there is no substitute. Hearing eyewitness testimony of what it was like to experience this horror brings a level of authenticity that is unmatched.

But the days of the first-hand account are fast coming to an end. Every year, the number of survivors left to tell their tale gets smaller. In the not-too-distant future, they will all be gone.

How will we tell their story then? Well, one primary tool is the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and this tool is invaluable. It does a wonderful job of telling the story of the



Matt
Goldberg

addition to our annual Yom HaShoah activities.)

Recently, a proposed federal budget included a cut in funding for the USHMM. Federal funding should be increased, not cut.

The USHMM needs to be used by an increasing number of Jewish and non-Jewish education and community institutions. Rarely do we take someone to the museum who is not deeply affected and transformed by it. The rest return to their respective communities to share and teach a universal message of tolerance. We urge President Donald Trump and Congress to increase funding, not decrease it.

Shoah, not only with its main exhibit, but also with its colors, its architecture and its sound.

Here in Louisville, our Federation funds and/or coordinates trips to the USHMM, an essential part of our overall Holocaust education mission. (This is in

Anti-Semitism envoy

The position of anti-Semitism envoy was created in 2004 by statute as part of a State Department plan to advise foreign leaders on combating anti-Semitism. This post has yet to be filled by the current administration and now, with plans to massively cut funding to the State Department, there is talk by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson of leaving the position unfilled.

This would be a huge mistake. According to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-Semitic acts have increased in the United States by 86 percent in the first three months of this year. Worldwide, a recent ADL study shows that over 1 Billion people worldwide harbor anti-Semitic views.

Attacks against Jewish institutions in Europe have increased dramatically in recent years, and Jews cannot safely wear anything that is identifiably Jewish in many countries in Western Europe. This post is needed now more than ever. We also urge President Trump and Secretary of State Tillerson to not leave this vital post unfilled and conduct a comprehensive search for the next envoy as soon as possible.

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

Judaism: Pursue goals of the Paris climate accords

By David Kraemer
Guest Columnist

The Trump administration's decision to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement has demanded that we all ask ourselves where we stand on questions of climate change, global warming and

our collective responsibility for the planet we call home.

That the earth has been warming in recent years is indisputable. At issue are the causes of this warming and its consequences.

The vast majority of scientists agree that human activities are a significant

contributor to global warming, and that the consequences will be significant and even catastrophic. If average global temperatures rise just a little further, not only will vast populations be "inconvenienced," but environments will shift, food supplies will be disrupted, severe

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weather events will be more common, animal species will be eradicated and more — all at a rate unprecedented in human history.

In other words, this is not merely a matter of principle. If scientists are right, this is a matter of life and death for potentially large numbers of creatures, including humans. Matters of life and death are central to the concerns of Jewish thought and religion.

So we Jews must ask: What do Jewish teachings demand of us in the matter of global warming?

From a Jewish perspective, it makes no difference that there are those, including a small number of scientists, who dispute the science and therefore that the conclusions are the source of alarm. Because global warming might lead to human deaths, it falls into the category of *safek nefashot*, or occasions

when human life might be at risk. And Jewish law is unambiguous when life might be at risk: You are obligated to “err” in the direction of caution.

So on Yom Kippur, if a pregnant woman says she is fine without eating but a doctor says her life is at risk, you are obligated to feed her. By the same token, if the doctor says she is fine but she says she is failing, you are similarly obligated to feed her. What this means is that even if the “alarmists” only might be right, we are obligated to take the steps they advise. If human life might be at risk, we must act to avert the risk.

One might respond that the Yom Kippur case pertains to someone who is already alive, while the concern for global warming extends to those who will live



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(and die) in the future. But Judaism is also clear in insisting that our obligations extend not only to those who live today, but also to future generations.

As Moses, speaking for God, says in Deuteronomy 29:13-14: “I make this covenant ... not with you alone, but both with those who are standing here with us this day before the Lord our God and with those who are not with us this day.” The covenant, with its obligations to save lives, is a “generation to generation” covenant.

Finally, our obligation as Jews extends not just to our own species but to the world and all of God’s creatures within it. Psalms declares that “the earth and its fullness are the Lord’s” (24:1). We are, as Leviticus announces, mere “resident-alien” (25:23) on the land.

But doesn’t Psalms (115:16) also teach that “the heavens belong to the Lord while He gave the earth to the children of men”? Yes, says the Talmud, but only after we take responsibility for the earth by recognizing its creator and following

the creator’s commandments to care for it (see Berakhot 35a-b). The earth is not ours to exploit — let alone to destroy — at will. It is ours only if we are good stewards. As Genesis 2:15 says, we are placed in this “garden” of ours “to work it and to guard it.”

It would be unfair to say that Judaism requires us to stay in the Paris climate agreement; biblical and rabbinic prescriptions are not simplistically translatable into the details of 21st-century policy. But Judaism does require us to pursue the goals of the Paris accords and even more. The fact that questions remain does not change this conclusion. In the view of Judaism, the survival of the earth and its creatures is our responsibility.

(David Kraemer is the Joseph J. and Dora Abbell Librarian and Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary.)

Ban on partisan pulpits is key to protecting religious freedom

By Rabbi Jack Moline
Guest Columnist

That small, little-known law known as the Johnson Amendment, which prohibits electioneering by houses of worship and other charities and which President Trump has vowed to repeal, is exceptionally important to preserve. Even if it is not widely enforced, the permission it grants to the Internal Revenue Service to pursue violators is critical to the protection of religious communities and the integrity of government.

A 16th-century rabbi told me so.

There exists a teaching in the scholarly discussions of Jewish law that translates roughly as, “It may be the rule, but we do not teach about it publicly.” It is invoked sparingly, almost always when a person is technically allowed to do something that would nonetheless prove harmful to others. Think of the straw that used to be left on the roadside for people to use when cleaning up after their animals. The straw was technically ownerless and could be taken by any passerby for private use, but the Talmud directs us to not encourage such behavior.

Why? Rabbi Bezalel Ashkenazi, best known as the author of the Talmud commentary *Shitah Mekubetzet*, offers this relatable explanation: Even when you can get away with something without penalty, we do not encourage it for the sake of a better world.

I can think of many corners of our society that would benefit from this sort of restraint. The Johnson Amendment, which has been targeted by the religious right for elimination, is near the top of the list.

The amendment is a part of the tax code governing tax-exempt charities.

In exchange for the opportunity to offer tax deductions to donors, the non-profits — including, but not limited to houses of worship — agree that neither the organization nor anyone representing it will endorse or oppose a candidate for office. Issue advocacy is fully permitted, but electioneering is not. It seems an eminently reasonable standard, especially since no one, including clergy, is restricted from endorsing in a personal capacity.

It is no secret that this law is rarely enforced. The process of investigating and prosecuting violations is costly and complicated. No one has ever gone to jail for it and only one house of worship is known to have ever lost its tax-exempt status for a violation. Given the many thousands of houses of worship in America, that does not exactly seem excessive.

But of all the things right-wing preachers might get exercised about — poverty, inequality, war, bigotry, personal immorality — they seem to be sinking millions of dollars and almost as many words into claiming that their First Amendment rights have been trampled by the Johnson Amendment, and they are demanding its repeal.

President Trump has promised to do just that. Fortunately, as with other promises made by the president, he does not have the unilateral authority to change the law. His recent executive order encouraged the IRS to look the other way when people violate the Johnson Amendment, but this accomplishes little



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in practical terms. However, Congress could wipe out the law altogether.

That would be exactly the wrong move for American democracy and religious freedom. The Johnson Amendment may be rarely enforced, but it is a critical guidepost. And just because people could get away with violating it, that doesn’t mean they do so.

I believe that people of integrity follow the law even without the threat of punishment. We typically stop at red lights, correct a bank teller who gives us too much money, vote only once in an election and settle our disagreements with words. We do so because the rules of civil society are important, enacted to promote the general welfare, as the Con-

stitution suggests. And for those people with less integrity, even a small threat of sanction makes them think twice about the consequences of getting caught.

I can think of times when the bully pulpit of the presidency could rightfully be used to call for passive resistance against an immoral law. Plunging houses of worship into partisan politics does not strike me as one of those times.

If you are clergy or congregant, you should oppose the assault on the Johnson Amendment. Thankfully, polling shows that you already do — overwhelmingly.

(Rabbi Jack Moline is president of Interfaith Alliance.)



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Six-Day War revisited

Raffel: Educating youth on legacy of 1967 conflict is key to the future

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

On the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War, Martin Raffel said the Jewish world is failing to transmit the lessons of that period to its younger generations.

He said many Jews have grown up with no memory of the events that led to the war: the angry mobs in Arab capitals “screaming for Jewish blood,” Egypt’s closure of the Straits of Tiran to Israeli shipping, the expelling of United Nations peacekeeping forces from Sinai, an arms embargo by France, U.S. reluctance to intervene, and a genuine fear by American Jews that another Holocaust was in the offing.

“Israel was all alone,” Raffel said. “We all felt it; we all saw it.”

Israel, of course, won that war, but its victory, he said, sowed “seeds of disunity” that are dividing American Jews to this day.

Raffel, former vice-president of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs and a recognized expert on Israeli history, was the feature speaker for a Tuesday, June 6, program at The J, “The Six Day War: A History-Making Event for Israel and the Challenges Created by It.”

Speaking to more than 50 people in the Patio Gallery, including rabbis and lay leaders, Raffel outlined what he called six “reflections” about the Six-Day War. Really, they were six lessons for American Jewry as it processes the lasting effects of the conflict:

- *Israel was vulnerable in 1967 and still is.* Though many young Jews today see the Palestinians as David to Israel’s Goliath, Raffel said Israel remains threatened by internal and existential forces,



Martin Raffel (left) and Cantor David Lipp share a moment following Raffel's lecture on his recollection of the Six-Day War and the lasting impact of the conflict. (photo by Courtney Hatley)

not the least of which is Iran.

“We have to find the tools to convey to the not-old-enough generation, who did not live through those events, who don’t have the same visceral feeling of Israel’s vulnerability, who see Israel as exceptionally strong militarily ... that Israel’s security should never be taken for granted,” he said.

- *Don’t forget 1948.* The War for Independence defined Israel’s character as a democratic state with a Jewish majority, but young people don’t necessarily understand why Israel must be a Jewish state. (the United States, after all, is not a single ethnic state.)

“The notion of an ethnic majority state

... is alien to those who see the world through the lens of our American experience,” Raffel said. “We take for granted that our community, especially the younger generation, has come to terms with Israel’s dual identity as both Jewish and democratic. We miss this more foundational discussion at our pearl.”

- *Commitment to Jewish peoplehood matters.* Raffel recalled 1985 when he visited the then-Soviet Union and met clandestinely in a Moscow basement with 25 refuseniks. During that meeting, as he spoke in Hebrew about Jerusalem, there was loud banging on the door, which unnerved him. His hosts, though, calmly assured him that it was just the KJB who couldn’t get through the locked entrance and would eventually go away.

For Raffel, it was a powerful moment. “All Jews are responsible for one another,” he said. Still, he said the community hasn’t done enough to teach younger Jews about “one of American Jewry’s proudest moments” – the rescuing Soviet Jews.

“Jewish peoplehood really matters, and I don’t think we’ve done a good enough job of transmitting the importance of that concept to the not-old-enough generation.”

- *Be mindful of the real issues Israel faces.* It is wrong to have a “utopian sense” of Israel, the kind that took hold following the Six-Day War, Raffel said. It’s also wrong to see Israel as a country that can do no right, which is common today.

“It’s long past time for a mature relationship that sees Israel as it is,” Raffel said, “both the good and the bad.”

For that reason, he took aim at those who say Israel’s “dirty linen” should not be aired in public.

“I’m not at all afraid of our dirty linen,” he said. “In fact, I see Israel’s problems as an opportunity for our constructive engagement. If we want more religious pluralism in Israel, let’s work for it. If we don’t like some of the things that Israel does to its non-Jewish citizens, then let’s try doing something about it.”

- *Never give up on peace – with security.* A supporter of a two-state solution with the Palestinians, Raffel is pessimistic that he will live to see it. Then again, he noted, Jews of the time never expected to see Egyptian President Anwar Sadat fly to Israel in 1977, speak to the Knesset and eventually make a peace with Prime Minister Menachem Begin that has endured for nearly 40 years.

The Palestinian issue continues to “loom large,” with no solution in sight, but Raffel doesn’t despair.

I’m more OK with realism,” he said “but looking back on history, I’m not OK with pessimism. Moreover, the Jewish search for peace is not discretionary.”

He envisions a three-way track to peace that includes growing bilateral relations with the Palestinians, improving external relations with the Saudis and like-minded regimes, and the work of NGOs on both sides of the Green Line that build trust while working together on critical domestic issues.

“Israel and the Jewish people should never feel comfortable controlling the lives of another people,” Raffel said. “We must encourage the parties to keep trying and, in the meantime, take steps to at least preserve the viability of a two-state solution.”

- *Jews must be concerned about more than just Israel.* American Jews must work with like-minded people to advance shared values and interests on critical issues, Raffel said. “Jews have a responsibility, not just to our own, but to humanity.”

During the Darfur genocide, he said he was heartened to see signs in front of so many synagogues proclaiming, “Save Darfur,” much like the “Save Soviet Jewry” signs from an earlier time.

“For me, every Darfur sign was a badge of honor,” Raffel said. “We cared about the fate of another people.”

“There are many daunting challenges to the wellbeing of our community, our country and our planet,” he added, “What I do know is that we in the Jewish community should be fully engaged, locally, nationally and internationally. Our voice must be heard in the halls of power. It is both the right thing to do, and it is also the smart thing to do.”




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Love from Louisville supplies reached refugees, Babar says

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

The recent citywide drive to send clothing, shoes and other necessities to Syrian refugees in Greece – supported largely by Jewish Louisville – was worth the effort, a local humanitarian says.

Dr. Muhammad Babar Cheema just returned from Greece where he visited the refugee camp where supplies via Love from Louisville were directed. He confirmed that the supplies are getting through.

“I’m thankful to the Jewish community of Louisville for their financial, physical and spiritual support for the cam-

aign...their donations are being well spent,” Babar said.

He said Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), Love from Louisville’s partner on the ground in Greece, distributed the necessities, not only by the Syrians in the camp, but also by refugees from Congo and Cameroon who also made the dangerous trip to Europe.

Only a few hundred people were in the camp, he said, mostly women and children

Love from Louisville collected enough clothing, shoes, toiletries and other items to fill two shipping containers to Greece. The Temple and Temple Shalom served as collection points for the drive.

Hassan calls for 'intensive' Muslim-Jewish dialogue at Melton school

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

People in the crowd gasped as Riffat Hassan described how comfortable she felt being in a synagogue for a Florence Melton school program.

"I am both happy and sad to be here," Hassan said, "happy because of what I had heard from the Melton scholars and the atmosphere of learning, and sad because I feel more at home here than in almost any mosque in Louisville."

That's quite a statement coming from a Muslim, a theologian and a scholar of the Quran.

But Hassan, a professor emerita of religious studies at the University of Louisville and the keynote speaker for Melton's Celebration of Learning, Sunday, June 4, at Adath Jeshurun, said her words reflected her own experiences and the state of learning in the mosque.

She said the "atmosphere is of learning" is very different there.

"Education is not a priority in the mosques, except in a ritualistic way," she told *Community* after the program.

When she is among Melton participants, she added, "I sense a freeing."

Education was the focus of Hassan's remarks at the Melton ceremony. She said the Quran, if studied carefully, di-

rectly addresses the Jewish people. It teaches respect for Judaism and calls upon Muslims to follow the Hebrew prophets and Jewish scriptures.

"I cannot be a Muslim if I do not accept all the prophets you believe in," she said.

All this, she said, counters beliefs of many Muslims who think the Quran is critical of Judaism and that God has rejected it.

Because of such misunderstandings, Hassan, a long-time drummer for interreligious discourse, called for an "intensive Muslim-Jewish dialogue," including the study of each other's texts and traditions.

"The time has come when this dialogue needs to be pursued vigorously," she said, "and I can't think of a better place [to do so] than the Melton program."

Born and raised in Pakistan, Hassan, a feminist, said she struggled with conservative religious attitudes in her country while growing up, particularly views on the role of women – struggles that are reflected in her views today.

Hassan's call to action came at the same ceremony where Melton officials announced that a new course – The Star and the Crescent – would be taught this fall.



Riffat Hassan says the Quran teaches respect for Judaism and that Muslims must accept the teachings of the Hebrew prophets. (photo by Lee Chottiner)

"The new course curriculum has just been released by Hebrew University," said Melton Director Deborah Slosberg. "That's why I wanted to have an Islamic scholar speak."

Hassan also promoted the Salaam Network, a local effort of "interfaith educators, peacemakers, writers and

supporters," according to its website, to counter islamophobia and other forms of intolerance through education.

Edwin Segal, professor emeritus of anthropology at the University of Louisville and a member of the Melton faculty, introduced Hassan.

The Melton Celebration of Learning is a defacto graduation ceremony from the adult education program, though Slosberg doesn't care for the G word.

"There's no such thing as graduation in Melton," she told the crowd gathered in the AJ chapel. "That's why we call it a celebration of learning."

Three core graduates – Sydney Hymson, Lynn Rosenthal, Anita Stargel – received diplomas at this year's ceremony. Also, two scholar students, Melanie-Prejean Sullivan, director of campus ministry at Bellarmine University, and Marcia Segal, professor emerita of sociology at Indiana University Southeast, were recognized and addressed the gathering.

During the program, Slosberg made a tzedakah presentation, giving a check for \$2,400 to Janet Meyer for the JFCS Food Pantry. Meyer said the pantry serves 150 people per month, and the need is greater during the summer.

Rabbi Bob Slosberg lauded Deborah, his wife, for reenergizing Melton. During her four-year tenure, he noted, enrollment has risen from 30 to 116 while the program's budget has gone from \$25,000 to \$73,000.

The rabbi also paid tribute to two Melton students who died over the past year: Jackie Kanovitz and Joyce Loeser.

Loeser, the rabbi said, always considered Melton to be "the highlight of her week" while Kanovitz, a relative newcomer to the program, embraced learning in an inspiring way, signing up for Melton classes even though she knew she was dying.



Melton Director Deborah Slosberg (third from the left) poses with this year's core graduates, Sydney Hymson, Lynn Rosenthal and Anita Stargel. (photo by Lee Chottiner)



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Jewish Hospital, JFCS partner on productive intern program for local youth

By Rabbi Nadia Siritsky
For Community

(Editor's note: This month, Rabbi Nadia Siritsky has cowritten her column with Kendall Thirlwell, employment program manager at the Jewish Family & Career Services.)

Even during changes, Jewish Hospital continues to grow and thrive.

The hospital recently welcomed several new and renown physicians to its team. It successfully completed a record number of transplants and it received several national designations. These include the American Heart Association's Get with the Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, the AHA Mission Lifeline Gold Plus Award, and the AHA Mission Lifeline STEMI Receiving Center Award.

But of all our recent accomplishments, the one that has ignited the most pride and hope for our future has been our partnership with Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS), and our most recent collaborative project: JFCS received a mini-grant through the Mayor's SummerWorks to pilot an initiative in partnership with KentuckyOne Health.

The mini-grant will provide a cohort of 10 youths, ages 18-21, with paid summer internships in health care combined with intensive job readiness training, internship support, two-year certification in CPR & Basic Life Support, a mentor, and post-internship employment assistance.

JFCS assisted in recruiting a cohort of eligible youth to participate in a pre-internship program that included job readiness training workshops, introduction to available community resources that can assist with overcoming barriers to employment.

Those barriers include transportation, orientation to careers in healthcare, a



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mock interview session provided in partnership with Louisville Society for Human Resources healthcare sector volunteers, and a fitting for interview attire by Dress For Success & Dress to Impress Suit Closet (Center for Accessible Living).

The interns will complete their Mayor's SummerWorks internship with KentuckyOne Health and gain experience in entry level environmental services, patient transport, dietary, or patient care assistant positions.

They will receive ongoing case management and be matched with a mentor in their healthcare career of interest. At the end of the internship, interns may be hired by the KentuckyOne Health or continue to receive employment assistance from JFCS.

Participants are also provided with financial coaching to help them develop budgets based on their employment income, their basic expenses, and any new, work-related expenses such as child care and transportation. Career coaching will focus on continuing to explore health care career options, developing a career plan, identifying steps for advancing along a career pathway and resources to assist for paying for the requisite training and education, as well as learning how to take advantage of the opportunities the current entry-level position offers as an entrée into a career in healthcare.

The participants identified the mentorship component as one of the major appeals of the program. Interns who want a career in medicine were paired with a physician, a career in nursing



Rabbi Nadia Siritsky poses with participants in the Mayor's SummerWorks internship project at Jewish Hospital (photo provided by Jewish Hospital)



Dr. Lowell Katz meets with Nautia Mudd, one of the Mayor's SummerWorks interns. (photo provided by Jewish Hospital)

with a nurse, in physical therapy with a physical therapist. This aspect of the program is a reciprocal blessing, as health care providers have an opportunity to give back, and become re-inspired through their interactions with the next generation of providers.

Maimonides identified as the highest level of *tzedakah* (righteous charity) as helping those to help themselves. This program does exactly that, while also addressing a larger societal problem: the shortage of health care workers, which affects us all.

Jewish Hospital and JFCS (as well as the JCC) are organizations that were formed at a time when Jews needed religiously specific services they could not find elsewhere, or were not welcome elsewhere. Today, we are blessed to live in a time when Jews are well integrated into society, but this does not mean

that these organizations have lost their purpose. We now provide an important avenue for the Jewish community to do *tikkun olam* (healing and repairing the world). For Jews, this ensures that our religion's purpose and values feel relevant. For non-Jews, this creates opportunities for encounter with Judaism, which can proactively deter the reoccurrence of anti-Semitism.

The Talmud teaches that if you save one person, you save a whole world. Thanks to this program, lives upon lives and worlds upon worlds will be saved. To provide funding for future collaborations between Jewish Hospital and JFCS, you can contact the Jewish Hospital and St Mary's Foundation, to donate to the Klempner Fund.

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



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Torah, Talmud show there are right and wrong ways to dissent

By Rabbi Michael Wolk
For Community

This Shabbat – Saturday, June 24 – we will read in the Torah the story of Korach and his rebellion against Moses and Aaron.

Jealous of the special relationship that Moses has with God and Aaron's role as the high priest, Korach instigates a revolt against their leadership with the cry, "All the people are holy, why do you raise yourselves up over the congregation of God?"

At the end of the story, after a public confrontation, God opens a pit in the ground that swallows up Korach and his followers and affirms Moses and Aaron's place as the rightful leaders.

Korach is perceived negatively in Jewish thought. Although his words paint him as a populist looking to raise up the common people, his actions reveal that he is only interested in using those people to install himself as leader.

In Pirkei Avot (5:17), the rabbis taught,



Rabbi Michael Wolk

"Any argument that is for the sake of Heaven, the legacy of its participants will endure. Any argument that is not for the sake of Heaven, the legacy of its participants will not endure. What is an argument for the sake of Heaven? That of Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai. What is an argument that is not for the sake of Heaven? That of Korach and his followers."

Hillel and Shammai were rabbis who lived in the first century of the common era and were known to disagree on virtually every matter of Jewish law. Yet despite their ongoing disputes, the Talmud (Eruvin 13b) teaches "that they showed love and friendship toward each other."

When contrasted with Korach, these two rabbis are held up as paradigms for

how to argue with someone in a constructive manner. While the Talmud is vague about how exactly they related to each other, I would guess that their interactions included respectful dialogue, receptivity to the other party's opinion, benevolent feelings and goodwill toward each other. Korach displayed none of these characteristics when he challenged Moses and Aaron.

The lessons of Korach, and of Hillel and Shammai, about how to argue are relevant for us today in many contexts. First and foremost is the political climate in America. When supporters of rival political parties or politicians demonize each other, their arguments become like that of Korach. Neither the people nor their ideas will endure and benefit our country. Only arguments characterized by the respect and goodwill of Hillel and Shammai stand an actual chance of helping citizens of the United States.

Closer to home, the same lesson applies to the Jewish community. People often ask why there is so much internal

fighting, not only in Louisville but in any Jewish community.

I'm not surprised by these fights and arguments; we all have strong opinions about what is best for our synagogues, JCCs, schools and other Jewish institutions. In our community, we must always strive to make sure our arguments are for the sake of Heaven and will have enduring effects. We do this by arguing with respectful dialogue and an openness to other people's ideas. It is the only way for our community to endure into the future.

(Rabbi Michael Wolk is the spiritual leader Keneseth Israel Congregation.)

Shabbat candles should be lit on the following nights and times: June 23 at 8:51 p.m., June 30 at 8:52 p.m., July 7 at 8:50 p.m., July 14 at 8:47 p.m., July 21 at 8:43 p.m., July 28 at 8:37 p.m.

CHAVURAT SHALOM



Compiled by Sarah Harlan
For Community

Thursday, June 29 – Leon Wahba and Mercedes Nibur will share their experiences of being born Jewish in an Arab country. Lunch will include BBQ chicken, pasta salad with grilled veggies, corn on the cob, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and banana pudding.

Thursday, July 6 – Molly Kaviar from Kentuckians for the Commonwealth will share the good work they're doing for Kentucky citizens. Lunch will include veggie lasagna, caesar salad, fresh fruit and cheesecake.

Thursday, July 13 – Jennifer Diamond will be back, accompanied by Daniel Worley on guitar – perfect for a summer concert. Lunch in the Heideman Auditorium will include fried chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and pineapple upside down cake. The program will be in the Waller Chapel.

Thursday, July 20 – Rabbi Gaylia Rooks will teach about sacred movement for seniors, and July birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated. Lunch will include spaghetti and meatballs, mixed green salad, garlic bread and

fresh fruit.

Thursday, July 27 – Matthew Derrenbacher, Torah scholar, will teach. Lunch will include salmon croquettes, rice, coleslaw, roasted veggies, fresh fruit, and banana pudding.

Chavurat Shalom is a community-wide program for Jewish seniors and their friends. The group meets in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42, unless otherwise designated in the listing.

Lunch is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Chef Z is the caterer for the activities. Contact Sarah Harlan at 502-423-1818 or sarahharlan86@gmail.com by the Tuesday of the week of the activity for reservations. Vegetarian meals are available if requested.

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 donors.

Back to School Bash slated for JFCS

Jewish Family & Career Services will hold its Second Annual Back to School Bash Thursday, August 10, at the JFCS.

Last year, 150 students, grades K-12, came to JFCS' pop-up store to select school supplies.

According to Deloitte's Back to School Survey for 2016, parents needed to spend \$360 just for school supplies and required clothing and expect to pay even more this year. For low-income and refugee families, this is nearly an impossible task without the support from organizations such as JFCS.

JFCS is looking for donations of new school supplies for any age to be donated. Donations may be dropped at JFCS through the first week of August. Contact Lisa Sobel-Berlow at lsobel@jfcslouisville.org or 502-452-6341 ext. 116 for more information.

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ARTS

Original production

Looking for Lilith commission was a challenge Gall-Clayton couldn't refuse

By Shiela Steinman Wallace
Editor Emeritus

Last year, Looking for Lilith Theatre Company commissioned Nancy Gall-Clayton to write a full-length play for this summer's Unheard [outloud] Festival, which will celebrate 15 years of dedication to its mission, "lifting up unheard voices."

For Gall-Clayton, it was a challenge she couldn't refuse. Never had she written a full-length play in less than a year, and Looking for Lilith gave her free reign to choose a topic.

After spending a lot of time going through anthologies in search of a woman whose work had significant impact, but whose story was little known, Gall-Clayton settled on Mary Edwards Walker.

Born in 1832 in Oswego, NY, social activism was part of her family's life. Their home was a stop on the underground railroad and Walker and her sisters, at their father's insistence, wore boy's clothing when doing chores around the farm because corsets, hoops and crinolines were not practical and, he believed, "bad for their health," Gall-Clayton explained.

Walker went on to become a surgeon, maintaining the practice of wearing practical trousers under a coat with skirt. She worked for the Union during the Civil War and spent four months in a Confederate prison.

An untiring advocate for equality, Walker was a suffragist and an abolitionist. She also believed in abortion.

She worked with General William



Nancy Gall-Clayton is the author of *I'm Wearing My Own Clothes*, which will debut at Looking for Lilith on July 14. (photo provided by Nancy Gall-Clayton)

Tecumseh Sherman, President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

With a long list of characters and many actors playing multiple roles, the resulting work, *I'm Wearing My Own Clothes*, is now in rehearsal. While Gall-Clayton is the author, she describes the work as a collaboration that has undergone many rewrites with input from director Kathi E.B. Ellis and members of the cast. Each revision has improved the final product.

An attorney, Gall-Clayton had a successful practice representing children, which she closed in 1996. She also

worked as a server at The Cafe for Sal Rubino, as a writing instructor at Jefferson Community and Technical College and as a writing and reading instructor for Jefferson County Public Schools.

As she approached her 50th birthday, she explained, "I just happened to notice in the *Courier-Journal*, a contest for 10-minute plays at Actors Theatre. I wrote my first play about a clinic where you could special order a baby."

From over 2,000 entries in the contest, Gall-Clayton's play was chosen as a finalist, a feat she has duplicated twice more.

Encouraged by her success, she set out to learn more about the craft, attending workshops and classes. She became a full-time writer in 2013 and has written nearly 80 plays to date, six or seven of which are full length. She's had plays on stages in 25 states, Canada, Australia and Denmark.

Several of her works have Jewish themes. *General Orders No. 11*, a full-length play about General Ulysses S. Grant's order banishing all Jews from his military district during the Civil War, premiered at The J in 2003 with John Leffert directing.

The Snowflake Theory, a full-length intergenerational romantic comedy about birth, technology, marrying outside one's faith and family connections premiered at the Bard's Town in Louisville, had readings at Jewish Community Centers in California and Cincinnati and was a finalist in the Coe College Playwriting Festival.

Discovery, a one-act play about a teen who feels Jewish and breaks into the agency that handled her adoption to

learn the truth, was commissioned by Louisville's Pleiades Theatre Company and premiered at its 1999 Stars of the Future New Play Festival.

Gall-Clayton has garnered considerable recognition for her work including grants and residencies through the Kentucky Foundation for Women, Tennessee Williams Scholarship to Sewanee Writers Conference and visiting artist at Ohio State University. She has also received commissions from Kentucky Playwrights Workshop and Bunbury Theatre.

Several of her short plays and monologues have been published by One-Act Play Depot, Motes Books, Dramatic Publishing, International Centre for Women Playwrights, Meriwether Publishing, Smith & Kraus, Western Kentucky University, Louisville Review (Spalding), Jefferson Review, JAC Publishing, and Don Bosco Press.

Gall-Clayton and her husband, Jan Morris, have adult twin sons, James and Joshua.

Want to go?

I'm Wearing My Own Clothes will be performed at The Clifton Center Friday, July 14, at 8 p.m.; Sunday, July 16, at 3 p.m.; Thursday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 23, at 3 p.m. The Unheard [outloud] Festival, which runs from July 13-23. For details and ticket information, go to lookingforlilith.org/unheardoutloud/.

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ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 13



Nearly 100 people attended the JFCS annual meeting at its offices on June 13. Judy Freundlich Tiell reported on the state of the agency and how staff serves the community guided by Jewish values. JFCS staff provides clients with opportunities to change, treats clients with common decency and respect, kindness and compassion. We welcome the stranger with programs that benefit immigrants and refugees and strive to make the world a better place. We have community funds to help the needy and work to strengthen individual, family, work and community life and to enhance self-sufficiency. Stephanie Mutchnick turned the President's gavel over to Peter Resnik, who will lead JFCS for the next two years. The newly listed officers and Board were elected to serve through a unanimous voice vote. The Mary Gunther Award for the best new program was awarded to the Career Academy, led by Career Specialist Kristina Mielke.

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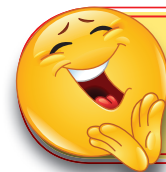
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The featured performer will be Andy Woodhull, an outstanding comedian who has performed on the Tonight Show, Conan and Comics Unleashed.

This event is sponsored by Volunteers In Action Louisville (VIALou) a group of young professionals who support JFCS and its programs.

For more information contact Lisa Sobel-Berlow at 502-452-6341 ext. 116.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Caregiver Support Group

The Caregiver Support Group that meets at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church **will not meet in July**. Next meeting will be August 1. Contact Naomi Malka at 502-452-6341, ext. 249.

JULY 13, 1 pm Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group

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

JULY 14, 2 pm Alzheimer's Caregiver Support SSPGroup

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

JULY 19, 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.

JULY 20, 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.

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PICTURE THIS: ANNUAL AWARDS MEETING

A capacity crowd watched as some of Jewish Louisville's most devoted and energetic leaders were honored at the June 8 Annual Awards Meeting. Not only were teens, young adults and senior adults recognized for their service and creativity, but JCL officials updated the audience on developments with JTomorrow! LIFE & LEGACY, JOFEE and other programs in the community. The new officers and members of the JCL Board of Directors were elected. (photos by William Beasley)



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PICTURE THIS: YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Hundreds celebrated the 69th anniversary of the State of Israel — and the opening The J's outdoor pool for the summer season — on Sunday, May 28. The J Family Festival & Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration waived guest pass fees to the pools, enabling families to choose between splashing about outdoors or going indoors where plenty of Israel-related activities awaited children and adults in the Patio Gallery and cafe. Among the activities were face painting, arts and crafts, folk dancing lessons, family story walks, Israeli-inspired food, a bouncy house and sidewalk chalk art. (photos by Shayne Brill)



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Nu? Play ball!

Jewish night out with Bats to renew local love affair with national pastime

By Perry Factor
For Community

The first Jewish Heritage Night at the Louisville Bats game on August 6 will be more than fun, it will renew Jewish Louisville's connection to the national pastime.

Kids will have a chance to run the bases, a concession stand will be certified kosher, and fans will receive a Hebrew-text "Louisville Bats" T-shirt with the purchase of a \$13 ticket.

The Jewish connection to baseball in Louisville dates back over a century. In the 1880s, Barney Dreyfuss, a German Jewish immigrant who settled in Paducah, was working as a bookkeeper at a distillery when he joined its semi-pro baseball team. When the distillery expanded its operations to Louisville, Dreyfuss moved to town and became a part owner of the Louisville Colonels.

The Colonels won the American Association title in Dreyfuss' inaugural season in 1890. They switched to the National League in 1892 and folded in 1899. Dreyfuss became the owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates and an architect of the first World Series in 1903 between the Pirates and Boston Pilgrims. (Boston won.)

Dreyfuss was inducted to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2008.

Goody Rosen, another Jewish inductee to the Hall – well, the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame – also has Louisville ties.

Born in Toronto in 1912, Rosen tried out for multiple minor league teams, but he was always dismissed because of his short stature. When he tried out for Louisville's minor league team, also called the Colonels, in 1932, the trainer mis-



Jon Moscote, the only Jewish player currently with the Louisville Bats, is on the 60-day disabled list recovering from Tommy John surgery (photo provided by the Bats)

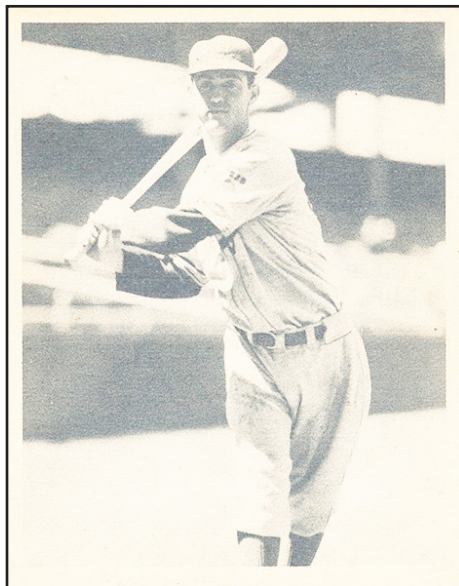
took him for a batboy. Rosen impressed, though; after five years with the club, the *Courier-Journal* called him the greatest outfielder in its history. Rosen was later called up to the Brooklyn Dodgers and actively supported the Brooklyn Jewish community.

More recently, Jon Moscote is on the roster of the Bats, a minor league affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds, but the righthanded pitcher is recovering from Tommy John surgery. He has spent parts of the last two seasons with the Bats and

the Reds.

Had Moscote been healthy, he would have pitched for Team Israel in this year's World Baseball Classic, but he still traveled to the Jewish state with the team and participated in publicity events to promote baseball there. Team Israel surprisingly advanced to the second round in the tournament, during which time its caps and unofficial mascot, the Mensch on the Bench, became fan favorites.

The Jewish Heritage Night with the Bats will be the next link in Jewish Louisville's history with baseball. Tickets are available at <http://jewishlouisville.org/jewish-heritage-night>.



Goody Rosen (photo courtesy of the Jewish Baseball Museum)



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Football Hall of Famers touch down in Israel

By JTA

RAMAT HASHARON, Israel – An Israeli soldier clapped football great and Vietnam War veteran Roger Staubach on the shoulder at a soccer field here, telling the 1963 Heisman Trophy winner and U.S. Naval Academy grad that he and his brother serve in the paratroopers.

The introduction Thursday evening prompted Staubach to hark back to early June 1967, when he was serving in Vietnam and heard a report on his walkie-talkie that Israel was about to be attacked. Staubach recalled being concerned for Israel – and then a week later learning that the country emerged victorious in the Six-Day War.

Staubach, who went on to play 11 seasons at quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys and win two Super Bowl championships, was among 18 Pro Football Hall of Famers who came to Israel on a weeklong goodwill visit sponsored by New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

The group included Jim Brown, Joe Montana, Eric Dickerson and Marshall Faulk.

For all but two it was their first time in Israel. Some told Kraft they were afraid to come. Others were drawn by their religious convictions. On Friday, they visited Christian sites near the Sea of Galilee, and many underwent baptism in the nearby Jordan River.

In Ramat Hasharon, a lineup of Israeli high school players excitedly awaited the legends on the field as they alighted from two charter buses along with their spouses, Kraft and his staff, and Hall of Fame officials. The heroes of yore wore their Hall of Fame yellow blazers.

The group was introduced to hearty applause from an audience of adult Israeli tackle football players sitting in the grandstand, then settled in to watch a game featuring high schoolers.

Nearly 2,000 players – males and females – participate in adult and youth football leagues in Israel, according to Steve Leibowitz, the president of American Football in Israel.

Kraft said such delegations serve to deepen interest in football.

"It's a great thrill for kids in the country, that they can meet guys they look up to," he said.

Jerome Bettis extended his right hand to display the Super Bowl XL championship ring he earned as a running back with the Pittsburgh Steelers in a victory over the Seattle Seahawks. It was his final game before retiring in 2006.

Brown, widely considered the greatest running back ever, was helped up from his chair by Cris Carter, a wide receiver voted to an all-1990s team, and waved to the crowd.

Carter, sitting near Bettis and Brown, exclaimed: "We've got some running backs!"

NEWSMAKERS



Bernson's latest film role makes a splash at Cannes

Former Louisville television anchor Barry Bernson is trying his hand at acting, and the Cannes Film Festival has taken notice.

According to the *Courier-Journal*,

Bernson played Dr. Larry Banks in the movie *The Killing of a Sacred Deer* – a psychological thriller starring Nicole Kidman, Colin Farrell and Alicia Silverstone – which shared the award for Best Screenplay at Cannes. *You Were Never Really Here* was the other winner.

“My agent, Beth Hall, had me audition for a role as a school principal,” Bernson told *Community*. “[But] I was chosen by the director, Yorgos Lanthimos, for a larger part as a neurologist (Banks).”

The Killing of a Sacred Deer is about a prominent surgeon (Farrell) who adopts a teenager into his family. However, the teen grows increasingly sinister, forcing

the doctor to make a terrible decision.

A New Jersey native, Bernson started his career as a newspaper and radio reporter before moving in front of the camera as an anchor for WAVE and WDRB. He has also worked as a movie critic for WMAQ in Chicago.

Bernson was voted “Best Morning Host” in 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2011 by the readers of *Louisville Magazine*. He lives in New Albany, IN, with his wife, Andrea.

The Killing of a Sacred Deer is not Bernson's only film role.

“I have had bit parts in a couple of other locally shot features,” he said, “as a security guard in *Nothing without You* in 2005, and have just finished shooting scenes as an evil lawyer in a horror/suspense film still in production.”

As far as the future roles, “I’m open to offers,” he said.

Lipp describes dining out and being kosher for LEO

A hungry Cantor David Lipp joined a team of eight contributing writers who described what they like to eat when dining out, and where they like to eat

it, for a collaborative piece in the June 7 *LEO Dining Guide*.

Lipp, who keeps kosher, described how he does it while still enjoying the dining experience in a city well known as a destination for foodies, but doesn't have a supervised kosher restaurant. (Spoiler alert: it involves lots of veggies and fish with scales.)

Weinberg graduates from Southern College of Optometry

Zachery Weinberg was among 129 students recently awarded the Doctor of Optometry degree from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis.

Weinberg was selected to receive a College of Optometrists in Vision Development Excellence in Vision Therapy Award and a \$1,000 Robert L. Henry Outstanding Clinician Award for overall exemplary clinical performance.

A native of Louisville, Weinberg is the son of Sally and Danny Weinberg. He is married to Allison Gutin Weinberg of Cleveland and is a graduate of duPont Manual High School and Ohio University.

Heaven Hill gets safety, health award

from Bevin

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All registration will be handled online again this year. Simply go to louisville-hsjs.org/register to get started. To register via paper and snail mail, contact Renee Masterson at hsjsrenee@gmail.com for forms.

HSJS is open to all Jewish high schoolers, regardless of synagogue affiliation. Classes meet from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Sundays at JFCS.

New this year, pizza will be served first thing and will be available to order as part of registration. Students who wish to serve as *madrichim* (teaching assistants) at LBSY or The Temple must attend HSJS.

For more information, contact Sarah Harlan at hsjssarah@gmail.com.

Self-defense class slated for Temple

The Temple will hold its WRJ Women's Self-Defense Class on Wednesday, June 28, 6 p.m., in the Heideman Auditorium. Master Joan Richert, a 10th Degree Black Belt in Shaolin Kempo Karate, will teach the free class, which will address specific needs of women.

Interfaith Eid Celebration at Temple

The Temple will hold an interfaith Eid celebration on Thursday, June 29, at 6 p.m. Dinner and the movie *Tickling Giants* are included. Bassem Youssef, host of Egypt's first political satire TV show, created this comedy in response to the Arab Spring. It also stars his friend and inspiration, Jon Stewart. RSVPs are required. Call 502-423-1818 by June 29.

Cookout slated for Temple

The Temple on will hold its Annual Rabbi Shabbat Cookout to mark Independence Day, on Friday, June 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the Levy Great Hall. A variety of cookout favorites with a vegetarian option will be available. Dinner is \$5 for adults, and kids 12 and under eat free. RSVPs are required. Call 502-423-1818 by June 29.

Knit & Qvell Circle at AS

Anshei Sfard will hold a Knit & Qvell Circle on Thursday, July 6, 1 p.m. in the synagogue's library. The activity is for all

knitters, including first-timers. All knitted items will be donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. Contact Toby Horvitz at 502-458-7108 for more information.

Torah lunch at Temple Shalom

The next Torah lunch session at Temple Shalom will be held Tuesday, July 18, at noon. Participants may bring “brown bag” lunches. RSVP to Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 by July 17. The session is open to the community.

Donations needed for WOTS sale

The Women of Temple Shalom will collect donated items for their annual yard sale on Sunday, July 9, and Sunday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to noon. Gently used or new items in good, clean condition are requested. Household accessories, books, sporting equipment, jewelry, dishes, pots and pans, tools, linens, furniture are needed. However, no electronics or clothing will be accepted, except for children's sized clothing.

To arrange pick up of large items, call the Temple Shalom office at 502-458-4739 and ask to be contacted to WOTS.

The sale itself will be held Friday, July 21, and Sunday, July 23, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

AJ, KI and TS to observe Tisha B'Av

A multi-synagogue Tisha B'Av service will be held with Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel and Temple Shalom on Monday, July 31, 9 p.m. at KI.

Separately, AJ will host a Tisha B'Av service on Tuesday, August 1, at 7:15 a.m. The community is invited to participate.

KI's Tisha B'Av services will be held Tuesday, August 1, at 5:45 p.m. Worshipers should bring tallit and tefillin. After services, Rabbi Michael Wolk will teach a class: “What is Tisha B'Av? Should we still be mourning?”

AJ offers Hebrew reading course

Deborah Slosberg will offer five 90-minute weekly lessons in Hebrew at Adath Jeshurun. The course is free and designed for those with little or no background in the language. It concentrates on the alphabet and reading skills.

The first class begins on Sunday, July 30, at 10:30 a.m., followed by classes on August 6, 13, 20 and 27. RSVP to Deborah Slosberg at [\[shurun.com\]\(http://shurun.com\) or call 502-458-5359. All classes are open to the community.](mailto:dslosberg@adathje-</p>
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KI holds Big Rock Shabbat

Keneseth Israel's annual summer outdoor family Shabbat at Big Rock Park is slated for Friday, July 7, at 6 p.m. The Kabbalat Shabbat will be followed by a vegetarian/dairy picnic. Challah and kiddush wine/grape juice will be pro-

vided. Bring blankets, dairy/veggie food and games. KI will serve dessert. RSVP to kgahn@kenesethisrael.com.

Children's Shabbat Schedule changes

Keneseth Israel's Children's Shabbat is on its summer schedule from May through August. Call Yonatan Yussman at 502-459-2780 for more details.

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Carol and Mick Savkovich are proud to announce the marriage of their son, Peter Jovan Savkovich, to Alexa Dawn Humes, in Swan Lake, MT, on March 4, 2017.

Alexa is the daughter of Jodi and Ben Cotton, of Swan Lake.

Both Peter and Alexa are graduates of Rose Hulman Institute of Technology. They now live in Seattle, WA, where Peter is a programmer for Amazon, and Alexa is an associate energy manager for Puget Sound Energy.

Obituaries

Alex Mendelsberg

Alex Mendelsberg, 79, died Friday, June 16, 2017.

A native of Poland and a retired auto electrician, Mendelsberg is survived by his wife, Martha Mendelsberg; his daughters, Joanna Peyron (David) and Beata Junot (Jim) of Richmond, VA; his son, Waldemar

Mendelsberg of Palm Harbor, FL; his brother, Waldemar Shaked of Israel; his grandchildren, Robert and Nicole Mendelsberg, Jordon Junot, Taylor Jones and Daniel Peyron; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Monday, June 19, at Calvary Cemetery, 1600 Newburg Road. Visitation was held at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Aron Schwartz

Aron Schwartz, 92, died June 5, 2017 at his home.

Born January 6, 1925, he was a World War II Army veteran, serving as a pharmacist's mate and helping to establish an Army hospital at Iwo Jima.

Upon returning from the war, Aron completed his pharmacy education and established his own business, Aron's Pharmacy in Buechel, for many years before retiring.

Schwartz was a long-time member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, where he was respected and admired. Upon his marriage, he also became a member of The Temple.

He is preceded in death by his dear wife, Selma; his mother, Lillian; and his brother, Ben (Boo).

Schwartz is survived by his stepdaughter, Taryn Spake; and his first cousins, Diane P. Stahl and her husband, Peter Stahl and Donald R. Schwartz and his wife, Ann Kibel Schwartz.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 8, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be

made to Keneseth Israel Congregation or the JFCS Food Pantry.



Carolyn Berman Grossman

Carolyn Berman Grossman, 85, passed away on Thursday, June 15, 2017, in Louisville. She is survived by her husband, Lee L. Grossman, two sons, H. Phil-

ip Grossman (Evalyn), Kenneth R. Grossman (Marcy), and four grandchildren, Emori Keyer (Will), Hayley, Jack and Ethan.

Carolyn's sweet nature and kind spirit will be missed by her husband, family, relatives and friends.

She graduated from Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati and attended the University of Cincinnati. She returned to Louisville after marrying the love of her life, Lee, on June 12, 1951. Carolyn was a vice-president of Loevenhart's family business and was the buyer for the women's department.

She was a den mother, a PTA leader and a St. Matthews Little League booster. She participated in citizenship training for new Americans, and wrote oral histories of individuals in the Jewish community for the JFCS. Carolyn also was active in the Louisville Section National Council of Jewish Women, and the No Child Left Behind reading program, and the Everyone Reads programs in public schools.

These activities and the love for her family, her husband Lee of 66 years, and her sons, their wives and

her four grandchildren kept her fulfilled and happy in her retirement. The family would like to thank all of those at Caring Excellence and Hosparus who cared for her so well, especially Connie Singleton.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 16, at The Temple. Burial followed in The Temple Cemetery. The family suggests donations in Carolyn's memory be made to The Temple Endowment Fund and Hosparus.



Geraldine "Jerry" Suzan Lurie

Geraldine "Jerry" Suzan Lurie passed away Sunday, June 18, 2017, morning at Baptist Health Louisville.

She was born March 19, 1928,

in Louisville and graduated from Atherton Girls High School. She and her husband owned the Maryville Save-A-Step Food Mart and co-owned the store in Billton for many years.

Geraldine was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt. She was a gift to all who met her and a treasure to those who knew her, a woman with a loving heart who will be deeply missed by many.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Henry Lurie; her parents, Paul and Yetta Suzan; and her brother, Jack Suzan.

Survivors include her children, Kenneth (Diane) Lurie, Vicki (Mario) Maya, and Ronald (Vicki) Lurie; her grandchildren, Erica (Drew) Spektor, Bradley Lurie, Rachel (Adam) Fremeth, Alex (Temma) Maya and Nathan and Alyssa Lurie; and her great-grandchildren, Seth and Layla Fremeth.

Geraldine extended a heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful nurses and aides at Baptist Health Palliative Care Unit, who provided the most comforting and professional attention for which she could hope. Also, she would want to say thank you to Shelby, Carella, and Torrie, her friends and companions whom she held so dear for a friendship that was much too short.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 20, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in The Temple Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that expressions of sympathy be made in the form of donations to Hosparus of Louisville, The Temple, or The Center for Women and Families.

Nancy Ornstein Berlo

Nancy Ornstein Berlo, died Thursday, June 1, 2017, in Alpharetta, GA.

Born September 18, 1943 in Louisville, she graduated from Waggener High School and from Miami University (Oxford, OH).

Nancy married Jim Berlo on June 4, 1964 at The Temple on Third Street. She practiced as a medical technologist in children's hospitals in Tampa, FL and Atlanta, GA. After retirement, she volunteered with a food bank.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Adele Lobred Ornstein Hamel and step-father, Eric M. Hamel; her father, Joseph Ornstein; and her daughter, Michelle Berlo, who passed away April 22, 2016.

She is survived by her husband, See **OBITUARIES** on next page

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Young leaders

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well-being of our community,” said Babar, a Muslim and a recognized humanitarian who has spent time building bridges between Jewish Louisville and the rest of the city’s faith community. “I believe that love shows no bias toward any one faith tradition, culture, sexual orientation, political party or economic background. Love is like water that can even trickle down the closed doors of human hearts.”

Fred Gross, a Holocaust survivor and friend of Babar’s, presented him with his award. “We are, in a sense, Ishmael and Isaac,” he said.

The rest of the honorees were Alan Glaubinger (Ronald & Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year Award), Delores



Carly Schwartz (left) and Andrew Tuvlin, pictured here with Kari Semel were among the ten teen honorees at the Annual Awards Meeting. (photo by William Beasley)

Levy (Elsie P. Judah Memorial Award), and Tom Wissinger (Arthur S. Kling Award).

In addition, the JCL presented its first Corporate Friend Award to Kindred Healthcare for its support of programming for senior adults. Matt Steinberg, senior vice president at Kindred, accepted the honor on behalf of the system.

And Teen Director Kari Semel introduced this year’s 10 teen honorees: Gabe Sherman and Marnina Goldberg (Tony Levitan Awards), Laina Meyerowitz, Charles Bessen, Abigail Geller and Max Strull (Stuart Pressma Student Leadership Development Awards), Jacob Ioffe (Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award), Andrew Tuvlin and Carly Schwartz (Ellen Faye Garmon Awards) and Hunter Borowick (Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship).

As the audience considered the future

role of young leaders in the JCL, President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner directed their attention to the centerpieces at each table – fresh cut greens and even radishes from the Community Garden.

It was the work of JOFEE Fellow Michael Fraade, who Wagner said has quadrupled the size of the garden since coming to Louisville.

JOFEE (Jewish, Outdoor, Food and Environmental Education) is a program of Hazon, a national organization committed to healthier more sustainable Jewish communities. Wagner said Louisville is just one of 10 federations partnering with Hazon, largely because it provides a new way for young Jews to intersect with Jewish life.

“People who would like to engage with the JCL, but haven’t found an intersection,” she said, “find it at food, environment and text.”

Dayan

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She studied political science at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and biology at the Open University in Tel Aviv.

Dayan served three terms as a Labor Party Member of the Knesset, from 1992 to 2003. During that time, she chaired the Committee for the Advancement of the Status of Women, which was founded by her during her first term, and the Subcommittee for Gay and Lesbian Rights. Dayan was also a member of the Knesset’s Defense and Foreign Affairs and the Constitution, Law and Justice committees.

Throughout her political career, she

has promoted equality and women’s rights, equal pay and the right to an abortion. She has initiated and completed revolutionary legislation protecting women’s rights, gay rights and minorities civil rights.

Her main extra-parliamentary political activity is active leadership of grassroots organizations such as Peace Now, calling for active dialogue with the Palestinians that will lead to a two-state solution.

Because of her activism, Dayan has received her share of threats over the years. In Hebron, a right-wing activist once tossed a boiling cup of tea at her.

Dayan has been awarded the Bruno Kreisky Human Rights Award (1991),

and the Olof Palme Award for Peace (1998). She was named to the French Weekly, *L’express*’ “100 Women Who Make the World Move” (1995), and was honored by the State of the World Forum as one of the “Women Redefining Leadership” (1997).

She is the author of eight books (six novels) including *New Face in the Mirror*, *Death Has Two Sons*, *Sinai Diary-67* and *My Father-His Daughter*. She has worked as a journalist for 50 years, writing political commentary in both Israeli and Foreign press.

Dayan, who lives in Tel Aviv, was married to the late General (Reserves) Dov Sion and has two children and four grandchildren.

This won’t be her first visit to Louisville.

“We had the honor of hosting Yael Dayan at The Temple in the early 1990’s,” said Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport. “She has been a great hero of mine from my youth, a champion social justice and civil rights in the land of Israel.

“I remember reading her books, her vision for Israel as a free and democratic country,” Rapport added, “and promising myself I would have a daughter named Yael someday.”

Today, Rabbi Yael Rooks-Rapport, daughter Rapport and Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks, is the assistant rabbi at Beit Simchat Torah in New York.

Glazer

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Shabbat at the historic Hatachana Compound, Jerusalem’s oldest train station, is planned. Athletes will revel at a street party in Jerusalem and a beach party in Haifa. They will take part in multiple

b’nai mitzvah at the Western Wall, and lace up their sneakers for a night run through the capital city.

And those activities don’t even include the time Glazer and her family will take to discover the country for themselves.

Of course, readers of *Community* can also expect updates on Glazer’s quest for

a medal, how the riding team is doing, not to mention images from Israel.

Glazer, a marketing major at Auburn University, is expected to blog daily

while she’s in the country. Look for her posts at Community’s web page, and at our Facebook page.

Obituaries

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Jim of Alpharetta; her son, John (Dawn) of Lawrenceville, GA; her two granddaughters; and her brother, John Ornstein of Louisville.

Cremation was chosen and there will not be any services.

Paul Kutchai

Paul Kutchai, 89, died Monday, June 5, 2017, at his home.

Born March 8, 1928, in Pittsburgh, PA, to the late Philip and Helen Kutchai, Paul was an Army veteran of World War II, a retired salesman in the V.P. Fleet Sales with Chrysler, and a member of The Temple.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Norine Beth Kutchai Sokoler.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rose Elaine Martin Kutchai; his son, Richard Kutchai (Nicole) of Moraga, CA; his grandchildren, Ashley Mason, Lauren Watterson and Greg Sokoler; and his great-grandchildren, Adalyn Mason, Alex Mason, Carleigh Watterson and one on the way.

Funeral services were private for family. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor’s favorite charity.

Thelma (Steinfeld) Isaacs

Thelma (Steinfeld) Isaacs, 102,

died on Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

Born June 28, 1915, in Louisville, she was a daughter Emile Steinfeld and Florence Simons Steinfeld, and a step-daughter of Pauline Kahn.

Heavily involved in the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge, she and her husband held several prominent positions in both organizations in Louisville.

She also was a distinguished volunteer at the Jewish Hospital for more than two decades.

An avid mahjong and card player, in her later years she loved hearing stories of the travels and events in her large family. She amazed everyone with her ability to solve word search puzzles at a furious pace, right up to her last days.

She was the wife of Jacob L. Isaacs, Jr.; the sister of Blanche Zellner and Judge Samuel Steinfeld; the beloved mother of Ellen Ignatow and Jack Isaacs and mother-in-law of Rayma Isaacs, John Klein, and James Ignatow – all deceased.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Jeffrey Isaacs, Meredith Roberts, Robert Isaacs, David Isaacs, Janna Ignatow, and Bryan Ignatow, and by 11 great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held. Contributions may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

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