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New Soccer Camp included in 2017 Winter Camp

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The J transforms into a holiday shopper's dream

by Bruce Snyder
Special for Community

What does the Jewish Community Center have in common with Snowflakes? Everything, at the third annual Snowflake Shoppe at The J. With paper snowflakes being used as indoor decoration, five different rooms, were transformed into a shoppers dream. Mark and Jane Biek were among the hundreds who shopped until they dropped. "I cannot believe the amount of work people have put in," said Jane. Her husband Mark agrees saying, "I was blown away by the scale of the thing too. We're here anyway, working out. Shopping here helps our community by helping smaller businesses."

The event featured vendors showcasing everything from leather goods and home décor, to homemade jewelry, candles and children's toys, with proceeds benefitting the Early Learning Center. Director Norma Cahen says the Snowflake Shoppe is a win-win for both The J, and the public. "This brings future members into the agency. It lets everyone see what we have to offer," says Cahen. "We've gotten bigger every single year because people are recognizing that this is a fun place to be."

Around 80 vendors took part in this year's event including Kelsey Boone who works with Scarlett's Bakery. "We have been open for two years. We feel it is still important to get our name out," said Boone. "Because of our St.



Matthews location, I think this is a great stop especially as the holidays approach and it is a great fit. There have been plenty of people who haven't heard of us and hopefully, because of this event, will visit our store soon."

Convenience seemed to be a major benefit. Many people do not like shopping in malls around the holidays. Laura Baer of Initial Outfitter's, said she participated in the Shoppe because, "this event is more personal than shopping in malls. People like to buy local and shop local, and support our local community. I think this is the way to go. By the crowd we see today, it shows."

Adds Sarah Brown, who was selling her because by all accounts, the Sne handmade Christmas wreaths. "As someone who works from home, I don't have a store probably Snowflakier as well.

front. This is a great opportunity to see people. Even if I don't sell a ton, I know it's still good marketing."

Ari and Justin Wilson were among the many looking for deals, and finding them. "The person I was buying from, worked out something for me," said Ari. "If you ask, most of them would be willing to help out."

This year, the event brought in nearly \$10,000 for the Early Learning Center. "It's exciting to see all the parents and children," says Cahen. "They're supporting us, and we're helping them. It's a wonderful place to be."

If you missed this year's event, don't worry, because by all accounts, the Snowflake Shoppe will be back next year, bigger, better, and probably Snowflakier as well.

THANKSGIVING HOURS

he J Hours 7 a.m.-3 p.m

Pre-Feast Fitness Fest

Breakfast	.7:30-8 a.m.
30-minute classes	.8:00, 8:30,
	.9:10. 9:45

WINTER HOURS

Sunday, Dec. 24 7 a.m3	p.m.
Monday, Dec. 25 7 a.m3	p.m.

Christmas Day Group Fitness Classes

Cardio challenge	9:30 a.m.
Muscle Blast	10:30 a.m
Cycling	10:30 a.m
Yoga	11:30 a.m

New Year's

The J will be open normal hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

New Year's Day Group Fitness Classes Body Pump 8:30 a.m. Cardio Challenge 9:30 a.m. Cycle 10 a.m. SWITCH! 10 - Noon Aqua Fitness 10:30 a.m.

All classes are 1 hour unless otherwise noted.



Louisville Chapter of BBYO Claims Championship in Drew Corson Basketball Tournament

by Elizabeth Gerber Special for Community

It went down to the final seconds, but the Louisville BBYO AZA basketball team is again the champions of the Drew Corson AZA Basketball Tournament held on Saturday, November 11.

The atmosphere inside the lower gym was electric, with members of the facility joining in as members of the crowd to cheer on their Louisville BBYO team during the finals against Indianapolis. Louisville was the favorite heading into the match, and they put on a show for the gathered crowd. With only seconds left on the clock and the game tied 26-26, Indianapolis committed a shooting foul, which put Louisville at the line for two free throws. Louisville took the lead with seconds to go by making one of the two shots-giving Indianapolis the chance for one last play to win the game. Once the inbound pass was made, the Louisville full-court press ascended, preventing Indianapolis from getting the ball across the line. When the clock ran out and the final buzzer rang out, the gym erupted in celebration, as the Louisville BBYO chapter was once again champions.

The tournament featured teams from across Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio who gathered for a fun-filled day of activities. BBYO Louisville City Director, Kari Semel, explained that many core Jewish values can be translated through sports, but, while winning is a big part of the tournament, these teams know it's about so much more than that.

"It's great seeing the teamwork out there and the boys working together," Semel said. "If someone gets injured, the players stop what they are doing because above all else, they are not enemies. They are friends who care about each other."

Each team consisted of players ranging from eighth to 12th grade. Many of the teams had been practicing every weekend since the beginning of the year. While this event is for boys only, the girls got involved by cheering on their respective teams and participating in other wellness programs including yoga and pilates. The excitement was followed by an alumni basketball game against the Louisville AZA team and a pizza party.







PARENT'S NIGHT OUT



Dec. 16 • 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Parents, enjoy a night out while your children, ages 2 years-6th grade, have fun at The J!

Fee: \$35, + \$10 additional child*

The J Member Fee: \$25, + \$10 additional child*

*Children must be from the same household. Please register by December 12.

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Summer Camp RAFFLE



Enter to win 10 free weeks of Traditional Summer Camp in 2018 (\$2,260 value).

Only \$100 per entry. 125 tickets will be sold until December 29, 2017.

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Imagination fueled Winter Camp... and soccer with LCFC player

The brisk air outside does not mean that your children cannot enjoy the fun of Camp J over winter break. Camp J's Winter Camp is back December 30-January 2. This year, children will go on a quest from Camelot to Neverland.

"With arts and crafts, scavenger hunts and other fun activities, our campers will travel to places they have only read about and dreamed of," says Katelyn Graves, The J Assistant Camp Director.

Winter Camp is open to children from kindergarten through sixth grade with field trips on Thursdays. Middle school children also have their own activities every Friday, with field trips, lunch and swimming at The J.

New this year, Guy Abend, midfielder for the 2017 USL Champion Louisville City Football Club, will lead a soccer camp for ages 5-17 December 20-22.

Guy started playing soccer at the JCC in Washington DC at the age of 6. Later, he signed his first contract for the Under 18 national team for Israel and Rishon Le Zion. He signed with LCFC three years ago.

Camp is open daily from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with Get Up Gang from 7:30-9 a.m. and Stay 'N Play available from 4-6 p.m. Every day includes physical activity, arts and crafts and a snack, with swimming daily for children in kindergarten-5th grade. To register, visit www.jewishlouis-ville.org/wintercamp or call 502-238-2718 with questions.









Dec. 12-19 | 4-5 p.m. Free | The J Lobby

PARTY



December 15 | 5-7 p.m. | Fee: \$15, \$10 The J Members

Come play dreidel, eat latkes, and make some holiday crafts! Party is open to all. We will be serving latkes, pizza and sufganiyot (doughnuts). There will also be crafts, music and dreidel. We hope to see you there!

Register online at jewishlouisville.org/family-chanukah

Landscape painter wins 2017 Mazin Art Exhibition

On Sunday November 12, 2017, artists, families and friends gathered in The J Patio Gallery for the opening reception of the Mazin Annual Art Exhibition. The first-place prize of \$1000 went to Shawn Marshall, a visual arts teacher at North Oldham High School, for her oil on canvas, *Thoreau's Cabin*. Marshall attributes the distinctive texture of this abstract landscape to her method of applying the pigments to the canvas.

"My background is in Architecture and Sculpture, and I used pallet knives to apply plaster," Marshall says, "So when I started painting ... I used pallet knives. It just seemed natural to me."

Second place was given to Alexander Taylor for his oil painting *Atrio de Las Monjas, San Miguel de Allende*. He also received an honorable mention for *Vacant Buildings at Noon* and had another work selected for the show.

Mixed media artist, University of Louisville Art Department employee and Mazin third place winner, Erin Hoffman was excited for the chance to display her glasswork inspired by sound waves at The J. "You can do anything with glass," Hoffman says. Charlie Bosco also received an honorable mention for his work *Preparing for Thanksgiving*.

The show, endowed by the Benjamin and Bernice Mazin Visual Arts Second Century Fund and produced by the JCL and the Jewish Community Center of Louisville, was brought to The J by local artist Bernice Mazin and her family.

Mazin's granddaughter Emily Klempner, describes her grandmother's passion for art and wish to provide opportunities for other artist. "Grandma wanted a place for artists to be able to show their work," Klempner says.

Klempner's sister Lauren Hummel expresses a similar sentiment. "Art is a very big part of our family," Hummel says. "It is important for us to do our part to make sure we carry on the art and that we give other people an opportunity to have an outlet to do that as well."

The goal of promoting talented artists has clearly been achieve in the thirteenth annual exhibition, which includes work from 14 different artists.

The J Arts and Ideas Program and Outreach Manager Marianne Zickuhr further explains the exhibition's intent. "The hope is to provide a place for all types of artists – new artists, budding artists, seasoned artists – to apply to be a part of the show and get a chance to show their art in a gallery," Zickhur says.

The 2017-2018 show displays variety not only in creators but also in mediums. Handblown glass, oil on canvas, photography, watercolor, quilting and acrylic all adorn the gallery space. The abundance of styles is also reminiscent of Mazin, who explored a multitude of artistic genres in her lifetime.

"You can see through all the eras and



Shawn Marshall's Thoreau's Cabin, winner of the 2017 Mazin Annual Art Exhibition.

decades how her art has changed," says Klempner. "She started off more realistic, and then it gets very abstract."

The Mazin piece chosen for this years exhibition is an abstract painting, whose colors seem to reach subtly into the gallery's open space.

Lindy Casebier, the Executive Director of

Louisville Visual Art, served as the juror for the exhibition. "The work, all of it, was so incredible, and it was very difficult to choose," Casebier says. "I think that is indicative of the level of work in Louisville. We are so blessed to have the talented artists in this community that we have."





Subaru Share the Love Event to help Meals on Wheels

The Senior Adult Department is again participating in the Share the Love Campaign with Meals on Wheels America and Subaru.

As a participating Meals on Wheels America member, The J will receive a share of the revenue raised by Kentucky Subaru dealerships. By selecting Meals on Wheels America as your charity of choice, when you purchase or lease a Subaru, you can help The J deliver nutritious meals and other important services to Louisville's older adults in need. For more information, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove.

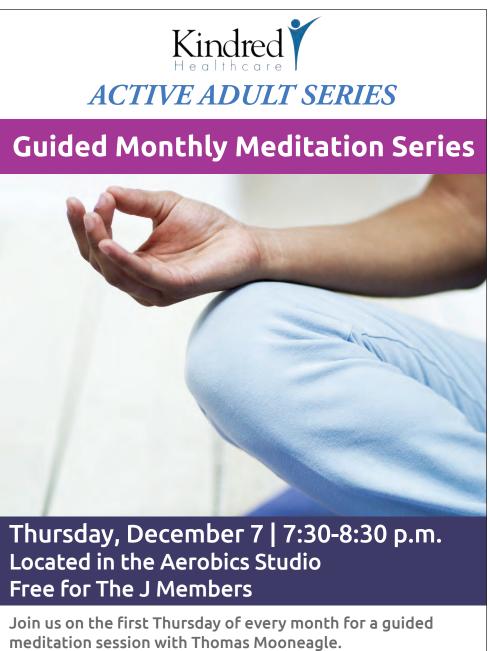
From now through January 2, 2018, Subaru will donate \$250 to the customer's choice of participating charities for every new vehicle sold or leased. There are four national chari-

ties from which to choose: Meals on Wheels America, ASPCA, Make-a-Wish and the National Park Foundation. In Louisville, The J's Senior Adult Meals on Wheels program is actively participating by raising awareness of the Share the Love Event.

To ensure that Meals on Wheels America benefits, Subaru customers must select Meals on Wheels America as the recipient of their \$250 donation.

If you are considering purchasing or leasing a vehicle by January 2, the JCC Senior Adult Department encourages you to consider a Subaru. If you select a Subaru, please designate your \$250 for Meals on Wheels of America.





SENIOR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 28

Cantor Lipp- "These are a few of my Favorite Tunes", 12:30 p.m.

The children from the Pomegranates Class will join us for this enjoyable program. Cantor Lipp will perform some favorite Disney songs followed by some of your favorite Broadway tunes. Refreshments will be served after the program.

DECEMBER 5

Senior Retirees Meeting, 12:45 p.m.

Gerina Whethers, executive director of the Office of Senior Protection Kentucky Office of the Attorney General will speak on "How to Avoid Financial Exploitation & Scams." Refreshments will be served after program.

DECEMBER 12

Chanukah Celebration, noon

Join us for a special luncheon with Cantor Sharon Hordes as our special guest. Please bring a canned food item for JFCS Food Bank & or a toiletry item for Home Delivered Meal Clients.

DECEMBER 14

Day Trip-Frazier Arms Museum, 9:45 a.m.

We will take a guided tour of "Spirits of the Bluegrass: Prohibition & Kentucky" which traces the rise of the temperance movement, organized crime and the repeal of the 18th amendment in 1933. After the tour, you will have the opportunity to explore the museum on your own. At 12:45 p.m., we will depart for lunch at Buckhead Mountain Grill on Bardstown Road Cost of admission & transportation: \$15/M, \$20/NM

Reservation and Payment Deadline: Thursday, December 7

DECEMBER 17

Annual Holiday/New Year's Party, 11:30-2 p.m.

Join us for a delicious lunch catered by Gerry Burns, followed by musical entertainment provided by Tammy & Jamie Whiting-Nashville to New Orleans-songs of the 20's, 30's & 40's. We will end the program giving out terrific door prizes.

Cost: \$20/M, \$30/ NM. Transportation available for an additional \$3.

Reservation & payment deadline: Friday, December 8



Monday, December 11 11:30 a.m. at The J Library

Enjoy a discussion about the history and the future of The J! A free lunch will be served.

Also, enjoy "brain games" with the group.

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