

THE J CENTERPIECE



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Save on traditional camp before 2018

Imagine a summer full of splashing in the pool, playing gaga and creating amazing crafts. All ten weeks of this amazing summer could be yours for only \$100 (if you win the 2018 Summer Camp Raffle).

The lucky ticket will be drawn on December 29 with a maximum of 125 tickets sold.

"This is by far the best deal in camp," says Camp Director Mindye Goldberg Mannel. "A full summer of camp would cost almost \$2300 so if you won the raffle, that's a HUGE savings!"

Proceeds from the raffle will support the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. Tickets can be purchased online at www.jewishlouisville.org/camp-raffle or at The J December 25-29 from 8-9 a.m. during Winter Camp drop-off. If you have questions about the raffle, please contact Mindye Goldberg Mannel at 502-238-2708 or mmannel@jewishlouisville.org.

Winter Camp

Camp J is currently holding Winter Camp through January 2, including New Year's Day. Week One included a field trip to Paint Spot and lots of sports and art. We also hosted a soccer camp with former Louisville City FC player, Guy Abend.



There are still spaces available for the rest of Winter Camp. Visit www.jewishlouisville.org/wintercamp for more information or call the camp office at 502-238-2718.

Summer Camp

Early Bird Registration for Camp J runs through December 31, with 10% savings on all traditional camps, including Keff, Trek and Young Leaders.

WINTER HOURS

Sunday, Dec. 24..... 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25..... 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Christmas Day Group Fitness Classes

Cardio challenge 9:30 a.m.

Muscle Blast..... 10:30 a.m.

Cycling 10:30 a.m.

Yoga 11:30 a.m.

JPlay will be closed.

New Year's

Sunday, Dec. 31..... 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 1..... 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

New Year's Day Group Fitness Classes

Body Pump 8:30 a.m.

Cardio Challenge..... 9:30 a.m.

Cycle 10 a.m.

SWITCH! 10 – Noon

Aqua Fitness..... 10:30 a.m.

All classes are 1 hour unless otherwise noted.

Specialty Camp registration will open in early January with plenty of new options including Chess, Weather and Snapology. Many popular specialty camps will return as well. Visit www.jcclouisvillecamp.org to learn more.

The J is more than wellness, it's a community

by Lenae Price

*The J Philanthropy and Outreach
Director*

Hundreds of people visit the J each and every day. Yes, you read that correctly. And you might be thinking, "but there aren't hundreds of treadmills." And you are correct. That's because The J is much more than a gym.

In fact, if you sit in the lobby for even 20 minutes on any given day, you'll see people of all ages and backgrounds, and many are here for more than just a work out. They come to drop children off in our award-winning Early Learning Center, to meet friends for a nutritious meal in the Senior Adult Lounge, to compete in pickleball and basketball tournaments, to meet with other volunteers as lay leaders on various committees, to experience visual art in The J Patio Gallery and performing arts at a CenterStage performance, to meet their friends at swim practice, to join their peers in an educational opportunity and sometimes, just to sit in the library to enjoy a little peace and quiet.

The J is a non-profit social service agency with a mission to build and sustain a vibrant, caring, inclusive community rooted in Jewish values. Promoting health and wellness through our fitness facility is just one way we advance this mission. Our building is bursting at the seams with the dozens of other mission-

based programs and services. And membership fees alone do not cover the costs to keep The J running.

As 2017 comes to an end, be a hero. Make a tax-deductible contribution to The J, your community center. And next time you're in the lobby watching people come and go, you'll know who helped make it happen- you!

Donate today by visiting www.jewishlouisville.org/support or call David Mays at 502-238-2770.

SUPPORT THE J

\$2,500 offers a child in need the joy of 10 weeks of Camp J.

\$1,000 gives a family in need a year of membership and community at The J.

\$500 provides an advocate for a child with special needs to experience one week of Camp J.

\$250 sends meals to hungry seniors throughout the city.

Any amount supports your Jewish Community Center.

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YOUR SUPPORT

lights up the community

"SOME OF THESE KIDS HAVE NEVER SEEN A PLAY, AND TO WATCH THEIR LITTLE FACES LIGHT UP IS PURE MAGIC."

- Flat Lick, KY Teacher

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT



Jan. 20 • 6:30-10:30 p.m.

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

Fee:

\$35, + \$10 additional child*

The J Member Fee:

\$25, + \$10 additional child*

*Children must be from the same household. Please register by January 16.

www.jewishlouisville.org/pno

PRESCHOOL SPORTS & GAMES



MONDAYS | JAN. 8-29

Our preschool sports program offers an exciting opportunity for children to play and develop as young athletes. Each week children will work on skills like running, throwing, catching and kicking through fun activities. The classes also include fitness and cooperative games, as well as other gross motor skills development activities.

AGES

Mondays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

2-year-olds through 3 ½-year-olds

Mondays 4:45-5:15 p.m.

3 ½-year-olds through 5-year-olds

INSTRUCTOR

Michael Price

FEE

\$75, \$65 The J Members

REGISTER ONLINE
jewishlouisville.org/sportsandgames

Drew Corson AZA wraps up a winning term with basketball tournaments

By Kari Semel

The J Jewish Youth Director

Louisville BBYO's fall/winter programming term comes to an end in January, and what a success it has been for Drew Corson AZA.

The chapter's programming revolved around basketball. With weekly gatherings taking place on and off the court, Drew Corson AZA had its busiest – and sweatiest – term to date.

On November 10-11, Louisville BBYO hosted the annual Drew Corson Basketball Tournament, welcoming more than 150 teens from across the Kentucky Indiana Ohio Region. Tournament Coordinators Lilli Russman and Brent Mannel worked with me to plan the weekend event.

The tournament is held every year to honor the memory of Drew Corson, a Louisville teen who died at the 1994 JCC Maccabi Games. Russman and Mannel worked with the Corson family to organize a new component of the tournament: an alumni game and reunion.

After a long day of competition, Drew Corson AZA came out on top, beating Indianapolis AZA to win the tournament championship. After the finals, the alumni took over the



Drew Corson AZA basketball team competes at IU.

court. Drew Corson AZA alumni defeated the current members and taught the teens a lasting impression of BBYO.

Drew Corson AZA also had an opportunity to attend the first tournament of its kind: BBYO's AZAA at Indiana University. Alephs from many regions throughout the United States came together for a weekend of basketball and brotherhood at IU from December 1 to 3. The teens got a glimpse of Jewish life on a college campus, meeting with admissions staff, taking campus tours, going to brunch and services at Hillel and joining a program with Alpha Epsilon Pi, a Jewish fraternity.

Drew Corson AZA finished second during the tournament. Coach Fred McElroy re-

ceived a special award for AZAA's best coach. He also spoke afterwards, promoting values of brotherhood and love to the athletes.

As the term comes to a close, chapter Godol (President) Jacob Ioffe is eager to see what is next for Louisville BBYO.

"I'm excited to continue planning events for our members and prospective members," Jacob said, "and can't wait to watch the chapter grow next term."

Want to join/help?

For more information about BBYO, contact Teen Director, Kari Semel at ksemel@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2701.

SCHOOL'S OUT DAYS



JAN. 15, 2018

School's Out

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$65, \$45 J Members

Get Up Gang

7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.

\$10, \$8 J Members

Stay and Play

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

\$16, \$12 J Members

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Go out for pizza and 15-20% will be donated to Camp J!

Help us boost the Camp J Scholarship Fund and join us at our restaurant fundraisers each month leading up to camp. Please RSVP if you are planning on coming out to support Camp J. These nights will offer an opportunity to bring our camp community together to have fun and eat pizza! Prospective families are more than welcome to join us at any of our events!

**January 23
Blaze Pizza**

Paddock Shops - 4118 Summit Plaza Dr.
Louisville, KY 40241

Register online at jewishlouisville.org/PizzaDay

Story of hope and understanding comes to CenterStage

Driving Miss Daisy, one of modern American theatre's most touching and irresistible stories, comes to CenterStage January 11-21, 2018. *Driving Miss Daisy* is presented by Masonic Homes and JoyRide!, and is being directed by Sharon Kinnison. This Pulitzer-Prize and Academy Award-winning comedy-drama is sure to warm your heart with its message of friendship, understanding and hope.

A treat for all audiences ages 10 to 110, *Driving Miss Daisy* is a moving story of friendship told with humor, warmth and beauty. Set in Atlanta, Ga. from 1948 to 1973, Daisy Werthan (Rena Cherry Brown), is an independent, aging Jewish widow – disagreeable, and set in her ways. She reluctantly surrenders the driver's seat to Hoke Colburn (Frank Goodloe III), a proud, soft-spoken black man at the behest of her son, Boolie Werthan (Andy Epstein). At first, Daisy's stubbornness and cultural prejudices cause much friction, but over the course of 25 years, Hoke becomes not only her chauffeur, but against all odds, her

best friend. The Washington Post once called this play "[a story] marked with unaffected grace and generosity of spirit, medium-sized miracles and changed minds."

"It's amazing to be a part of this story. It tells the tale that no matter how different two people may be or what walk of life they come from, they can always find a common ground and find respect, friendship, and love for one another," said Goodloe.

Written by Alfred Uhry in 1987 as a tribute to his Atlanta-based family, the play went on to win the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Outer Critics Circle Award. A 1989 movie version starring Jessica Tandy, Morgan Freeman, and Dan Aykroyd won four Academy Awards including Best Picture, Best Screenplay and Best Actress for Tandy.

CenterStage's 2017-18 season will conclude with *Andrew Lipka's Wild Party* and *Disney's The Little Mermaid*. Tickets for these shows can be purchased by calling 502-238-2709 or online at www.CenterStageJCC.org.



DRIVING MISS DAISY

Thursday, January 11 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 13 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 14 2 p.m.
Sunday, January 14 6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 15 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 18 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 20 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 21 2 p.m.
Sunday, January 21 6:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20/22 in advance and \$22/24 at the door and can be purchased at CenterStageJCC.org or by calling 502-238-2709. The J Member Night at CenterStage is January 11. Members get a \$4 discount when ordering tickets at the front desk or over the phone.

PROJECT WARM DAY OF SERVICE

MONDAY, JANUARY 15
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
SENIOR ADULT LOUNGE
9-1:30 P.M.

Register online at
jewishlouisville.org/ProjectWarm

SAVE THE DATE

February 18, 2018

BEST OF CenterStage

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

30 Minute Pilates Training Session \$32	45 Minute Massage Session \$45
One Hour Personal Training Session \$54	4-pack 30 Minute Personal Training Session \$120
Locker & Towel Service for a Year \$199	Ultimate 4-pack • 2 Massages Towel Service for a Year \$299

Take advantage of these specials
through January 5th.

JOFEE Interfaith Dinner

Monday, Jan. 22 | 6 p.m.
at Louisville Islamic Center
4007 River Rd.
Fee: \$25, \$20 The J Members

PICTURE THIS



CenterStage Acting Out presented *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins* December 3 and 10 at The J.

SENIOR CALENDAR

JANUARY 9

Musical Program with Tyrone Cotton-Singer, Songwriter & Guitarist, 12:45 p.m.

Tyrone Cotton began playing the guitar at 13. His music combines blues, folk & rock. Come & enjoy this wonderful musical event. Refreshments will be served after the program.

JANUARY 16

Senior Retirees Meeting, 12:45 p.m.

Chaplain Dale McAbee from Baptist Health will be our guest speaker. He will speak on Martin Luther Kings' "Living the Dream". Refreshments will be served after program.

JANUARY 19

Conversation with Matt Goldberg, noon

Matt Goldberg, director of the JCL Jewish Community Relations Committee, will be our guest speaker.

JANAURY 26

Musical Program, 12:45p.m.

Join us for a musical program featuring Dr. Stephen Mattingly and the University of Louisville Guitar students. Refreshments will be served after the program.

JANUARY 30

Tu B'Shevat Seder, 12:45 p.m.

Please join Rabbi Nadia Siritsky & Cantor Sharon Hordes as we celebrate The New Year of the Trees. This is the season in which the earliest blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle. We will be eating fruits such as grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives & dates. This holiday reminds of our connection to the earth and role as caretakers of the environment.


APRIL 15-21

Trip to Amelia Island, St. Augustine & Jacksonville, Florida

Join us for this exciting trip to Florida which includes a visit to Fountain of Youth, Kingsley Plantation, narrated cruise on St. John's River, guided tour of Amelia Island, St. Augustine & Jacksonville and much more. Fee includes lodging, motor coach transportation, 10 meals & more.


\$549/J, ASC M-Double Occupancy, \$579/NM Double Occupancy. Single Room occupancy available at an additional expense.

For more details, please contact Diane Sadle at 502-238-2749.




ACTIVE ADULT SERIES


Guided Monthly Meditation Series



Thursday, January 4 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.
 Located in the Aerobics Studio
 Free for The J Members

Join us on the first Thursday of every month for a guided meditation session with Thomas Mooneagle.





Active Adult Series

EMPTY NESTERS CLUB

Monday, January 8
11:30 a.m. at The J Library

Enjoy a discussion about the history and the future of The J! A free lunch will be served. Also, enjoy "brain games" with the group.

jewishlouisville.org/emptynester