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# **Speaking of compassion...**



A capacity crowd at Keneseth Israel listened Tuesday, July 25, as Haifa Mayor Yona Yahav, center, and Bryan Warren of Louisville Forward took questions from Rabbi Michael Wolk about compassionate cities. (photo by William Beasley)

## Haifa mayor touts city, shows concern for Israel's future

By Lee Chottiner Interim Editor

Yona Yahav spoke optimistically about the future of Haifa.

The mayor of Israel's third largest city - and his hometown - for 14 years, Yahav described in glowing terms its burgeoning university life, the growth of its biotech sector and the close and peaceful contact its Jewish, Muslim and Christian residents have experienced for years.

But when it came to the future of Israel itself, Yahav, who was born in British Mandate Palestine and grew up with the country, was far less optimistic.

"I am not convinced yet that the Jews know how to run an independent nation, and that is not a joke," he told the silent crowd.

He said that most of Israel's growth is in the central part of the country, along Highway 1; he referred to the largest city, half jokingly, as the "state of Tel Aviv; he lamented that so many Israelis and choose to make a life for themselves outside their own homeland.

"Go home and think about it," he told the crowd.

It was a downbeat ending to an otherwise upbeat evening Tuesday at Keneseth Israel. The congregation hosted a forum with Yahav and Bryan Warren, director of the Office for Globalization at Louisville Forward. The topic: compassionate cities.

The mayor might not have raised the subject at all but for a final question during the Q&A portion of the program about where Haifa and Louisville will be in 10 years.

He said the Jews lost the First and Second Temples. Now, in the post-Holocaust era, "God gave us a last opportunity.

Otherwise, the night's discussion, moderated by Rabbi Michael Wolk of Keneseth Israel, allowed Yahav and Warren to highlight the compassionate highlights of their cities.

Diversity [of Louisville] has been part of its DNA since its founding," Warren said, noting that this place was the "nexus" of newcomers, the hunting ground for Native Americans, and the destination for French, Germans and Jews by the 1800s.

And in Haifa, Yahav, once a spokesman for famed Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, noted that he has kept extremist ideas out of city government whether See HAIFA on page 23



## Miles to chair JCRC at time of change

By Lee Chottiner Interim Editor

Rabbi Stanley Miles takes over as chair of the Jewish Community Rela-tions Council (JCRC) at a tumultuous time - not only for Jews around the world, but for his committee here at home.

'We are restructuring," said Miles, who succeeds Bob Sachs as chair. He called the changes, "a new vision for the role of the CRC in the community."

The JCRC is being reorganized into three tasks forces –local, national and international, Miles said. "Each of those task forces will be mandated to work on specific issues and programs for the Jewish community and the community at large.

The local task force will be the JCRC's "liaison" to greater community, particularly the evangelical community and groups working for "tikkun olam."

The national task force will follow legislation of importance to Jewish Louisville, and lobbying efforts, in Washington and Frankfort.

The international task force will track issues facing Jews globally, and Israel especially

Also, the full council is changing its meeting schedule, convening every other month instead of monthly

The restructuring is not his idea,

Miles said. "The task forces are not starting at ground zero. We're building on the great work of [JCRC Director] Matt Goldberg and the lay leadership of Bob Sachs, Becky Swansburg and a great many people." While the JCRC will follow issues at

home and abroad, action and policy decisions must still be made by the JCL board of directors. The JCRC is the entity through the JCL represents itself to See **MILES** on page 23

### Louisville commits \$25K to back fight for pluralism in Israel

By Lee Chottiner Interim Editor

While the Israeli government grapples with a crisis of its own making - a one-two announcement that it would shelve its historic agreement on pluralistic worship at the Western Wall and centralize conversions with the Chief Rabbinate - American Jews, including Jewish Louisville, are pushing back.

The JCL joined that fight by issuing a statement expressing dismay over the government's decisions and com-mitting \$25,000 to the joint efforts by Israel's Reform and Conservative groups to promote religious pluralism in the country.

"Advocacy is essential to addressing the setbacks related to the Kotel and ending the conversion bill in Israel," the JCL said in a prepared statement.

Yielding to pressure from ultra-Orthodox religious parties, the govern-ment of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on June 25 that it had suspended its 17-monthold agreement with the Jewish Agency and progressive movements to build an egalitarian worship space at the Kotel, the Hebrew name for the Western Wall, though little progress had been made on implementing the deal.

It also announced that it would move a bill to the Knesset to give all conversion authority in the country to the Chief Rabbinate, which is comprised of ultra-Orthodox religious leaders.

The government has since bent on the conversion bill, announcing that it is on hold for six months, but neither the bill nor the Kotel decision has been reversed.

The religious parties wield considerable influence with Netanyahu. See \$25K on page 23

### Legacy awards



Two new awards honoring the legacy of Annette Sager-man will be presented at an August 27 celebration. See story, page 2. (photo provided)

## SHOWCASE

## The J celebrates Sagerman, powerful Jewish women, future generations

By Jake Curtis For Community

Annette Simon Sagerman left behind an immense legacy to Jewish Louisville, and the community plans to celebrate it.

The J will host the Generation to Generation celebration on Sunday, August 27. In addition to honoring Sagerman and her lifetime dedication to The J, the event will be used to present two new awards to dedicated members of the Jewish community.

The Annette Simon Sagerman L'dor V'dor Award and the Next Generation Annette Simon Sagerman Award will go to Marsha Bornstein and Keren Benabou, respectively.

The celebration will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Louisville Marriott East. There will be dinner and dancing, as well as celebrations of Sagerman and the award recipients.

Bob and Margie Kohn and Jaye Sparber Bittner and Bob Bittner are the event co-chairs, and Jodi Halpern is the Young Adult Division event co-chair.

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Bornstein has worked at The J for 33 years. In that time, she has served as a member of the board of directors, the middle school camp director, as cultural arts director and is the current curator of the Jewish Film Festival in Louisville.

"The Jewish Film Festival is celebrating its 20th year; I believe that we are the oldest continuously running film festival in Louisville," Bornstein said. "I started with the film festival in 2005."



#### Marsha Bornstein

Bornstein had a long working relationship with Sagerman, who had a significant impact on her.

"She is the one who made me a professional," Bornstein said. "She gets the credit."

People and relationships are integral to the mission of The J, according to Bornstein.

"This is a people place," she said. "Annette was amazing in working with people. She always knew who everybody was. Kids knew her. I'm particularly honored because I worked with her. Staff knew her differently than others knew her. I knew her assets, faults, everything. And she knew it about me. She knew my whole family. I have great respect for what she accomplished." With a degree in sociology, Bornstein

With a degree in sociology, Bornstein was well equipped to invigorate her

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#### Keren Benabou

community through volunteer service and educational youth summer camps, for which she takes great pride. Considering her avid love for the arts, it was no surprise that she would revivify the Cultural Arts Department. Bornstein has also received the Kling Award and the Today's Woman Award.

"The Jewish Community Center has been very important to my family, always," she said. "It started with my great-uncle, and his picture hung for many years here, playing basketball at the YMHA. I started ballet lessons here when I was 6. My parents received Volunteer of the Year awards, working 17 years here running the bingo program. My father taught current events to the seniors."

Bornstein also spent four years at the JCC residential camp, Tall Tree at Otter Creek Park. She was in Modern Femmes, a high school girls club. After that, she became a counselor for the JCC day camps.

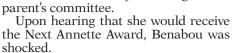
Her family followed in her footsteps as her children enrolled in summer camps. Now, her grandchildren are enrolling in The J preschool.

Bornstein's family is paramount to her life. She is devoted to her goals to make the J accessible and educational. She plans to carry on Sagerman's legacy by continuing to create enriching programs for The J and partnership outreach.

"I hope that I encompass some of what Annette was," she said. "I hope I can be a resource to The J staff, as Annette was to me. I always hope that some of my passion is contagious, and that's what Annette had."

#### Originally from Israel, Benabou has lived in Louisville for about eight years. She has been an active member of The J, serving as a JCL board member as well

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as chair of The J Early Learning Center

"I didn't know much about Annette," she said. "While they were talking about her, they mentioned how much of a straight-shooter she was, how feisty she was. I just thought, 'this is me.' I tell it like it is.

"I'm very passionate," Benabou continued. "If I want something, I work very hard to get it. That's what Annette was. I am very grateful and honored to receive this award."

Benabou has two daughters who she raises with Jewish values and traditions.

"It's hard to raise kids; it takes a village," Benabou said. "The JCC is my village. The preschool, the camps, the programs for children. They have friends here. The J is a safe place, a home away from home, and the closest to my own life experience."

The J has been crucial to the development of her daughters' Jewish identities and faith, as well as establishing her influence on Louisville's Jewish community.

ty. "I feel like I am an ambassador for Israel in Kentucky," Benabou said. "It is important for me to be the voice of Israel and the voice of the JCC."

She balances activities in the Jewish and secular worlds, from involvement in student body councils in high school to fundraising events at The J. Her military experience, as well as her time travelling abroad, have been fundamental in developing these skills.

oping these skills. "I hope that more people will understand the importance of giving, both time and money, for the next generation to have a place to be able to call home," she said. "That the next generation will understand the significance of a community, and how to sustain it and build it into a better and bigger community.

"I think that is something that Annette would hope for as well."

### Want to support?

Attend the Generation to Generation Celebration on August 27. RSVP by calling David Mays at 502-238-2770 or register online at jewishlouisville.org/event/ generation. The deadline is August 23. Tickets are \$65 by August 1, \$75 after; \$36 for adults 30 and under.

There are still many options for sponsoring Generation to Generation (all proceeds support The J Camp & Youth Scholarship Funds). Contact Lenae Price at 502-238-2768 or lprice@jewishlouisville.org, or visit the event's webpage at Jewishlouisville.org/generation, for more information.



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## **Israel's breed** Louisville man to judge Canaan Dogs at specialty show this October in Atlanta

By Lee Chottiner Interim Editor

Harry "Butch" Schulman is the quintessential dog person.

Not only has the retired Air Force lieutenant colonel bred collies for years, he is a licensed judge at American Kennel Club (AKC) shows, certified for the Herding and Working groups, half the Sporting group and some Terrier breeds. But he's fascinated with one particu-

lar breed. Schulman *kvells* for the Canaan Dog,

the only recognized breed in the world with its roots in Israel.

"The history of the breed is connected to my Jewish history and heritage," Schulman said.

As the Israelis would say, *meya acuz* (100 percent).

While there are no known Canaan Dog owners in Louisville – it's not one of the AKC's more popular breeds – Schulman will see plenty of them on October 19 when he judges a specialty show for the Canaan Dog Club of America (CDCA) in Atlanta. He also will judge the Herding group at the November 23 Philadelphia Kennel Club National Dog Show. That event, which falls on Thanksgiving, will be televised at noon on NBC.

"Everything about this breed is Jewish," Schulman said, "down to the names of the kennels."

names of the kennels." He's not kidding. A check of the CDCA website turns up names such as Mazel Tov Canaan Dogs, HaTikva Canaans, Dor Vedor, and Kol Tuv Canaan Dogs.

Oh, and the club's newsletter is called the *Canaan Kibitzer*.

While the AKC only recently recognized the Canaan Dog, the breed's lineage dates back more than 2,000 years. In fact, drawings of its ancestors, pariah dogs, have been found on tomb drawings at Beni-Hassan cemetery in Egypt. Ancient Israelites used them to guard their herds.

As the Hebrew population declined, though, many pariah dogs sought refuge in the Negev Desert and became part of the wildlife there. They remained largely undomesticated for centuries, though some lived with Bedouin tribes and with the Druze on Mt. Carmel.

Not until the mid-20th century did the breed's fortunes begin to change.

Dr. Rudolphina Menzel, an Austrian cynologist (canine specialist), and her husband, Rudolph, a physician, trained their dogs to follow Hebrew commands. After the couple fled to Palestine in 1938, the Haganah asked Rudolphina to develop a dog that could guard remote settlements and do other wartime jobs.

Concluding that standard breeds could not withstand the region's harsh climate, she turned to pariah dogs, collecting puppies and adults and starting a program of redomestication.

Menzel found the dogs highly adaptable and quick to learn. She renamed the breed the Canaan Dog, because they came from the land of Canaan, and trained them to perform many wartime tasks, most notably detecting land mines.

Her first Canaan, which she named Dugma – Hebrew for model – became a standard of sorts for the new breed.

"They chose him for his beauty of form," said Bryna Comsky of Schaumberg, IL, a Canaan Dog breeder for nearly 40 years. "He was a beautiful dog, but his descendants were modeled after him."

After the war, Menzel trained her dogs to serve the blind through the Institute for Orientation and Mobility of the Blind, which she founded.

She first exported Canaan Dogs to the



Harry "Butch" Schulman of Louisville will judge Canaan Dogs at a specialty show in Atlanta this October. (photo by Diana Han, provided by Connie Du Bois)

United States in 1965. It would be another three decades before the AKC finally recognized the breed in 1996.

Comsky remembers that period well. She said the first dogs in the states didn't always breed true, meaning no two Canaan Dogs were guaranteed to look alike

"It (the breed) was diverse in appearance," Comsky said. "It didn't have continuity in type."

That was a red flag for the AKC, she recalled. "They told us you have to look at a Canaan Dog and recognize this is a Canaan Dog, not an akita, a border collie or a basenji."

She became interested in the Canaan Dog in 1969 while scanning *The New York Times* for an ad for basenji pups. Instead, she saw one for Canaan Dogs, which referred to them as "rare gems from Israel."

The daughter of ardent Zionists and a longtime Israel booster, she was hooked.

On her next trip to New York to see her parents, she visited Philadelphia, where the breeder lived, and picked up her first Canaan Dog – named Spatterdash Dreidel.

While there, she also bought in to the quest to make the Canaans an AKC-recognized breed.

"They told me how important it was to get more Canaan Dogs in the country and around to show continuity of type, so the American Kennel Club would be more likely to recognize them," she said. "That story caught my attention. I saw

it would be a lot of work and striving to



take the breed to recognition."

But it became her life's work. "I thought it was the most important thing in the world to get the Canaan Dog recognized by the American Kennel Club; that would insure the existence of the breed."

Today, she has five Canaan Dogs and continues to breed them.

She breeds selectively, keeping in mind the goals of breed type as well as temperament.

"Èven in this day we need to be aware of breeding for good and acceptable temperament," Comsky said. "It needs to be able to go out in public and behave itself."

The Canaan Dog isn't for everyone.

"They're very devoted to their family, Schulman said. "They are highly territorial, and they're very protective of their owners and their owners' property. This should not be for a first-time dog owner.

"You have to understand; 1948 is recent history," he added. "You're talking about a dog that was domesticated in the middle of the last century. They still have a natural tendency to be very guarded of their territory or flock."

Even at dog shows, Schulman said, judges must approach them carefully.

Far from a popular breed, most Canaan Dogs are found in Jewish population centers – New York, New England, Atlanta, the United Kingdom and Israel.

But it still faces an uncertain future in America.

"I would say it is an endangered species in this country," Comsky said. "We have 50 dogs registered yearly in the AKC Stud Book (a record of pedigrees going back generations)."

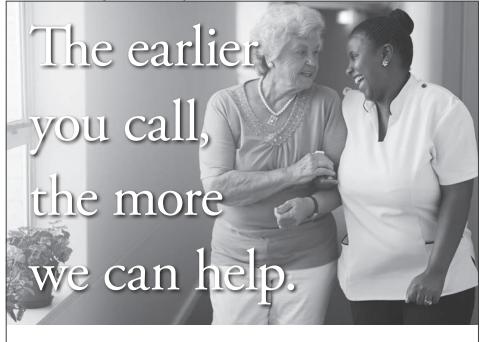
going back generations)." Compare that to the "thousands" of Labs that are registered each year, she said.

That's one reason why Schulman, whose day job is executive director of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences in the University of Louisville School of Medicine, likes to talk up the breed among Jews.

"I think it's important that people understand there is a breed of dog that is identified with their history and culture," he said. "Maybe one or two people read your article and go out and find a Canaan Dog. That's the beginning of perpetuating the breed in America."



A Canaan Dog puppy (photo courtsey of Bryna Comsky



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## Louisville Vaad starts mikvah committee, seeking ideas for future ritual bath

#### By Lee Chottiner Interim Editor

As he walked around the building, Jacob Wishnia pointed out all the features of the Louisville Community Mikvah.

of the Louisville Community Mikvah. Outside the windowless, blond brick structure, there is a concrete cistern to catch rainwater and channel it to the ritual bath – living water as prescribed by Halachah. There's also an interior catch basin.

Inside the utility room are the furnace, wiring and water heaters for the bath and building, all of which have been upgraded in the past eight years. Even the roof is new.

In the foyer of the air-conditioned facility, a beautiful mosaic by Dr. Harold Berg greets the users. A vanity with toiletries is available; so is a bathtub where users wash off before immersion.

All in all, it's a clean, well-kept mikvah.

And unless something unexpected happens, a new one will be needed.

A mikvah is a bath used for ritual immersion. Halachically, women use it to achieve ritual purity following menstruation or childbirth. Men also use it for purification.

While the mikvah itself is owned and operated by the Louisville Vaad HaKashruth, it sits on ground owned by Congregation Anshei Sfard, the city's Orthodox congregation.

Members of Anshei Sfard have made no secret of their interest in selling the building. When the deal is finally done, it will likely mean that the Vaad must find a new venue for the mikvah – an indispensable resource for a community that wants to attract and keep observant Jews.

"The Vaad's mission is to provide and maintain a mikvah for Louisville," said Wishnia, Vaad vice president and chair of the mikvah committee. "That is in our mission statement."

Preferring not to wait until an eventual sale is final, the Vaad is acting now. It is establishing a committee to review its options for a new mikvah, and it is asking lay leaders, rabbis, cantors – anyone who is interested – to be part of the process.

Members of the Vaad board have already been named to the panel, in-



The Louisville Community Mikvah is fed, in part, by an outdoor concrete cistern that catches rainwater, channeling it through an indoor filter and ultimately to the ritual bath itself. (photos by Lee Chottiner)

cluding Wishnia, Vaad President Jack Czerkiewicz, Sharon Stone, Myrle Davis, Adele Pearlman, Steven Goldstein, Sheila Lynch, Goldie Litvin, and Rabbis Avrahom Litvin, Chaim Litvin, Shmuly Litvin and Simcha.

Wishnia also sent a letter to the Board of Rabbis and Cantors, asking its members be part of the process.

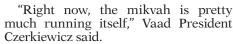
He said he wants to encourage a "discussion" with the community.

It has other uses, too.

"While I teach about and encourage women to use the mikvah for its traditional monthly purpose, I believe that the most important function that the Louisville Mikvah has served over the past few years is to welcome converts into the Jewish faith and people," said Rabbi Michael Wolk of Keneseth Israel Congregation. "For men and women, the final step0 of the conversion process is immersion in the mikvah after an intense period of study and Brit Milah for men.

So a mikvah plays several roles in the life of a Jewish community, but it's not free. While the Vaad has no rent, it does pay \$2,100 a year to Anshei Sfard for utilities. There also are monthly charges to clean and change the water, clean the building itself, and toiletries and towels.

To support the facility, the Vaad suggests an \$18 donation from each visitor who uses the facility. (A donation box is affixed to the wall next to the mosaic.), Three congregations – Keneseth Israel, Adath Jeshurun and Anshei Sfard – pay \$1,500 per year to the Vaad, part of which covers mikvah use by their members.



It's not clear how, or if, expenses would be affected by moving to a new mikvah. There would probably be construction involved, though Wishnia hopes many of the utilities, including the furnace and water heaters, could be disassembled and taken to the new facility.

Also, while men and women currently use the same mikvah, Wishnia said there are some who would prefer separate baths for each sex as well as a keilim mikvah – a smaller bath used to purify kitchen utensils, cutlery and bowls.

"Some would like that," Wishnia said. "It depends on money."

Along those lines, the Vaad is seeking outside assistance.

It has applied to Mikvah USA, an organization that supports the establishment and rebuilding of mikvahs in communities across America. Among the services it provides are grants to complete mikvah projects, halachic and technical guidance, inspections, education and training.

They can also help with the design, Czerkiewicz said, including handicapped accessibility.

The application to Mikvah USA was general and did not include a grant request, said Rabbi Snaid of Anshei Sfard, who filled it out.

"It was just a way to get to speak to them, to find out what they offer and what needs to be done," he said.

While the Mikvah Committee has yet to meet, Czerkiewizc knows one thing for sure: A no-build option won't be considered.

"We definitely need one in the city," he said.



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Jake Wishnia studies a mosaic by Dr. Harold Berg that hangs at the entrance to the mikvah greeting its users. Next to the mosaic is donation box. The Vaad suggests \$18 contributions.

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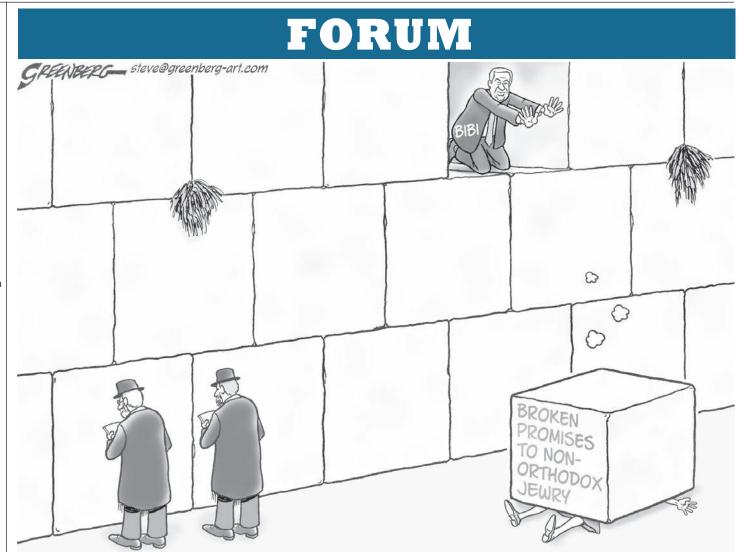
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## Diaspora-Israel relations must stay strong despite issues

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What do we do when Israel is in trouble?

We have not hesitated when Israel has faced external threats. We rallied, advocated and embraced the state that fulfills our hopes of a Jewish homeland that is open to all Jews.

The Louisville Jewish community, like many others in North America, has deep connections to Israel. In recent history, we proudly participated in the rescue and resettlement of Jews from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia; we have a 20-year active partnership with the people of the western Galilee; we promote and support spending time in Israel.

So, after three-and-half years of negotiations, we were surprised by the recent news that the prime minister had suspended his commitment to an egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall while advancing a strict conversion bill to the Knesset.

If you receive our JCL email blasts or follow us on social media, you know that we responded quickly with a call to



Sara Klein Wagner

emergencies, hav-ing launched Stop the Sirens and other Israel Terror Relief campaigns. But we consider these new actions to be emergencies, too - ones that threaten the very unity of the Jewish people.

We issued our call to action supporting a long-term effort to ensure religious equality for all people in Israel. The JCL board first committed to continue our long-standing support to Israel through the work of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). As JAFI Chair Natan Sharansky

said in a conference call. "The recent actions were dramatic and surprising, but the Jewish people come together in moments of crisis.

We are committed to supporting social service needs, including youth at risk, seniors and those with disabilities through the work of the Jewish Agency and JDC. As announced in our July 7 email blast, the JCL board voted to approve a one-time, \$25,000 commitment to the joint efforts of the Israeli Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism and Masorti (Conservative) movements. These funds will support the coordinated public advocacy campaign to honor the Western Wall compromise agreement and defeat the proposed conversion bill.

Judaism is inherently about relationships. There is no one-size-fits-all, but there are several that speak to us: one's relationship with G-d, with Torah, with community, with text, and of course with Israel. We take seriously the JCL's role in cultivating a strong relationship See WAGNER on next page

## UNESCO, UN's cultural arm, gets it wrong on Hebron

Israel is at a disadvantage when it comes to international forums, particularly at the United Nations.

There are still many countries that do not recognize Israel. Among those that do, many are more closely connected to her enemies

So although a recent resolution from the U.N. cultural arm, UNESCO, declaring Hebron's Old City to be a Palestinian World Heritage Site in danger is upsetting, it is not surprising.

UNESCO, which stands for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, is tasked with, among other things, preserving cultural heritage. One of its stated goals is that each child and citizen "may grow and live in a cultural environment rich in diversity and dialogue, where heritage



Matt Goldberg

buried.

That UNESCO should be making political statements is outrageous; that this one is clearly put forth by the Palestinians and their allies on the committee

makes it more so.

Hebron poses a complicated situation. Approximately 2,000 Jews are there surrounded by almost 100,000 Palestinians, requiring a visible Israeli military presence. But the UNESCO statement speaks to religious and national ownership of the holy sites, and that needs to be avoided.

"The Tomb of the Patriarchs, which is sacred to three faiths, is under no immediate threat," said United Nations Am-bassador Nikki Haley. "Such a designation risks undermining the seriousness such an assessment by UNESCO should have

UNESCO has antagonized Jews and Israelis before. Last year, it referred to the Western Wall by its Muslim name (as See GOLDBERG on next page

## Forget BDS; it's anti-normalization that the Jewish world should worry about

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By Sara Wiessman Guest Columnist

Dear Jewish community,

So you wanna understand Israel-Palestine debates on campus?

The first thing you have to do is stop talking about BDS.

Shocking, right? We try. But really, the Boycott, Sanctions and Divestment campaign against Israel isn't what Israel conversations on campus are all about these days. Campaigns to pass BDS measures on major campuses are actually in decline, yet somehow they still make up the bulk of Jewish news about students.

The truth is, divestment proposals happen perennially, people freak out for two to three weeks, and then students on all sides return to calculus, life pondering, activism and 3 a.m. pizza

So if we shouldn't be talking about BDS, what should we be talking about? Anti-normalization. Because it cre-

ates a fascinatingly complex new landscape for Jewish students, who are both



Sara Wiessman

liefs are so untenable you cannot allow them to be left unprotested and accepted as normal. That means calling attention to their proponents at the very least and having

a zero-tolerance policy at most. The things-not-to-normalize list includes no-brainers like racism, sexism, homophobia and Islamophobia. Unfortunately, it also often includes Zionism.

That means pro-Palestinian activism on campus looks different these days because all activism looks different. Instead of boycotts, a more frequent form of campus organizing is protesting at

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with Israel and its people. Working with partners there to support religious equality and freedom for all Jews, as called for in the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel, is essential to Jewish leadership.

There have been other moments in modern Jewish life where we made sure our voices and actions were heard and felt. This is one of those moments. I urge everyone to participate by writing to the Israeli Embassy and the Consul General. Talk with your Israeli friends and family about how you feel about religious equality. Join the Partnership-2gether initiative, host an Israeli visiting Louisville.

Most important, spend time in Israel.

Relationships are difficult and require hard work. We will do everything in our power to promote one people/one destiny – a strong relationship between North American Jewry, the Louisville Jewish Community and Israel.

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

## Goldberg

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well as the Temple Mount) and referred to the entire Old City of Jerusalem as Palestinian.

Israel certainly is not above criticism here, but it has a respect for the three major monotheistic faiths that call Jerusalem holy, which no other power has had.

Under Israeli sovereignty, Christians and Muslims each have religious control of their holy sites, and the Muslim Waqf has religious control over the Temple Mount, which is the location of the Al Aqsa Mosque and is also holy to Jews. This stands in stark contrast to Jordan, which emptied the Jewish Quarter and desecrated its holy areas when it controlled the Old City.

Referring to the Western Wall and Temple Mount solely by its Muslim name is an attempt to rewrite history.

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"Whoever wants to rewrite history. to distort fact, and to completely invent the fantasy that the Western Wall and Temple Mount have no connection to the Jewish people, is telling a terrible lie that only serves to increase hatred," said Isaac Herzog, immediate past leader of Israel's center-left Labor Party. "On this matter, there is no disagreement among the people of Israel, and I urge UNESCO to withdraw this bizarre resolution and to engage in protecting, not distorting, human history.

The United Nations, particularly UN-ESCO, are not forums for political and territorial issues. These matters should be decided between Israel and the Palestinians, both sides working towards comprehensive negotiations so that a two-state solution becomes not just a dream, but a reality.

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

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and disrupting Israel-related events.

A brief history: One of the earliest instances of interrupting Zionist speakers on campus happened at the University of California, Irvine, in 2010, when students disrupted a speech by the former Israel ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren. In 2015, the same thing happened to former Israeli Supreme Court Chief Justice Aharon Barak at the same school and Israeli philosophy professor Moshe Halbertal at the University of Minnesota. In 2016, it was Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat at San Francisco State University.

What recently happened at the Chicago Dyke March is also a prime example. Women marching with what march organizers saw as Zionist flags could not be allowed to stay because that would be letting Zionism go unchallenged.

What does this mean?

For what it's worth, speaker shutdowns and event protests don't make us special. If you follow campus news, these are happening everywhere to all kinds of speakers, from controversial scholar Charles Murray at Middlebury College in Vermont to conservative commenta-tor Anne Coulter and "alt-right" provocateur (read: troll) Milo Yiannopoulis at the University of California, Berkeley.

But anti-normalization does mean Jewish students, particularly Zionists, are tackling a whole new host of questions on campus: Do left-leaning Zionists have a place on the campus left? And if only non-Zionist Jewish students find acceptance on the left, is the campus left tokenizing Jewish students, deciding who's a "good Jew" or a "bad Jew" from outside our community?

What does it mean to Jewish students when Zionist speakers are considered indefensible alongside alt-right speakers? Are Zionist students and pro-Palestinian activists defining Zionism the same way?

Pro-Israel activists, meanwhile, are arguably already engaging in their own form of anti-normalization rhetoric and have been for a long time. One could even argue that Jews were anti-normalization pioneers. When anti-Semitic or anti-Zionist remarks on campus are labeled "hate speech," that's our community declaring ideas unconscionable to be expressed without protest. Jewish outcry over Linda Sarsour speaking at CUNY is only one recent example. Right-wing Jewish organizations, like the AMCHA Initiative or Canary Mission, marked speakers, professors and student leaders as too reprehensible for campus before it was cool.

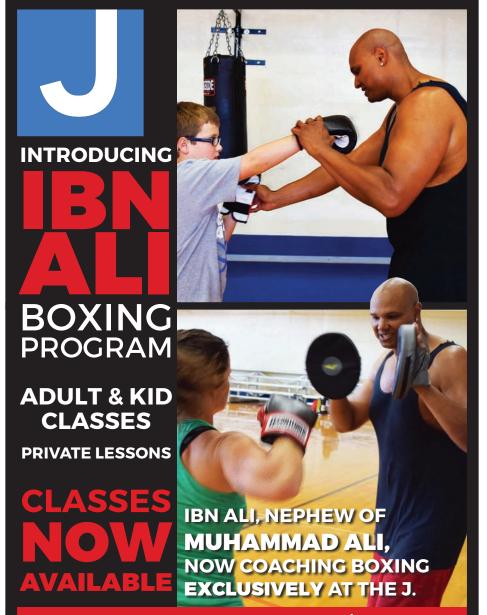
Whatever term you want to use, this isn't just a leftist movement. Jewish students across the political spectrum are experiencing it and are a part of it.

We can argue endlessly about whether anti-normalization is good or bad - and we are. Questions about this concept are at the core of today's most fraught campus debates. Does declaring ideas unredeemable limit free speech? Or does it marginalize systemic societal ills? Who decides the parameters, and when are they too broad?

I cannot answer any of these questions. (That's a different, much longer article.)

But I can call on our community to recognize them. It's time we see the anti-normalization forest through the BDS trees. Because until we do, we're missing out on the juicy stuff - the larger debates happening on campus and the real questions Jewish students are asking themselves.

(Sara Weissman, editor@newvoices. org, is the editor in chief of New Voices, where a version of this article originally appeared.)



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## **Community gets involved** Louisville's JTomorrow! team outlines progress made on developing The J of the future

JTomorrow! continues to drive meaningful progress as the path to a new J for the Louisville community is charted. Important milestones have been achieved along the way with much more work to be done.

Recently, the community was invited to participate in one of three charrettes community brainstorming sessions - to review and discuss the plans for the new J. With a goal of seeking input and feedback from J members and non-members across all demographic groups, the charrettes represented an important milestone in the initial phases of developing a utilization plan for the two potential J campus locations, Dutchmans Lane and the Standard Club property.

"We wanted input from the Louisville community and we got it," said JTomor-row! Chair Jeff Goldberg. "We knew the community wouldn't be shy about sharing what they wanted and needed, focusing on the key areas of arts and ideas, health and wellness, camp program-ming, early learning, Jewish learning, youth & teens, and seniors. The information we learned was robust and our Innovation and Engagement Workgroup took that detail and ran with it to develop important preliminary prioritization plans for programs at both campuses."

The Innovation and Engagement Workgroup, led by Jon Klein and Bill Altman, met several times to review all of the feedback, develop a list of programs and services and begin the critical work of summarizing and prioritizing. The work accomplished by this team builds a strong foundation and platform for all future progress.

"I want to thank the community for coming together and sharing ideas, thoughts and their dreams at the char-



Jay Klempner makes a point during the first charrette session in April. The charrettes allowed Jewish Louisville to offer feedback on the role a future J will play here. (photo by Courtney Hatley)

rettes," Goldberg said. "A huge thank you to the entire Innovation and Engagement Workgroup, and especially to Jon Klein and Bill Altman, for their leadership, hard work and commitment to the important task of prioritizing what programs our J can and should be delivering to the Louisville Jewish community

Additional members of the Workgroup include Summer Auerbach, Craig Greenberg, Michael Fraade, Carol Lev-itch, Mark Prussian, Marc Rothman, Amy Ryan, Shane Shaps, Ted Smith, Carrie Syberg, Michael Trager-Kusman, Aaron Yarmuth and Lior Yaron.

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Wednesday, Oct. 18: Accommodations by local Druze hosts Thursday, Oct. 19: Nahara Hotel, Kibbutz Ashdot Yaakov Ichud Friday, Oct. 22: Leonardo Inn Hotel Dead Sea Saturday, Oct. 21: Ibex Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon Sunday, Oct. 22: Prima Music, Eilat

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### WHAT IS PARTNERSHIP2GETHER?

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER, a program of The Jewish Agency for Israel and The Jewish Federations of North America, promotes people-to-people relationships through cultural, social, medical, educational and economic programs. This Partnership is between the 14 communities of the U.S. Central Area Consortium, Budapest, and Israel's Western Galilee.



Another recently established team is the Facilities Work Group, led by Laurence Nibur. Its objective is to review and make recommendations for the functional requirements of our future J as it relates to both campuses. The work group will seek approval of the JCL Board of Directors for its final recommendation

"We're at a pivotal time in the Louis-ville Jewish Community," said Nibur. The work and outcomes provided by the Innovation and Engagement Work Group are giving our team a great starting point. Pricing these outcomes and determining our community's appetite to support them is a critical part of this journey. What we ultimately recommend be built needs to be what is right for the community from the size, functionality and location, based on what our community has committed to support. I'm excited to be a part of this journey."

Additional members of this team include Andy Blieden, Mark Blieden, Jon Fleischaker, Aly Goldberg, Jon Gold-berg, Jay Klempner, Robin Miller, Chuck O'Koon and Bill Ryan.

The JTomorrow! Steering Committee

is an active team, meeting monthly and oftentimes convening for weekly conference calls. Additional achievements to date include:

Held one-on-one meetings with JCL and JTomorrow! leadership and board of rabbis and cantors, congregation leadership and JFCS;

• Established Communications, Legal and Capital Campaign Work groups. A financial sub group was established as part of the Facilities Workgroup;

• Created preliminary site plan drawings and artistic renderings. Professional staff worked with a local architectural firm to create initial concept of new J facilities;

 Selected and engaged David Va-linsky Associates, LLC for Capital Campaign feasibility scan; and

Identified and engaged potential corporate partners and developers in relation to both campuses.

Goldberg and the JTomorrow! Steering Committee will continue to provide regular community updates on the project, which will result in a legacy center for future generations.



# THANK YOU

to the following members of the JTomorrow! Innovation and Engagement Workgroup for all their hard work helping to envision our future J:

Bill Altman, Co-Chair Jon Klein, Co-Chair Summer Auerbach Craig Greenberg Michael Fraade

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## Community ads bring results!

## Resnik moves up to JFCS president; new executive committee also installed

By staff and releases

Jewish Family & Career Services installed Peter Resnik as its new board president on June 13, succeeding Stephanie Mutchnick. He will serve a twoyear term.

"JFCS plays a vital role for delivering critical, quality services throughout the Jewish and broader Louisville communities," Resnik said. "It's founded up a great mission and set of values, committed board members, and an experienced professional staff. I appreciate the board's confidence in me to lead in this role."

Resnik touted the services JFCS offers for immigrants and families as "most meaningful" to him. "We provide the tools and support for our fellow



Peter Resnik

and live their lives with dignity. Individual stories for overcoming obstacles are often heartbreaking and gratifying." He said he was introduced

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bers to help reach

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to JFCS when he moved to Louisville from New Haven, Connecticut, in 1986. "I had brilliant mentors, including Jane Goldstein and Shirley and Howard Markus. I admired their commitment and leadership."

In addition to his work on the JFCS board and executive committee, Resnik

previously served the Louisville Jewish Federation treasurer, executive committee member, and most recently committee chairman of the Jewish Foundation of Louisville.

He is a past recipient of the Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award and has participated in two Israel missions.

Resnik also served as Interim CEO of the Jewish Community Centers in both Louisville and Cincinnati.

A CFA and CPA, he earned his bachelor's degree from Kenyon College and M.B.A. from Emory University.

He was a past participant in Leadership Louisville and has been recognized in Business First's "40 under 40."

His wife, Lisa, has served as a senior for executive, consultant, volunteer and

board member with local and national arts and educational organizations. They have three teenagers and the family is a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

In addition to Resnik, the newly installed executive committee includes Mutchnick, past president; Robin Stratton and Sean Wachsman, vice presidnets; Marc Charnas, treasurer; Ed Cohen and Marty Margulies, members at large.

large. "JFCS has served Louisville for over 100 years," Resnik said. "I feel confident we have strong sustainability due to our strategic planning process, board members, and professional staff that address and work within the dynamic market for services, grants, donation and fees."

### Grinspoon invests in Louisville legacy giving as project to encourage endowments begins

The Harold Grinspoon Foundation is investing up to \$100,000 in Jewish Louisville to encourage an endowment campaign to help ensure the future of the community's Jewish institutions.

The money will be invested through the foundation's LIFE & LEGACY project, which officially kicked off here in April.

The goal of LIFE & LEGACY is to en-

courage congregations and Jewish agencies to build their endowment through incentivized after-lifetime gifts to ensure they are prepared for Jewish tomorrows. In just three months, Louisville has

received over 60 legacy commitments to eight different congregations and Jewish agencies. The gifts will provide needed income on an annual basis.

The foundation has assigned Lou-

isville a community consultant who makes periodic training visits. It also pays the participating organizations up to \$6,000 in unrestricted funds to secure legacy gifts.

To participate in LIFE & LEGACY, contact a participating Jewish agency or synagogue.

The foundation already is present in Louisville Jewish through its PJ Library

program, and by encouraging children to attend Jewish camps with a non-need -based scholarship through JCAMP 180.

In May, Stacy Gordon-Funk, vice-president of philanthropy for the Louisville Jewish Federation, and Jennifer Tuvlin, LIFE & LEGACY coordinator, were invited to meet with Harold Grinspoon to talk about Louisville's implementation of the program.

and education programs - including child care centers, Head Start and pub-

lic preschools – that receive public funding. The unified system is based on Ken-

tucky's Early Childhood Standards and research-based indicators of quality.

### The Temple and J early learning centers earn four-star ratings from Kentucky All STARS system

By staff and releases

Two early learning centers in Jewish Louisville have earned four-star ratings for their programs by the Kentucky All STARS.

The Temple Trager Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) and the J Early Learning Center both have received the prestigious ranking.

The state-based rating process required documentation of each center's educational process, staff education and continuing education, as well as daily interactions and staff and family communications.

In addition, an environmental assessment was completed through a rating visit to each center by a Kentucky All STARS representative and quality coach.

Also, The Temple Trager ECEC, which is participating in Kentucky All Stars for the first time, also received \$5,000 for achieving the rating.

"The Temple Trager ECEC staff works incredibly hard every day to ensure a welcoming and supportive educational experience for each child and family in our program," Director of Education Alison Roemer said. "We greatly appreciate this four-star rating and the state's



Children of The J Early Learning Center, which recently earned a four-star rating from Kentucky All STARS. The Temple Trager Early Learning Center also earned the rating. (photo by Courtney Hatley)

recognition of our successful efforts. We plan to use the monetary incentives to enhance our facilities and program."

For the J ELC, it's their first fourstar ranking. Previously, it had won a two-star rating in each of the past three years. Director Norma Cahen said she plans to invest her \$5,000 award in more classroom "manipulatives" – toys, equipment, puzzles, light tables, a Iistening center. She said the J ELC school serves 89 kids, ages 13 months to 5 years. The Temple Trager ECEC serves 180 children, 6 weeks to 6 years.

A program of the Kentucky Partnership for Early Childhood Services, the Kentucky All STARS is the state's expanded five-star quality rating and improvement system serving all early care

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By Rabbi Nadia Siritsky For Community

There are many reasons why I love Louisville, but one of them is encapsulated in the slogan, "Louisville: It's Possible Here.

We are a big enough city to have impact, but small enough that we can work together to get things done. This is a city where a little Jewish community could grow a hospital system that has become world renowned, and despite all the changes in health care, continues to care for the highest acuity of complex patients in all of Kentucky, still leading the way in innovative research and com-



Rabbi Nadia Siritsky

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KentuckyOne Health is a proud supporter of SOS.

Just a few weeks ago, I was blessed with the opportunity to witness one of its most recent shipments to a hospital in Haiti, in partnership with the Women's Global Cancer Alliance. This is not our first shipment to Haiti. Last year, in fact, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz and I blessed a 40-foot shipping container of medical supplies and equipment bound for the Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Center for Healtĥ, a sustainable rural hospital built by the Catholic Medical Missions Board.

Each time I support such initiatives, I

am awed by the incredible impact of the Jewish community of Louisville – not only upon the city, but upon the world. The story of how Jewish Hospital con-

tinues to support Dr. Waterman's dream to provide for medically underserved communities across the world is just one of many examples how, when we work together collaboratively, dreams can be-come reality. Louisville, it really is possible here.

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

## VAR TORAH

## Take a lesson from Numbers; Jewish camp strengthens Jewish living for young people

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By Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner For Community

In the book of Numbers, the first thing that occurs is the taking of a census. Then, G-d commands the Israelites, through Moses, to organize themselves by tribes, indicating who shall camp on the east, south, west and northern sides of the Tent of Meeting.

As I stood, each morning, at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI), to begin what was to be an inspiring, energetic, educational and action-packed day, I was reminded of the configuration of the Israelites as they camped, and made their way through the wilderness – heading to the land of Israel.

Each unit of camp arrived and took their assigned spots, forming a rectan-gle around what used to be a pool (now fully covered with grass), surrounded by



#### Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner

Ani, Shema Yisrael, a song about tik-kun olam (fondly known as the "Na Na Song"), and motzi. What a great way to start each day! (I only wish I could have bottled that enthusiasm and energy.)

As I spent two weeks at camp, teaching fifth and sixth graders middot (Jewish values), tutoring b'nai mitzvah students, working with counselors to plan engaging and educational shiurim (daily lessons for their campers about middot), helping campers prepare to lead services, teaching high school students about Israel and, of course, participating in fantastic song sessions (complete with dancing) after each meal. I was inspired. My soul was elevated as I watched 293 campers and 108 staff members/administrators actively engage in Jewish living.

Am I making a plug for sending our kids to a Jewish summer camp? You bet! One of the best gifts we can give our children, including high school students, is to immerse them in a Jewish environment for two to four weeks during the summer. The daily level of Jewish learning is high: it's more informal than a school setting and it's fun.

In addition to the elevation of our children's Jewish knowledge, there are emotional and physical benefits to attending a Jewish summer camp. The bonding that takes place – between counselors and campers, and between campers and campers – is uplifting. Whether it's en-couraging someone to climb the migdal (tower) or finding the courage to perform a dance or musical presentation in front of the entire camp, or simply coming out of one's shell and making new friends, camp offers all of this, and more.

When it comes to the physical benefits of camp, they are boundless. Whether one is playing basketball or tennis,

swimming in the pool, canoeing, playing gaga or having a fun bunk night, kids are running around and burning up energy in a healthy, safe and fun manner. Of course, there's the added benefit of kids interacting with each other rather than their electronic devices.

Living a fully engaged Jewish life at a Jewish summer camp is the closest experience we can offer our youth to liv-ing and doing "Jewish" 24-hours a day. I recognize that camp is an investment, but it's an investment worth making for our youth.

Scholarships are available from a number of sources, so let's not rule out the possibility of offering our children an amazing opportunity, at the Jewish camp of your choosing. As we conclude our reading of the book of Numbers, let us say: Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek – let us be strong, let us be strong and let us strengthen our children by providing amazing experiences at a Jewish summer camp.

(Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner is the spiritual leader of Temple Shalom.)

Shabbat candles should be lit on the following nights and times: July 28 at 8:37 p.m., August 4 at 8:30 p.m., August 11 at 8:22 p.m., August 18 at 8:13 p.m. August 25 at 8:03 p.m.

### ADL condemns sermons by California imams calling for destruction of Jews

### By JTA

The Anti-Defamation League decried as "dangerous" sermons by two California imams that included prayers for the annihilation of Jews. On Friday, Sheikh Ammar Shahin of

the Islamic Center of Davis called for



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the liberation of Jersualem's Al-Aqsa mosque and the destruction of the Jews, according to a translation of his sermon published by the Middle East Media Research Institute.

"Oh Allah, liberate the Al-Aqsa Mosque from the filth of the Jews. Oh Allah, destroy those who closed the Al-Aqsa Mosque. ... Oh Allah, count them one by one and annihilate them down to the very last one. Do not spare any of them,' Shahin said, according to the translation.

Also Friday, Mahmoud Harmoush of the Islamic Center of Riverside said that Jews were planning to take over "not only Palestine" but also "most of the Middle East, and even, as I said, Mecca and Medina," according to MEMRI. ADL National Director Jonathan

Greenblatt sharply criticized the ser-mons in a statement Tuesday.

These statements are anti-Semitic and dangerous," Greenblatt said. "We reject attempts to cast the conflict in Jerusalem as a religious war between Jews and Muslims. At this time of heightened tension, it is more important than ever for the Jewish and Muslim communities to come together to condemn the use of stereotypes and conspiracy theories.

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August 1, 4pm Caregiver Support Group

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

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

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### August 17, 7pm Adult Children of Aging Parents Meets on the third Thursday of the month at Jewish Family & Career Services. Contact Mauri Malka at 502-452-6341, ext. 250.

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

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## PICTURE THIS: REPUBLIC BANK PLAYERS CHALLENGE

Jewish Family & Career Services and the Jewish Community Center hosted the annual Republic Bank Players Challenge on Monday, June 26 at the Standard Club. This year, 86 golfers teed up while 35 others played mahjong, canasta and bridge. The day also included lunch sponsored by Salsarita's, dinner, a bourbon tasting sponsored by Heaven Hill and a silent auction. More than \$66,000 was raised through sponsorships, fees, games and the silent auction.

The winners of the challenges for the day were:

- Straightest Drive, sponsored by Crowe Horwath: Lance Gilbert
- Longest Drive, sponsored by Altman Insurance: John Cannady-Miller
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- Republic Bank Raffle: Jason Hartz

The top three teams for the day were:

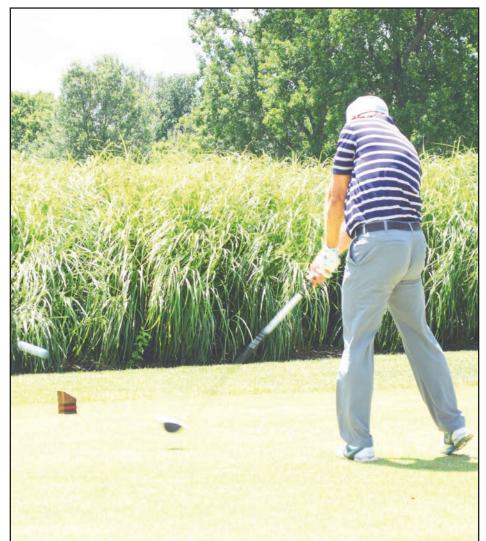
- In third place: Amy Baach, Holly Flood, Kevin Conneley and Liz Welch
- In second place: David Kohn, Reed Weinberg and Howard Kaplin
- In first place: Steve DeWeese, Aaron Meyer, Hal Bomar and George Lawson

"We truly appreciate Republic Bank for its ongoing support of the Players Challenge," said JFCS Executive Director Judy Freundlich Tiell. "The golfers and game players had a wonderful time and raised money for the vital services that The J and JFCS offer for children and families." Ed Cohen chaired the event and Waste Management, Davis Jewelers and Bill Collins Auto Group sponsored hole-in-one contests. JFCS and The J are looking for sponsors and auction items for next year's tournament. Contact Beverly Bromley at bbromley@jfcslouisville.org or 502-452-6341 Ext. 223 for details. (text by Lilly Pinhas, photos by Courtney Hatley & David Mays)

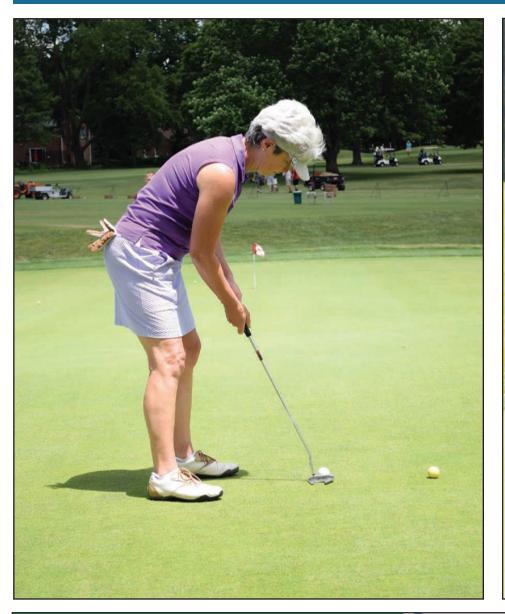








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## ARTS

## Holocaust at the heart of 'Shadowy Background' exhibit at Patio Gallery

By Marianne Zickuhr For Community

The Shadowy Background, a new exhibit by artist Joel Toste in the Patio Gallery at The J, is an evocative exhibit that touches on the themes of immigration, the Holocaust and finding one's identity.

The 10 oil-on-charcoal canvases that make up the exhibit fill the walls of the gallery, challenging the patron to look deeper than the expressive face or group depicted. "My artistic production unarguably

stems from a life that has always been fed by an incessant need to express, an inability of being able to shout out, a constant desire to write on canvas the words that I never say," he said. "I consider painting to be a way of channeling all that I feel into a space in which I can give life to my deepest sentiments - those that the eyes can't see even after they've filled a canvas.'

A Cuban immigrant, Toste under-



Trilogy, a three-painting series inspired by the Holocaust, is the focus of the Joel Toste exhibit, "Shadowy Back-ground, which is on display at the Patio Gallery. (photo by Courtney Hatley)

stands firsthand what it means to lose one's homeland and to search for one's self. Some of those themes are caught

in the Trilogy series, three paintings that Toste created especially for this exhibit. The Trilogy paintings, all depictions of

the Holocaust, show people as they are forced from their homes, sent to concentration camps and, finally, led to the gas chambers. Toste considered those paintings an important platform for express-ing his own loss of home.

The exhibit, and particularly the *Trilogy*, are hauntingly beautiful and Toste expertly captures the human raw emotion

"When I think about painting I can't help but think about poetry," he said. 'To paraphrase Da Vinci, painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt; poetry is felt rather than seen.'

A Louisville resident, Toste is a businessman as well as an artist, running the Havana Rumba Cuban Cuisine restaurants with his partner, Pedro Hernandez.

The Shadowy Background will be up until August 16. The Patio Gallery is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

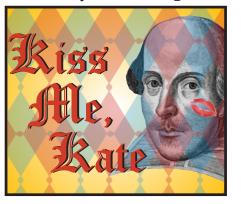
### 'Kiss Me, Kate' blends broadway, Shakespeare into CenterStage smash as season opens

By David Wallace For Community

Kiss Me, Kate is a play within another play - William Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew - only set to music.

The first act features the Shakespeare play with the *Kiss Me, Kate* version serving as support. Josh Gilliam plays both Petruchio and Fred Graham while Shannan Speicher plays Katherine Minola and Lillie Vanessi.

In the initial act, Gilliam's strong voice is featured in I've Come to Wive It



Wealthily in Padua and Were Thine That Special Face, while Speicher tears it up in I Hate Men.

The second act opens with *Too Darn Hot*, a highlight of the Cole Porter score performed by Paul, played by Alfred Jones, Jr., backed by two stagehands and the company.

There is another love affair that runs through both plays. It features Emma Rhodes as Lois Lane/Bianca Minola, and Bill Calhoun/Luciento, played by Lars Hafell, which provides a counterpoint to the main story.

Gilliam and Speicher set the tone of the play with their solid acting and singing, and while Kiss Me, Kate has its "modern" moments, in the end, the message is the same in both Act One and Act Two. Kate and Lillie submit to Petruchio and Fred and all live happily ever after or not

The 2017-18 CenterStage season is off a fine start. Next up is *Smokey Joe's Café* September 7-17, a chance to rock to the songs of Lieber and Stoller.

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## SPORTS

## Silver medal! Glazer, USA, finish second in team show jumping at the 20th Maccabiah Games in Israel

By Lee Chottiner Interim Editor

Andrea Glazer may have been the only Louisvillian to compete in the just-completed 20th Maccabiah Games in Israel, but she came away a winner.

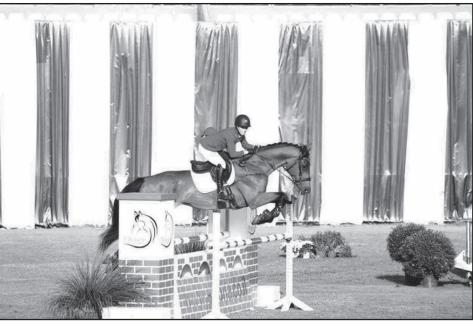
The 21-year-old recent graduate of Auburn University was part of the USA equestrian team that placed second behind Israel in the show jumping event - good enough for a silver medal. Switzerland finished third.

It was Glazer's first appearance in the Maccabiah Games, also known as the Jewish Olympics.

Riding Chin Chinello, a horse she selected in a random drawing - the largest she's ever mounted - Glazer wielded the "gigantic" bay gelding through two rounds of the team event, downing a couple rails on the 1.20-meter course but otherwise keeping her team in the hunt.

"To say the course was hard is an un-derstatement," Glazer wrote in her blog. "One team didn't have any members finish the course, and over 25 percent of the competitors did not get through the finish flags. There were multiple falls, eliminations, tons of rails, and even some tack malfunctions.

Glazer, the daughter of Karen Abrams and Jeff Glazer, also competed in the individual portion of the event. She fin-



Andrea Glazer, riding Chin Chinello, clears an obstacle during the teen portion of the show jumping event at the Maccabiah Games in Israel. Team USA took the silver medal in this event. (photo by Anna Sylvan Jaffe)

ished in the middle of the field, though two U.S. riders came in fourth and fifth just short of medaling.

For Glazer, who flew on to Australia after the Games to begin an internship at the Melbourne Cup, the Maccabiah represented the culmination of a long,

successful comeback effort.

"If you told me last year that I would be walking into Teddy Stadium, in a pink coat, with the best team I could ever ask for, to get a silver medal around my neck, I would laugh right in your face," she wrote. "This time last year, I

was riding a horse that shouldn't jump, ever, and I lost all of my confidence because of it. I would tremble in fear when going up to any size jump, even crossrails, because he was so unpredictable.

"I thought that I would never get back to being the rider I was before I bought him," she added.

But she did.

"I spent the past 12 months working on gaining my confidence, and breaking down the psychological fear with jump-' she wrote. "I can proudly say that ing, the hard work has paid off. The emotions I felt walking back into the stadium to receive a silver medal at the Jewish Olympics is a dream that I still am not able to wrap my head around."

Glazer's parents, Jeff Glazer and Karen Abrams, accompanied their daughter on the trip, with Abrams acting as her groom. Unlike previous trips, the couple lived in the country much like Israelis do - little touring -which gave them a unique perspective on life there.

The gathering of Jewish athletes from around the globe was impressive. "And they were all Jewish," Abrams

said. "China sent an athlete, Pakistan. It was amazing to see all the Jewish athletes and how proud everyone was to be together.'



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### **Bats play Indy during** Jewish Heritage Night

The first Jewish Heritage Night with the Louisville Bats, slated for Sunday, August 6, at Slugger Field where the Bats play the Indianapolis Indians, 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 He-brew-text "Louisville Bats" T-shirt with the purchase of a \$13 ticket.

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

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.

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#### Wissinger promoted at the J Wissing-Tom er has been pro-

moted to vice JCC president. programs and operations.

W i s s i n g e r joined The J four years ago as a then contractor,

Tom Wissinger

became a JCL employee in 2013. He has led the effort to create a seamless flow and between membership, health and wellness and customer service areas.

Wissinger also has exercised direct oversight of facilities and security as senior director of programs and operations

Wissinger also plays a key role in planning and progress for JTomorrow!

"This promotion recognizes the imact Tom has made within our agency,' JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner said in a prepared statement, "and the role he will continue to play as we implement our future plans.



Sachs short story appears in Chicago literary mag Bob Sachs has

a new short story out in the latest cisco. issue of Chicago Quarterly Review. Titled "A Geom-etry of Life," the

story is about a star-crossed love

affair between a middle-age man and a woman who runs a funeral home. The man, Cogan, is a re-



curring character in Sachs' fiction, coming from the same Jewish neighborhood where he grew up.

"Like me, he is both earnest and clue-less," Sachs said.

A dead body, a faked terminal illness, and other story elements found in romantic comedies appear in this piece.

In addition to the journal, the sto-ry can be found at Sachs' website, www.roberthsachs.com.

Another of at Sachs' stories, also with Cogan as the main character, "The Catchfly," will be published in November by The Delmarva Review.

'I am always pleased and surprised when, on occasion, literary publications sift through thousands of entries and choose one of mine," Sachs said.

> Moskowitz earns food justice journalism fellowship Karyn Mos-

karyn Mos kowitz, executive director of New Roots, has been selected to be a part of A Place at The Table: The Pacific Food Studies OpEd Fellowship, from July 12-14, at

the University of the Pacific in San Fran-

The Pacific Food Studies OpEd Fellowship is a national initiative to increase the diversity of voices among thought leaders in Op-Ed Food Media. The Fellowship will provide food writers, scholars, and journalists (print, digital, and multimedia) from underrepresented communities with the training and support to craft and publish Op-Ed pieces about critical food issues.

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As part of the fellowship Moskowitz will benefit from a three-month mentor-ship to produce at least one high-quality food journalism piece in her chosen media platform.

"I am looking forward to meeting more food justice organizers and people who share a similar passion and vision for the future," Moskowitz said in a prepared statement. "I hope to hone in on skills as a food justice journalist in order to create a deeper and more intentional dialogue about fresh food security here in Kentucky and to increase the exposure for New Roots and Fresh Stop Markets

Fellows' backgrounds ranged from social justice, to the struggles of children and seniors, to animal rights, health, and wellness.

"Through this fellowship, we hope to increase the diversity of voices rep-resented on the Op-Ed page," said Polly Adema, director of the Master of Arts in Food Studies at University of the Pacific San Francisco Campus.

Moskowitz is one of two accepted fellows in the Louisville area. Priscilla McCutcheon, assistant professor of pan-African studies and geography/geosciences at the University of Louisville, is the other.

### Fleischaker touts downtown in Business First Q&A

Rebecca Fleischaker, deputy director of economic development at Louisville Forward, said the success of downtown is spreading out.

Answering questions in a recent Q&A for Louisville Business First, Fleischaker said development is spreading for the business district to "edge" neigh-borhoods such as Irish Hill, Paristown Pointe, Germantown, Smoketown and Russell. She said urban living is surging and older housing and commercial stock is being redeveloped.

### Friedman featured in Louisville Distilled story

Paul Friedman, vice president of business technology leadership at Humana, was featured in a recent Louisville Distilled story about relative newcomers to the city and why they chose to live here. According the LD story, Friedman

was vice president of technology for a New York startup when he was recruited for Humana. Înitially, he said no, but was persuaded to come see the city.

He and his family eventually moved for the job. Ten years later, according to the story, "we stayed because it's Louisville."



ed to Chicago Louisville tive Danielle Solzman, now living in Chicago, is the managing editor of Solzy at the Movies (www. solzyatthemovies. com). In addition,

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Danielle Solzmanshe was recently<br/>accepted into the<br/>Chicago Independent Film Critics Circle.

### Paws with Purpose gets grant

Paws with Purpose, a local organization that trains and places assistance dogs free of charge, has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Million Dollar Round Table Foundation. The grant will support training and placement of dogs with adults and children physical or developmental disabilities in Louisville Metro. Several Jewish Louisvillians volunteer with the program.

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## TICKETS

\$65 by August 1, \$75 after \$36 for adults 30 & under

Tickets include dinner, a drink and dancing through the decades.  $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{O}\mathbf{W}$ 

#### Temple to offer classes in Jewish parenting

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Raising Jewish Children, a practical guide for exploring different ways to parenting Jewish children, will be taught at The Temple during October and November.

The class will offer options, ideas, strategies and information about how to fit Judaism into a family's framework.

Among the questions the class will address are:

• What's going on at services and can I/should I bring my children?

How do I make our Passover seder fun for my 4-year- old?
What makes my home look,

feel, and smell "Jewish"?What traditions can I realisti-

cally incorporate into my family's busy lives?

• What are my child options when becoming bar or bat mitzvah? The class, which will be held October

15, 22 and 29, and November 5, 12 and 19, is open to the community. Babysitting will be offered. Call The Temple at 502-423-1818

## Newsmakers

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to RSVP.

## Bleiden's work in Butchertown makes LBF

Andy Bleiden has been featured in a July 11 Louisville Business First story about his efforts to "right-zone" a 5,500-square-foot warehouse in Butchertown.

According to LBF, the building has been operating for decades under nonconforming rights, which permits oth-

### Havurah holds havdallah potluck

The new havurah at Shalom Tower will host a havdallah potluck cookout, Saturday, July 29, at 6 p.m. at a member's home. The event is open to the community. Contact Sami and Thom George at 713-636-2083 for more information.

### AJ offers crash course in Hebrew

Adath Jeshurun is offering five 90-minute weekly Hebrew reading lessons with Deborah Slosberg. The free course is designed for those with little or no background in Hebrew, and concentrates on the Hebrew alphabet and reading skills. The first class is Sunday, July 30, at 10:30 a.m., followed by classes on August 6, 13, 20 and 27. RSVP to Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or call 458-5359. All classes are open to the community.

### Tisha B'Av to be observed at AJ

Adath Jeshurun will also host a Tisha B'av service on Tuesday morning, August 1, 7:15 a.m. at the synagogue. The community is invited to participate.

erwise prohibited uses at the site. Bleiden's efforts would permit new commercial use their, such as a restaurant, gym or store.

He told LBF that he has no immediate plans or tenants in mind for the building, but he wants "the flexibility to pursue renovations for other uses should it stop being used as a warehouse."

Bourbon Barrel Foods LLC, a local company that develops bourbon-infused foods, is currently using the warehouse space, he said.



### Tisha B'Av to be observed at KI

Keneseth Israel will hold its afternoon Tisha B'Av service Tuesday, August 1, 5:45 p.m., at the synagogue. Afterwards, Rabbi Michael Wolk will speak on the subject, "What is Tisha B'av? Should we still be mourning?" Worshipers should bring tallit and tefillin.

### Knit & Qvell at Anshei Sfard

Anshei Sfard will host its Knit & Qvell Circle Thursday, August 3, 1 p.m., in the synagogue's library. All knitted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. Contact Toby Horvitz at 502-458-7108 for more information.

### KI Big Rock Shabbat slated

Keneseth Israel's summer Shabbat program, Big Rock Shabbat, is set for Friday, August 4, at 6 p.m. There will be a family-friendly outdoors Kabbalat Shabbat followed by a vegetarian/dairy picnic in Big Rock Park. A Kiddush will follow services. Bring your own blanket, dairy/veggie food, and games. Dessert will be provided. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

### AJ hosts upscale treasure sale

The Adath Jeshurun Upscale Treasure Sale will be held Friday, August 4, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, August 6, from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., (prices will be 50 percent off after 3 p.m.), and Monday, August 7, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Buyers can make their best offer on remaining items.) The sale will feature antiques, art, coins, crystal, décor, furniture, jewelry, lamps, pictures, serving pieces, toys and watches.

### AJ holds Celebration Shabbat

Celebrate your birthday or anniversary at Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, August 5. All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of August are invited to participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services beginning at 9:30 a.m.

### Spiritual pragmatism group at AJ

Dr. Courtney Snyder, a holistic psychiatrist, and Marty Snyder, and business and leadership advisor, will facilitate a spiritual pragmatism discussion group on Sundays, 9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. twice a month, at Adath Jeshurun.

The group will address finding purpose and meaning and navigating practical challenges in daily life.

The August 13 meeting will explore, "Making Room for the Soul;" and August 27, "The Sidewalks are Littered with Postcards from God" (Walt Whitman.) Finding Meaning in Synchronicities and Coincidence."

This group discussion is open to the community. Visit adathjeshurun.com/ spiritualpragmatism for details.

### Rabbi Gaylia's teaches shofar blowing

To prepare for the congregational shofar blowing during the Rosh HaShanah morning service, Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks will teach shofar-blowing classes Wednesdays, August 16, 23, and 30 at 6 p.m.

All are welcome to learn the art of shofar blowing, but participants must be over the age of 13, have access to a personal shofar and be able to attend at least two of the three classes.

Private lessons are available for those unable to attend the group sessions. Call (502) 423-1818 to attend or set up an appointment.

### Temple holds Blue Jean Shabbat

The Temple will celebrate the end of summer and the start of the school year by wearing denim at its annual Blue Jean Shabbat, Friday, August 18. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and services will follow at 6:30. Dinner is free, but reservations are required. Contact The Temple at 423-1818 or religiousschoolassistant@ thetemplelouky.org by August 16. There will be a surprise treat at the oneg following services.

### **KI hosts Shabbat and Sundaes**

Keneseth Israel will meet Saturday August 19, 7 p.m. at Graeter's on Bardstown Road. KI members receive a free \$5 treat. The community is invited. RSVP at 502-459-2780 or gkahn@kenesethisrael.com.

#### AJ hosts 'Sunday Funday'

Adath Jeshurun will host a youth baking day Sunday, August 20, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The event is in preparation of the Kiddush lunch following the student-led Shabbat service on August 26. Shane Shaps will lead children of all ages in baking treats from classic recipes such as: Rugelach, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Zebra Crinkles, Snickerdoodles and Lemon Squares. This event is open to parents and youth. Visit adathjeshurun. com/back2shul to register. The event is free.

### **Back-2-Shul Shabbat at AJ**

The community is invited to Adath Jeshurun's Back-2-Shul Shabbat Service on August 26. The service will be led by children of all ages and will feature creative songs chosen by the participants. Blessings, Torah readings and even the desserts at the Kiddush lunch will be prepared by participants 18 and younger. To participate, visit adathjeshurun. com/back2shul for details.

### AJ hosts Shabbat Scholar

Frank Schwartz will serve as Shabbat Scholar Saturday, August 26, following the Adath Jeshurun Kiddush lunch. He will speak on "How to Talk and Listen to the Other."

#### AJ hosts book club

The Adath Jeshurun Book Club will meet Sunday, August 27, 2 p.m., for an informal discussion of the book, One More River by Mary Glickman. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com for reservations or to order a copy. The discussion, facilitated by Slosberg, is free and open to the community.

### AJ hosts Louisville Melton Kick-off

The 2017-2018 open house for Louisville Melton, will be held Tuesday, August 29, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Adath Jeshurun. Experience mini-lessons by newly-published authors, Ellen Haskell and Edwin Segal, followed by a dessert reception! The event is free of charge. RSVP by August 20 to Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@ adathjeshurun.com.

### 'Peace by Piece' coming in August

The Temple will hold Peace by Piece, its annual interfaith summer peace concert, Sunday, August 27, 6 p.m., in the Waller Chapel.

The event is open to all, and the concert is free to attend. There will be a Middle Eastern dinner directly following the concert at \$10 per person (children eat free). RSVP by Wednesday, August 23. There is a \$5 early reservation discount if received by August 16.

### Torah Study at The Temple

The Temple's Saturday Torah study group with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, meets from 9-10 a.m. in the Fishman Library before the morning service. The group reads and discusses the weekly Torah portion over coffee, bagels, cream cheese and other treats.

## LIFECYCLE

### **Births**



**Molly Bea Kibort** Amy and Lee Benovitz happi-ly announce the birth of their granddaughter, Molly Bea Ki-bort, on June bort, 11, 2017. Molly's parents are Nancy and Adam Kibort, of Chicago.

**Jackson Wilder** 

joyfully celebrat-

ed the arrival of

their son, Jack-son Wilder Gri-

ley on February 15, 2017. He is

the grandson of

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Her paternal grandparents are Drs. Mary and Phil Kibort of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her great-grandparents are Myra Garon, Reva Kibort and Harold Rutstein.



Mary and Randy Baron, Jackie and Kenny Sanders, and Jim Griley and Amy Turner.



Jill and Eddie Ginsburg proudly announce the birth of two grand-children, Barrett Claire Ginsburg, born May 17, 2017, the daughter of Scott and Alison Ginsburg of Chicago; and Hannah Sara Maker, born May 19, 2017, the daughter of Joshua and Shannon Maker from Overland Park, Kansas.

Their great-grandmother is Mari-on Goldberg, and their great-grandparents of precious memories are Mayer Goldberg and Leila and Irvin Ginsburg.

### **B'nai Mitzvahs**

#### Ryan Nicholas Catapano

Ryan Nicholas Catapano, son of Hilary and Rich-Catapano, ard brother of Jenna, Rick and Ashley, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on

Saturday, Sep-tember 2, 9:30 a.m., at Keneseth Israel Congregation. Ryan is the grandson of the late Barbara and Scherrill Russman and Sandy Slater.

An eighth grader at Kammerer Middle School, Ryan is a member

of the baseball and tennis teams. He also plays alto saxophone in the band.

Ryan is a baseball enthusiast, and enjoys playing for St. Matthews and Lyndon Recreation. This summer, Ryan attended the Maccabi Games in Birmingham, AL

Ryan's bar mitzvah project consist-ed of collecting toys, school supplies and household items for residents of Family Scholar House; its mission is to end the cycle of poverty and transform our community by empowering families and youth to succeed in education and achieve lifelong self-sufficiency.

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



Elliot son be the August

A grandson of Michele and Myl-es Marcovitch and Susan and Peter

eighth grade at the Louisville Collegiate Scholar and a member of the soccer, tennis and robotics teams.

He has attended B'nai Brith Beber Camp for the past five years. Jack loves spending time with his friends, reading, playing sports and playing the piano

In addition to volunteering 13 hours of community service, Jack will be donating a portion of his bar mitzvah gifts to the Beber Scholarship program.

Jack and his family invite the community to celebrate his bar mitzvah and join them at the kiddush luncheon following the service.



Goldberg Jordan Sanford Goldberg, son of Najla and Steven Gold-Steven berg, brother of Zach and Leah, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on

Jordan Sanford

Saturday, Au-gust 26, 2017, 10:30 am, at The Tem-

Jordan is the grandson of Charles and Joanne Aswad, New York City and Jeanne and the late Herbert

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## CHAVURAT SHALOM

### Compiled by Sarah Harlan For Community

We've got a full month's worth of eating, learning, and enjoying each other's company coming up in August:

• Thursday, August 3 – Rabbi David will share, "What's Up in Israel?" Rabbi after his recent annual trip. Lunch will include beef brisket, roasted potatoes, green beans, greek salad, and fresh fruit. We'll be celebrating July and August birthdays and anniversaries, so there will be cake.

Thursday, August 10 - Sara Robinson will delight us with a Broadway and popular music concert. Lunch in the Heideman will include veggie lasagna, caesar salad, fresh fruit, and banana pudding. The concert will be in the main sanctuary

Thursday, August 17 – Write poetry? Paint portraits? Tickle the ivories? Whatever your hobby, share it with your Chavurat Shalom friends. Lunch will include BBQ chicken, wild rice pilaf with broccoli and carrots, mixed green salad, fresh fruit, and apple cobbler.

• Thursday, August 24 -- Matt Goldberg will be back to talk about, "What is Jewish Advocacy?" Lunch will include salmon patties, mashed potatoes, green peas with carrots, coleslaw, fresh fruit and an assorted dessert plat-

• Thursday, August 31 – Piano virtuoso Nada Loutfi will return with a beautiful concert of classical music. Lunch in the Heideman will include meatloaf, roasted potatoes, green beans, pasta salad, fresh fruit, and cookies and brownies. The concert will be in the main sanctuary.

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, fol-

lowed by the program at 1 p.m. Chef Z is the caterer for the activities. Contact Sara 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 Cha-vurat 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.



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urday, 12, 10:30 am, at The Temple.

Jack Elliot Salamon Jack

### Salamon, of Beth and Michael Salamon and brother of Alex, will called to Torah as a bar mitzvah on Sat-

Salamon, Jack will be entering the

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## B'nai Mitzvahs

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Goldberg, Philadelphia.

A seventh grader at Kentucky Country Day School, Jordan plays violin in the orchestra. He also plays basketball and lacrosse.

He is a passionate fisherman and animal lover. He also enjoys biking, kayaking, cooking, music and spending time with his family and friends.

Jordan is fundraising for Supplies Overseas(SOS), a nonprofit organization that collects donated medical equipment from around Kentuckiana and sends it around the world in shipping containers to countries in desperate need of medical supplies.

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

### Anniversaries

#### Jill Eddie and Ginsburg

Jill and Eddie Ginsburg will sponsor a kiddush to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary, Saturday, July 29, at Keneseth Israel Congrega-The event

tion. The event also marks the birth of the couple's two grandchildren and Eddie's 65th birthday. The Louisville community is invited.

### **Obituaries**

**Sidney Marvin Figa** Sidney Marvin Figa, 86, died Fri-



Mrs. Laura Koby Mrs. Shirley Kozlove

day, July 21, 2017 at The Forum at Brookside. August Born

1930, 7. Sidney graduated from Male High School in 1948 and from the University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy in

1952. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, where he served as a pharmacist in the Letterman Hospital in San Francisco for 11 months and at the 8142 Base Hospital near Sendai in Japan for one year.

Sid retired after 45 years with the Walgreen's Company and was a registered pharmacist and a leading store manager during that time. He received many professional awards. Sidney was a member of the Alpha Zeta Ömega fraternity, B'nai Brith, Keneseth Israel Congregation, the KI Men's Club and Duffers Golf Club.

He volunteered for 30 years for the WHAS Crusade for Children and was a Kentucky Colonel.

Sidney's spirit, his intelligence, his great, quick wit and sense of humor, his wonderful laugh (that made everyone else laugh) and most of all, his unwavering devotion to his fam-ily, especially his three children are how he will be remembered by his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Edith Schiffman Figa, and his daughter, Risa Fay. He leaves his beloved wife of 38

years, Evelyn (Parket) Figa; his three beloved children, Barry Figa (Tan-ner), Dr. Daryl Figa and Candace Portman (Charlie); a brother, Leon Figa (Lorna); a sister, Marilyn Anhouse (Morty); his adored grandchildren, Elliot and Aaron Figa and

Chase Portman. Special to him were all his nieces and nephews.

The family expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful care Sidney received from his dedicated caregivers from the Caring For You Agency; Chiquita Thompson, Judy Garriot, and Aretta Bonler. It would also like to thank all those who cared for him at The Forum at Brookside and his wonderful friends who were there for him through the years of his illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 23, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Jewish National Fund Trees, 42 E. 69th Street, New York, NY 10021, Keneseth Israel Congregation, 2531 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, KY 40205 or Hosparus, 3532 Ephraim McDowell Drive, Louisville, KY 40205.



Stanley Fisch-; 95, of Louer, zer isville, passe way Thursday, er. away Thursday, June 29, 2017. He left knowing he was loved dearly by his family and Stanfriends. ley was a loving

husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, brotherin-law and friend.

Stanley was born March 29, 1922, in Louisville. He lived in Louisville and loved it dearly all his life.

Stanley served for three years in World War II in the Army's 42nd Rainbow Division and fought on the French/ German line in Alsace. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Though he was badly wounded during the war, he fully recovered and returned to Louisville where he met the love of his life, Mary Lee Davis. They married in 1948 and lived happily together for 66 years. They had two children.

Stanley and Mary Lee owned and operated Stan's Pawn Shop on Jefferson St. in downtown Louisville for almost 50 years. He loved his work and took great joy in helping people out

After retirement, Stanley and Mary Lee enjoyed traveling, volunteering at the JCC and Four Courts Assisted Living and spending time with their children and grandson. Nothing, though, seemed to compare to the true joy Stanley derived from working in his pawn shop. He always had a positive attitude no matter the circumstances. His frequent expression was "I've got nothing but peaches and cream." He always had a smile, a one-liner and a story to tell.

Stanley was preceded in death by Mary Lee; his parents, Meyer and Esther Fischer; and his sister, Cecile Fischer Sher Noe.

Stanley is survived by his daugh-ter, Hedy Fischer (Randy Shull) of Asheville NC; his son, Andrew Fischer (Cynthia Cooke) of Louisville; his grandson, Seth Fischer of Bowling Green and his mother, Vicki Danser of Orlando, FL; his brother, William Fischer of Louisville; his brother-inlaw, Skip Davis (Debra) of Louisville and many nephews, nieces, cousins and in-laws.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Sheryl and Kaelyn Daugherty and the caring

women who worked for them, and Linda Harris, who cared for Stanley as if he was their own father and the staff at Trevton Oak Towers.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 2, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Mary Lee and Stanley Fischer Youth Activities Fund The Jewish Federation of Louisville, 3600 Louisville,KY Dutchman's Lane, 40205, JFCS Food Pantry or Dare to Care.



Linda Benovitz **Fuchs** Beno-Linda vitz Fuchs passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2017. She was

71 Born on November 14, 1945, she completed her education

with degrees in preschool education and art history, and taught preschool for several years. She volunteered at Jewish Hospital, the Speed Museum and Locus Grove Historic Home.

She married the love of her life, David Fuchs, in January 1969. They enjoyed 48 years of a long, happy and successful marriage, traveling together across the continental United States, Alaska, Europe and the Caribbean.

Fuchs was especially fond of creating fiber art work such as original purses, quilts and clothing proj-ects. She was a member LAFTA and served on the Jewish Community Center Fine Art Committee.

She was a wonderful and loving wife, and a devoted and caring mother to her son, Franklin.

Fuchs is survived by her husband, son, her brother, Lee (Amy) Benovitz, and many nieces and nephews.

She was always a joy to be around and had a positive attitude right to the end. She was loved by all and will be sorely missed.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 30, at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 2401 Woodbourne Ave., with burial to follow in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Gilda's Club, or Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

### **Mary W. Klotz**

Mary W. Klotz, 78, of Louisville, was surrounded by her loving fam-ily on July 18, 2017, when she passed away peacefully and with dignity, as she lived her life.

Mary was born on September 11, 1938, in Dodge City, KS, to the late William and Catherine Crowley Weigel. In 1960, she graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in education and taught elementary school for 42 years in California, Maryland and Indiana. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma at KSU, a member of the Kappa Alumni Book Club in Louisville and she was on the house board for the Kappa House at Centre Col-lege, Danville.

Mary was a world traveler and an avid reader. She loved bright days, sunshine and people.

She is survived by her loving husband, Martin F. Klotz; her sons, Kevin M. Klotz (Margarita) of Houston, Texas, and David E. Klotz of Louisville; her sister, Margaret E. Staggs

Ms. Jennifer Payton Mr. Stephen Petersc

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## Julius Friedman, artist, found inspiration in water, trees, ice cream and eggs

Julius Friedman, 74, died peace-fully, surrounded by friends and family, Sunday, July 16, at Baptist Health Louisville following a battle with leukemia.

Friedman was a dedicated artist and prolific creator. He was a graphic designer, photographer, artist, fur-niture designer and videographer. The man and his work defy easy description.

Early in his career, Friedman created posters for non-profit organizations, many of which are so memorable that people today can instantly call them to mind at the mention of their titles.

'[He] was devoted to and proud of the Louisville Orchestra," said long-time friend Gila Glattstein. "The extraordinary work he did for them is very well known and accepted by the community. Perhaps the most recognized piece in that series is French Horn Filled with Ice Cream.

Last year, during a 50-year ret-rospective exhibit of his posters at the Frazier Museum, Friedman cel-ebrated that poster "by getting area school children to re-enact the poster. It took them three minutes and 40 seconds to fill a real horn with ice cream," Bruce Snyder wrote in an article for Community last August.

The exhibit included 320 of Friedman's posters and several other installations, including a video. "I've



never done a vid-eo before," Fried-man told Snyder. "I wanted this thing to showcase energy and rebirth. I also wanted people to walk through a fabric. I wanted more than pho-

tographs on a wall.

So<sup>1</sup> Friedman, who has always loved nature, chose water as the subject of a four-minute film he created. He also hung long pieces of fabric from the ceiling that people could walk through and touch while exploring his work.

Friedman's early work also included the remarkable Toe On Egg for the Louisville Ballet and Fresh Paint, which shows stark, white eggs behind a row of red, yellow and blue yolks.

After his poster phase ended, he turned to photographic imagery of trees, water, flowers and a ballet dancer. These images were later printed on metal and fabric. His last work was a series of short videos that can be viewed on YouTube.

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

Born and raised in Kentucky, Friedman graduated from the University of Louisville with a bachelor's degree in graphic design. He went on to receive the Kentucky Governor's Award in the Arts and his works are included in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C., the National Museum of Poster Art in Warsaw, Poland, the Dansk Plakamuseum in Aahous, Denmark, the Brown-Foreman Collection and the Marriot Hotel Corporation.

His work has been featured in many books, periodicals and shows including: Communication Art; Print Magazine; Art Direction; STA 100 Show; Graphis; Idea Magazine (Japan); Printers Industry of America; Photo Design; Kodak's International Photography Magazine; Nikon World; Letterheads: A Collection from Around the World; American Photography; World Graphic Design; The Language of Visual Art Now, (Holt, Rinehart & Winston); Creative Typography (Phaidon Press); How Magazine; Typography: The Annu-al of the Type Directors Club; Great Ideas by Charles Helmken; Print's Best Letterheads and Business Cards; Mead Top 60 Show; Simpson Printed Papers Awards; James Rivers

the Best; and B&W Photo magazine. Public Works, a book of posters by Friedman and Nathan Felde, was published in 1980 by Hawley Cooke and Orr. Images and Ideas: Julius Friedman, a 256-page book, was published in 2008 by Butler Books. The Book was published by Old Stone Press in 2016.

The family thanks the doctors and nurses at Baptist Health for providing such wonderful care.

Friedman is survived by his sister, Carol Seifer (Sanford Abrams); his nieces, Caryn Steinert (Eric) and Melissa Cohen (Matthew); and his daughter, Kimberly Karp.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 19, at 11:30 a.m. at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave., with burial to follow in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. tion will begin after 10 a.m. Visita-

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

Information for this story came from his official obituary and the biographic information published on his web site, imagesol.com.

(Shiela Wallace, editor emeritus, compiled and contributed to this storv.)

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(Bruce Champlin) of Phoenix, AZ; and her grandchildren, Rachel E. and Ryan W. Klotz, both of Louisville.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 21, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Cave Hill Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The American Cancer Society, The Breast Cancer Research Foundation or The Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

Dr.



#### Robert "Rob" Gary Levine

Dr. "Rob" Robert Gary Levine, 70 passed away on Thursday, June 2017, 8, surrounded by his family, after a

courageous battle with cancer. He was laid to rest in Scranton, PA, on Sunday, June 11. He is survived by his wife Sharon,

his children Meryl and Collin, his grandson Clayton, his siblings Jack (Debbie) and Linda (Bob), and his many nieces and nephews.

Throughout his podiatric career, Rob was recognized for his work, sitting on podiatry boards and teaching surgical residents. When not practicing medicine, you

could find him skiing the slopes with his family and friends or bicycling with the Clydesdale Athletic Club. Rob and the Clydesdales were symbiotic, each motivating the other to push their bodies and to not give up, which he never did.

Rob's family and friends meant the world to him. He was generous with his time, his wisdom, and his love, and he will be deeply missed by

all who knew him. Donations may be sent to Cantor Lipp's Discretionary Fund, 2401 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205; Keneseth Israel Synagogue, 2531 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, KY 40205; or Jewish Family & Ca-

reer Services, 2821 Klempner Way, Louisville, KY 40205.

### **Phillip Ray Levy**

Phillip Ray Levy passed away peacefully at home Šunday, June 18, 2017. He was predeceased by his parents Minnie and Nathan Levy.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gail Weinberg Levy, daughters Laura Levin (Gary), Susan Levy, and Judy Zagorin (Mark); his grandchildren, Emily and Deborah Levin, Eliezer, Yehoshua and Shmuel Zagorin; his brother-in-law, David Weinberg (Bev); his nephew, Scott Weinberg (Hunter); and his niece, Lindsey Rossen (David).

He was a public accountant for many years and member of Keneseth Israel Congregation.

services Funeral were held Wednesday, June 21, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc. 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy can be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation, Brown Cancer Center, Hosparus or the charity of your choice.

### **David Pisterman**

David Pisterman, of Louisville, died Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

He was a dispatcher with Spectrum Communications, a volunteer with Raptor Rehab and with My Dog Eats First, and had a passion for ani-mals, Star Wars and Marvel Comics.

David left behind a legion of friends and loved ones, including his dispatch team family at Spectrum. He was a caring and devoted husband, son and family man. He will always be remembered for his kindness and gentleness.

David is survived by his wife, Lisa

M. Pisterman; his mother, Mary K. Pisterman; his mother and father-inlaw, Mike and JoAnn Nall; his brother-in-law, Michael S. Nall; and his niece, Eva Carman Nall.

A memorial service was held on

July 14 at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Raptor Rehab of Kentucky or My Dog Eats First.



## **YOUR LEGACY** matters.

You have poured your heart and soul into this Jewish community and made a difference. Whether your greatest passion is your congregation, an organization or a religious school, that commitment stands as a testament to your values.

Now is the time to take the next step in making it an enduring part of your Jewish legacy.

As you plan for the future, think about what your Jewish legacy means to you. And please consider the institution closest to your heart in your will or estate plan.

To learn more about how to create your Jewish legacy, please contact Jennifer Tuylin at 502-238-2719 or jtuylin@jewishlouisville.org.



## **PICTURE THIS: SENIOR CHICAGO TRIP**

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## Haifa

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they originated with Jews or Arabs. "You have to be sensitive to everything happening in the city," he said, adding, "it is very easy to cause an explosion."

Turning to the role religion plays in making the two cities compassionate, Warren said religious organizations have contributed to the schools, health care and social services that sustained Louisville, Jewish Hospital being one example.

Yahav preferred to share stories of his

form how he behaves as mayor. A Haifa native and lawyer, Yahav was

a lieutenant colonel in the Military Police Corps. He studied law at Hebrew

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University and the University of London before becoming secretary-general of the World Union of Jewish Students. He served in the Knesset from 1996-99 as a member of the Labor Party before winning his first term as Haifa's mayor in 2003 on the Shinui-Greens ticket.

Zack and Yael Melzer sponsored the program. Zack, the president of Tova In-dustries in Louisville and a Haifa native, said he got the idea last December while visiting his hometown and meeting the mayor at the Dan Carmel Hotel.

He said, 'so what have you done for this city?" Melzer recalled. "That's how this evening came about."

Before long, Melzer's sister, Haya Ko-vacs, president of the Rotary Club Hod HaCarmel in Haifa, got involved, turning the program into a fundraising opportunity for the club's favorite charity, the Nirim School for at-risk children. It uses animal therapy in its curriculum. "We can see how their confidence is

built," Kovacs, who traveled to Louisville to be at the program, said of the teens in the school." We can see how they're tak-ing care of animals. They're not afraid of animals.

The Melzers agreed to double the donations to the school made during Tuesday's program.

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Without their support, the prime minister's coalition government would likely collapse

Both decisions were met with outrage from progressive and modern Orthodox leaders in Israel and the Diaspora.

In Louisville, Rabbis Robert Slosberg, chairman of the board of the Masorti Foundation, which supports Israel's Conservative movement, and David Ariel-Joel, past president of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (Reform), both issued stinging rebukes to the government for its actions. "This is a crisis," Slosberg, said. Ariel-Joel traveled to Israel shortly af-

ter the announcements. There, he joined a massive rally outside the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem to protest the actions.

Local religious and lay leaders also co-signed a letter to Netanyahu "imploring" him to "provide equal access at the Kotel for egalitarian prayer" and "close the door, once and for all, on the prospect of the Chief Rabbinate's monopoly on conversions.'

In other cities, the response was just as powerful, if not more so. Steven Nasatir, president of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, said any Israeli lawmakers who votes for the conversion bill would not be welcome in his city.

Natan Sharansky, chairman of the Jewish Agency, who helped negotiate the Western Wall agreement came out against the government's decsion to shelve it.

The "retreat from that agreement," Sheransky said, "will make our work to bring Israel and the Jewish world closer together increasingly more difficult." Yair Lapid, head of the opposition

Yesh Atid party, distanced the Israeli people from the government's action.

The vast majority of the citizens of Israel oppose the two decisions taken by the government," he said, referring to the Western Wall decision and the conversion bill.

Anat Hoffman, chair of the Women of the Wall prayer group, whose members pray once a month at the Western Wall despite riotous resistance from ultra-Orthodox Jews, called the decision "shameful to the government and its women ministers who were exposed using their vote against women.

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, said the col-lapse of the Western Wall deal would 'signal a very serious rupture in the relationship between North American Jewry and the State of Israel.'

And Jerry Silverman, CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America, said, "It's deeply troubling and very disappointing that they would suspend the implementation of this resolution,"

(JTA contributed to this story.)

### Miles

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the greater Louisville community. Miles is no stranger to the JCRC. He

chaired it once before in the late 1980s. "I believe that the work of the Community Relations Council within the Jewish community, and from the Jewish community to the overall community, is one of our most important responsibilities, Miles said. "I consider it a mitzvah."

The rabbi emeritus of Temple Shalom, Miles was the first rabbi in that congregation's history, having served it for 39 years until his retirement in 2016.



**Stanley Miles** 

Linker Award, the CRC young lead-ership award that is presented annu-

Prior to that, the Terra Haute, Indi-ana, native served

a congregation in Lake Charles,

He is a past re-

cipient of the Julie

Louisiana.

He is married to Sheilah Abramson Miles. The couple has two children and five grandchildren.



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