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By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Jon Fleischaker's professors at the University of Pennsylvania Law School were astounded when the promising young law student told them he would return to his native Kentucky to practice.

"They said I would never have an interesting career," Fleischaker recalled as the 300-some people gathered at The Temple last week to honor his work erupted in laughter.

Their reaction was understandable. In his 47-year career, Fleischaker has become known as one of the leading defenders of First Amendment rights in the state.

He drafted Kentucky's Open Records Law.

He forced the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services to open records that show how children died while under the department's supervision.

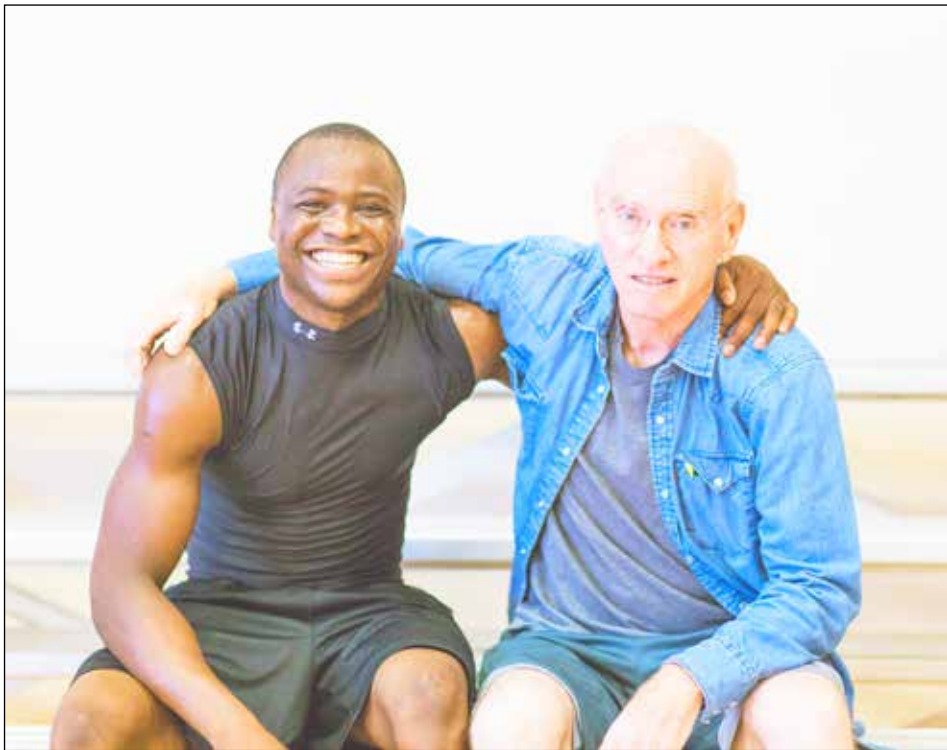
He helped rural and urban newspapers resist suppression of news by public officials.

Fleischaker's achievements were catalogued at an October 19 dinner, sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section, where he accepted the 2017 David Reichart Award. A cross section of official Louisville – lawyers, journalists, judges, politicians and Jewish leaders – turned out to fete him.

U.S. Rep John Yarmuth, honorary chair of the event, noted how appropriate it was that Fleischaker was being honored.

"The Open Records Law is dear to this NCJW section," Yarmuth said. He lamented that the First Amendment "is

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Jewish father, Muslim son, home at last

Above, Lansana Lapia and his father, Dr. Ian Zlotolow, whose story made national headlines 15 years ago when Zlotolow brought his future son to the states from war-torn Sierra Leone, now call Louisville home. Right, Lapia, who is passionate about basketball, goes for a rebound on the same JCC court where his father played as a kid. (See column, pg. 7. Photos by Tara Cocco)



The deal's off: Texas developer backs out of plan to buy Anshei Sfar

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

Anshei Sfar's deal to sell its property to a Texas developer is off.

John Gilbert, president and chief operating officer of Houston-based Bomasada, which agreed in August to purchase the Dutchmans Lane synagogue and grounds, told Community Wednesday that the sale would not go through. Bomasada had been planning to build a 268-unit apartment complex there.

"We knew it was going to be a tough deal," he said, "but when we submitted our preliminary proposal to the city, I just didn't get the warm and fuzzies."

The fate of the deal directly affects the Community Mikvah – the ritual bath – which sits on synagogue property and pays to use the congregation's utilities. As late as this week, officials of the Louisville Vaad HaKashruth, which owns the mikvah, were making plans to build a new one at another site.

And according to Anshei Sfar Rabbi Simcha Snaid, they still should.

Snaid said the congregation still plans to sell the property. Also, deal or no deal, it is proceeding with plans to move to Shalom Tower, where it is already paying rent.

"I'm trying to configure how the sanctuary will be set up so we can move stuff over there as soon as possible," he said.

And Fred Levein, a broker associate for RE/MAX 100 who is representing Anshei Sfar, said he has other parties who are interested in the property.

So Snaid, who sits on the Vaad's mikvah committee, which is exploring

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Budapest calling:

Two Women to describe the Jewish vibe in Hungarian capital

By staff and releases

Two young Jewish women from Budapest, Hungary, will visit Louisville on November 5 to describe the Jewish revival underway in their Eastern European country.

They will speak at 5 p.m. in the Patio Gallery. The Jewish Federation of Louisville is sponsoring the visit.

The women, Sara Ozorai and Hedi Pusztai, represent one of the largest Jewish communities in Europe. Budapest has more than 100,000 Jews; it is young and it is working to reestablish its communal institutions – all while a xenophobic government has taken power in Hungary and anti-Semitism is on the rise there.



Sara Ozorai

The two women will talk about what it's like to be young and Jewish in Eastern Europe, and how Jewish life in Hungary is being rebuilt.

"They want us to look at their community as vibrant and new," said Matt Goldberg, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

The one-two punch of Nazism and communism undeniably crippled Jewish life in Hungary and the rest of East-



Hedi Pusztai

ern Europe for 50 years. Six million Jews were murdered during the Holocaust; then the communist regimes that followed drove the surviving communities underground.

As in other Eastern European countries, many Hungarian Jews have learned who they are from their parents and grandparents, frequently on their deathbeds.

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Showcase

Accident didn't stop him

With bassoon or band saw, Matt Karr makes beautiful art

By Syd Bishop
For Community

Matthew Karr has dedicated his life to making yours a little brighter.

The son of artistically inclined parents, Karr and his two brothers were exposed to music early on, performing musicales as a family ensemble for their friends.

An accomplished musician, he has played bassoon for the Louisville Orchestra since 1979.

A skilled and creative woodworker, his work has reached an international audience, with his recent work showcasing his Jewish faith.

But in 2013, both careers almost ended tragically in a band saw accident at his workshop.

Yet today, Karr continues to play the music he loves while taking on more ambitious woodworking projects than ever.

Here's how:

As a child, Karr learned about wood and the natural world from his father who had his own woodshop. From his mother, he developed an appreciation for architecture and design.

Sharing and building on both those interests, Karr took small steps to acclimate to his woodworking projects, starting when his wife Kathy, also a member of the orchestra, gave him a table saw as a Chanukah present.

"She allowed me to build my shop off the back of our house with one caveat: No wood dust will ever come from the shop into our house."

Karr's woodwork grew from there. He started with easy things, like coffee tables. Over time, though, with the purchase of a band saw and some experience under his belt, Karr's designs became more curvy and intricate.

Then, on May 11, 2013, his work took a dangerous turn, when the band saw cut into four fingers on his left hand.

He needed 2½ hours of surgery, 70 stitches and two metal pins to reattach his digits, but he lost all sensation in his thumb and index finger, and 50 percent in his middle finger.

"The surgeon told my wife that day that I would never play the bassoon again," Karr said, "and I was happy to prove him wrong."

So he did. Karr endured 26 weeks of therapy committed to rehabilitating his hands. During that time, he wrote a book, which he described as a balm for



Matt Karr, a bassoonist for the Louisville Orchestra and an accomplished woodworker, nearly lost both gifts in a tragic accident four years ago. (photos provided by Matt Karr)

his mental and emotional well-being.

"It was a tough summer," he admitted.

But he learned things about himself.

"The injury helped me redefine what was important to me, which is being a musician, working in the shop, riding my bicycle, and mountain climbing," he said. "I wanted to get all that back."

Raised in a Jewish family, Karr spent his youth active in his synagogue in Toledo, Ohio. "Judaism," he said, "and the spirituality and the moral compass of Judaism has always been in my life."

About 20 years ago, Rabbi Andrew Pepperstone, then spiritual leader of Keneseth Israel, asked Karr to make him two yads. Soon, other rabbis were asking for their own yads, and parents of b'nai mitzvah kids.

"I just became the yadmeister," he quipped.

That cottage business has since led to bigger, more ambitious projects, including work at his congregation, Temple Shalom – an honor for Karr.

But in his biggest project to date, Karr is building five pieces of bima furniture for Congregation Beth David in Saratoga, California, on a project that has grown to include five pieces in total.

"Initially it was just the ark doors," Karr said of the undertaking. "They

liked the kind of work that I did and asked that I build a Torah table. Then they said that it would only make sense that the eternal flame match the Torah table, so they asked for that."

"After that, they wanted a donation box to be out in the main lobby. They wanted off in the distance to see a glowing box, which is sort of a caricature of those ark doors, except it's 18 inches tall."

He described the California project as "a whole different animal."

"It's different to jump through the hoops of a committee. Usually I'm just building a table and dealing with a wife, and you just do what she wants. It's always difficult to work with committees."

His first passion was music. Pushed to work with the bassoon by his band teacher in high school, Karr's first job after college was with the Chicago Civic Orchestra. He took up his current position with the Louisville Orchestra in 1979.

Keeping his music career after the accident would require more than courage; it would take ingenuity as well.

"When it got to the point that I could move my fingers around a little bit, and I had a friend that's a metal worker, we rebuilt the bassoon to my needs," Karr said. "We literally rebuilt the left-hand

keys on the bassoon. I think we modified eight keys, nine keys. I went back to work on the first of September. I was able to be successful."

As a musician Karr feels twice blessed: to interpret the works of great composers, and to be a student working continuously toward self-improvement.

"A life in music is a wonderful thing," he said. "My bosses are geniuses. Beethoven is a great mind. There is a down side to that, which is that you're never good enough. You work in service to the composer."

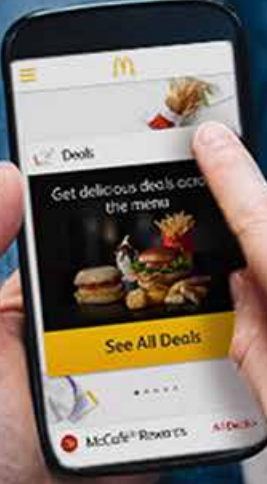
"If you're continually striving for perfection, the road never ends," he continued. "It's why musicians love what they do and why they keep doing it."

Nevertheless, he said his greatest legacy is neither his music nor his woodwork.

"My biggest legacy is my children and grandchildren, he said. "My grandson, Noah, likes to ask 'Pop Pop shop,' because he wants to go to the shop. It makes a big sound when you turn on the light. It's kind of a boy thing. That's legacy number one."





Matt Karr finishes a sculpture in his workshop at home. After he retires from the orchestra, he hopes to devote much of his time to wood sculpting.




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Gray: Anti-Semitism a problem in Kentucky despite dearth of reports

By Lee Chottiner
Interim Editor

In all of Kentucky, not a single anti-Semitic incident was reported to the Anti-Defamation League last year, and only one in 2015.

Sounds like anti-Semitism isn't a problem in the Bluegrass State. Right?

Wrong, said Anita Gray, regional director of the ADL in Cleveland, whose office covers Louisville.

"That's all that was reported to us," she told a crowd of 65 Monday, September 23, during a program at The J. Other incidents might be reported to police, school administrators or other authorities. They just don't percolate up to the ADL.

Some incidents go unreported altogether.

"I don't believe there is one person in this room who believes there was one anti-Semitic act [in Kentucky]," she said.

The lack of reported incidents to her office suggests that anti-Semitic activity is underreported here, Gray said, and that needs to change.

"When you have an issue, please, please call Matt," she implored the crowd, referring to Jewish Community Relations Council Director Matt Goldberg.

Anti-Semitism is spiking across the country. According to the ADL's annual audit, incidents in the United States rose 86 percent (541) for the first three months of 2017, compared to the same quarter last year.

Those figures include the bomb threats phoned or emailed to JCCs nationwide, including Louisville's. Even though the threats were made by a Jewish teen in Israel, they still count,



Anita Gray, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, said few anti-Semitic incidents in Kentucky are being reported to her agency. She asked for help in changing that during a recent appearance in Louisville. (photo by Tara Cocco)

Gray said, because they were intended to stoke fear and chaos in the Jewish world.

In greater Louisville alone, *Community* is aware of at least four anti-Semitic acts this year: the bomb threat at The J, the threatening calls to Temple Shalom and Keneseth Israel, and the

swastika incident at North Oldham High School.

The surge is why the ADL is about to invest large sums of money to combat anti-Jewish sentiment on two battlegrounds: the Internet and the schools.

Gray said the founder of eBay – Pierre Omidyar, a Muslim – has made

a "six-figure" donation to build a Silicon Valley command center to track, analyze and mitigate cyber hate speech and harassment.

Meanwhile, she said the ADL plans to invest substantial resources in "anti-bias education" in schools. She met with Jefferson County Public Schools officials during her visit here and said they were receptive to the project.

Anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses increased from 90 in 2015 to 108 in 2016, according to the ADL audit, but they rose even more dramatically – 106 percent – at non-Jewish elementary, middle and high schools, from 114 in 2015 to 235 in 2016. In the first quarter of 2017, 95 incidents were reported.

"We need to redouble our efforts with young people in the elementary schools," Gray said. "Our next generation is an area where we are going to pour a lot of resources, because we need to."

She said she spends 40 percent of her time these days working on anti-bias education.

Part of her job involves knowing the number and type of incidents in her region, so ADL can respond appropriately. (Some incidents, she said, don't rise to the level of anti-Semitism and simply reflect people who know little about Jews.)

That means Gray relies on police, schools and individuals to supply her with reports. "I need help in having people step up."

Want to help?

If you hear of, or are, a victim of anti-Semitism, contact JCRC Director Matt Goldberg at 502-238-2707 or mgoldberg@jewishlouisville.org.

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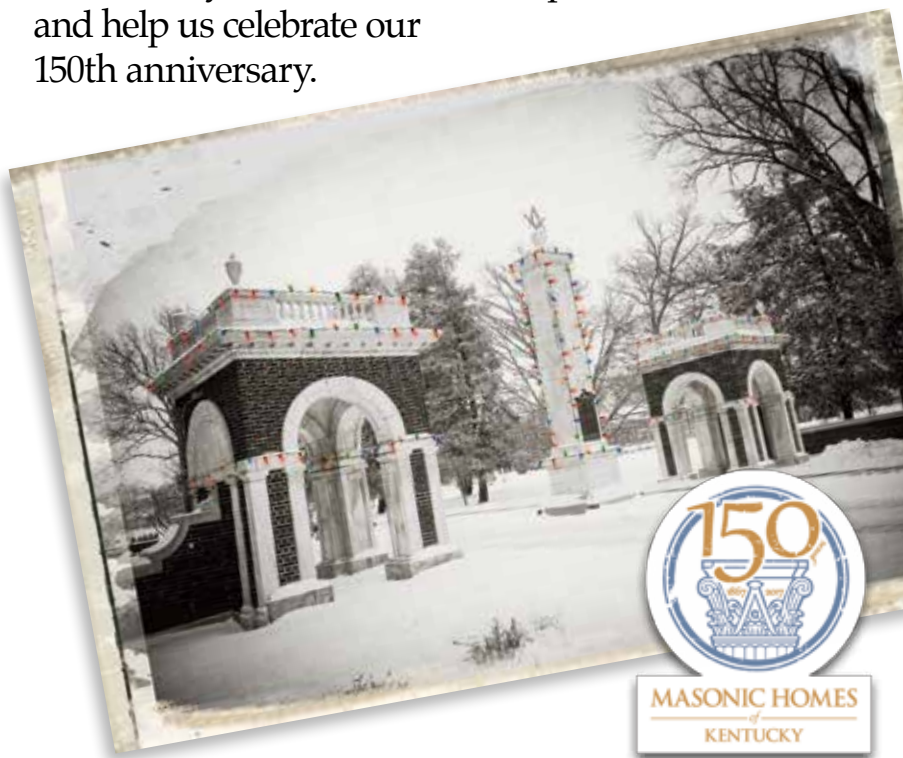
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Law school symposium reflects on impact of *Buchanan v. Warley*

The centennial of a landmark civil rights case in Kentucky will be marked next month with a symposium at the University of Louisville.

The Brandeis School of Law will hold the program, titled "Racial Justice in Zoning: 100 Years after *Buchanan*," on Friday, November 10.

The symposium will reflect on *Buchanan v. Warley*, which the Supreme Court used as a vehicle to strike down the Louisville's race-based zoning ordinance decades before the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s.

The high court, which handed down its unanimous ruling on November 5, 1917, held that the city's prohibition on the sale of real property to blacks in

white-majority neighborhoods violated 14th amendment protections.

The symposium will explore current racial injustices in land use, housing, and environmental conditions, as well as the history of race and zoning in the United States and Louisville. It will feature presentations by eight nationally recognized scholars, four from the University of Louisville and four from other universities, as well as a presentation on redlining in Louisville.

The speakers include Jeana Dunlap, director of redevelopment strategies for Louisville Forward; Michael Lens, assistant professor of urban planning at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs; Michael Wolf, the Richard E.

Nelson Chair in Local Government and Law and professor of law at the University of Florida, and Laura Rothstein, professor of law at the Brandeis School of Law, who also will touch on Louis Brandeis and how Louisville shaped his principles and values.

The issues addressed by the symposium to continue to be relevant in the Jewish community, Rothstein said.

"Restrictive covenants and private deed restrictions were used to discriminate against racial minorities and Jewish people," she said. "While such restrictions were struck down as unconstitutional decades ago, housing practices with discriminatory effect and illegal practices that may be diffi-

cult to challenge continue to limit access to equal housing opportunities."

Lars Smith, interim dean of the Brandeis School of Law, will deliver the opening remarks.

The symposium is sponsored by the Brandeis School of Law, with support from the Caudill-Little Speakers Fund. The Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research at the University of Louisville is co-sponsoring.

The symposium, free and open to the public, includes a light breakfast at approximately 8:30 a.m. and a lunch at approximately 1 p.m., both on a first-come, first-served basis. To confirm attendance, contact Tracie Cole at tracie.cole@louisville.edu or 502-852-1230.

Czerkiewicz honored at Vaad dinner



Jack Czerkiewicz

The Louisville Vaad HaKashruth honored its president, Jack Czerkiewicz, during an October 15 kosher dinner at the Pointe.

Czerkiewicz received the

Chase Award for his outstanding efforts in promoting kosher observance in Louisville, and for his devotion to the Vaad. The award is named for the late Aaron Chase who played a key role in developing the Vaad.

Czerkiewicz, in his acceptance speech, called for more opportunities to keep kosher in Louisville. Specifically, he cited a need for a kosher bakery here.

During his d'var Torah, Rabbi Simcha Snaid of Anshei Sfard reminded the guests of the need for a mikvah in Louisville. He said it is the obligation of the community to pay for it.

Since the sale of Anshei Sfard is pending, the Vaad is working on plans to move the mikvah, currently on synagogue property, to a new location.

Louisville kids win national entrepreneur award

Hailey Hertzman and Katie Vonder Haar, sixth graders at Kentucky Country Day School, were chosen as Lemonade Day National Entrepreneurs of the Year (EOTY).

They won an all-expenses-paid trip to Houston to attend the Lemonade Day National City Directors Conference, where they were recognized publicly for their sales success.

Accompanied by their parents, Hailey and Katie shared their story and met Michael Holthouse, National Lemonade Day founder, as well as leaders from Lemonade Day's National Headquarters and cities throughout the United States.

The girls generated over \$570 in lemonade sales on Louisville's first Lemonade Day on April 29. They donated \$330, a portion of their profits, to their designated charity partner, Cedar Lake



Hailey Hertzman, left, and Katie Vonder Haar, winners of National Lemonade Day EOTY Award with Steven Gordon, Lemonade Day national president.

Lodge.

After being named Louisville's Entrepreneurs of the Year in May, Hailey

and Katie entered the Lemonade Day National Entrepreneur of the Year competition.

Lemonade Day is a program that teaches youth how to start, own and operate their very own business – a lemonade stand. More than 65,000 kids, mostly in grades K through 5, completed the 2017 National Lemonade Day program throughout the United States and Canada. More than 1 million kids have participated in Lemonade Day nationally over the past 10 years.

"Hailey and Katie executed their business plan to perfection," Steven Gordon, Lemonade Day national president, said in a prepared statement. "They utilized the Lemonade Day curriculum and resources, and they celebrated by spending, saving and sharing their success."

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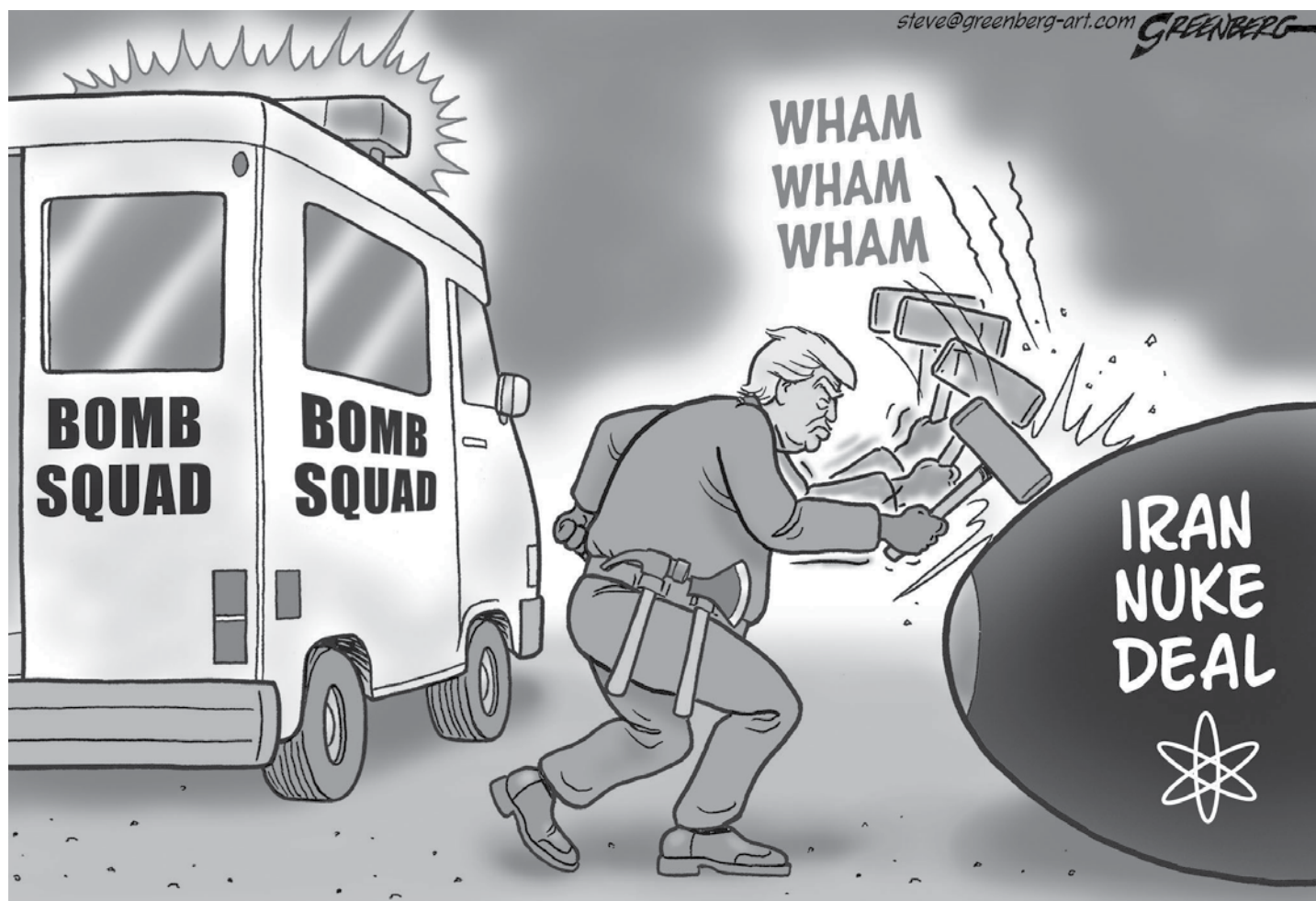
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Is the U.S.-Iran deal working? Here are the facts

President Trump has made his feelings about the Iran Nuclear deal very clear: He doesn't like it.

During the campaign, he promised to tear up the deal, which the United States signed and other world powers signed, to curtail the nuclear weapons-related activity of the Iranian regime.

Now, the president has announced that he may decertify the deal. What does that mean?

Decertification is not an abrogation of the deal, but it is not a pass through either. It is a tool that provides Congress with the ability to decide what to do next, whether it is re-imposing sanctions, further defining non-compliance or certifying that Iran is complying.

The reports from international agencies do confirm that Iran is technically in compliance. Other nations around the world say the same and are urging the United States not to abandon a deal that is, in large measure, working.

Even other members of the administration say the deal should not be abandoned.

So what should be done?

The deal is not perfect; it has some serious flaws. According to statements released by the American Jewish Committee, which opposed the agreement,



Matt Goldberg

its three main concerns are more valid than ever:

First, the sunset clause that allows Iran to resume all nuclear activity after 10 years is problematic.

Second, Iran's continued testing of long range ballistic missiles, while technically not in violation of

the letter of the agreement, certainly is not conforming to the spirit of the law.

Third, military bases are excluded from the inspection regime.

Iran's belligerent actions in the last two years – its support of terror around the world and the murderous Assad regime in Syria – demonstrates that the deal emboldened instead of moderated the Tehran regime (as many proponents predicted).

On the flip side, though, there is no question that Iran is further away from a nuclear weapon now than it would have been without a deal.

Most experts agree that the deal was probably the best that could have been

achieved, and the alternative was either accepting a nuclear Iran or a massive military campaign to prevent it (which may or may not have been successful).

Even many American politicians (and some military leaders) who voted against the deal two years ago are saying that a continued commitment to it is the best alternative.

The Jewish community was split two years ago as the debate raged, and my sense is nothing has changed. National Jewish organizations are split, too.

The Israeli government, who has always been against the deal, praised the president's criticism and threats to cancel the deal.

The next few weeks will be pivotal for the future of the deal and, quite possibly, the Middle East. While Iran insists that it is upholding its end of the bargain, it has promised to completely abandon the deal and resume all its nuclear activity should the United States decertify. That would almost certainly lead to dangerous military posturing. Watch this space.

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

Inspiration key to 2018 annual campaign, so what inspires you?

What inspires you Jewishly?

Take a moment and really give it some thought. What inspires you in your Jewish world. Is it family? tradition, G'milot Chasidim (good deeds)? Justice? Torah? Summer camp? Food? Israel? Or something else?

The answers are as personal and complex as each individual.

What inspires each of us to Jewish expression is unique and personal; there is no one-size-fits-all definition and takes shape over time. That's why it is so important for the Jewish com-



Sara Klein Wagner

munity to continue to evolve and provide new experiences.

Over the past two decades, new Jewish initiatives, including Birthright Israel, Partnership2Gether, PJ Library and Jdate have changed the landscape, inspiring

new generations.

The constant advancements and experiences are precisely what inspires me Jewishly and what led me to a career in Jewish communal service. It is also the core work of building a strong and vibrant Jewish community, connecting people to others who will enrich their lives, caring for the needs of all Jews – Kol Yisrael arevim ze lah ze – and knowing that it will always be evergreen or a work in progress.

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Jewish father, Muslim son are now calling Louisville their home

From a corner of The J's basketball court, during a pickup shirts-skins game, Lansana Lapia drove for the boards, his eyes fixed on the net and a sure two points.

At the last second, though, without ever taking his eyes off the hoop, the 5-foot-8 point guard, originally from Sierra Leone, passed the ball behind his back to a waiting teammate who took the shot.

Sweet play for a young man who, as a kid, came close to losing his left leg in the blood diamond civil war that consumed his homeland. But more on that later.

Back on the court, Lapia, playing the game he loves, got back on defense right away, occasionally flashing a grin at the other players — shirt and skin alike.

That's what impresses Dr. Ian Zlotolow most about his son.

"He fits in any place," the 72-year-old retired dentist and expert on facial prosthetics said. "No matter where we go, he fits in."

Now, Zlotolow, who grew up in Louisville, playing hoops on the same court as Lapia, hopes his adopted son will fit in here. They moved back less than five weeks ago looking for a safe community in which to live.

Zlotolow feels nostalgic about Louisville. A Highlands native, he said boys his age used to call the then-JCC "home." Outside the center, his parents, like many Jews, ran a store on



Lee Chottiner

Lapia has changed his life.

The story started in 2002. Zlotolow was the head of dental service in the Department of Surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, but through a foundation he co-founded, he also visited war zones around the globe, building prosthetics for war victims who had lost ears, noses or jaws.

That's why he traveled to Sierra Leone that year, and how he met Lapia in a hospital.

The boy was 8 at the time (he thinks). His mother had been murdered in the war and his siblings were taken away to be child soldiers. As for Lapia, a snake had bitten his leg. Doctors were preparing to amputate it above the knee, leaving him a cripple for life.

Zlotolow, who quickly felt a connection to Lapia, wouldn't have that. He obtained a medical visa to bring him

Market Street (wholesale), and he attended Adath Israel.

But he never imagined he would someday adopt a Muslim boy from West Africa — a story that would generate national headlines — and bring him to Kentucky to live.

But he did, and

to New York. There, he underwent a series of operations that saved his leg.

But the story didn't end there. Zlotolow walked away from his position at Memorial Sloan-Kettering to spend more time with Lapia. They moved to the East Bay of northern California where he went into private practice and taught.

And the Jewish man from Louisville adopted the Muslim child from Africa. They have been inseparable ever since.

It wasn't long before *The New York Times* picked up their story. Father and son were also featured in a segment on ABC's 20/20.

Not everyone has understood the connection between the two. One of Zlotolow's colleagues even called it "irrational," though other friends were more supportive.

Likewise, Lapia has often wondered where he fits in here in an America that is still largely divided along color lines.

Nevertheless, Lapia, now 24, has thrived in his new country. Bright and eager to learn, his father boasted that he learned to play chess in one week as a boy, and he picked up English in no time.

He also writes poetry — with a rapper's rhythm.

But his passion, to put it mildly, is basketball. After his father showed him how to use the remote one night in their Greenwich Village apartment, Lapia found a Lakers-Spurs game on TV.

"I just remember watching that and

saying, 'I can do that,'" Lapia recalled.

And he did. He began playing pickup games in Manhattan. Dad signed him up him for sports camps. When they moved to California, Lapia played in high school.

"I just love to compete," he said.

He also briefly attended Marist University and tried out for the basketball team.

Here in Louisville, Lapia hopes to return to school. He has an idea for becoming a trainer, helping people to get the most from themselves — physically, emotionally and spiritually. Clearly, he has some experience doing all three.

More than anything, though, Lapia wants to coach basketball. Doctors back in New York may have saved his leg, but he understands that it probably won't hold up for long playing at the level he expects from himself.

Coaching, he said, is a way to stay connected to the game.

"I love teaching what I've picked up," Lapia said. "I want to give it to another who wants to develop his game. I want to see that talent come out."

Zlotolow, like any father, just wants to see his son happy.

"I just want my kid to grow up and not feel inferior — to be a solid contributor," he said. "He needs a break."

(Lee Chottiner is interim editor of Community.)

Wagner

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While we tend to use numbers to measure our communal success; how many people are served? How many participate? The true impact plays out over months and years and even decades. We may never see the most meaningful or subtle differences in the lives we change. A few years ago, before her daughter graduated from high school, a friend shared a photo from 1993 of a group of young Jewish moms with their toddlers sitting under the tree in the JCC family park for Mommy and Me Camp. Little did they know how close their families would become over the years or how much they would experience in Jewish Louisville. Their relationships are still strong today. The true impact of introducing young families could never have been truly measured from a snapshot in time 24 years ago. My inspiration continues to come from every engagement we provide and the possibility of where it may lead.

What inspires you? This is our theme for the 2018 Federation annual campaign. This year, you can express what inspires you by joining in the campaign and inspiring others.

Join our co-chairs Madeline and Jerry Abramson and Faina and Ariel Kronenberg, on Sunday, October 29, at The J for our Campaign Opening from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our work remains as critical as ever.

Over the high holidays, many people asked me what the infusion of \$150 million in new funds received by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence will mean for the community? Do we still need an annual campaign?

Without a doubt, this is wonderful news for the good work it might fund for generations, and yes! We will still need the campaign. As stakeholders and participants, it is crucial to our Jewish future.

The campaign will continue to provide the funds needed for our core needs including caring for the vulnerable, educating people of all ages and supporting Jewish life around the

globe. We look forward to working with JHFE as they continue to make grants to enhance Jewish life in Louisville and the region.

There is no better time in Jewish Louisville to have meaningful Jewish

conversations. Take a few minutes and find out what inspires others.

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

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Conservative movement doubles down on intermarriage ban

By JTA

NEW YORK – The Conservative movement will maintain its ban on rabbis performing interfaith marriages while seeking to welcome couples who are already intermarried, according to a new letter signed by the movement's four leaders.

The letter, published the week of October 18 and addressed to the centrist movement's clergy, educators and leaders, follows a summer when a few prominent Conservative rabbis announced that they would begin officiating at intermarriages. It does not represent a change in the movement's policy or practice of Jewish law.

"We affirm the traditional practice of reserving rabbinic officiation to two Jews," the letter reads, adding that the movement's leaders "are equally adamant that our clergy and communities go out of their way to create multiple opportunities for deep and caring relationships between the couple and the rabbi, the couple and the community, all in the context of welcome and love that extends well before the moment of the wedding and well beyond it too."

The letter was written by Rabbi Bradley Artson, dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, and co-signed by Arnold Eisen, the chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Rabbi Julie Schonfeld, CEO of the Conservative Rabbinical Seminary; and Rabbi Steven Wernick, CEO of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Since 2000, more than 70 percent of non-Orthodox Jews have married non-Jewish partners, according to the Pew Research Center's 2013 study of American Jewry. The other major Jewish denominations in the United States

are split on the issue: the Reform movement allows intermarriage and the Orthodox prohibits it.

Conservative Judaism aims to maintain fealty to traditional Jewish law while remaining relevant to the modern world. Its rabbis are prohibited from officiating at or attending intermarriages, but recently the movement has taken steps to welcome intermarried couples both before and after the wedding. This year, the movement's synagogues voted to allow non-Jews as members.

But several of the movement's rabbis have begun officiating at intermarriages, arguing that the movement has not gone far enough in embracing the spouses of many young Jews. Last December, Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom of Philadelphia was expelled from the Rabbinical Assembly umbrella group for performing intermarriages. In June, the Conservative-ordained clergy at B'nai Jeshurun, an influential, non-denominational New York synagogue, announced that they would begin performing intermarriages. So did Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie, who heads the experimental congregation Lab/Shul in New York.

Conservative leaders responded at the time by reaffirming their opposition to intermarriage while pledging to respect and welcome intermarried couples.

"We believe – and the data confirm – that by far the most effective path toward building a Jewish future is to strengthen Jewish identity, beginning with the Jewish family," read a June statement from the Jewish Theological Seminary. "This is also the path which Torah and tradition command. JTS will in coming months expand our efforts to welcome all families, including

those that are interfaith, to explore Judaism together with us."

The October 18 letter echoes that language.

"We all know that intermarriage is a loving choice people make in an open and accepting society," Wernick told JTA. "As rabbis and leaders, we also

have a commitment to Jewish law and Jewish marriage. How do we create a language that acknowledges both of these realities as well as a commitment to welcome those Jews and families to journey Jewishly on this path?"

VOA visitors



Seventh and eighth graders from The Temple and LBSY religious schools recently visited the Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter near Old Louisville. The students spend time with children there, learning firsthand about homelessness and the work that VOA does. (photo provided by Rabbi David Ariel-Joel)

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Many ways exist to cope with holiday stress; here are some

By Rabbi Nadia Siritsky
For Community

(Editor's note: Kelly Gillooly, director behavioral health outreach at KentuckyOne Health, contributed to this piece.)

As we reach the end of October, we also begin the Hebrew month of Cheshvan – often called *Mar Cheshvan*, which literally means the bitter month of Cheshvan.

One might think that this bitterness may be a reference to the weather. However, rabbinic tradition teaches that Cheshvan itself is bitter. It is a sad month because there are no holidays that fall within it.

How ironic that, for most people, it is not a lack of holidays that makes us feel down, but rather, holidays themselves. Preparing for Thanksgiving and Chanukah, many of us begin to feel “winter blues.” As the weather begins to turn, many people struggling with financial troubles, illness or grief may begin to feel “holiday stress.”

We often have a Norman Rockwellian vision of what holidays should be. Visions of the ideal Thanksgiving or Chanukah, with family gathered and filled with joy and gratitude, may make us feel inadequate.

Our real lives rarely match up to the vision of perfection, the abundance of joy and relationship satisfaction that is pictured in movies, commercials and social media. Such a disconnect can aggravate our moods, especially if we already feel down because of the lack of sunlight and a predisposition for Seasonal Affective Disorder.

But don't dwell on what the holidays are supposed to be like and how you're supposed to feel. Identify someone you can turn to. Don't be afraid or embarrassed to ask for help. Everyone needs support from time to time.

For those experiencing a holiday for the first time without loved ones who have recently passed, it's OK to give yourself permission to grieve – to feel joy, sadness and anger. These feelings are normal. Instead of using substances to avoid them, try remembering as a means of healing. Keeping a journal or setting aside a time to remember loved ones can help, so can general self-care behavior such as exercise, prayer and meditation, proper nutrition and hydration and, of course, sleep.

If some relatives trigger stress, then it is best to find ways to avoid them. If seeing particular aunts, uncles or cousins only results in quarreling, then try calling them instead. Just know that



Rabbi Nadia Siritsky

you can't control them. You can only control your own reactions.

Don't overbook yourself or stay longer than you would like. Ultimately, if we try to repress our feelings, they are likely to come out unexpectedly in ways we will regret. It is better to try to plan ahead, ensuring that we can also schedule something fun for ourselves – a massage perhaps, or a long walk with a friend.

Trying to please everyone, except for one's self, will ultimately please no one. The biblical commandment to “love one's neighbor as one's self” implies that we should work to be loving toward one's self. The Talmud reminds us: “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?” Perhaps, reaching out to others might be helpful, or volunteering.

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We also offer a free support group in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness Louisville, on Tuesdays, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at 4414 Churchman Ave. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful. Indeed, research shows that writing in a gratitude journal, if only to give thanks for the gift of life every day, can be a form of healing. The holiday season is a time filled with miracles.

Chanukah celebrates the story of how a little oil, barely enough to last one night, managed to last for eight – thereby filling the darkness with light. This coming holiday season, may each of us find comfort in the light that surrounds us, and may we come to see that this light is brighter than we ever dreamed.

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

D'VAR TORAH

God or people – which comes first? What's a patriarch to do?

By Rabbi David Ariel-Joel
For Community

The first Torah portion this month is Vayera. It begins when Abraham is recuperating from his *brit*, the covenant

of circumcision he had at age 99.

Abraham is sitting at the entrance to his tent, in the heat of the day. He is tired, weary and hurting, and it is very hot.

At this point, God arrives to visit

Abraham.

Now, the drama really begins, a great story with an important lesson for us all. We read the first two verses of chapter 18:

“The Eternal appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.”

What is the meaning of the first verse?

God appeared before Abraham; this is a beginning of a revelation. We do not know the content of the revelation, but we are expecting words of Torah, a commandment, a teaching and a covenant stronger than the one in the flesh that Abraham just made.

And what is the meaning of the second verse? What happens here?

God appears before Abraham at the exact same moment when the three strangers appear. Abraham sees the three men and understands that there is a conflict here. What will Abraham choose to focus on? Listening to the revelation from God – to the important Divine message we are all waiting to hear – or the three strangers that suddenly appeared?

What is Abraham going to do?

Let's look at the interpretation and lesson that the greatest rabbi in our history, Maimonides, learns from these two verses.

Maimonides, in his book of Jewish law, the first codex of Jewish law in history, says:

“The reward one receives for accompanying guests is greater than all of the others. This is a statute which Abraham our Patriarch instituted and the path of kindness which he would follow. He would feed wayfarers, provide them with drink, and accompany them. Showing hospitality for guests surpasses receiving the Divine Presence, as Genesis 18:2 states: ‘Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby.’”

So God appears to Abraham in verse



Rabbi David Ariel-Joel

one, but in verse two, Abraham, in effect, says to God, “You have to wait. Hold that thought, I have guests, and that is more important than You.”

Abraham, according to Maimonides and to our sages, teaches us that our moral

obligations toward other human beings surpass our religious duties vis-a-vis the Divine. Human beings come before God.

Abraham made a choice when he faced the dilemma of what comes first: God, or hospitality toward strangers? God or relating to a fellow human being?

The choice made by our first patriarch overshadows our history and our tradition. Abraham teaches us what is truly important in life, what truly matters. People always come first, we learn from Abraham; God comes second.

Being Jewish is very special; Judaism is a unique tradition. It's not so much about being part of a faith community or a religion as it is about belonging to a people.

Today, many Jews consider themselves secular; they see being Jewish as being part of the people of Israel. Belief in God and how I express this belief, is a different matter that defines what stream of Judaism I belong to. It does not determine whether I am Jewish or not.

We learned from Abraham, the first Hebrew in history, that the most important thing is people. People come first, before everything, including God.

(Rabbi David Ariel-Joel is a senior rabbi at The Temple.)

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The public got its chance to see Never Again, the traveling exhibit of Holocaust-themed murals created by gifted students at the Western Kentucky University VAMPY program, Sunday, September 24. They were also treated to a video clip of an upcoming program about the exhibit being produced by KET. The murals were on a three-city tour made possible by grants from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence. The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts and the Jewish Community of Louisville also sponsored the exhibit. (photos by William Beasley)



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Program sends first-timers to camp for life-changing experiences

By Bruce Snyder
For Community

There was a time when Elizabeth Davis would describe herself as shy, anxious and afraid of new challenges.

No more. These days she calls herself a confident young woman.

Sure, she is maturing like any average teenager, but Elizabeth, 14, also credits her experience in the One Happy Camper program.

"I would be in a totally different mindset and point of view, and have so much stress and anger if I didn't have this camp," she said. "I have best friends here at home, but my camp friends are my best friends also."

One Happy Camper is a scholarship program that emphasizes the camping experience with Jewish customs and lifestyle. Just about all the campers, counselors and staff are Jewish.

At camp, Shabbat is considered the highlight of the week, according to Elizabeth. "Every Friday night, we all put on nice clothes, and we sing and dance, and have Shabbat dinners."

These are cherished experiences, she explained. "People who don't go to camp won't understand how much all this means to me."

Hundreds of camps across North America participate in the program. Parents can choose one in their region or one that emphasize specific interests – 150 in all – such as traveling, sports, service or traditional camping.

Most overnight camp sessions are two or four weeks.

Tracy Geller sent her 10-year-old daughter, Rose, to camp this past summer thanks to the program. Since it was Rose's first experience, they decided to take things slow and opt for a two-week session.



Louisville campers mug for the camera at Camp GUCI in Zionsville, Indiana. One Happy Camper makes it possible for kids like these to enjoy the camping experience.

"I heard almost immediately your daughter's going to want to stay four weeks," Geller said. "She would have stayed four weeks if we had let her because she did not want to return home. It was a community there, like a second family."

The experiences Rose had at camp have stayed with her.

"When we say prayers together, it makes me feel happy that we could all be together," she said. "Where we live, there aren't that many Jewish people, so I was really excited to go. I was happy I could be around a lot of Jewish people."

She admitted to being nervous when

she left for camp. "I wasn't sure I'd be comfortable going away for two weeks," she said, "but when I got there, I loved it."

One Happy Camper is open to students who are entering first-through-12th grade. The camps can be pricey, so scholarships are available for first time campers. Those who go for four weeks or more can apply for \$1,000 grants. For two-week programs, \$700-dollar scholarship are available.

"It is a leap of faith," Geller said. "You don't know if it's going to work out, you don't know if your kid is going to love it. Some people are not willing to make that expensive investment without an

incentive, so (the scholarship) helps."

In the end, she said, the investment was worth it.

"It is an investment in your child's summer, and their religious experiences. It makes you open your eyes. If they are willing to invest in my child (with the scholarships), then I am willing to spend this money."

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation. JCL President and CEO Sara Wagner thinks One Happy Camper is a wonderful way for Jews to connect socially and spiritually.

"One Happy Camper receives funds each year from the Federation Annual Campaign," Wagner said. "I cannot think of a better way to invest in our Jewish children than an immersive Jewish experience with friends and former campers as their role models."

Elizabeth's mother, Sally Davis, went through the One Happy Camper program when she was a teenager. She is happy that Elizabeth embraced, too.

"She's a chip off the old block," Davis said. "I have wonderful memories. I grew as a person and it made me stronger. Elizabeth comes home from camp so refreshed and rejuvenated, it's a wonderful experience for her and she has grown so much with both her Judaism and independence.... It's the best gift I could have given her." Elizabeth agreed.

"To be honest, it wasn't what I expected," she said. "This camp was almost magical. I love camp. When I think about it, it makes me smile."

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UofL Jewish Studies releases spring courses

The Jewish Studies faculty at the University of Louisville has released its spring course offering. Seniors are encouraged to enroll for free.

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- ENG 552-03 – "Childhood & Coming of Age in Jewish Literature";
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JLI Jewish history debate series

The Jewish Learning Institute is starting a class consisting of six debates on Jewish questions grounded in the past, Great Debates in Jewish History.

The debates will address questions surrounding the Dead Sea Scrolls, the suicide by the defenders of Masada, the Maimonidean controversy the renewal of the Sanhedrin, the rise of Chasidism and Separation of Church and State.

The course, which is open the public, is designed to appeal to people at all levels of knowledge, including those with no prior background in Jewish learning.

Visit **myJLI.com** to register or contact Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, who the lead the class, at **rabbi@chabadky.com**.

Raising Jewish Children class

The Temple has started a six-week series parenting classes, Raising Jewish Children.

The class covers independent topics. Missing one will not impact learning in another, the goal being to provide practical ideas for raising children with a positive Jewish identity.

Classes run from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. on Sundays (October 29 and November 5, 12, 19) to coincide with religious school. Breakfast is included and basic class format will include instruction, reflection questions/activity, informal discussion, and wrap-up.

Planned topics include Ages & Stages (incorporating Judaism into our daily lives at all ages of your child's development), Tackling the Service (learning some of the basics), Making A Home Jewish (ideas for making your home look, smell, and sound Jewish), The Jewish Calendar (breakdown of various seasons and holidays) and An Extended Jewish Family (creating a sense of belonging to a wider Jewish community).

Cindy Schwartz and Jessica Springer. Child coordinate the class. Care is available with a reservation. The class is open to the community. Sign up by calling The Temple at 502-423-1818.

Anshei Sfard Shabbos Luncheon

Anshei Sfard will hold its Shabbos Luncheon Saturday, Oct. 28. Shachris will begin at 9 a.m. followed by the luncheon at noon.

RSVP to the shul office at 502-451-3122 x 0 or email the office at **carla@ansheisfard.com** by Wednesday, Oct. 25. There is no charge.

Anshei Sfard Knit & Qvell Circle

The next Knit & Qvell Circle at Anshei Sfard will meet Thursday, November 2, at 1 p.m. in the synagogue library.

All knitted/crocheted items are donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. Contact Toby Horvitz 502-458-7108 or Anshei Sfard at 502-451-3122 x 0 for details.

KI stages Shabbat Unplugged

Keneseth Israel will hold its next monthly Shabbat Unplugged program Friday, November 3.

Dinner, catered by Chef Sasha Chack, will follow Friday night services, which begins at 6 p.m. There is also a tisch after dinner, with singing of zmirot and niggunim, Torah talk and storytelling. Cost is \$5 per person (\$20 maximum per family). RSVP to 502-459-2780 or **rsvp@kenesethisrael.com**. Online payments can be made at **kenesethisrael.com**. (Click "pay" at the top of the page.)

Storyteller at AJ family service

Noa Baum, an award-winning Israeli storyteller, will be at Adath Jeshurun Saturday, November 4.

She will read at the Shabbat morning service at 9:30 a.m. and the Short & Sweet Family Service at 10:30 a.m. She also will be the Shabbat Scholar following the Kiddush lunch. The community is invited.

KI to hold healing service

Keneseth Israel Cantor Sharon Hordes will hold a healing service Sunday, November 5, at 2 p.m. for people struggling with illness or other life challenges.

Myra Goldman, nursing education consultant at the Kentucky Board of Nursing, will speak at the program about health concerns for people over 40.

The service is free, and a wine and cheese buffet will follow. RSVP to **rsvp@kenesethisrael.com** or 502-459-2780.

JFCS to hold Fall FUNdraiser

Jewish Family & Career Services supporters will eat at BJ's restaurant, 7900 Shelbyville Road, Oxmoor Center, Thursday, November 9, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Twenty percent of dine in or takeout food and soft beverage sales will be donated to JFCS. Diners must present a printed flyer to the server, which can be downloaded at **jfcsloisville.org**.

Hebrew classes at AJ

Adath Jeshurun offers beginning and intermediate Hebrew on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Deborah Slosberg teaches the classes, which are free and open to the community. The next sessions will be November 12 and 19. Contact Slosberg at **dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com** or 502-458-5359.

AJ Spiritual Pragmatism group

Holistic psychiatrist Dr. Courtney Snyder and business & leadership advisor Marty Snyder will next facilitate their spiritual pragmatism discussion group Sundays, November 12 and 19, from 9:45 to 11 a.m. The topics are respectively "The ego is a veil between humans and God." and "Gratitude – The Parent of All Virtues." This group is open to the community. Visit **adathjeshurun.com/spiritualpragmatism**.

AJ hosts packing party for charity

Adath Jeshurun will host a packing party for its community outreach program, Brown Bag Blessings, Sunday, November 12, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Those present will pack lunches for homeless shelters with veterans. The event is a joint-effort with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. There is no cost to participate. Visit **adathjeshurun.com/brownbagblessings** to sign up.

Teacher of the Year at Temple Shalom

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

An expert in Holocaust education for teenagers, Skillern is best known for the Nazi Germany and Holocaust education class he developed for the summer gifted student program at Western Kentucky University. He has employed innovative techniques to convey the facts about the Holocaust, including the Never Again murals that were recently exhibited at The J.

A \$5 donation is requested. Call Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 by November 10 for reservations.

Musician in residence at Temple

The Temple will hold its Musician in Residence Weekend with Danny Maseng Friday, November 17.

Maseng will be at a Rabbis Shabbat Dinner in his honor at 6 p.m. followed by services, which he will lead. He also will hold a Havdalah concert Saturday, November 16, at 7 p.m., and finish the weekend by teaching an Israeli poetry and music class Sunday at 10 a.m.

Dinner is \$5 for adults; kids under 12 eat free. RSVP by Wednesday, November 15, by calling 502-423-1818.

Temple Shalom No Shush Shabbat

The next No Shush Shabbat will be Friday, November 17 at Temple Shalom at 6:30 p.m.

The community is invited to the service that is particularly suitable for children and families. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner and Benji Berlow will lead the PowerPoint service. Call Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 for details.

Temple Brotherhood lectures

The Temple Brotherhood will begin a lecture series Wednesday, November 1, with Gabe Lefkowitz, Louisville Orchestra concertmaster and composer of video game music. A dinner at the Klein Center at 7 p.m. will precede the event.

The dinner and lecture are free to Temple Brotherhood members and lecture series subscribers. RSVP at 502-423-1818 by October 31.

Temple Brotherhood to take a hike

The Temple Brotherhood will sponsor its fall hike Sunday November 5, at the Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest. Carpools will leave The Temple at 12:15.

Entrance is free with The Temple Brotherhood and refreshments will be served following the afternoon hike. RSVP by Friday, November 2, to 502-423-1818 along with lunch requests.

Temple to hold movie night

The Temple members will gather for a monthly movie night with pizza and soda Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. Annie Hall will be screened. RSVP to The Temple at 502-423-1818.

Jewish studies classes at Temple

The Temple's Jewish studies classes Mondays through May 2018.

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel teaches The Great Women of the Bible at 7 p.m.

Hebrew language classes are held at 7 p.m.

Rabbi Gaylia R. Rooks will teach an intermediate Hebrew class on the Pirke Avot at 7 p.m. (No Hebrew knowledge is required).

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will teach the advanced Hebrew study circle, at 8 p.m.

All rabbis will teach Basic Judaism at 8 p.m. Holy days and festival will be addressed.

Temple Scholars Program restarts

The Temple Scholars Program, which runs through May 2018, is offering two history courses this year.

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will teach "1917, 1947, 1967: The Legacy of the Past & The Future of Modern Israel" from 9:30 to 10:35 a.m.

Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport will teach A History of the Jewish People in 36 Objects from 10:50 a.m. to noon.

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NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

Rabbi, 'Transparent' consultant speaks here

Rabbi Susan Goldberg, script consultant for the critically acclaimed TV series, *Transparent*, will be in Louisville Sunday, November 12, to speak about the show's spiritual elements.



Rabbi Susan Goldberg

The Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence is sponsoring Goldberg, who will speak at 1 p.m. that day in the Chao Auditorium, Ekstrom Library, on the University of Louisville campus. The title of her talk is "In the Wilderness: The Spiritual Journey of 'Transparent'."

She will talk about how the show has grappled with portraying modern Jewish life as well as raising the profile of transgender people in popular culture.

Transparent, which premiered in 2014 on Amazon, is the story of a Los Angeles family coping with the news that its father and husband, Morton Pfefferman, played by Jeffrey Tambor, is transgender.

The main characters in the series are Jewish and the themes it addresses are culturally Jewish.

Transparent won a Golden Globe Award in 2015 for best television series, and Tambor won for best actor in a television series that same year.

A former dancer-choreographer, Goldberg is now a spiritual leader at the Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles.

She is the second of two speakers

connected with the show to speak here. A producer of *Transparent*, Zackary Drucker, was at UofL on October 17 to address the challenges and advances of increasing transgender visibility in contemporary media.

The event is free, but reservations are requested by emailing ranen.omer-sherman@louisville.edu.

In addition to JHFE, UofL's comparative humanities department also is sponsoring the program.

Tiell, JFCS featured in October LBF story

Judy Freundlich Tiell, executive director of the Jewish Family & Career Services, was the subject of September 29 story in *Louisville Business First*.



Judy Freundlich Tiell

The story, "The kinds of things we do relate to people from birth to death" (a quote by Tiell), explains the scope of JFCS services beyond family and career counseling.

It also describes Tiell's personal take on social work, outlines the achievements of her agency and

contains a Q&A with her.

"One of our beliefs," Tiell is quoted as saying, "is that by serving the entire community, we're helping to heal the world, which is a very important Jewish value."

Jewish editor at work on relaunched LD

Melanie Wolkoff Wachsman is the managing editor of the newly relaunched, redesigned *Louisville Distilled*, a weekly local online magazine.

LD's new design is intended to present stories in the best format no matter the device on which they're being read.

The new site also will focus more on long-form stories.



Melanie Wolkoff Wachsman

"We wanted the design to better reflect our mission of telling the stories of those working to make our city a better Louisville and to build connections through those stories," Wachsman said in a prepared statement.

She is a member

of Adath Jeshurun.

The redesign also includes the introduction of a new logo, done in teal to represent clarity, idealism, creativity, compassion, self-sufficiency – words, according to LD, that sum up a city focused on "bettering each other by bet-

tering themselves."

Launched in 2015, LD bills itself as a news site focused on telling Louisville's story in an authentic positive way through its people, organizations, businesses and neighborhoods.

The site underwent a redesign for about year. It was readable online during the upgrades, but new content wasn't being added.

"With more than a year of data we learned that our long-form feature stories about people, places and organizations is what readers focused on, and that's what we enjoyed doing most," said its publisher, John Guthrie, in a prepared statement.

LD can read at LouisvilleDistilled.com.

IU Southeast lecturer feted for excellence

Michael Jackman, a poet, short story writer and senior lecturer in English at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, was recently inducted into the school's Faculty Academy for Excellence in Teaching (FACET).

Jackman's poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction has appeared many journals and magazines, including



Michael Jackman

Jewish Currents, *The Louisville Review*, *The Merton Seasonal*, *Motif Anthology*, *A Narrow Fellow*, *The New Sound*, *New Southerner*, *Poetica* and *Scribblers on the Roof*.

He has also had stories run on various public radio stations and shows, including NPR's *The Savvy Traveler* and *Louisville Public Radio*.

Jackman also was nominated for the Chancellor's Diversity Award, which is given to faculty or staff members for exceptional performance in promoting and enhancing diversity of the IU Southeast campus.

He is also a co-advisor to IU Southeast Jewish Student Union (currently inactive) and is part of the New Albany-based Hoosier Havurah.

Pass named pharmacy dean at Texas Tech

Steven Pass, son of Barbara and Myron Pass, has been named regional dean for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy campus in Dallas.

A professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, Pass has been the School of Pharmacy's vice chair for residency programs since 2011.

He earned his doctorate of pharmacy from the University of Kentucky in 1996 before completing a pharmacy practice residency at Baptist Memori-

al Hospital in Memphis in 1997 and a



Steven Pass

critical care residency at The University Hospital in Cincinnati in 1998.

The Dallas campus has more than 160 third- and fourth-year pharmacy students and postgraduate residents.

Hiudt to join Camp Livingston administration

Joseph "Joey" Hiudt, a Camp Livingston alumnus, has been named its new assistant director of programming and development.

Starting as a camper in 1998, Hiudt has spent 11 summers at Livingston. His four brothers, mother and father also went there.

A University of Cincinnati graduate with a degree in sports management, Hiudt has been living in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he worked in youth programming management in both for-profit and non-profit settings with children from a wide variety of backgrounds.

"There is no denying that growing up at Camp Livingston helped in shaping my Jewish identity and the person I am today," Hiudt said in a prepared statement.

Teen makes high school honor society

Amy Niren, a junior at Atherton High School, has recently been accepted into Rho Kappa National Honor Society.

This organization recognizes excellence in the field of social studies. In addition, Amy won a third-place ribbon at the Kentucky State Fair for her pastel self-portrait.

Amy and her family are members of Temple Shalom.

Israeli author to speak at Temple on West Bank

Nir Baram, a critically acclaimed Israeli author and journalist who has traveled extensively on the West Bank, will speak at The Temple Friday, October 27, during Shabbat services.



Nir Baram

Baram's book, *A Land Without Border* (2016), describes his one-year journey into the West Bank and East Jerusalem. During his journey, Baram met a variety of people: religious and secular settlers with different beliefs, Palestinians who never met a Jew, political leaders and businessmen.

Born in Jerusalem in 1976, Baram's grandfather and father were both ministers in Israeli Labor Party governments.

Baram has worked as a journalist for Haaretz and as an editor of nonfiction books and classic novels in Am-Oved publishing house.

He is an advocate for equal rights for Palestinians.

A dinner with Baram will be held at 6:30 p.m. that day. The cost is \$5 for adults. Kids 12 and under eat free.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 25 to 502-423-1818. Contact Becky King at (502) 212-2028 or becky@thetemplelouky.org for details.

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Around Town

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KI slates Family Shabbat services

Keneseth Israel will next hold its family morning Shabbat services on November 11 and 25, and December 9 and 23, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The services include stories, singing, prayers, Torah and learning. They conclude by joining the whole congregation in the main sanctuary to lead Ein Keloheinu and Adon Olam.

KI Rosh Chodesh Girls Club to meet

Girls in grades 4-8 can join Cantor Sharon Hordes and Lisa Yussman every month to celebrate Rosh Chodesh. The club meets after LBSY at the JCC in room 113 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The next meeting is November 19. There is a \$54 charge per family. Contact Hordes at: Shordes@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780 for details.

KI holds Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Keneseth will hold a family Kabbat

lat Shabbat service Friday, November 17, at 6 p.m. A kid-friendly dinner will follow. Cost is \$5 per person, \$20 per family. RSVP to rsvp@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

AJ hosts The Conversation Project

Adath Jeshurun will run a workshop called The Conversation Project, coordinated by Karen Cohen and Lynn Rosenthal on Sunday, December 3, at 10 a.m.

The Conversation Project," co-founded by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Ellen Goodman, offers tools, guidance and resources necessary to process our final desires for life. The materials used in the workshop will facilitate decision-making about end-of-life health care.

The workshop is open to the community, and is free, but registration is limited to the first 15 participants. RSVP by contacting Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359.

AJ hosts Book Club

The Adath Jeshurun Book Club is

currently reading the Philip Roth novel The Plot Against America.

The book will be discussed at the club's next Sunday, December 17, at 2 p.m. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 458-5359 for details or to order the book.

Mahjong played at KI

A bi-weekly mahjong game at Keneseth Israel is played the first and third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. in the small chapel. The community is welcomed. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or call 502-459-2780.

AJ hosts Celebration Shabbat

Adath Jeshurun will invite anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary to the bima Saturday, November 4, for a group Aliyah. Services begin at 9:30 a.m.

JLI holding weekly Torah studies

The Jewish Learning Institute is a holding weekly Torah study class that meets Tuesdays, 8 p.m., at the Chabad house. Contact rabbisusman@gmail.com for details.

Torah Yoga class held at KI

Cantor Sharon Hordes and Lisa Flannery host the Torah Yoga class, which combines the flexibility and strength of yoga with teachings of the Torah, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., at Keneseth Israel. Temple Shalom and Hadassah co-sponsor the class, which is open he class, which is open to the community.

Jews and Brews with Rabbi Wolk

Keneseth Israel Rabbi Michael Wolk leads "Jews and Brews," a one-hour class where participants study the weekly Torah portion through over coffee, meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. at the JCC library.

Wolk holds Lunch and Learn

Rabbi Michael Wolk holds a lunch and learn session the first Thursday of every month, noon, at The Bristol on Main Street. The next topic will be "Why do Jews cover their heads?" RSVP to mwolk@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

CHAVURAT SHALOM

Compiled by Sarah Harlan
For Community

Please join us for these entertaining and educational programs coming up in November:

November 2 – Sara Robinson will lead a Veterans' Day Name that Tune. Lunch will include veggie sausage, fettuccine with marinara, sautéed zucchini and onions, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and cookies and brownies.

November 9 – Alan Zukof will entertain us on guitar and vocals in the

Chapel. Lunch in the Heideman will include beef pot pie, baby carrots, caesar salad, fresh fruit, and chocolate cake.

November 16 – Rabbi Nadia Sirtitsky will share an update on the latest news about Jewish Hospital. Lunch will include turkey and dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit and pumpkin pie.

November 23 – Happy Thanksgiving! No Chavurat Shalom.

November 30 – Marci Shuman, audiologist from the Kentucky Hearing Clinic, will share her insights about

managing hearing loss. Lunch will include beef stew, corn, pasta salad, fresh fruit, and blackberry cobbler.

Chavurat Shalom is a community-wide program for all Jewish senior adults 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, catered by Chef Z, is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Contact Sarah Harlan at 502-423-1818 or sarahharlan86@gmail.com by the

Tuesday of the week you plan to attend. Vegetarian meals are available if requested by the Tuesday before the event. Transportation can be scheduled by calling Jewish Family & Career Services at 502-452-6341. Transportation to Chavurat Shalom is \$5 round-trip. Funding for Chavurat Shalom is provided by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the Jewish Community of Louisville, National Council of Jewish Women, The Temple's Men of Reform Judaism and Women of Reform Judaism, and many other generous donors.

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Births

Leah-Vaughn Russell

Richard and Anita Stargel, and Bob and Sharla Grossman, announce the birth of their beautiful grand-daughter, Leah-Vaughn Russell.

Proud parents are Rebecca (Grossman) and Lee Russel of Chicago. The late great-grandparents are Stuart and Phyllis Grossman, and Ed Berliner (Puerto Rico) and Elly Berliner (Chile).

B'nai Mitzvah

Joseph Todd

Joseph Todd, son of Theresa and James Todd both retired from the U. S. Coast Guard, was called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah, Saturday, October 21, at Temple Shalom.

His paternal grandparents are Edward and Carol Stone of Harrell's, North Carolina. His maternal grandparents are Mary Louise Binzer of Baltimore, Maryland.

Joe goes to school at Louisville Jewish Day School. His interests include history; specifically, the Civil War, World War II, Vietnam War – and Roblox, an online game.



Nicki Cassandra Kaplan

Nicki Cassandra Kaplan, daughter of David and Elizabeth Kaplan, will celebrate her bat mitzvah at Temple Shalom on Saturday, November 11, at

Temple Shalom.

Nicki is the sister of Nathan Kaplan and the granddaughter of Dr. Martin and Odette Kaplan (and the late Nicki Kaplan) of Lexington, Kentucky, and Ira and Susan Rudin of Belle Harbor, New York.

Nicki is a seventh grader at Noe Middle School. She enjoys dance (ballet, tap, modern and jazz) and is a member of the Noe Junior Beta Club and Girl Scouts.

Obituaries

Shannon Diedenhofen

Shannon Diedenhofen, 28, died

Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

She was a former employee at Krogers and returned to college to continue her education at Indiana University Southeast.

She was a member of the Keneseth Israel Congregation.

Diedenhofen is survived by her parents Cynthia and Michael Diedenhofen; a sister, Rachel Goldman (David); two nephews, Judah and Shai Goldman; and her grandfather, Walter Diedenhofen.

Graveside Services were held Sunday, October 6, at Keneseth Israel Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. Joseph Children's Home or Keneseth Israel Congregation.

Seth C. Firkins

Seth C. Firkins passed way in Atlanta, Georgia, Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the age of 36.

Born in Louisville, on August 5, 1981, to Harriet Frankel Firkins and the late Robert D. Firkins, Seth was an accomplished music engineer. He was credited on more than 2.5 million records sold worldwide and was a two-time Grammy nominee.

Seth had a huge personality and an equally huge capacity for love for his family, his friends and his art.

He is survived by his fiancée, Kenidy Jackson, his mother, Harriet Firkins; his twin sister, Rachel Firkins (Eli Keel); his "baby" sister, Becca Ratliff (Jeremy Baker); his aunt, Anita Frankel, and many loving cousins and friends.

Graveside services were held Friday, September 29, at Keneseth Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made to AMPED Louisville, 4425 Greenwood Avenue, Louisville, KY 40211, or ampedlouisville.org.

Leroy Joseph, Jr.

Leroy Joseph, Jr., 93, passed away Monday, October 2, 2017.

A Louisville native and World War II Army veteran, he graduated from the University of Louisville and from the University of Chicago.

A psychiatric social worker, he helped many families touched by mental illness, working at Jewish Family & Children's Services, Louisville Jewish Service Agency, and for over 31 years as the founding executive director of

Bridgehaven.

He was also actively involved as a volunteer for numerous nonprofit organizations over the years.

Leroy is survived by his daughter, Barbara; a son-in-law, Mark; a sister, Martha Frockt; three nephews, Jerry Tasman (Mina), Ronnie Tasman (Marda), and David Tasman (Sheila); and a niece, Phyllis Alport.

Lois, the love of his life (they were married 65 years), preceded him in death, as did his parents and many close friends.

The family would like to thank those at Westport Place who were so caring and understanding.

A memorial service was held Friday, October 6, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. The family would appreciate memorial contributions be made to Bridgehaven, National MS Society, or Wayside Christian Mission.

Lorrayne K. Roberts

Lorrayne K. Roberts, 85, passed away Wednesday October 4, 2017.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan Lamothe (Rick), Andrea Lindemann (Craig); four grandchildren, Jennifer Edlin (Kevin), Sarah Lamothe, Daniel Lindemann, and Thomas Lindemann; and two great-grandchildren, Ryder and Emma Edlin.

Her loving husband, William, and her son, Steven, preceded her in death.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Cedar Lake Lodge in memory of her son, Steven.

Stanley H. Rothstein

Stanley H. Rothstein of Chicago, died on Tuesday, October 3, at Montgomery Place. He was 91.

Born in Louisville on March 10, 1926, Stanley served in the Army during World War II, and received a Purple Heart.

After returning home, he attended college at the University of Louisville where he developed his lifelong passion for Cardinals basketball.

He moved to Hyde Park in Chicago in 1949, where he attended the University of Chicago and received an MSW, and then a PhD in clinical psychology. Stanley's early career included service at Jewish Children's Bureau and Loretto Hospital. In 1967, he became director of the Southeast Community Men-

tal Health Center, where he remained until his retirement in 1992.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Stanley was perhaps best known for a near-encyclopedic knowledge of bakeries and ice cream parlors in Chicago.

He will be greatly missed by Linda, his wife of 57 years; by his sons, Jandos (Jan), and Jason (Annie); by his grandchildren, Sarah, Emily and Jascha; and by his brother, Joseph Rothstein of Louisville.

Services were held Friday, October 13, at KAM Isaiah Israel, in Chicago. Interment followed in Oak Woods.

Memorial donations may be made in Stanley's name to Chicago Public Radio, 848 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL 60611 wbez.org. Arrangements were by Chicago Jewish Funerals.



Lillian Schwartz

Lillian Schwartz, 93, died Sunday, September 17, 2017, at Little Sisters of the Poor in Louisville.

She was born September 1, 1924 in the Bronx, New York City, and

grew up in Manhattan in Washington Heights.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Herbert (November 11, 1994) and her parents, Gregory and Rachel Dorscht.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Joe) Koroluk of Simpsonville; her son, Gregory Schwartz of Portland, Oregon; and her grandchildren, Mark (Miranda) of Enid, Oklahoma, Andrew of Indianapolis, Alexander, Dani and Spencer, all of Los Angeles.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, September 19, at Little Sisters of the Poor, 15 Audubon Plaza Drive. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor.

Neil H. Weinberg

Neil H. Weinberg, 53, of Deerfield, Illinois, lived his life with a tremendous sense of passion for the people, organizations and activities he loved.

An accomplished attorney and partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Neil was committed to supporting his clients and colleagues.

He was known for his great sense of humor that lightened the day for those around him; devoted to family and friends, he would travel across the country to celebrate and support them.

He was an active board member for several Jewish charities, a skilled racquetball player, golf enthusiast and an avid sports fan whose dream came true last year with the Cubs winning the World Series.

He was the beloved husband and best friend of Jami, nee Flake; most

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Fleischaker

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always under assault from one direction or another.”

The evening had two purposes: to celebrate Fleischaker as a “champion of transparency and the First Amendment,” as the program said, and to raise money to reestablish the Jefferson County Family Drug Court – a cause embraced by the NCJW.

The dinner raised \$294,000, Yarmouth said, more than half the \$561,000 needed to operate the court for three years.

The court, which was disbanded in 2008, seeks to help drug-addicted parents piece together their lives and become reunited with their children whom authorities have removed from their custody.

“We can’t incarcerate our way out of this problem,” said state Senator Morgan McGarvey, D-Jefferson, who spoke



Jon Fleischaker listens as his friend, Tom Hampton, talks about his scholastic athletic career during his Oct. 19 tribute dinner. (photo by Debby Rose)

at the event. He said the money raised, while necessary, was only a temporary

measure until the state once again supports the court.

Two women, Yolanda Coleman and Ronda Maddox, who went through the Family Drug Court before it was defunded, shared their heart-breaking stories of addiction, loss and their struggle to get clean and get their kids back.

“Recovering is a lifelong process,” Maddox said. “I have to make a commitment every day.”

But the evening belonged to Fleischaker who was lauded (and sometimes roasted) by friends, family and colleagues.

Franklin Circuit Judge Philip Shepherd called him “a prominent lawyer of our time in the field of the First Amendment.”

Longtime friend and classmate Tom Hampton took a friendly swipe at Fleischaker with a slide show of his high school and college sporting highlights. (He used a golf club as a pointer.)

And Provost David Lee of Western

Kentucky University thanked Fleischaker and his wife, attorney Kim Greene, for their establishment of the Fleischaker-Greene Fund for Excellence in First Amendment Issues, and the Fleischaker-Greene Award for Courageous International Reporting.

The recipient of this year’s Fleischaker-Greene Award, Lotfullah Najafizada, established the first 24-hour news channel in Afghanistan.

But Jeff Fleischaker, son of the honoree, drew a standing ovation for his emotional tribute to his father, touting his devotion, not just to his job, but his family.

Tearfully, Jeff described how often his father travels to be part of their grandchildren’s lives, contrasting that to his own grandfather who died before he could know him.

“Whether you know it or not, your part of their identity,” Jeff told his father from the dais.

“I’m here to celebrate my dad,” he added. “Father, I’m proud of you.”

Deal off

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options for a new site, said the panel should press on with its work.

“They may have bought some time,” he said, “but I wouldn’t be complacent.”

Vaad President Jack Czerkiewicz and the chair of the mikvah committee, Jacob Wishnia, said the Vaad has already approved a motion to seek use of a site near Shalom Tower, directly behind the synagogue, which is owned by the Jewish Community of Louisville (JCL).

JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner confirmed she has been in touch with Vaad officials about the

project, but a proposal has not been received.

“We know how important a mikvah is to our community,” Wagner said.

The Vaad also is working on a proposed design with Mikvah USA, a New York-based nonprofit that helps communities develop mikvahs. The Vaad is in the process of choosing an architect, and it has plans to mount a capital

campaign.

None of which should be affected by the loss of this buyer.

“I’m sure they’ll find someone to purchase it,” Czerkiewicz said. “It gives us a little more time, but we’re still going to move forward and have a plan in place. It’s not something we have to do in a hurry now.”

Budapest

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The women will visit four cities in America, all part of a 13-city Partnership2Gether consortium that has Budapest as a sister city. The three other stops are Indianapolis, Youngstown and South Bend.

Both women credit Birthright as a life-changing experience in their Jewish identities, and each has gone on to become increasingly active in Budapest Jewish life.

Pusztai is a project coordinator of Partnership2Gether at the Jewish Agency of Israel in Budapest. Born in 1986, the first child of a non-religious young couple, she grew up with no Jewish education, but she has since gone on to learn Hebrew and teach the language.

Born in 1989 in Budapest, Ozorai studied media, film and communica-

tion, and works for a record label company as its PR and digital promotions manager. She volunteers in several Jewish activities including the city’s Tikkun Olam Project.

“I’m trying to be as active in the community as I can be and help the participants to find their Jewish identities,” Osorai said in a statement. “It is exciting and challenging and motivating and sometimes extremely tiring, but in the end, every second is worth it.”



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adored father of Sami and Josh; devoted son of Larry Weinberg and the late Marysue Weinberg; cherished brother of Mark (Renee Foster) Weinberg and the late Heidi Jacobson; adored son-in-law of Donna and the late Sheldon Flake; dear brother-in-law of Stacy Flake, Lee (Paula) Flake and Bob (Linda Corn) Jacobson; treasured uncle of Greg, Ricky, Diana, Steven, Alyssa, Jordyn, Ari, Lexi, Scott, Walter, Henry and Hershel.

Neil will be dearly missed by his wonderful family, friends, colleagues, and clients.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 11, at Congregation B'nai Tikvah in Deerfield. Interment followed in Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the American Technion Society (ats.org) or Congregation B'nai Tikvah (bnaitikvah.net). The Goldman Funeral Group handled arrangements.

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