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Yael Dayan visits Louisville



Yael Dayan, who made her third trip to Louisville the week of September 15, says Diaspora Jews must fight harder in their dealings with the Israeli government to secure the equality and religious pluralism they desire. (photo by William Beasley)

Dayan to Diaspora: ‘You’re not fighting hard enough’

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Yael Dayan believes in an Israel where all Jews are created equal, but she doesn’t believe American Jews have done enough to make that happen.

“Israelis, like myself, we think you’re not fighting hard enough,” the 78-year-old secular writer and politician, and the daughter of the late Israeli army General Moshe Dayan told *Community* in an exclusive interview.

Dayan was referring, in part, to two June decisions by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s Cabinet to put a hold on the 2016 deal to create an egalitarian section of the Western Wall

(also known as the Kotel) and to advance a bill in the Knesset to give the ultra-Orthodox Chief Rabbinate complete control of conversions performed in the country.

Facing pushback in the Diaspora and at home, Netanyahu later agreed to delay the bill. Then in August, the Israeli Supreme Court said the government must either reinstate the Western Wall agreement or explain why it was on hold.

Nevertheless, Dayan is troubled by the growing influence Orthodox Jewish groups – political parties, the Chief Rabbinate – have over daily life in her country.

“If Israel wants to be a Jewish de-

mocracy, the land of the Jewish people,” she said, “it should be very clear that it’s a land of all the Jewish people.”

Dayan was in Louisville Friday, September 15, to speak at The Temple and to promote her new autobiography, *Transitions*, a “summation” of her life, career and the tumultuous events she has seen.

Since ultra-Orthodox parties in Netanyahu’s government oppose pluralistic worship at the Kotel and insist upon religious control in the country, Dayan warned Diaspora Jews that the prime minister will always sacrifice their interests in order to cling to power.

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JHFE transfers KentuckyOne interests; receives \$150M in return

By staff and releases

In a deal destined to yield more robust grant-making for Jewish Louisville, the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence announced September 12, that it will divest its interest in KentuckyOne Health to Catholic Health Initiatives for \$150 million.

In the announcement, JHFE and Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI) said they were “concluding their five-year relationship as joint sponsors of KentuckyOne Health.”

CHI assumed full sponsorship of all KentuckyOne Health operations on September 1. Denver-based CHI is the parent company of KentuckyOne.

“We have worked hard to promote excellence in health care delivery during our five-year partnership with CHI,” David Kaplan, chair of the JHFE board of trustees, said in a prepared statement. “With the recent changes in KentuckyOne Health’s business plan, both organizations agreed it would be best to conclude our relationship and pursue our missions independently.”

JHFE said the \$150 million will allow JHFE to “deepen” its financial commitment to “worthy, mission-driven projects supporting community health, medical research and the Jewish community in Louisville and the region.”

JHFE now has funds in excess of \$250 million to invest in its strategic funding areas, it said.

“We commend JHFE’s difficult decision to move away from hospitals and focus its resources on medical research, the health needs of the community, and support of the Jewish community,” said Paul Edgett, executive vice president and chief strategy officer for CHI, in a prepared statement. “The Jewish heritage within many KentuckyOne Health facilities is important to the care and community engagement delivered by the organization, and we are committed to maintain care and respect for individuals of all faiths and backgrounds.”

JHFE traces its history back to the founding of Jewish Hospital in 1903. With the formation of KentuckyOne Health in 2012, JHFE shifted its mission away from day-to-day hospital management to focus on providing grants to support medical research, community health and the Jewish community.

JHFE has provided over \$15 million in grants since 2012. According to Jeff Polson, its executive director, “The JHFE board of trustees has already started conversations about the impact of the additional funds. Over the coming months, the board will work through a thoughtful and strategic process to determine how to increase grant funding in its core mission areas.”

ADL official to address anti-Semitism during her post-Charlottesville visit

Still reeling from the white supremacist demonstration in Charlottesville, Virginia, that led to three deaths, many injuries and not-so-veiled threats to the local synagogue, the regional Anti-Defamation League chief is coming to Louisville to speak to the Jewish community about resurgent anti-Semitism nationwide.

Anita Gray, regional director of the ADL, based in Cleveland, will speak at The J, Monday, September 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The program, titled “Anti-Semitism after Charlottesville,” is free to the community and will specifically address anti-Semitism at the national level. Gray also will meet with Monica Lakhwani, diversity/multicultural education specialist for the Jefferson County Public



Anita Gray

Schools, while she’s in town.

Matt Goldberg, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council, said he decided to schedule Gray immediately following the Charlottesville incidents. She is traveling extensively to speak about anti-Semitism.

Goldberg said he hopes Gray’s talk in Louisville will generate more understanding “and a little activism” on the topic.

“I told her we want some marching orders,” he said.

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Showcase

Never Again

Student Holocaust murals from WKU to be shown at The J

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Gifted teens studying at Western Kentucky University have been finding artistic expression through the Holocaust for 25 years.

That's how long seventh to 10th graders in WKU's Summer Program for Verbally and Mathematically Precocious Youth (VAMPY) taking the program's Nazi Germany and the Holocaust course, have been creating life-size theme murals depicting one of the worst genocides in human history. Now, for the first time, those murals – 20 of them, anyway – will be traveling.

Thanks to a \$72,000 grant from Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (JHFE), the murals are part of a three-city tour called the Never Again exhibit and starting in Louisville. They will be installed at The J from September 20-28 and will be open primarily to student groups during that time. The public may see the exhibit Sunday, September 24, from 4 to 6 p.m.

In addition to JHFE and The J, the Kentucky Center for the Arts and KET public television also are supporting the exhibit. Sketchbook drawings, these are not. The murals, which are done primarily in charcoal, are six feet tall by eight-nine feet wide, said Ron Skillern, the 2017 Kentucky Teacher of the Year, who has taught the course since its inception. All but the two latest are housed in specially built frames. "It's as if you almost step into the image," Skillern said. "I have seen people with tears running down their eyes, as they go through these images."

These murals are not the works of individual artists. The entire class discusses what should be depicted on each canvas as well as the theme, but the actual sketching and painting are done by a group of five to six teens. "If you want strong opinions, get a bunch



Teens from Western Kentucky University's VAMPY program for gifted youth work to complete the latest in a series of Holocaust-themed murals completed by students in the program over the past 25 years. (photo by Alix Mattingly, Kentucky Center for the Arts)

of good artists together," Skillern quipped. "They have to debate and decide what goes on the canvas."

Liberation is the theme for this year's artwork. It shows U.S. Army soldiers entering a concentration camp at the end of World War II and contains quotes by General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Holocaust survivor Fred Gross of Louisville. "They had the moral courage to stand up, those people," Gross said of the Allies who liberated the camps. "They were not bystanders. They were human beings."

Invariably, one student from each group steps up, assuming the role of coach. That teen, Skillern said, pushes the others forward, making sure

the project is completed on time. For its part, the Kentucky Center is looping the exhibit into its Bearing Witness project, which provides teachers at its partner schools across the state extensive training in strategies and models for teaching the Holocaust. The murals are intended to help the students internalize the lessons from that period and perhaps apply them to issues and injustices today. "Rather than trying to fill students with information, it asks them questions relevant to their own lives," Jeffrey Jamner, senior director of education & community arts at the Kentucky Center, said of Bearing Witness.

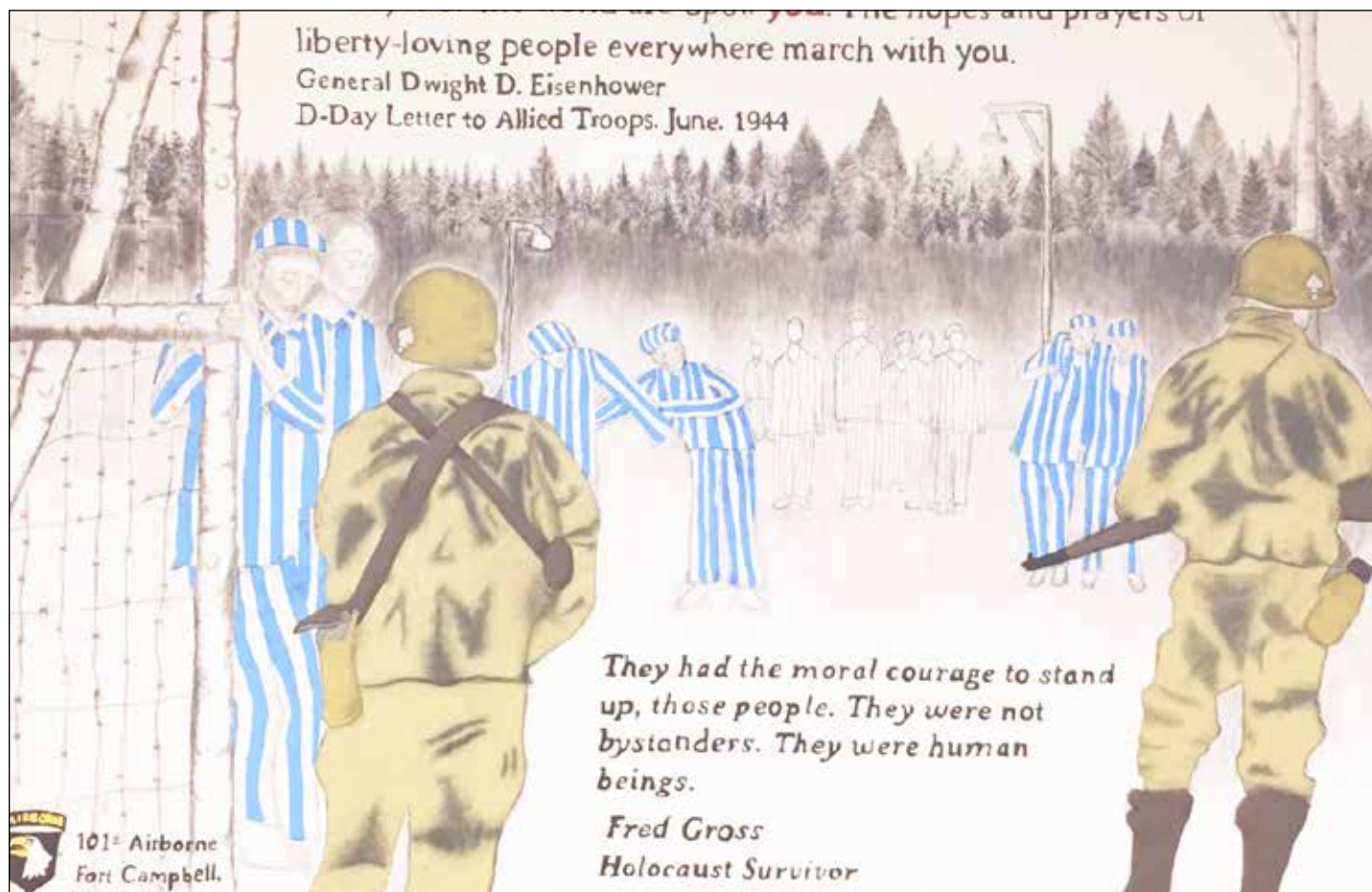
For example, he said students at Noe

Middle School were asked to create an artistic response to a question: "What is your humanity footprint?" The students responded by looking at people who felt marginalized. Two girls choreographed and performed a dance about eating disorders and body image. "Those are the dots they connected," said Jamner, who is the son of Holocaust survivors.

KET plans to produce a 30-minute video piece about the exhibit and will be taping scenes at The J and Noe, where a class will develop its own projects based on the exhibit. It also will post learning materials developed by Kentucky teachers at PBS Learning-Media, an online repository for teaching aids. "I think a lot of teachers want to teach about the Holocaust," said Teresa Day, KET director of educational content development. "The idea is to provide high-quality resources that will help teachers in the classrooms."

Founded in 1984 by WKU's Julia Roberts, VAMPY accepts about 200 of the brightest students from around the world each summer to study an array of subjects. Subjects include Ancient Civilizations, Arabic, Chemistry, Computer Science, DNA and Genetics, Humanities, Mathematics and Presidential Politics. "They don't just come to study Nazi Germany," said Roberts, executive director of WKU's Center for Gifted Studies, "but those who do, have a fantastic experience."

Not every teen in Skillern's course works on the mural. He divides the class into three projects, the other two being a mock trial of Adolf Hitler and a play about Anne Frank speaking as a ghost from the concentration camp where she died. The VAMPY program is intensive, he said. Unlike a standard high school class, in which he would teach a class for maybe an hour, kids in this program are his for six hours a day – plus a one-hour study hall – for three weeks. That puts a greater onus on each teacher to develop projects, Skillern said. "You plan, you plan, you plan."



"Liberation" is the theme of the latest Holocaust mural created by teens in the VAMPY program's Nazi Germany and the Holocaust class. This mural shows Army G.I.s liberating a concentration camp. Quotes by General Dwight D. Eisenhower and local Holocaust survivor Fred Gross drape the top and bottom of the canvas.

Listen to the shofar blasts, get involved in Jewish Louisville in 5778

Rosh Hashanah – Yom Teruah by another name – is also known as the day of shouting or blasting.

Tekiah! Shevarim Teruah! Teruah! Tekiah Godola!

Close your eyes and you can hear these words calling out before the shofar blasts.

Gathering the entire congregation for the first shofar blast of the new year is a communal experience.

I remember being brought into the crowded “big shul” as a child with all the other kids to hear the shofar. We waited patiently and quietly for the sharp sounds, which always resembled a call to action, one so important that everyone needed to hear it.



Sara Klein Wagner

Many consider the shofar blowing as a call to consciousness as we enter the Days of Awe. What is the Jewish communal call to consciousness in 2017?

As we reflect on what took place this past year, it is the perfect time to consider what our wakeup call is at this moment requiring a collective shouting or blasting of the shofar.

As a Jewish communal organization, I believe the Jewish Community of Louisville (JCL) must continue to be a unifying voice for religious equality in Israel in 5778, embracing diversity in our community, standing with our neighbors against hate and providing for the safety and security of Jewish Louisvillians who are struggling economically and emotionally.

Our collective consciousness is our compass; we must hear the blasts as a reminder of those who are counting on us.

Individually, we will hear the short, medium and long godol blasts. We do not hear the blast of the shofar in our homes alone; we hear it as a communi-

ty. Your Jewish community needs you and has so much to share. Our congregations, JCL and the Jewish Family & Children’s Services are here to fulfill your needs.

I encourage you to take advantage of the countless opportunities to engage in Jewish life and come together as we work to make the world stronger. Take a few minutes this year to hear the blasts as our youngest children hear it for the first time, taking in the start of something new.

Shana Tova.

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

Mark Klein headlines LBSY fundraiser

Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad (LBSY) is presenting a night of Jewish comedy with the proceeds helping to support the Jewish Louisville religious school.

“Kosher Comedy Night” featuring regional and well-known comedian Mark Klein, is slated for Sunday, Nov. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m., at The Standard Club. The evening also will include libations and cuisine.

A native of Louisville, Klein has several TV appearances to his credit including “48 Hours” on CBS, “Comedy on the Road” on A&E and “Comedy Club” on Showtime. He also has done stand-up at comedy clubs across the nation and has entertained at business association meetings and on college campuses.

He is married, has one son, owns his own racehorse and “the dumbest dog in the world.”

LBSY provides religious educa-



Mark Klein

tion to children throughout Jewish Louisville. The kids come from Kentucky and Indiana, including congregations Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel and Temple Shalom.

The school traces its roots to 1903, making it one of Louisville’s oldest Jewish institutions.

With a mission to educate students from different movements, while maintaining a sense of continuity and community, LBSY relies on financial support from businesses and individuals.

Visit LBSY.org/fundraiser/ for sponsorship opportunities.

Challah Bake set for October

The Jewish Federation of Louisville will hold its annual Challah Bake, a new tradition here, Wednesday, October 25, at the Standard Club.

The Challah Bake is part of the Shabbat Project, an international program celebrated one weekend a year around the world to encourage the observance of Shabbat.

This is the second year Louisville has done the Shabbat Project.

Karen Bass and Julie Strull, the event co-chairs, offered their own takes on why the challah baking has value.

Strull said the event brings women together to socialize, and bake.

“This is going to be an amazing opportunity for the women of Jewish Louisville to get a taste of Shabbat,” said Strull. “Baking is always better

with a partner.”

Bass appreciates the chance to connect with other Jewish women.

“When I was asked to chair this event, I was thrilled to be able to share one of my most inspirational experiences during my time in Israel,” she said. “As a ‘non-baking’ woman, I never fathomed that the Challah Bake would turn out to be one of my favorite events on the JWRP trip.”

The charge is \$15 per person, which includes an apron and all the ingredients to make challah.

Contact Julie Hollander, at 502-238-2796 or jhollander@jewishlouisville.org for details. Also, look for the #ThinkGloballyBakeLocally hashtag on Facebook and at jewishlouisville.org for more information on the Challah Bake and Shabbat Project.

Hunger Walk scheduled for October 1

The annual Hunger Walk (for the first time, a run, walk, and row) will take place Sunday, October 1, 12:30 p.m., at Waterfront Park.

This year’s event, appropriately enough, is taking place the day after Yom Kippur, a day of atonement and fasting. For most Jews, this is one day a year without food, but for many in our region, being without food is a daily occurrence.

Consider joining the Hunger Walk Team, Jewish Louisville, by going to thehungerwalk.org. Louisville needs its local food bank Dare to Care more than ever.

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Kentucky's Hospice

LIFE & LEGACY nets \$2.7M here; three charities hit 18 legacy gifts

By staff and releases

Jewish Louisville is embracing the LIFE & LEGACY program.

In just five months, 76 people have made more than 100 bequests or newly endowed gifts to all nine participating organizations and synagogues. Those gifts reflect over \$2.7 million in new giving.

In September, Jewish Family & Career Services and the Jewish Federation of Louisville joined Adath Jeshurun in

securing more than 18 legacy gifts. All three institutions have qualified for the end-of-year incentive gift of \$5,000 from the Jewish Community of Louisville for reaching their community commitment.

LIFE & LEGACY is a partnership of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the JCL and the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence that promotes after-lifetime giving to Jewish agencies and synagogues in Louisville and almost 50 other cities across the United States.



JCL LIFE & LEGACY Coordinator Jennifer Tuvlin said participation in the program reflect a giver's "Jewish passions."

Prospective donors, she said can contact her or one of the nine participating organizations, to establish a legacy gift.

In addition to AJ, JFCS and the Federation, the other participants are The J, Chabad, Keneseth Israel, LBSY, Temple Shalom and The Temple.

Nine Herzlian events slated in Louisville to address issues of day

By staff and releases

In a new program for Jewish Louisville, nine Major Gifts Herzlian Events, where leading figures will address important issues, will be held between October and January.

The series is named for Theodor Herzl, who is considered the father of modern Zionism.

The events, part of a greater relationship-building effort by Jewish Federation of Louisville, are open to leading donors who give \$5,000 and above to the Annual Campaign.

The events will involve small home-hosted lunches and dinners designed to provide intimate settings to meet and talk with like-minded members of the community about a topic that is inspirational and thought-provoking.

Topics for the events range from "The Roots of Jewish Cuisine" to "The



Theodor Herzl

Right of Free Speech in American & Jewish Law" to "Israel Advocacy in a Polarized Age

Each event will host a notable speaker, including:

- Michael Fraade, director of The J's Jewish Outdoor, Food, and Environmental Education program;

- Fred Whitaker, a Holocaust education instructor at St. Francis Assisi School;

- Cantors David Lipp of Adath Jeshurun and Sharon Hordes of Keneseth Israel;

- Rabbi Gary Zola, director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives;

- Dr. Abigail Glogower, curator of Jewish collections at the Filson Historical Society;

- Sheldon Gilman, a recently retired attorney with 40 years of experience practicing law;

- Charles Glick and Dr. Sheri Ross, respectively a member of the National

Council of AIPAC and a national board member of Stand With Us, both Israel advocacy groups;

- Dr. Eli Capilouto, 12th president of the University of Kentucky; and

- Dr. Ronan Omer-Sherman, JHFE-endowed chair in Judaic studies at the University of Louisville.

The tradition of the Herzlian Event began in the late 1800's at the home of Herzl, founder of the World Zionist Organization. A man who was deeply curious about the world around him, he invited Jewish thinkers and activists of his day from many backgrounds to spend an evening engaged in conversation regarding the continuity of the Jewish people.

For more information about the events, contact Julie Hollander, director of women's philanthropy and outreach, jhollander@jewishlouisville.org. Karen Abrams and Shellie Branson are the event co-chairs.

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Local rabbis lend hand in Houston as city recovers from Hurricane Harvey

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

For two days, Rabbi Avrohom Litvin and his son, Shlomo – their mouths covered with masks and hands draped in gloves – sorted through the storm and human damage inflicted by Hurricane Harvey.

They schlepped dry wall and waterlogged possessions from flooded homes and at least one synagogue.

They staffed a warehouse where victims came for food and supplies.

They comforted a host of people who lost everything in the storm.

The Litvins were two of 50 rabbis who volunteered their time to assist with the relief effort in Houston. Chabad and One Mitzvah jointly organized the effort.

Litvin, director of Chabad of Kentucky, said the call for volunteers came as rabbis of Houston's 12 Chabad centers realized the damage, and fallout from it, were overwhelming them.

Litvin said he got a call at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 5, asking if he could be in Houston by 7 p.m. that same day. He and his son made it by 11 p.m.

The Litvins spent much of the next 48 hours picking through damaged homes, pulling out debris that may or may not be salvageable.

At an Orthodox synagogue in the Meyerland neighborhood of Houston, they helped fill a dumpster with prayer books and other writings so damaged that they must be ritually buried.

At an art studio where six Torahs from a Jewish nursing home were brought for safekeeping, they checked three scrolls with moisture damage, gauging whether they were still kosher and could be used in worship services.



Rabbi Avrohom Litvin inspects a Torah scroll from a Houston nursing home that sustained moisture damage during the recent flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. (photo provided by Rabbi Avrohom Litvin)

But the most important thing they did, according to Litvin, was give moral support to Houstonians as they picked up the pieces.

"All of their material lives, everything they had, were in piles in front of their homes waiting to be thrown out," Litvin said.

He compared the work to "visiting a shivah house."

Everywhere they went, they heard stories of moral fortitude, like that of Arik and Ruth Sharon, an elderly couple from Israel, and their daughter, who invited a family of nine into their house and out of the driving rain.

It turned out the family was from Saudi Arabia.

Litvin met another man who flew to Houston from Hawaii with nothing more than a bag of tools and a backpack of clothes to pitch in where he could.

And he saw two teams of Mormons helping Houstonians rip out their dry wall and floors before mold set in and ruin their possessions.

With Charlottesville, and the hate it generated, still a fresh memory, Litvin said these stories showed him that the country would still be OK.

"It wasn't about Jews, it wasn't about

color or creed," Litvin said. "It was about people helping people."

The rabbis stayed at Aishel House, a kosher home away from home for patients and their families seeking treatment at Texas Medical Center. They received safety training from firefighters before they broke into 15 groups and fanned out across the city to help.

Litvin said the experience was a stark reminder of the "frailty of life, noting that everyone is just eight inches [of water] away" from disaster.

We all need each other," he said. "We're all in this together."



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CONNECT & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Dave Armstrong's meeting with refuseniks would change his life

One night in Moscow, September 12, 1978, Dave Armstrong, who was visiting the Soviet Union with a delegation of U.S. prosecuting attorneys, feigned illness to his hosts after a night at the opera and returned to his hotel.

But he didn't stay there.

One by one, members of the delegation, including the future mayor of Louisville, slipped away from the hotel and reassembled at the home of Dr. Benjamin Levich, an internationally known physical chemist and founder of the discipline of physico-chemical hydrodynamics.

Levich was also a Jew and a refusenik, one who applied in 1972 to go to Israel. Instead, Soviet authorities demoted him from his position at Moscow University and made him a janitor.

For three hours, Armstrong and his colleagues listened to Levich and 20 to 25 other Jews who gathered at his home.

"It was one of the most moving experiences I have ever had," Armstrong later told *Community*. "I had read about these wonderful courageous people, and now I met them face to face."

Armstrong returned to Louisville a changed man. Though he never again visited the Soviet Union, he used his position as president of the National District Attorneys of America to promote the cause of refuseniks among his colleagues.

A long-time friend of Armstrong described him as "one of the most prominent elected officials in the country involved with Soviet Jewry," someone who talked up the plight of the Soviet Jews to D.A.s everywhere he went.

Armstrong died earlier this year, June 15. While the news obituaries at the time were filled with his accomplish-



Lee Chottiner

ments – his work to create a unified metro government, his firing of a controversial police chief over a racially charged incident, his creation of the Jefferson County Office for Women while county chief executive – barely anything was written about that trip

to the Soviet Union, or the night he slipped out of his hotel to meet Benjamin Levich.

How many politicians today would take that risk?

Like the Soviet Union, the plight of Soviet Jews, including refuseniks – who only wanted to live as Jews in Israel or elsewhere in the West – is fading from memory. Whole generations of Jews are growing up who weren't alive during the Cold War. Why should they remember what happened during that time?

It's a memory, though, that ought to be kept alive.

Many Jews, like me, recall rallying on the Mall in Washington, D.C., in 1985 while Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was visiting – hundreds of thousands of us from across the country, all demanding that the communist leader let our people go.

Some, like me, also sat in a hotel room in Jerusalem in 1987 listening as an American Jew described how he smuggled life-saving drugs into the Soviet Union, and how he referred to the place as a "God-awful country."

Some traveled to Moscow or Len-

ingrad carrying prayer books, tallit, anything Jews behind the Iron Curtain needed to stay Jewish.

But Armstrong was different. Born in Arkansas, raised in Alabama and Indiana, he had no ethnic or religious ties to the Jewish world.

Yet he was a person who cared about other people. His record showed as much. He spoke up.

Since September marks the 49th an-

niversary of Armstrong's trip to the Soviet Union – and the first anniversary of that journey since his death, it seems appropriate to shed some light on it, to think back on that night he slipped away to meet Benjamin Levich.

Today, people still live their lives at risk, both in the United States and abroad. Too many individuals

still worry whether they will be taken away because of who they are or where their parents are from.

Even American Jews still live in fear, as they did recently in Charlottesville, Virginia, when white supremacists posed not-so-veiled threats to the Beth Israel synagogue.

It's a terrible way to live. Armstrong understood that, and he tried to do something about it.



Dave Armstrong (right) seen here with then-Brooklyn District Attorney Eugene Gold as they visited a synagogue in Tashkent. The photo appeared in the October 27, 1978, edition of *Community*.

Take some time during the High Holy Days to think about people living in the shadows. Consider their plight and what you can do to lessen to their hardship. For Dave Armstrong's sake, if no one else's.

(Lee Chottiner is the interim editor of *Community*.)



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Sagerman's legacy solidified at Gen to Gen celebration; JTomorrow! touted in video

Annette Simon Sagerman's Jewish Louisville legacy became firmly established on Sunday when two inaugural awards bearing her name were presented during the Generation to Generation Celebration at the Louisville Marriott East.

With more than 400 people watching, most wearing stickers indicating the number of generations their families have been in Louisville, Marsha Bornstein (five generations here) accepted the first Annette Simon Sagerman L'dor V'dor Award, marking her years of service to The J. Also, Keren Benabou, a relative newcomer to Louisville from Israel (10 years here) received the Next Generation Annette Simon Sagerman Award.

The awards are intended as an enduring legacy to Sagerman, recognizing a J supporter with years of service at the same time as a newer, younger volunteer who will carry on the service.

Benabou, who missed the chance to meet Sagerman (she died in 2016 at age 92), nevertheless described the award's namesake as "feisty, persistent and dedicated to the JCC." She, in turn, promised to do what she can to make sure her own girls grow up to be "persistent, determined and feisty Jewish ladies."

Sagerman, known as "Aunt" because she was just that to so many Jewish Louisvillians, devoted 65 years of her life to the JCC, holding many positions in the organization, including her favorite, hospitality director. She left an indelible legacy at the center.

Sagerman's niece, Jaye Bittner and her husband, Bob Bittner, presented Bornstein and Benabou with their awards, commissioned by their family and designed by glass artist Mark Payton.



Guests filled the dance floor following the August 27 Generation to Generation celebration. (photo by William Beasley)

Speakers shared anecdotes about Sagerman that highlighted her wit and humor.

In one story, Sagerman calmed the nerves of an out-of-town mother who called her, concerned about her daughter moving to Louisville. "We have everything your daughter could want here," Sagerman told her, "except for two things: her family and good rye bread."

In accepting her award, Bornstein, a J employee for 33 years, recounted her experiences as middle school camp director, cultural arts director and her 20 years running the Jewish Film Festival.

She credited Sagerman for teaching her what she needed to know to run these programs, right down to physically setting up and folding the tables and chairs for events.

"You can't put it off on someone else. You own it," Bornstein said. "I only

wish she were here tonight to edit my speech for me."

A six-year veteran of the Israeli army, with service in the West Bank, Benabou, who has previously described herself as an ambassador for Israel in Kentucky, promised, "I will keep fighting for Israel and this Jewish community."

And Bittner, who spoke toward the end, pitched a fund-raising effort for camp and J membership scholarships. She said The J spent \$125,000 on both this past year, and it still wasn't enough.

"The necessity is so great that some of the needs are not being met and some of the families are being turned away," Bittner said. "We have an opportunity this evening to keep Annette's legacy alive, to make sure no one is turned away from our Jewish Community Center."

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Conservative Judaism to thrive on meaning, not just membership

By Rabbi Steven C. Wernick
Guest Columnist

We are living at a moment of great disruption. We all sense it. We all experience it. It impacts every aspect of our lives, and Judaism is not immune.

Changes in demography; declines in synagogue membership, educational fluency and connection; the rise of the "nones" (Jews who identify with no religion); a weakening of the bonds to Israel; intermarriage and more are all signs of this moment of disruption.

The institutions we built to sustain and nurture Jewish life are crumbling while a new Jewish future, one that is not yet fully defined, is emerging.

Much has been said about the state of 21st century Jewry. Ultimately, we are all essentially asking the same question: How do we navigate a rapidly changing world in an authentic way?

In his book, *Leading from the Emerging Future*, Otto Scharmer argues that our response "requires us to shift the inner place from which we operate. It requires us to suspend our judgments, redirect our attention, let go of the past, lean into the future that wants to emerge through us, and let it come."

During the beginning of my tenure at the USCJ, I would often be invited to speak to congregational boards about



Rabbi Steven C. Wernick

membership recruitment and retention. Leaders always wanted to know how to attract and retain new members. I observed a 90-minute board meeting that had just four agenda items: a financial matter in the religious school, a casino night, a parent's night out and the annual dinner-dance fundraiser.

At 9 p.m., following 90 minutes of frontal committee reports, it was my turn to teach this board about membership. I decided to throw aside my fancy PowerPoint. Instead, I asked for three people to share an experience that inspired them to sit at the board table. One person shared how his daughter stood under the huppah the week before and what it meant to be surrounded by a community that had shared in his family's life journey.

Another spoke about how her son died 20 years earlier in a car accident. She teared up as she described how the community literally helped her to get out of bed in the morning and continue living.

The third mentioned how his first trip to Israel was with the congregation and how he had become a lifelong learner as a result.

I challenged them. "If you want to attract and retain members," I explained, "then you need to talk more about these stories and figure out how the congregation enhances and expands the key moments of people's lives and functions as a catalyst for their passions through Judaism."

In other words, it's about purpose, not program. It's about meaning, not membership.

At USCJ, we know that what all thriving *kehillot* (sacred communities inside and outside the walls of a synagogue) share is intentionality around Jewish relevancy and relationship. When planning their year, they don't ask what programs they need to drive people into the synagogue. They ask what questions and challenges their people are struggling with and how they can be a source of connection and meaning.

In this time of great disruption, our focus must shift from structures to values. An authentic and dynamic Judaism is rooted in the wisdom gained at the intersection of heritage and progress. It is a Judaism that thrives in the tension of old and new, that finds unity

in diversity, that is committed to lifelong Jewish growth, that is dedicated to excellence, and that understands that we are part of a great people, with a great tradition, that continues to this very day to inspire us to life fulfillment and a better world.

USCJ's new branding and messaging is designed to more clearly communicate this vision, mission and values to our network of almost 600 *kehillot* and to those in the Jewish world who are seeking meaning, connection and *shleimut* (wholeness) in this way.

Our new brand is focused on this collective striving for meaning, which is why we decided on the tagline, "Seek meaning together." We understand that no one person or institution has all the answers or all the resources necessary to succeed alone.

Our mission is to partner with congregations and other organizations to understand the profound nature of the disruption of our time and to develop strategies to meet the needs of the current and emerging Jewish future.

This Rosh Hashanah, we begin not only a new year, but also a new age.

(Rabbi Steven C. Wernick is the chief executive officer of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.)

Letters

Anshei Sfard synagogue is worth saving from the wrecking ball

I was born and raised in Louisville. I grew up going to the JCC and visiting the beautiful Anshei Sfard synagogue on holidays and Hebrew School field trips. My grandfather and father attended services at Anshei Sfard for much of my father's young life. Anshei Sfard always remained a beacon of faith in this community and the last remaining symbol of Jewish Orthodoxy in Louisville.

The building on Dutchmans Lane may not have been the first building for Anshei Sfard, but it has been its home for the past 60 years and it has had an impact on numerous lives across Lou-

isville.

I do not believe this building should be torn down. It has historical, architectural, artistic, religious, and personal significance and a building like this should be preserved for posterity. I am not suggesting that it needs to remain a synagogue; I simply believe it should remain intact for future generations to visit or view.

I am not completely sure what can be done to help, but we need to do something. We cannot sit idly by as the history of our city, our community, and the Jewish people is ripped away to make room for another development

project that will most likely be too expensive for the people that currently live in the area.

We are at a time in our country when the heart and soul of the Jewish people is being attacked. It is in these times that we need to ensure safe spaces exist, not tear them down. As hateful men and women fight to preserve our nation's most terrible pieces of history, someone needs to be there to fight for the best.

If you agree that the destruction of our history cannot go unstopped, please speak up. Write to your congressmen. Write to the mayor, post on

social media. Tell anyone who will listen, and maybe together, this symbol of Judaism's impact on Louisville will stand another day.

Ellie Baker
Louisville

Third visit

An article about Yael Dayan ("Yael Dayan – daughter of Moshe Dayan – to speak here," June 23) said it was not her first visit to Louisville, she had been at the Temple in the early '90s. Before that, she spoke at AJ around 1970 for a fundraiser. So this is her third visit to Louisville.

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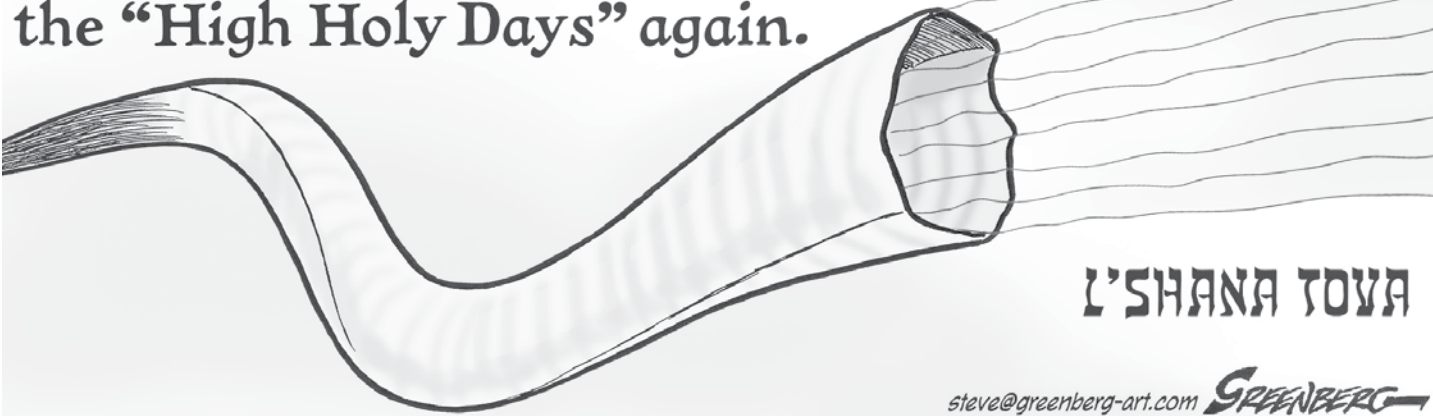
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Forum

Since we've had so many "Days of Awe" lately...



This year maybe we'll just call these the "High Holy Days" again.



Visa restrictions would harm Jewish day camps

Even though Jewish summer camps are already preparing for next year, their plans could be seriously upended by an executive order signed by President Donald Trump, which might lead to new visa restrictions for foreign counselors.

In April, Trump signed the Presidential Executive Order on Buy American and Hire American.

The order calls upon federal departments and agencies to review immigration rules – ostensibly to protect domestic workers – including those rules affecting the State Department's cultural exchange programs.

Threatened by the review is the J-1 visa program, specifically the Summer Work Travel (SWT) program. The order signed by the president could ultimately keep Israeli *shlichim* (counselors) from receiving J-1 visas.

This is bad news for Jewish day and overnight camps. Indeed, all camps.

Staff and counselors should not be taken for granted. They are role models for kids, the fun young surrogate parents, mentors and informal teachers that complement the parents.

Israelis are particularly important to The J camping experience. *Shlichim* build lasting relationships with the families they stay with and the kids they counsel. They are living, breathing connections to Israel, generators of enthusiasm for the Jewish state that Diaspora counselors simply cannot replace.

"Role models shape our campers' ability to grow and learn," said Teen Director, Kari Semel, who worked closely with The J's *shlichim* this past summer. "The role models that come to work at our camps, from all over the world, are vital to our communities."

"Losing the chance to have an international staff presence at camp greatly reduces the opportunity for our campers to appreciate and learn from other

cultures," she continued. "It shows the international staff that we do not place intercultural relations and tolerance at the forefront of our camp curriculum."

She added, "Bringing in international staff members to work and teach at our camps demonstrates the importance of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests)."

JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner recalled how, 15 years ago, her family hosted Johana Wainberg for several weeks while her husband chaired the camp committee. She said they stayed in touch with Wainberg, who even hosted their daughter on her first trip to Israel.

Camping should not be a political issue. It should be about growth and development for kids. Without the *shlichim*, and all international camping staff, that growth will be stifled, and we'll all be poorer for it.

Anti-Semitism remains a problem, but there are solutions

Anti-Semitism is on the rise. This is no secret.

The Anti-Defamation League has reported an 86-percent spike in incidents for the first three months of 2017 alone. They include everything from swastikas drawn on school desks to physical violence and threats against Jewish institutions.

This all culminated in a violent march in Charlottesville, Virginia, which saw the largest gathering of neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and KKK members in recent memory. Part of the rally took place during Shabbat. Members of Congregation Beth Israel were forced to leave by a back door, and their Torah scrolls were hidden for fear of an attack on the synagogue.

This happened in the United States ... in 2017!

What happened at this rally was violent and vile, and we mourn the loss



Matt Goldberg

of Heather Heyer, murdered for having the audacity to stand up against hatred and bigotry. There have not been many anti-Semitic incidents in greater Louisville, but they do happen here. Recently, I have dealt with swastika graffiti, general negative comments about Jews from other students, and praise for Hitler from a student in a classroom. I have dealt with more incidents in the last few months than in the previous five years.

Parents sometimes ask me what schools can do about anti-Semitism,

but each incident is different.

One important development came out of a recent incident at North Oldham High School. After a swastika was found drawn on a car in the parking lot, the school administration notified all parents, telling them there was no tolerance for something like this. Student leaders felt empowered to turn the issue into a teachable moment. (I have been in touch with the principal and have offered the full support and resources of the JCRC).

So there are solutions to anti-Semitism, however small.

People of good will are the clear majority in this country, and our demonstrated display of intolerance for intolerance is an effective and proper response to all forms of hatred.

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

Sagerman

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Before dancing began, the program wrapped up with a video chronicling the history of The J and introducing JTomorrow!

The project to construct a new Jewish community center at the current Dutchmans Lane location and provide programming at the Standard Club location off Highway 22 is progressing, said President & C.E.O., Sara Klein Wagner.

She promised more news in the months to come.



Annette Simon Sagerman

The Generation to Generation Celebration was co-chaired by Bob & Margie Kohn, Jaye & Bob Bittner and Jodi Halpern. Lead sponsors for the event included KentuckyOne Health, Stock Yards Bank & Trust, FMS, Bingham Greenebaum Doll, and Isaacs & Isaacs. The delicious specialty cocktail and other spirits were generously spon-

sored by Heaven Hill. Chair Cover Experts donated the chair covers which contributed to the beautiful décor for the evening. Visit jewishlouisville.org/generation for a list of committee members and sponsors.

Over 25 percent of The J's camp and membership scholarships have been funded through the work of the event committee and the generosity of attendees and sponsors. It wasn't just a successful fundraiser, it was a lovely evening filled with nostalgia and hope for the future. Feedback from the event has been overwhelmingly positive. Attendees have expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to get to-

gether and reminisce with old friends and joy at seeing so many generations represented at one event.

Bittner quipped that her aunt would have brushed aside the decision to honor her.

"My aunt would have said, 'The people paid too much to hear about me; the JCC staff has better things to do; Jaye could have worn a dress and it was totally unnecessary,' Bittner said.

However, "I could not have picked more qualified award winners," she added, "and this L'dor V'dor event that brought all ages together is truly the way I want my life and legacy to be remembered."

Brooklyn Orthodox synagogue hires woman as spiritual leader

By JTA

A modern Orthodox congregation in Brooklyn has hired a woman as its spiritual leader, the latest in a handful of Orthodox congregations to cross the gender line seeking a clergy person.

Prospect Heights Shul, a congregation in the neighborhood of the same name, has hired Michal Kohane as its interim spiritual leader to serve under Senior Rabbi Ysoscher Katz. Her title, *rosh kehila*, translates in English to "head of the community."

Because the synagogue is Orthodox, Kohane will not lead services, nor will

she have the authority to rule on matters of Jewish law. A news release Tuesday from the synagogue said Kohane will host community events and serve as a "teacher and spiritual guide."

"Michal has all the essential qualities necessary for successful spiritual leadership: she combines knowledge of Torah, passion for *Yiddishkeit* (Judaism), and extreme sensitivity to others," Katz said in a news release.

As of May, four Orthodox congregations in the United States employed women as clergy. All are graduates of Yeshivat Maharat, a liberal Orthodox seminary for women, where Kohane is

a student set to graduate in 2020.

The first woman spiritual leader to graduate from the yeshiva, Rabba Sara Hurwitz, uses a feminized version of the title "rabbi."

Since its founding in 2009, the New York City school has drawn controversy. Although its graduates eschew the title "rabbi," the Orthodox Union has ruled that women cannot serve as clergy and has asked women serving in clergy roles to change their titles. The Rabbinical Council of America also opposes women serving as clergy.

Prior to entering Yeshivat Maharat, Kohane worked in various roles at Jew-

ish organizations in Northern California. In 2013, she was fired from serving as director of the San Francisco federation's Israel center after writing an essay criticizing the Jewish community's focus on young adult engagement. In parallel to Yeshivat Maharat, she is pursuing a doctorate in organizational psychology.

"Combining Jewish learning and community work has been central to my life since very early on," Kohane said in the news release. "And I'm extremely honored and excited to begin the New Year as Rosh Kehila of this vibrant shul."

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In 5778, be among those who rush to say 'Hineini,' rabbi says

By Rabbi Nadia Siritsky
For Community

As we begin the High Holy Day season, it is a time to reflect on the year that has passed. In what ways did we live up to our expectations? In what ways did we fail? What do we regret? Is there anger or pain in our hearts that we can release before a new year begins? Do we feel satisfied by the ways we are using the gift of time that we have been given? What can we do to make right the wrongs for which we are responsible? In what ways does being responsible mean response-able?

These are all important questions for us to ask ... as individuals, and as a community. As we prepare to recite prayers delineating "our alphabet of woe" and asking for forgiveness for the sin of xenophobia and intolerance, we are called to ask this very question: In what ways does being responsible mean being response-able? How have we failed to respond to intolerance and prejudice?

Sadly, this past year, we have seen a resurgence of hatred and intolerance around the world. For many of us, we may find ourselves remembering the poem by Pastor Martin Niemoller:

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out – because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out – because I

was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out –

because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me

As we reflect upon the year that has passed, in what ways have we failed to speak up? Our mandate as Jews, is to do "tikkun olam" – to heal and repair the world. What can we do this coming year that will make a difference?

Specifically, as Jews, the responsibility to address rising levels of anti-Semitism is also a call to speak to other forms of prejudice and stigma that we may encounter. When we are a witness, and we do not speak up, we become complicit.

Personally, as a child of a Holocaust survivor, I have felt particularly called to fight anti-Semitism along with every other "ism" that I encounter.

I am grateful for my unique role at Jewish Hospital, and for working within a larger Catholic health care setting, to provide education and awareness about the Jewish tradition to individuals who may never have met a rabbi, or even a Jew, before.

It is a profound privilege and opportunity to support the healing encounters of our Jewish Hospital patients, many of whom may have no knowledge or understanding of Judaism, but for the life-saving and compassionate care that they receive at our hospi-



Rabbi Nadia Siritsky

tal. It is my hope and prayer that because of their experiences, they gain a new appreciation for Judaism, even if they still do not know much about the faith.

I am proud of Jewish Hospital's commitment to tikkun olam, which is reflected in our care for the underserved. Many of our patients have no health insurance and no personal resources, yet we treat them with the exact same reverence that we treat for those who do. Every day, we try to live out our Jewish values – as do the other Jewish organizations in our city.

I believe that each of these encounters that we, as a Jewish community, have with the world at large demonstrates our integrity and goes a long way toward preventing anti-Semitism. Too often, prejudice stems from ignorance, specifically, a lack of personal experience with a group. We are all ambassadors to the world at large.

I am always touched by the numbers of responses I receive from individuals who read one of my Shabbat Shalom emails; they share with me how surprised they are that a reflection, based in Jewish tradition, was meaningful to

them as non-Jews.

I hope that each person whose life is positively impacted by a Jewish person or Jewish organization will become an advocate, and speak up when they hear anti-Semitism. Hopefully, they will develop a questioning attitude toward other prejudices as well.

Recently, the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence announced that it had received an additional \$150 million dollars from Catholic Health Initiatives, as part of the transitions that are planned for the KentuckyOne Health Louisville market facilities, including the sale of Jewish Hospital to a new owner that will hopefully continue to support our expanded mission to care for all those in need. I give thanks for these additional funds, which will be used to provide additional resources to support tikkun olam in our community.

In 5778, may each of us be blessed with health and hope, courage and joy. May this year give us more opportunities to partner with the Source of Creation in the ongoing sacred work of tikkun olam. May we learn from all that came before us, and may this wisdom lead us to continue to improve our ability to respond to the Eternal One's call to each of us, with the word: "Hineini" (Here I am).

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

D'VAR TORAH

Like leaves on a tree, a dangerous gale is blowing us away

By Rabbi Laura Metzger
For Community

Leaves are drifting down. Brown, curled from edge to spine and letting go of their grasp on the twigs to fall earthward, they seem to be hurrying to get out of the way before the gale blows.

If they drop gently, they land nearby. The wind might pick them up and redistribute them, but they'll stay close to their tree source. If the wind picks up, they'll blow fast and far.

I can't help wondering what gale imposes its influence on the leaves of this elm tree, what wind is gathering to force the leaves into exile. I can't help seeing it as a reflection of a mental state of dissatisfaction, of fear. I wonder if it's hatred and hatred of hatred.

Above all, perhaps it's worry, worry that this is not the place we want it to be, regardless of who we are and what we wanted, fear that we're not wanted and that we can't have what we need. I sense it as distrust of anyone who disagrees on any topic. Do leaves experience themselves as us vs. them, each of us sure we're on the side of righteousness and they are the enemy?

Yes, I'm projecting. The leaves are leaves, which every fall let go and drift. There is, nonetheless, a strong sense that a dangerous gale is brewing, and it's brewing just now as we turn towards the New Year and our inner selves.

The Torah reading with which September begins, Parashat Ki Tetsei, opens, "When you go out into battle against your enemies...." I'd like to suggest, especially now, that enemies are not only out there, but that when we see animosity in the other; it's re-



Rabbi Laura Metzger

flecting our inner animosity and when we see anger, evil and hatred, it calls up our own. These, too, are enemies. These are the very enemies that this season of introspection calls us to find, face down and vanquish.

I'll call them our demons – assumptions about righteousness and otherness, fear of the other, disgust that becomes a wall blocking compassion, compassion that fails to hold evil accountable. As we pray the prayers begging forgiveness, tracing our own failings through lists of sins, we face our weaknesses. This is the beginning of redemption, when we face and admit the ugliness we carry. Only when we acknowledge it can we begin to rub it away.

Following Parashat Ki Tetsei come passages about entering the land of promise. This is where we are, this month, facing our demons and preparing to enter a time of holiness. The path begins in facing the demons within, and then facing them down so we can rise.

L'shanah tovah, may you embark on a year of blessing.
(Rabbi Laura Metzger lives in Louisville.)

(Shabbat and High Holy Day candles should be lit on the following nights: September 1, 7:53; September 8, 7:42; September 15, 7:31; September 20, 7:23; September 22, 7:20; September 29, 7:09.)

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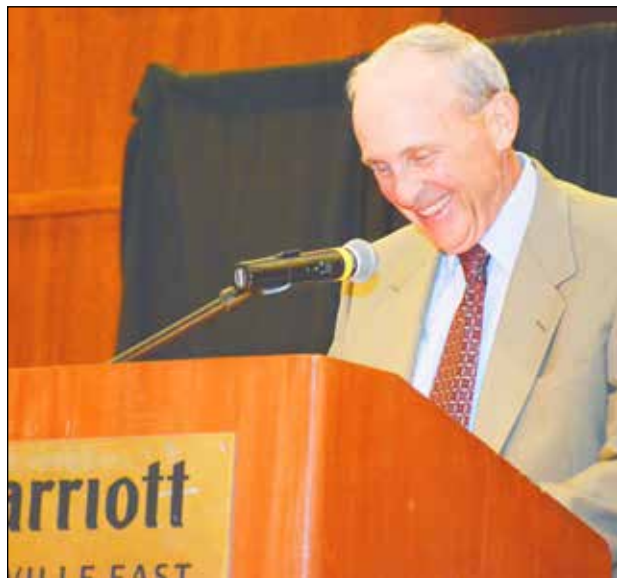
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PICTURE THIS: GENERATION TO GENERATION

More than 400 people turned out at the August 27 Generation to Generation Celebration to mark the legacy of Annette Simon Sagerman and to celebrate generations of their own families in Jewish Louisville. Marsha Bornstein and Keren Benabou were honored with awards named for Sagerman, and the guests saw a video touting the future Jewish Community Center before hitting the dance floor. (photos by William Beasley, Shayne Brill and Ben Goldenberg)



PICTURE THIS: GENERATION TO GENERATION



NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

Cleveland Jewish leader to kick off Campaign

Michelle Hirsch, co-chair designate of Jewish Federations of North America's National Young Leadership Cabinet, will be the feature speaker at the Jewish Federation of Louisville's Annual Campaign Kick-Off, Sunday, October 29, at The J.

Hirsch will share her personal story about her involvement in the Cleveland Jewish community.



Michelle Hirsch

This past summer Hirsch became the youngest person to have co-chaired the Young Leadership Cabinet – the premier leadership philanthropic program for Jewish men and women ages 30-45 across the U.S. and Canada.

Hirsch also sits on the Executive Board of The Jewish Federation of Cleveland, serving as a campaign vice chair. She has previously chaired Young Leadership and co-chaired the Women's Philanthropy Outreach & Engagement and Lion of Judah.

Hirsch is a member of the executive boards of Cleveland's Jewish Family Services, ORT, The Joseph & Florence Mandel Jewish Day School, and University Hospitals MacDonald Women's Hospital Leadership Council. Professionally, she is senior vice president of Brunswick Companies, the third-generation family-owned insurance and risk management consulting firm

serving clients nationwide.

She manages and oversees Brunswick's key business development, client relationships and overall business operations.

Jerry and Madeline Abramson and Ariel and Faina Kronenberg are this year's campaign co-chairs. For more information, contact Julie Hollander, director of women's philanthropy and outreach, at 502-238-2796 or jhollander@jewishlouisville.org.

Sobel-Berlow joins Emerging Leaders

Lisa Sobel-Berlow, engagement and digital media coordinator for the Jewish Family & Career Services, has been accepted into the September 2017 class of the Young Professionals Around Louisville Emerging Leaders Program.

The program, now in its fifth year, addresses specific leadership development needs of young professionals in the Louisville community.

During the next three months, Sobel-Berlow and 19 other participants will engage in structured exercises and assessments to improve awareness about themselves and others. They also will interact with community leaders.

Class participants will develop a clear understanding of their purpose, values and strengths to aid in their goal of being a more effective leader.

"I am thrilled to be participating in this prestigious program over the next few months," Sobel-Berlow said in a prepared statement. "I know that it will add much value to the work I do within the Jewish community and will be a chance for me to grow as a leader."

Orchestra makes its first album in 30 years

Teddy Abrams, music director conductor of the Louisville Orchestra, leads the ensemble in a new recording – the first from this orchestra in nearly 30 years.

All In, as the album is titled, will be released on Decca Gold on September 22. It features a new work composed by Abrams, "Unified Field," as well as Aaron Copland's Clarinet Concerto with Abrams as soloist.

Chanteuse Storm Large joins Abrams and the orchestra for three songs: a Cole Porter classic, one of her own original works, and a song by Abrams.



Teddy Abrams

"We have selected works that deliberately join styles of music in a pluralistic – or American – way," Abrams said in a prepared statement. "The strength of our country's art is both its great diversity of expression and our relationship with populism – the music of the people. The works in this collection all relate to American populism and iconoclasm (sometimes one and the same) as a central theme."

Vocalist Storm Large, who has collaborated frequently with Abrams and the Louisville Orchestra, is a musician, actor, playwright, and author. She has performed with Pink Martini, and appeared with the San Francisco Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, and made her Carnegie Debut singing Kurt Weill's "Seven Deadly Sins" with the Detroit Symphony, which she also performed with the Louisville Orchestra in 2014.

In addition to the Louisville, Abrams is the music director and conductor of the Britt Orchestra in Oregon. He promotes interdisciplinary collaboration with organizations including the Louisville Ballet, the Center for Interfaith Relations, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Speed Art Museum and the Folger Shakespeare Library.

Founded in 2003 by a group of volunteers, Paws with Purpose is a local non-profit organization dedicated to providing highly trained assistance dogs, free of charge, as partners to children and adults with mobility disabilities, PTSD, Autism or other special needs.

Upon completing two years of intensive training, prior to placement, each dog is valued at over \$20,000.

"These dogs provide comfort and companionship, help break down social barriers and perform many skilled tasks which help their partners lead more independent lives," board President Sheilah Abramson-Miles said in a prepared statement. "Our puppies in training and our therapy dogs make presentations to schools and other civic groups upon request to educate the community on the profound difference a service dog can make to a person with a disability."

Abramson-Miles said the organization partners with several schools in the area for a Read to the Dog program, where children who are struggling to

read spend time reading to "their" dog in a quiet and non-judgmental environment.

Contact Elaine Weisberg, vice-president of Paws with Purpose at 502-608-1971 or 502-458-7007 for more information.

Jewish educators hone skills at conference

Seven Jewish educators, representing the three supplemental religious schools in Louisville, attended New CAJE8 at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California, from August 6-9.

JHFE awarded a grant, which enabled the educators to take advantage of the conference and develop their skills.

Sarah Harlan, principal at The Temple Religious School and the High School of Jewish Studies (HSJS), wrote the grant application to include teachers and administrators from The Temple, LBSY, and HSJS. The Louisville contingent included Matthew Derrenbacher, Barb Fabricant, Sarah Harlan, Susan Jaffe, Elana Levitz, Bonnie McCullagh and Bev Weinberg.

CAJE8 offered more than 150 workshops. Mussar, music, technology, Talmud, welcoming interfaith families and Jewish adolescence were among the topics.

The conference also included evenings of music, dance and other entertaining programming.

CAJE stands for Conference on American Jewish Educators. New CAJE grew out of the original organization of the same name, which was founded in 1976, but went out of existence after 32 years.

The organization facilitates interaction between new and seasoned educators, and the exchange of ideas and methods.

During the conference at St. Mary's, the Louisville group met Jewish educators from around the country, learning from their successes and challenges. Several of the participants had their own connections to Louisville.

Jordan Price gets kids to 'talk like a pirate'

Jordan Price participated in Long John Silver's "Talk Like a Pirate Day," Tuesday September 19.

In a series of social media videos, Price, a Louisville actor, director, drama teacher and featured CenterStage performer, got some tiny buccaneers ready for the pirate-themed holiday. The videos feature three local kids demonstrating how to get a treat by talking like a pirate in return for a Deep Fried Twinkie.



Jordan Price

Price currently teaches drama at Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts School in downtown Louisville. He has appeared in local, regional and national commercials and stages across the country. Most recently,

he took the helm as director with New Albany River Stage's production of THE SCHOOL OF ROCK.

Long John Silver's borrowed pieces for the pirate costume from Louisville's Frazier History Museum to make the videos more authentic.

Price's videos can be streamed at Long John Silver's social media on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.

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The events in Charlottesville were a stark reminder that anti-Semitism and racism is thriving once again. Anita Gray, the regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, will speak about the recent dramatic rise in anti-Semitic activity, how the ADL monitors these groups and what we can do to confront this hatred.



YOM KIPPUR

‘Mameh, Mameh’: Service leader recalls moving Yom Kippur story

By Moshe Ben-David
For Community

In every language in the world, the warmest, most comforting and soothing word is mother.

In 1992, I was engaged as a cantor for the high holidays by a small congregation in Texas. They had a rabbi, but the congregants felt that, for the High Holidays, they wanted more than just a lay member of the congregation in order to enhance the services.

On Yom Kippur, during the Yizkor service, as I was chanting the moving El Molay Rachamim, I heard sobbing from the corner of the sixth row. It was a man in his 60s, who kept whispering, “Mameh, Mameh.”

After the two days of Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre eve, I recognized most of the people. I hadn’t seen this man

before. I assumed that he was so emotional because he just lost his mother.

At the end of the day, I was about to join the congregants in the auditorium to break the fast, when that man approached me, introduced himself as Sam and thanked me for the service. I told him that I didn’t think I had seen him during the previous services.

He stared at me for a few seconds. Then he said, “I never go to synagogue except for Yom Kippur.”

He did not utter these words confrontationally, rather he stated them in a matter of fact way.

There was sadness in his voice. He piqued my curiosity. I asked him if we could go outside and talk. That’s when Sam told me his story.

“In March of 1944, the Germans entered Hungary and in May started assembling the Jews and shipping them

to Auschwitz,” he said. “Mameh and I managed to hide for a few months, but finally we were caught and sent to the death camp. Before we were separated, Mameh told me, ‘Shmuli, you look older than you are. Tell them that you are 16, so you will survive. One more thing, tomorrow is Yom Kippur. It’s the first one since you became a bar mitzvah. Don’t forget to fast.’ The next day, Mameh was no more.”

“You see, Cantor,” he intoned, “Yom Kippur’s Yizkor is also Mameh’s Yahrzeit, so I come to say the Kaddish to honor her memory and I also fast to keep her last request.”

Sam paused for a while as we both stood there in silence. “As you can see, I am a big man and people will tell you that Sam can be a pretty tough businessman,” he said, “but on Yom Kippur, during the chanting of El Mo-

lay....” He choked slightly, “I am again little Shmuli, who lost his mameh. Even though it has been many years.” His voice trailed off, “I still miss mameh very much.”

Due to the difference of the time between the United States and Israel, I waited until it was morning there, then I called. “Boker tov, Ima,” I said when my mother picked up the phone.

“Is that you?” she asked concerned. “Is everything O.K.? You just called me before Yom Kippur.”

“Everything is fine, ima,” I said. I just missed you and I wanted to hear your voice.”

Ten months later, my ima passed away. Even though it’s been many years, I still miss her, miss her a lot.

(Moshe Ben-David lives in Louisville.)

How Jews around the world will break this year’s Yom Kippur fast

By Gabe Friedman
JTA

As American Jews file out of Yom Kippur services, they may be thinking of new and interesting ways to break the fast.

Want to switch things up a little this year? Here are some recipes to try. And see the online story at jta.org/2017/09/13/life-religion/how-jews-around-the-world-break-the-yom-kippur-fast for recipes.

Morocco

Harira is a Moroccan soup that usually includes chickpeas, lentils, rice or noodles, egg, tomatoes and a variety of other vegetables – and, sometimes, meat. It is an interfaith recipe: Sephardic Jews make it for Yom Kippur, Muslims make it during Ramadan. During the break-fast meal, some Moroccan Jews also like to down it with sweet tea or liquor.

Italy

Italian Jews have a slew of Yom Kippur break-fast staples in their repertoire. One fish dish, appropriately

named Pesce al ‘Ebraica (Fish, Jewish Style), is often served during the High Holidays. The recipe takes basically any white-fleshed fish, such as whitefish or halibut, and cooks it with honey, raisins and pine nuts.

Greece

Greeks also cook an array of dishes on Yom Kippur, but one that is especially calming for the empty stomach is Avgolemono, an egg and lemon soup. Since it only consists of a few key ingredients, it’s an easy meal to whip up

quickly when hungry.

Bulgaria

Melon seeds don’t sound like the ideal ingredient for making a tasty milk drink. But pepitada, a common Yom Kippur drink for Sephardic Jews in Bulgaria – once the home to as many as 50,000 Jews – as well as in Turkey and Greece, is just that: a milk made from the seeds of all kinds of melons often mixed with vanilla flavor. It acts as a calming and filling post-fast elixir.

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Sukkot-Simchat Torah times for area congregations

The following are the Sukkot and Simchat Torah schedules for Adath Jeshurun and Temple Shalom. Their service times were unintentionally omitted from the Service Times listing in the August *Community*.

Adath Jeshurun

2401 Woodbourne Ave., 502-451-5359

Thurs., Oct. 5, Sukkot, first day

9:30 a.m., service

Fri., Oct. 6, Sukkot, second day

9:30 a.m., service

6:30 p.m., adult dinner

Thurs., Oct. 12, Shemini Atzeret

9:30 a.m., service and Yizkor

6 p.m., Simchat Torah family program & apple dipping

Fri., Oct. 13, Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m., service

Anshei Sfard

3700 Dutchmans Lane, 502-451-3122

Fri., Sept. 29, Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidrei

7 a.m., Shacharit

7 p.m., Kol Nidrei, followed by rabbi's sermon & Maariv

7:10 p.m., candle lighting

Sat., Sept. 30, Yom Kippur

9 a.m., Shacharit

Noon, rabbi's sermon followed by Yizkor & Mussaf

5:45 p.m., Mincha

7 p.m., Neilah

8:07 p.m., fast ends

Wed., Oct. 4, Sukkot, first night

7 p.m., Mincha, followed by Maariv

7:02 p.m., candle lighting

Thurs., Oct. 5, Sukkot, first day

9 a.m., Shacharit

6:50 p.m., Mincha, followed by Maariv

7:58 p.m., light candles



Fri., Oct. 6, Sukkot, second day

9 a.m., Shacharit

6:50 p.m., Mincha, followed by Maariv

6:59 p.m. candle lighting for Shabbat

Sat., Oct. 7, Shabbat

9 a.m., Shacharit

6:50 p.m., Mincha

Wed., Oct. 11, Hoshanah Rabbah

7 a.m., Shacharit

6:52 a.m., candle lighting

6:55 p.m., Mincha, followed by Maariv

Thurs., Oct. 12, Shemini Atzeret

9 a.m., Shacharit

Around 11 a.m., rabbi's speech, followed by Yizkor

6:45 p.m., Mincha

7:48 p.m. candle lighting

Around 8 p.m., dancing for Simchat Torah

Fri., Oct. 13, Simchat Torah

9 a.m., Shacharit

Around 10:30 a.m., dancing for Simchat Torah

6:45 p.m., Mincha, followed by Maariv

6:49 p.m., candle lighting

Sat., Oct. 14, Sukkot

9 a.m., Shacharit

6:40 p.m., Mincha

Keneseth Israel

2530 Taylorsville Road, 502-451-5359

Wed., Oct. 4, Erev Sukkot

6:45 p.m., candles

7:10 p.m., Erev Sukkot service

Thurs., Oct. 5, Sukkot, first day

9:30 a.m., morning service

5:45 p.m., afternoon service

7:41 p.m., candles

Fri., Oct. 6, Sukkot, second day

9:30 a.m., morning service

6 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat

6:58 p.m., candle lighting

Sat., Oct. 7, Shabbat Chol HaMoed

9:30 a.m., morning service

12:30 p.m., afternoon service

8 p.m., Havdalah & open house, Wolk's Sukkah

8:05 p.m., Havdalah

Wed., Oct. 11, Hoshanah Rabbah

5:45 p.m., Erev Shemini Atzeret service

6:51 p.m., candles

Thurs., Oct. 12, Shemini Atzeret

9:30 a.m., morning service & Yizkor

5:45 p.m., Mincha

6:15 Simchat Torah dinner/celebration

7:58 p.m., candles

Fri., Oct. 13, Simchat Torah

9:30 a.m., morning service

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

6:48 p.m., candles

The Temple

5101 U.S. Highway 42, 502-423-1818

Thurs., Oct. 5, Sukkot

10:30 a.m., morning service

Thurs., Oct. 12, Sukkot

10:30 a.m., Yizkor Service

Fri., Oct. 13, Simchat Torah & Shabbat

6 p.m., service

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4615 Lowe Road, 502-458-4739

Wed., Oct. 4, Erev Sukkot

6:30 p.m., service

Fri., October 6, Shabbat

6:30 p.m., service

Wed., Oct. 11, Yizkor

10:30 a.m., service

Fri., Oct. 13, Shabbat & Simchat Torah

6:30 p.m., service

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October 19, 1pm Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group

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‘Angels in America’ resonates with Jewish themes 25 years since premiere

By Ranen Omer-Sherman
For Community

Twenty-five years since its premiere in San Francisco, Tony Kushner’s *Angels in America* still seems particularly welcome.

The play, which the Actor’s Theatre in Louisville is about to reprise, has never seemed more morally relevant. For those who have never seen it, this is a wonderful opportunity to see one of the greatest masterpieces of the American stage.

For those unfamiliar with it, Kushner’s drama explores the crisis of AIDS during the Reagan years, but it only hints at its multicultural, historical and ethical questions, not least of which is its challenging emphatic focus on Jewish themes of individual and collective responsibility.

One of the play’s most memorable speeches is intoned by a rabbi and ultimately forms its moral touchstone. Conversely, Roy Cohn, who served as aide to Senator Joe McCarthy and mentor to Donald Trump, also is depicted, representing the moral nadir of society.

While *Angels* is often interpreted as an unabashed liberal paean to multicultural tolerance and understanding, Kushner also takes a surprisingly conservative approach to the moral gains and losses incurred by Jews in their American success story.

Angels presents a staggering range of concerns, including an imaginative treatment of the historical migration of the Mormons, the McCarthy hear-



A scene from “Angels in America” (photo provided by Actor’s Theatre)

ings, historical figures such as Cohn and Ethel Rosenberg, the politics of the Reagan era, the supernatural presence of ghosts and even the nature of Heaven.

The play’s pivotal character is a young gay Jewish man named Louis, who carries the biggest moral burden of the production. We first encounter Louis at his grandmother’s funeral, where he confesses to his boyfriend, Prior, recently diagnosed with Kaposi’s sarcoma, that he had no contact with her over the past decade. This guilty admission provides a critical ethical context for a subsequent betrayal when Louis chooses to flee Prior when he needs him most.

While capable of delivering sweeping judgments about the historical culpability of nations and groups, Louis is a moral failure in his own relations with others. His sovereign authority is the self, an ascendancy that marks a de-

parture from what was once an inescapable framework of moral obligation that Jews once inherited at birth.

Louis’ responses to those around him are an essential conduit for the drama’s spiritual approach to redemption, which presumes that the fate of the nation, and even the cosmos, depends on the individual’s assumption of responsibility.

Angels has often been interpreted as an appreciation of the successful acculturation and intermingling of America’s disparate religious and ethnic groups. Yet it is also strikingly evident that its ethos can be traced to earlier portrayals of the dangers of the thoughtless pursuit of material well-being and betrayal of Jewish values in much earlier literary works such as Anzia Yezierska’s moralistic fables of tenement life in the 1920s; Budd Schulberg’s *What Makes Sammy Run?* (1941); and Philip Roth’s *Goodbye Columbus* (1959).

At a time in which we witness the complete erosion of any notion of the common good in this country, it is hard to imagine a more timely and urgent revival. Few dramas have ever placed the notions of nation and individual moral progress – Tikkun – so front and center.

In Kushner’s rendering of Jewish characters, survival at any price is simply not a part of the Jewish bargain. His creative vision is informed by Deuteronomy’s vision of “Justice, justice shalt thou pursue, that thou mayest live” (16:20), which may depend on the notion that it is a moral imperative not to be too much at home in one’s home, that a people’s humanity and moral energy is best marshaled in the face of uncertainty rather than belonging and self-gratification.

In this vital sense, *Angels* delivers Judaism’s prophetic message about the plight of the stranger: his/her vulnerability in the face of the state’s destructive indifference.

(Ranen Omer-Sherman is the JHFE Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Louisville.)

Want to go?

Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches and *Angels in America, Part Two: Perestroika*, both directed by Meredith McDonough, run through October 14 and are presented in repertory as part of the Brown-Forman Series. Tickets are available at 502.584.1205.

CHAVURAT SHALOM



Compiled by Sarah Harlan
For Community

October will find us celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah and we’ll even manage to get together a couple times in between the holidays. Join your friends for these great programs:

October 5 – *Chag Sukkot Sameach!* No Chavurat Shalom.

October 12 – No Chavurat Shalom for Shemini Atzeret

October 19 – Hannah Parker, jazz, pop and classical pianist will return and we’ll celebrate September and October birthdays and anniversaries. Lunch in the Heideman Auditorium will include baked ziti, ratatouille, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and cake. The concert

will be in the main sanctuary.

October 26 – The Silvernotes will be back, singing songs for fall. Lunch will include roast beef, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, green salad, fresh fruit and rice pudding.

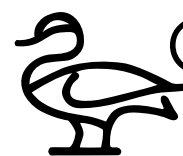
November 2 – Sara Robinson will play patriotic music with a sing-along. Lunch will include veggie sausage fettuccine with marinara, sautéed zucchini and onions, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and cookies and brownies.

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

Lunch is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Chef Z is the caterer for the activities. Contact Sarah Harlan at 502-423-1818 or sarah-harlan86@gmail.com by the Tuesday of the week of the activity for reservations. Vegetarian meals are available if requested.

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

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



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Grandparenting in the 21st century

New blog tackles issues of modern day grandparenting

(Editor's note: Ruth Greenberg, a professor emeritus at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, a free-lance writer and a grandmother, begins a blog exclusive to Community on the changing face of grandparenting.)

For my mother, being a grandmother meant knitting sweaters and afghans, cooking her grandchildren's favorite foods, acting as a 24/7 on-call babysitter and sending a monthly \$5 check to the grandkids in college so they would call to say, "thank you."

That was grandparenting in the late 20th century.

How times have changed.

For me, being a grandmother means knowing how to use the ESPN Fantasy Football app so I can text my grandsons about our family-wide Fantasy Football league; taking my grandsons to San Francisco and seeing a Warriors basketball game while we're there because they're crazy about the NBA; and cooking crispy chicken and homemade applesauce for Sunday dinner whenever we can make their schedules work.

Oh, yes, there's also playing poker, carpooling and babysitting. (Some things never change.)

In the 30 years between the births of my children and my grandchildren, grandparenting has undergone a sea change. Grandparents today face challenges their predecessors probably couldn't imagine.

Look at the numbers: First, advances in medicine and technology have contributed to longer life spans. According to a recent Met Life report on American Grandparents, the number of grand-

parents today is at an all-time high and growing at more than twice the overall population growth rate. There were approximately 65 million grandparents in 2010; by 2020, we should number 80 million, or one in three adults.

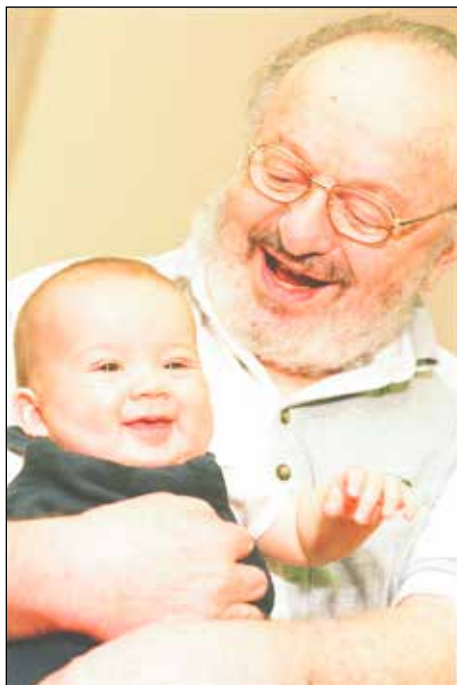
Americans are becoming grandparents at a younger age. Jewish grandparents, whose children tend to be better educated and marry later, may fall above the national average age for grandparents (48). I became a grandmother at age 55. The American Grandparent Association website reports that 43 percent of us became grandparents in our fifties, 37 percent in our forties.

A 2015 Pew Research Center survey found that 52 percent of grandparents ages 50-64 reported having grandchildren.

If you think raising a child is expensive, consider these numbers: The American Grandparents Association website reports that grandparents spend \$52 billion annually on their grandchildren, with \$32 billion accounting for education-related costs.

In October 2016, TD Ameritrade surveyed approximately 1,000 millennial-age parents and 1,000 grandparents with millennial children. The grandparents reported that they spent an average of \$2,383 a year to benefit their grandchildren, with most of the money going to clothing and toys. They also contributed \$452 annually toward college savings.

(Grandparents also support their adult children – on average, \$4,527 annually. Twenty-six percent of the millennial children said they would not be able to maintain their lifestyle without their parents' generosity.)



Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport, a senior rabbi at The Temple, said many Jewish grandparents provide financial support for activities that relate to Jewish education – for example, Sunday school, Hebrew school and summer camp. They help in hopes that these experiences will strengthen their grandchildren's Jewish identity.

Most grandparents hope to have close, loving and lasting relationships with their grandchildren. But changes in the American family and the lifestyles and career paths of young parents complicate that desire.

Rabbi Robert Slosberg of Adath Jeshurun believes that the forces of divorce, intermarriage and distance create challenges for grandparents seeking to bond with their grandchildren and play active roles in their lives. As a new grandparent, he longs to be with his first grandson, who lives in New Jersey. He enjoys frequent Face-time interactions, and videos and pictures sent from his daughter, yet he feels as though he's missing out on "real time" with his grandson because of the distance between Louisville and New Jersey.

Mauri Malka, director of family services at Jewish Family & Career Services, has seen a shift in grandparenting over the last 27 years. Some of the changes come in the form of challenges she has seen as Louisville grandparents cope with family issues around divorce, intermarriage, substance abuse and family dysfunction. Perhaps the most difficult challenge, though, arises when a grandparent assumes full responsibility for parenting grandchildren.

Grandparents raising grandchildren, she explained, may experience a kind of grief and loss – grief from knowing that their children can't take care of their own kids, loss from having to give up their traditional grandparenting role.

With the growing number of grandparents who must resume active par-

enting, JFCS has developed a service model to help these grandparents manage the stress that comes with the role. Staff assist by identifying resources for them, offering supportive counseling for individuals and families and providing support groups that promote mutual support, problem solving and education around a variety of topics that range from technology and bullying, to contemporary parenting and discipline.

Research on grandparenting is limited (lots of statistics, not as much guidance based upon research and best practices). The spruce website reports on one study that identified six factors that impact "intergenerational solidarity" (the grandparent-grandchild relationship):

- Physical proximity,
- Frequency of contact,
- Grandparents' function within the family,
- Family expectations,
- Emotional bonding,
- Shared values.

How parents and grandparents manage these factors ultimately defines the kind of grandparent-grandchild relationship they will have. Consider how helpful it would be if parents and their grown children would work together to draft a grandparenting plan that considers each of these factors.

Make no mistake, grandparents play a crucial role in their grandchildren's lives, emotionally and financially, and they want to make the most of this wonderful opportunity to support their children by being the best possible grandparents.

Guidance for grandparents is more readily available today than it was when I joined the ranks – a response to the growing number and importance of grandparents in family life and, of course, the technology revolution.

I think Louisville grandparents who are experiencing the joys and challenges of grandparenting in the 21st century would benefit from an ongoing conversation about the role. What issues do you face as a grandparent? Divorce? Financial problems? Intermarriage? The grandchildren's Jewish identity?

Drop me a line at grandparentsblog@jewishlouisville.org. Tell me about your issues and the kind of information you would find helpful.

In my next column, we'll focus on long-distance grandparenting and hear from local grandparents who have developed wonderful strategies for overcoming the challenges associated with living far from their grandchildren. After that, the topics will come from you.

Until then, enjoy being grandparents. For those of you who are not grandparents yet, the best is yet to come!

Grandparent Points

- JFCS is launching a new support group for grandparents. The first meeting is slated for Thursday, September 28, 5:30-7 p.m., at the JFCS. Contact Mauri Malka at mmalka@jfcslouisville.org or 502-452-6341 ext. 250.

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High Holidays Classes at Anshei Sfard

Rabbi Simcha Snaid will teach High Holy Day classes Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Yom Kippur: Actualizing Our Mission in Life." On Monday, Oct. 2, at 7p.m., the topic will be "Looking for Happiness in all the Wrong Places." Call 451-3122 extension 0 for details.

Temple Shalom to decorate sukkah

Temple Shalom will decorate its sukkah at the synagogue, Sunday, October 1, at 1 p.m. The community is invited to help. Contact Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 for ore information.

KI to join Hunger Walk/Run/Row

In what has become an annual tradition at Keneseth Israel during the High Holy Days, members will join Dare to Care Food Bank in trying to stomp out hunger in Louisville.

KI's Hunger Walk team will be at the event, Sunday, October 1 at 2:15 p.m. at Harbor Lawn, 231 Witherspoon St. Visit daretocare.org and look for KI's team on the registration page to register.

Temple Shalom plans Torah lunches

Temple Shalom will hold its October Torah Lunches on Tuesdays, October 3 and 17, from noon to 1 p.m. No prior knowledge is required to attend. Participants may bring brown bag lunches. Contact Temple Shalom, 502-458-4739 for details.

KI to decorate sukkah

Keneseth Israel will decorate its sukkah Wednesday, October 4 at 6 p.m. The community is invited. The family-friendly event includes an edible Sukkah contest, arts and crafts. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Shabbat song leader coming to Temple Shalom

Sam Thal, the head song leader and tefilah coordinator from Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI), will be the Shabbat song leader at Temple Shalom for the weekend of October 6 and 7. The community is invited to services Friday night at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. Contact Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 for details.

Temple Shalom holds 'Schmoozing in the Sukkah'

Temple Shalom will hold its annual Schmoozing in the Sukkah and Havdalah event Saturday, October 7 at 6 p.m. The community is invited to participate with Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) song leader Sam Thal who will lead participants in a song session. Contact Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 for details.

KI holds Pizza and Falafel in the Hut

Keneseth Israel will make pizza and falafel in its sukkah Sunday, October 8, at noon in the Keneseth Israel Sukkah. The cost \$5 per member or \$10 per household. Men's Club life members are free. Pay at the door.

KI grills steak, pours scotch in sukkah

Keneseth Israel will hold its annual Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah Tuesday, October 10, at 7 p.m. Chef Sasha Chack will prepare a variety of kosher steaks, and different Scotches will be sampled during the meal. The cost is \$18 per person. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or call 502-459-2780.

AJ observes Simchat Torah

The community is invited to observe Simchat Torah at Adath Jeshurun. Day

1 worship services will take place on Thursday, October 12, at 9:30 a.m. Day 2 services will begin Friday, October 13, at 9:30 a.m. Yizkor will be recited on Thursday, October 12.

Temple Shalom Simchat Torah / 'No-Shush' Shabbat

Temple Shalom will celebrate Simchat Torah during "No-Shush" Shabbat on Friday, October 13. Services will start at 6:30 p.m. and will feature Benji Berlow.

"No-Shush" Shabbat is particularly suitable for children and families. For more information contact Temple Shalom, 502-458-4739.

AJ hosts Shabbat Schorlar

Adath Jeshurun on Saturday, October 14th immediately following the Kiddush lunch for Shabbat Scholars featuring a panel discussion with Justin Magnuson, Karen Cohen and Lynn Rosenthal. The panelists will be tackling the topic "The Conversation Project: Guaranteeing the individual's right to identify end-of-life healthcare decisions and communicating one's wishes to family, loved ones, and physicians." Justin Magnuson is with the Institute of Sustainable Health and Optimal aging and is also the co-founder of the "Before I Die" fest. This event is free of charge and open to the community.

Bernson - anchor-turn-actor - speaks at TS

Barry Bernson, well-known Louisville TV host, reporter, Emmy Award-winner and author, will speak at Temple Shalom Men's Club first breakfast program of the year, Sunday, October 15, at 10 a.m.

Bernson, who has pursued an acting career since leaving broadcast news, recently appeared in the movie, The Killing of a Sacred Deer, starring Nicole Kidman, Colin Farrell and Alicia Silverstone. He'll be talking about his experiences in the movie industry.

There is a \$5 charge. RSVP by October 12 to johnsilletto@yahoo.com.

KI throws Simchat Torah party

Keneseth Israel will celebrate Simchat Torah Thursday, October 12, at 5:45 p.m.

The evening will begin with Mincha followed by a light celebratory dinner. The Hakafoth (Torah procession) will get started at 7 p.m. and will include stuffed Torahs for kids to march with. Finally, the members follow tradition by completely unwinding a Torah beneath the Fischer windows. Ice cream will cap the celebration RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

KI holds Family Shabbat

Keneseth Israel's Family Shabbat service will be held October 28, November 11 and 25 and December 9 and 23, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Torah study held at The Temple

The Temple's Saturday Torah study runs with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, runs from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Fishman Library. There will be coffee and bagels.

AJ hosts Celebration Shabbat

Adath Jeshurun will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries on Saturday, October 7. All who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of October may participate in a group aliyah during morning worship services beginning at 9:30 a.m.

AJ observes Sukkot

The community is invited to observe Sukkot at Adath Jeshurun. Day one worship services will take place on Thursday, October 5 at 9:30 a.m. Day 2 worship services will take place on Friday, October 6, at 9:30 a.m.

AJ hosts elegant dinner in the sukkah

Adath Jeshurun will hold an adult-oriented elegant dinner in its sukkah Friday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Reservations may be made at adathjeshurun.com/sukkotdinner or by calling the AJ office at 458-5359. RSVP by Thursday, September 28.

AJ hosts Short & Sweet Family Service

Deborah Slosberg will lead the Short & Sweet Family Service at Adath Jeshurun Saturday, October 7 at 10:30

a.m. The service is for students in grades K through 7, their parents and grandparents. The community is invited.

Spiritual pragmatism group at AJ

Holistic psychiatrist Dr. Courtney Snyder and business & leadership advisor Marty Snyder are facilitating a spiritual pragmatism discussion group to discuss a universal theme based on a brief inspiration from a spiritual thinker.

The group meets Sundays twice a month, 9:45-11:00 a.m., at Adath Jeshurun. The next session, slated for October 8, addresses the thought, "Our Lives Are Frittered Away by Detail... Simplify, Simplify." On October 22, it will reflect on, "Purpose and Our Fleeting Moment Here on Earth." This group is open to the community. Visit adathjeshurun.com/spiritualpragmatism for details.

AJ hosts brunch and Brown Bag Blessings

Adath Jeshurun is hosting a light brunch and packing party for AJ's new community outreach program, Brown Bag Blessings on Sunday, October 8, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Participants partake in a light brunch followed by the preparation and packing of 125 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

The bags will be donated to the Americana Community Center. The community is welcomed to participate. Visit adathjeshurun.com/brown-bagblessings for details.

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AJ to tour Speed Art Museum

Adath Jeshurun members will join Speed Museum docent Janet Hodes for a 75-minute tour for the exhibit "Southern Accent: Seeking the American South in Contemporary Art" at the Speed on Sunday, October 8, at 2 p.m. The Sunday admission is free, however, there is a \$5 special exhibit fee. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or at 458-5359 for reservations.

Chavurah hold potluck Sukkot dinner

Louisville's new havurah will host a potluck Sukkot dinner Sunday, October 8, in a member's sukkah. The community is invited. RSVP by calling 502-454-3579.

AJ hosts Simchat Torah Family Pro-

gram and Apple Dipping Bar

Adath Jeshurun will celebrate Simchat Torah Thursday, October 12. Dancing with the Torahs starts at 6:30 p.m. and the apple dipping bar opens at 7:15 p.m. The community is invited. There is no charge, but reservations are required by October 4 for the apple dipping bar. RSVP at: adathjeshurun.com/simchat or call the AJ office at 458-5359.

AJ hosts 'The Conversation Project'

Adath Jeshurun will hold a workshop - "The Conversation Project," co-ordinated by Karen Cohen and Lynn Rosenthal - Sunday, October 29, at 10 a.m.

Co-founded by Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Ellen Goodman, the workshop offers tools, guidance and resources necessary to process one's final desires for life. Materials provided by The Conversation Project will be used to facilitate decision making about

end-of-life healthcare.

The workshop is open to the community and there is no charge, but registration is limited to the first 15 participants. RSVP to Deborah Slosberg at 458-5359 or dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com.

Anshei Sfard puts Knit & Qvell on hold

The Knit & Qvell Circle will not meet during the month of October. Meeting will resume November 2nd at 1pm in the Shul Library. Contact Toby Horvitz at 458-7108 for ore details.

Jews and Brews held at The J

Rabbi Michael Wolk lead "Jews and Brews", a one-hour weekly Torah study in The J Library over coffee, Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Torah yoga held at KI

Cantor Sharon Hordes and Lisa Flannery lead a Torah yoga class on the third Thursday of every month,

6:30 p.m., at Keneseth Israel. Temple Shalom and Hadassah co-sponsor the class. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Mahjong Club held at KI

Keneseth Israel's bi-weekly mahjong game is held the first and third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. in the small chapel, except on Jewish holidays. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or call 502-459-2780.

Skillern to speak at Temple Shalom

Ron Skillern, the 2017 Kentucky Teacher of the Year, will speak at a Temple Shalom Men's Club breakfast, Sunday, November 12, at 10 a.m.

Skillern teaches at Western Kentucky University's VAMPY program for gifted teens - the same class that produced the Holocaust-themed murals for the Never Again exhibit at The J.

There is a \$5 charge. RSVP by October 12 to johnsilleto@yahoo.com.

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Births



Ava & Emma Simon

Steve and Mickie Simon announce the birth of twin granddaughters, Ava Mac Simon and Emma Ann Simon, born to Michael and Cherie Simon

of Richmond, Virginia, on August 3, 2017. They are the younger sisters of Levi Tanenhaus Simon. Their maternal grandparents are Linda and David Wilson of New Orleans.

B'nai Mitzvah



Jacob Edward Figa

Jacob Edward Figa, son of Jeffrey Figa and Julia Brow and the brother of Jenna and Joanna, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Sat-

urday, October 7, 10:30 a.m., at The Temple.

Jacob is the grandson of Leon and Lorna Figa and William and Kathleen Brown.

A seventh grader at Kentucky Country Day, Jacob is a member of both the Middle School soccer and baseball teams. He also plays on a competitive travel baseball team and takes pride in his pitching abilities.

In his spare time, Jacob enjoys learning about world history, watching movies and spending time with family and friends.

Jacob has volunteered with KCD's summer youth soccer camp, the Kentucky Humane Society and also participated in a landscape project with the Oldham County Extension. Jacob and his family invite the community to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah and attend the Kiddush luncheon following the service.



Alex Foster Schwartz

Alex Foster Schwartz, son of Allison and Ari Schwartz and brother of Matthew, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, October 28, at

10:30 am, at The Temple.

Alex is the grandson of Terry and Jeffrey Weis and Marcie Schwartz and Mark and Janet Schwartz.

A seventh grader at Kammerer Middle School, Alex is a member of the Beta Club and baseball, golf and tennis teams. He has attended Camp Living-

ston for the past five years.

Alex loves spending time with his friends, playing sports, spending time with his dog and is an avid fan of the Cleveland Indians.

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

Alex and his family invite the community to celebrate his becoming a bar mitzvah and join them at the Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Ethan Rolnick

Ethan Rolnick, son of Jonathan and Amy Rolnick, was called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah Saturday, September 16, 2017, at Young Israel Synagogue, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ethan is the grandson of Abe and Harriet Rolnick of Louisville and Stuart and Ilana Jeiger of Atlanta.

Obituaries

Alan Lee Broude

Alan Lee Broude, 73, of Boca Raton, Florida, peacefully passed away in his sleep Thursday, September 14, 2017, in Louisville with his wife of 20 years, Kathy, by his side. Born October 22, 1943, in Philadelphia, to deaf parents, Samuel and Reba Broude, Alan dealt positively with his first obstacle in life. He was a high school quarterback and a regular on American Bandstand where he was known as "Alan from Northeast Philly."

He graduated from Temple University with a degree in accounting.

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"You're the easiest sacrifice," she said.

Dayan's frankness shouldn't be surprising. She has been an outspoken woman and a relentless human rights advocate throughout her life.

Born in 1939 in British mandate Palestine, Dayan said her life's story "parallels" Israel's, the country she literally grew up with.

"We [Israelis] have gone through some magnificent times and some sad and tragic times," she said.

However, she lamented, Israel is not living up to its promise.

"Today, there is a disappointment or sort of regret [in Israel], a feeling that we are not really where we would like to be," Dayan said.

"The basic Zionist democratic Jewish, ideological – not in the political sense – [state] is in regression."

For Dayan, that means the religious community, whose rights must be respected, must not be allowed to impose their rules on the rest of the country.

"I want buses to run in Tel Aviv on Saturday; that's my fight," Dayan said. "Because poor people can't take their kids to the beach, unless they have a private car, because there are no buses. This is what I mean by separation."

It also means that marriages and conversions performed by Reform and Masorti (Conservative) must be recognized.

She understands that American Jews are reluctant to get involved in Israeli affairs, even on issues that concern them, because they don't live there and don't share in its struggles.

But Dayan has a good response to that argument: There's a difference between criticism and fighting.

"This is beyond criticism it's a fight; it's a battle and you have to win this battle, and we're there for you to understand it, and to fight on principle. This government thinks they have you in their pocket whatever they decide."

While Dayan made clear she doesn't advocate boycotts of Israel as a weapon, she was less clear on how Diaspora Jews should fight for their causes and what tactics they should use.

"I think the Israeli government should understand that you're not at their beck and call," she said.

Dayan's autobiography is far from an upbeat book, reviewers have said. Famed Israeli novelist Amos Oz wrote that many of chapters are "sad and heartbreaking," though he admired how she wrote with a lack of "bitterness and resentment."

Dayan recounted how her publisher warned her that readers don't want to read stories about illness and death. (Much of the book deals with the lengthy illness of her late husband, Dov Sion.)

"Too bad," she said. "It's not anymore a mystic world that only the shamans and the sages know about. All we need to do is open our computers and we're into the world of illness and death and disasters."

A sabra whose family has lived in the holy land for three generations, Dayan served as a captain in the Israel Defense Forces before studying international relations and biology at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

She began her literary career as a columnist for *Yedioth Ahronoth*, *Ma'ariv*,

Al HaMishmar and *Davar*. She went on to publish five novels and a memoir of the Six-Day War.

Dayan spent her 10 years as a Knesset member championing the rights of women, including a law that recognizes sexual harassment as a crime.

Yet she described Israeli politics as a male-dominated realm, despite high-profile convictions of former President Moshe Katsav for rape and Prime Minister Ehud Olmert for taking bribes and obstruction of justice.

She has also fought for LGBT and other human rights and against domestic violence in Israeli society, and she has been a vocal proponent for the Peace Now movement.

Almost 80 now, the once attractive woman now walks with the cane and sometimes uses a wheelchair to get around. She uses a portable oxygen pack when walking, though she removed the hoses from her nostrils during the interview to demonstrate she would not "collapse and choke" without it.

Clearly, the forceful spirit that has defined Dayan is still alive and well.

Obituaries

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A self-proclaimed "Numbers Guy," Alan became the CFO for the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington prior to joining Jewish Hospital HealthCare Services. He worked there for 30 years until his retirement as the CFO and senior vice president. His colleagues considered him one of the brightest people in health care finance. After retirement, Alan turned to year-round golf in Boca Grove.

He served in leadership capacities for several national, local professional and civic organizations, including Family & Children's Counseling Center (aka Family & Children's Place), Jewish Federation Foundation of Louisville and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. He was also a member of the "Hole in One" Club at Boca Grove.

Alan had a passion for life, especially for golf and dancing. He loved time with family and his wonderful community of friends in Louisville and Boca Grove. In retirement, he used his financial expertise to chair the Boca Grove Finance Committee.

In addition to playing golf, he enjoyed watching his beloved Louisville Cardinals, building Legos and puzzles with his grandchildren and travelling to his favorite spot, Carmel, California, with Kathy and friends.

He was always available to assist those needing his help. Alan will be remembered for his integrity, humor, kindness, gentleness and compassion as much as his friendly smile.

In addition to his wife, Alan is survived by two sons, Derek Broude and Kyle Pressma; two step-sons, Reed (Heather) Montgomery and Kerry Montgomery; and four grandchildren, Schuyler Broude, Samuel Broude, Ryder Montgomery and Hudson Montgomery.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Stefan Broude.

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A memorial service was held Sunday, September 17, at The Temple. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the memory of Alan L. Broude to the Family & Children Place 525 Zane St., Louisville 40203, or The Kyle Pressma B'nai Tzedek Fund at the Jewish Foundation of Louisville, or American Red Cross: Hurricane Irma Florida Relief, 335 Southwest 27th Ave, Miami, Florida 33135.

Ivan "Sonny" O'Koon

Ivan "Sonny" O'Koon, 82, died Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at his home.

A native of Louisville, Sonny was born December 4, 1934, to the late Sadie Baron and Julius O'Koon.

He was a retired CPA and a Navy



veteran. He also was a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation, St. George Masonic Lodge #239 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Kosair Shrine and AIC-PA.

Sonny will always be remembered as an avid fisherman and a University of Louisville Cardinal fan.

In addition to his parents, Sonny was preceded in death by his loving

wife of 57 years, Frances "Fran" Brody O'Koon.

He is survived by his children, Neal O'Koon (Michelle) of Cincinnati, Marcy O'Koon Moss (Cowan) of Atlanta and Lori O'Koon Ford (Tim); his brother, Dr. Howard B. O'Koon (Carol); and his cherished grandchildren, Gillian, Aaron, Evan, Joel and Adam.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 3, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel Congregation, The Arthritis Foundation or The Arrow Fund.

Drew Corson Youth Athletic SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in the memory of Drew Corson, this endowment fund focuses on youth athletics. In 2017, the **Drew Corson Youth Athletic Scholarship Fund** assisted Louisville in hosting more than 100 Jewish teens from the KIO BBYO region to participate in the Drew Corson Basketball Tournament.



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