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Awarding evening Award winners honored at annual meeting

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

The Jewish Community of Louisville honored some of its leading figures at its 10th Annual Meeting on May 29.

The meeting, which is meant to “celebrate the work we do together,” according to JCL Chairman Jon Fleischaker, recognized 11 teen leaders from the past year as well as seven young adult and senior community figures, and one corporate sponsor who has made a significant difference in Jewish Louisville.

It was an “active year,” Fleischaker said, as he paid tribute to all the honorees, as well as the JCL staff, volunteers and board members.

This year, “There was a positive vibe in the board meetings,” he said.

Singled out for their work were this year’s campaign chairs, Jerry and Madeline Abramson and Ariel and Faina Kronenberg. The Abramsons are stepping down from the job, but the Kronenbergs will return next year with new co-chairs to lead the 2018-19 campaign.

In speaking for all four campaign chairs, Jerry Abramson referenced the declaration Jews make at the end of each book of the Torah: *Chazak, chazak v’nitchazek*. (Be strong, be strong and may we be strengthened).

“That’s exactly what this community is about,” he said.

JCL President and CEO Sara Klein Wagner said this year’s campaign drew more than 100 new donors, and 46 percent of this year’s contributors were either new or had increased their gifts over the previous year.

The 11 teen leaders were recognized for their service to AZA, BBG, their schools or the community at large. They were: Abigail Geller (Joseph Fink Community Service Scholarship); Ava Schumacher and Drew Goldstein (Ellen Faye Garmon Award); Elizabeth Hemmer and Emily Renco (Stacy Marks Nisenbaum Award); Tovah Frockt, Jacob Ioffe, Lucy Calderon and Julia Bessen (Stuart Pressma

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Seven Decades of Israeli Music

Above, Ranen Omer-Sherman tells the story behind each song at the May 30 “Seven Decades of Israeli Popular Music” program at Adath Jeshurun. Right, Cantor Yvon Shore of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion dances to one of the tunes. Seven cantors and vocalists performed music from all seven decades of Israel’s existence. See story on page 16. (photos by Jerry Wolff)



Blogging from Poland Local teachers to tour scenes of Holocaust

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Two Kentucky school teachers who have made major, though different, contributions to Holocaust education in the state, will travel together to Poland this summer to see the scenes of the genocide for themselves.

Ron Skillern, who teaches Holocaust studies at Western Kentucky University’s summer VAMPY program for gifted students, and Fred Whittaker, who teaches the Holocaust through the religious studies program at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, will tour Poland as part of the nonprofit organization Classrooms Without Borders.

While there, the two teachers will blog for *Community*, sharing their observations and reflections on everything they see and learn.

“I’m just really excited,” Skillern said. “What a terrific opportunity to do this together. We’ll be able to run things by each other.”

The group will be in Poland from June 30 to July 10. It will visit the Warsaw Ghetto, Treblinka, Lublin, Majdanek, Wierzbniak, Kielce, Auschwitz, the Krakow Jewish Quarter and Plaszow.

Pittsburgh-based Classrooms Without Borders is an experiential project that exposes educators and students to the scenes of the Holocaust in Poland and elsewhere in Europe, generating new thoughts and ideas for teaching this dark period of history. A survivor, Howard Chandler of Toronto, Canada, will be along for the entire trip, as will experienced docents.

In addition, Poles who are descendants of Righteous Among the Nations – Gentiles who risked their lives to save Jews – will meet with the group, recounting their own family stories.

A teacher for 31 years, Skillern started the Holocaust studies course at VAMPY (Verbally and Mathematically Precocious Youth). He also conceived the idea for students from each summer’s class to create a life-sized mural depicting a

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D'var Torah

Where does G-d live?

By Rabbi Shmully Litvin
For Community

Do you remember when you moved into your first apartment away from your parents, or when you first walked into your new house?

When Duby and I returned to Louisville and moved into our house, it was quite the adjustment from the single bedroom apartment, and it took some time to make that house our own. If you ask Duby, we are still working at it – every day.

Recently, we were blessed with a son. As we brought Gavi into his room I wondered: What will make this house into his home? Will he connect with the artwork on the walls or the music that we play? Will the delicious smells from the kitchen of his favorite meals and baked goods bring that sense of security and comfort that a home should have?

It may be some of these things or it may be all of them. It may be different things, not just for Gavi, but for each of us. We work every day to create a space for ourselves and our family to thrive and grow.

What do you think it would take to outfit G-d's house?

For almost 1,000 years, G-d had a home in the center of the land of Israel. Known as the *Beit Hamikdash* (the Holy Temple), it served as the place where G-d's children could come together to celebrate with G-d.

Three times a year, the Jewish nation came together in pilgrimage to the Holy Temple. The miracle of Chanukah took place there, and many phenomenal events mentioned in the Talmud occurred daily in the Temple. Alas, it was destroyed. Our ancestors were forced out of Israel.

So where do you think G-d is residing now?

Next Sunday, July 1, we begin the annual three-week period of mourning and sadness over the destruction of the Holy Temple. We will spend time praying, singing, crying and yearning for the rebuilding of the Beit HaMikdash. Each Jew is invited and encouraged to use



Rabbi Shmully Litvin

this time of remembrance to make a personal journey, to consider what was, what it meant and what we felt.

On Saturday Night, July 21, Jews around the world will mark Tisha B'Av (the Ninth of Av), the day of the breaking of the Ten Commandments, the destruction of the First and Second Temples and numerous other calamities that have befallen our nation. Each congregation will offer chances to experience our loss of G-d's home, through prayer, meditation and song.

During the first three Thursdays of July, I will lead an audio-visual journey to visualize and experience the wonderful structure that once sat upon the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. When Jewish Louisville celebrates Israel at 70 in August, we will participate with an archeological exhibit where one can dig up relics from the Temple period, bringing the past to life and helping to visualize the future Temple.

While we yearn for the Temple to be rebuilt, our sages have taught that we can act today. As we design our personal homes and spaces, we have the chance to create our own mini-Temple, a place in our hearts and homes where we can connect to the spark of G-d that we each contain. We are all created in G-d's image and are thus empowered to be bearers of G-d's light and goodness. All we need to do is keep working to make G-d feel at home, and sharing this warmth and light with our family, friends and community.

I wish everyone a most meaningful journey and look forward to witnessing the greatest home improvement reality show ever: the building of the Third Temple. Amen.

(Rabbi Shmully Litvin, director of the Jewish Learning Center, teaches at the Louisville Jewish Day School and the Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad religious school.)

Snapshots



The J pools opened to the community on Memorial Day weekend, offering wet, wild fun to parents and children alike. Summer memberships are available (Community photos by William Beasley)

Candles

Here are the candle-lighting times for Shabbat in July:

- July 6 @ 8:51
- July 13 @ 8:48
- July 20 @ 8:44
- July 27 @ 8:38

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NEWS

Day school choices developing

KTD now taking applications for its inaugural term

By Melanie Wachsmann
For Community

Kentucky Torah Day, a new Jewish day school in Louisville, is taking applications for the fall.

KTD is one of three Jewish day school tracks in the Derby City, the other two being the already-existing Louisville Jewish Day School (LJDS) and a pluralistic track that is still in development.

All three are meant to address what many see as a dearth of Jewish education for young people, which could make Louisville less attractive to Jewish families considering a move.

"All forms of Jewish education are important," said Sara Klein Wagner, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville.

But, "a community Jewish day school has the potential to offer both an educational foundation and create a unique sense of community to the families who participate," she added.

KTD is currently accepting applications for students entering Kindergarten through third grade. According to its mission, it will "provide the entire Jewish community of Louisville an exceptional general and Judaic studies education that will equip our graduates with the competence, knowledge, and 21st-century skills to thrive in pursuit of the highest levels of educational opportunities and career endeavors."

But the organizers of KTD have made clear that the religious instruction, and the teachers who provide it, will be Orthodox.

"While we are not technically a pluralistic school, the school is for the entire community," said Rabbi Zack Blaustein, head of school. "Every Jewish family in Louisville is welcome, and any non-Jewish person is welcome to the school."

At press time, the physical location of the school was not determined, though Blaustein said preliminary talks were being held with The J.

Tuition for the school costs \$9,000 per family, with financial aid available.

The school has an eight-member advisory board in place and an educational coordinator, Ryan Levin, has been hired.

Levin's responsibilities include hiring permanent staff, and educational planning for the general studies and Judaic curricula, which will align with Com-



To expose their children to the wealth of Jewish culture, three separate day school tracks now exist in Jewish Louisville. But some wonder if the community can support all of them.

mon Core State standards and Kentucky Academic Standards.

"We have a very unique philosophy focused on the whole child with child-centered, responsive, progressive education," Blaustein said.

Starting a day school from scratch is a "challenge," Blaustein said.

"It is hard to get a parent to commit and be willing to be that pioneer parent. Many parents are in the wait-and-see mode."

Additionally, Louisville already has a Jewish day school. LJDS, a Chabad-run school, opened its doors 20 years ago for students in Kindergarten through fifth grade.

LJDS Founder and Director Rabbi Avrohom Litvin said the school has enrolled as many as 58 to as few as 17 students in a single year and has taught students from all of Louisville's congregations.

Meanwhile, a third day school track meant to appeal more to non-Orthodox families is in development. The Louisville Council of Jewish Congregations (LCJC), a forum for Jewish leaders, administrators, board members and clergy have discussed opening a pluralistic school.

Also, Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad and High School for Jewish Studies provide supplemental Jewish education from grade school to high school.

Using a 2014 grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence for a day school feasibility survey, Keneseth Israel has engaged a demographer, Ira Sheskin, to facilitate Jewish education in Louisville.

"Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel, Temple Shalom and The Temple agree that a new, pluralistic Jewish school is vital to the continuity of the Louisville Jewish Community," said KI Executive Director Yonatan Yussman.

According to Yussman, the four congregations have launched a task force to determine the best way to establish the school. The 15-member team is tasked with developing a vision for Jewish studies from a perspective that is inclusive of all denominations as well as those who consider themselves "just Jewish" or "secular."

The task force hopes to deliver its initial findings by September.

Yussman, who spent two decades leading and teaching in pluralistic Jewish schools, sees them as vital to community growth.

"They create the future leadership of the Jewish community," he said. "They attract young families to the community and retain families who otherwise would leave to go to a city with a pluralistic Jewish school. They provide Jewish continuity."

Having three day school tracks for one small size city has some people questioning whether Jewish Louisville can sustain them all.

"Obviously, the pie is not large enough," LJDS' Litvin said.

Yussman, however, pointed to the success of Louisville's four Jewish preschools: Adath Jeshurun, Keneseth Israel, Jewish Community Center and The Temple. Those schools accept non-Jewish children, which Yussman said are important for a day school's success.

"A viable Jewish school in Louisville will likely need to be welcoming to non-Jews as well in order to have a critical mass of students," he said. "About 35 Jewish schools across America have a similar model whereby there are Jewish studies and global studies options for families."

Reimagining the day school landscape in Louisville has encouraged dialogue on the issue, which many agree is a good thing.

"The advent of the new school really pushed into the forefront conversations about Jewish education," said Rabbi Shmully Litvin, LJDS Judaic coordinator. "That's a positive."

While getting all parties to work together for one workable day school model has been difficult, "I remain committed to that goal, Shmully Litvin said. "I would love to see one gigantic school, not three schools."

Wagner said much work remains to develop day school education here. Different schools might require various degrees of buy-in, she noted. Communicating to parents what each school strives to achieve could be "challenging."

But the process is necessary. "We have an obligation to hear and understand the desires and needs of the community," Wagner said. "One school is a challenge, more than one has created dialogue and debate. Whether the visions for each school or potential school are unique or duplicative is only one element families and potential supporters will need to understand."



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NEWS

Rooks becomes 'emerita' at Independence Weekend

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Gaylia Rooks, the first woman rabbi in Kentucky history, will add one more first to her list this month when she becomes the rabbi emerita of The Temple, the first woman in the state to hold that title.

The Temple will mark the occasion at its Independence Weekend with singer/songwriter Joe Buchanan from Friday, June 29, to Sunday, July 1.

Rooks, who has been on sabbatical for the past six months, joins Rabbis Chester Diamond of The Temple and Stan Miles of Temple Shalom as rabbi emeriti in Louisville. She will use the feminine form of the word.

"I had the last six months on sabbatical to adjust to that idea," Rooks said of retirement. "It's a radical departure from working an average 70 hours a week and not feeling like I ought to be there for everyone at every moment. It's given me more time for my music, poetry and art – the more creative things that I've been doing."

Asked if being a rabbi emeritus means something different to her than to her male colleagues, Rooks said, "I'm going to find out."

Officially transitioning to retirement doesn't mean the end of work. Rooks said she might take a monthly pulpit somewhere. She is also working on a book with her art as the centerpiece.

"It's about taking the path of mourning guided by the Hebrew aleph bet," she said.



Rabbi Gaylia Rooks will become the first rabbi emerita in Kentucky by the end of June. (Community photo)

The Texas-born Buchanan, who is Jewish, plays "Americana music," blending Torah values and Jewish history. He has performed at synagogues and conferences across the country.

Friday will be Independence Shabbat with Buchanan at 6:30 p.m. Women of

Reform Judaism will hold a Red, White & Blue Oneg in Rooks' honor at 7:30.

On Sunday, Buchanan will perform a concert at 4 p.m. A cookout will follow at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults. RSVP by June 27 by calling 502-423-1818.

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FORUM



Time for a woman to ordain Reform rabbis

When Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, then-president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, ordained Sally Priesand in 1972 (over the objections of many of her soon-to-be colleagues), he made history.

Priesand became the first woman rabbi ordained in America.

Since then, women have been entering the clergy in ever-growing numbers. In some years, they have far outstripped the number men entering the rabbinate – and the cantorate – at least among Reform Jews.

(Some years ago, I interviewed Priesand at a conference in New Jersey. The now-retired glass ceiling breaker told me how she had just attended that year's ordination of rabbis in New York. There was just one man in the class, so after the ceremony, she walked up to him and said, "I know just how you feel.")

It hasn't all been good news for women in the rabbinate. Many are irked by the recent decision of a large congregation in Cleveland to pass over an assistant rabbi with 30 years at that temple for a man. They also were upset when a qualified female candidate for dean of the Cincinnati campus of HUC-JIR didn't get the job.

Nevertheless, women occupy positions at many levels of the Reform rabbinate today.

One notable exception remains: No woman in the movement has ever performed smicha – ordained – other Reform rabbis.

No woman has ever placed her hands on the shoulders of a HUC-JIR rabbinic candidate and symbolically passed on the tradition – an unbroken chain that goes back to Isaac M. Wise, the founder of the school, and into antiquity.

It's time for a change.

Last month's death of HUC-JIR President Rabbi Aaron Panken in a plane crash mortified the Reform movement. Panken was young, energetic and brim-



Human Resources

Lee Chottiner

ming with ideas for training future rabbis, cantors and educators. Enrollment climbed on his watch. He will be missed.

Yet the school now has a historic opportunity: The next president of HUC-JIR should be a woman. It's one of the movement's last glass ceilings.

It's been half a century since Priesand's ordination. Since then, a wellspring of talented women has filled the clergy.

We need only drink from that well.

Naming a woman to lead the seminary would be a bold move, but it wouldn't be a first. Rabbi Deborah Waxman has been president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College since 2014. And Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld will be installed as president of Hebrew College, a non-denominational seminary in Newton, Massachusetts, on October 25.

But the history of women taking leadership roles in the religion goes back even further – to biblical times.

"We did have women judges, and they played leadership roles," said Rabbi Gary Zola, executive director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati. "You had Deborah. You also have examples of women scholars in the Talmud. Bruriah (a second century figure who is said to have learned 300 halichot – laws – in a single day) is the most famous."

But no woman has ever headed a rabbinical seminary as large as HUC-JIR, which has four campuses on two continents, educating some 400 full-time students in the rabbinic, cantorial and

education tracks.

This is a major job, and the search committee, which is only now beginning its work since the period of *shloshim* – 30 days of mourning – for Panken has ended, must consider every option. Joy Greenberg, chair of the presidential search committee, just sent an eblast to alumni, calling on them to nominate potential candidates.

There are plenty of questions her committee must consider:

Even if a man is better qualified, should a woman be hired merely because it's a bold choice?

Must the next president have a doctorate?

Does the next president even have to be a rabbi? Why can't he (or she) be a cantor, or an educator? (The chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Arnold Eisen, is not a rabbi.)

I asked Louisville's three female Reform rabbis to name some potential candidates for the job. Here are some of their favorites:

Rabbi Amy Schwartzman, senior rabbi of Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, Virginia (1,715 families) and past executive board member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Rabbi Andrea Weiss, associate professor of Bible at HUC-JIR, a Ph.D., and associate editor of *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*, which is widely used in synagogues across the movement.

Rabbi Tamara Cohn Eshkenazi, professor of biblical literature and history at HUC-JIR and the first woman appointed a professor to the school's rabbinic faculty; also a co-editor of *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*.

This is just a tiny taste of what's out there. They represent a generation of able rabbinic leaders whose time has come.

(Lee Chottiner is editor of the *Jewish Louisville Community*.)

FORUM

Summers spent at Camp J will make good grownups out of good kids

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At the recent JCCA biennial conference in Memphis, Tennessee, Jeremy J. Fingerhant, CEO of the Foundation for Jewish Camp, spoke about the kids we serve at camp. He referred to Generation Z, or "IGEN."

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Sara's View

Sara Klein
Wagner

sure each kid will flourish and grow into the best people they can be. The impact of camp provides lifelong skills. Campers benefit immediately, enhancing their crucial emotional skills, developing skills and strengthening their identity.

Friendships are particularly important. While school is on vacation, Camp J is focused on ensuring that every kid learns how to build friendships, taking positive risks and building the kind of self-confidence they can call upon wherever they go in life.

Several generations have grown up at Camp J.

If you ask our campers what their fa-

vorite parts of camp are, we hear their counselors, swimming, art and morning circle. Parents especially commend our staff, the benefits of physical experiences, emotional and social.

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

Organized Jewry balking at zero-tolerance

(Editor's note: The following is a letter signed by 47 Jewish organizations to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, opposing the Trump administration's zero-tolerance policy and the forced separation of parents and children. The JCL also has signed the letter, which will be posted at The Community webpage along with the names of all national signatories.)

Dear Attorney General Sessions and Secretary Nielsen,

On behalf of the 47 undersigned national Jewish organizations and institutions, we write to express our strong opposition to the recently expanded "zero-tolerance" policy that includes separating children from their migrant parents when they cross the border. This policy undermines the values of our nation and

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FORUM

Narrowing the gap: What being pro-Israel really means

Two recent stories in the news have reignited debate on what it means to be pro-Israel.

The first concerns Leslie Cockburn, a Democrat running for the U.S. House in Virginia's 5th Congressional District. About 25 years ago, she co-authored a book targeting the American-Israeli relationship.

In its review of the book, The New York Times said, "Its first message is that, win or lose, smart or dumb, right or wrong, suave or boorish, Israelis are a menace. The second is that the Israeli-American connection is somewhere behind just about everything that ails us."

Her political opponents have accused her of anti-Semitism based on this book.

However, Cockburn recently reminded voters that the book was written 27 years ago. She also said, "the U.S. should support Israel, and yes, the U.S. should be supporting, to some degree, the Palestinian Authority."

Furthermore, she said she was seeking the support of J-Street, a pro-Israel advocacy organization that, while supporting Israel, is often critical of the current government's policies.

The second story concerns the advocacy organization If Not Now, which is primarily composed of Jews highly critical of Israel's treatment of the Palestinians, who want a forum with campers at Camp Ramah, a group of Conserva-



JCRC Scene

Matt Goldberg

tive movement camps around the United States and Canada. Proudly pro-Israel, Camp Ramah has rebuffed this group, some of whom are its alumni.

In the Israel advocacy world, there are many national organizations, spanning the political spectrum from very left to very right.

I cannot emphasize enough the number of conversations our organization has had about the proverbial pro-Israel tent – who is in, who is out – but I will shine some light as best I can.

Criticism of Israel is not anti-Semitic. While some pro-Israel groups specifically do not criticize Israel's actions under any circumstances, those that do love Israel no less.

Our own national organization, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, has criticized Israel recently on its treatment of asylum seekers and non-Orthodox

Jewry. While there is less national criticism of Israel's treatment of the Palestinians, most that engage in it remain deeply Zionist.

Case in point: J-Street, a pro-Israel organization. Its voice needs to be heard. Should J-Street endorse Cockburn, it should go a long way towards dispelling any thoughts that she is anti-Zionist.

Conversely, criticizing *only* Israel is anti-Semitic; that's why we oppose BDS in all its forms. Advocating for a boycott or sanctions against Israel, and not China, Russia or any other country, whose human rights record is far worse (even if you believe Israel is guilty of all the crimes it is accused of, which is ludicrous) is anti-Jewish. One BDS response to this goes, "Well, you have to start somewhere." Well, when that start always appears to begin with the world's only Jewish state....

That brings us back to the proverbial tent, which tells us who is kosher on Israel and who isn't. While the range is wide, our measuring stick should be basic Zionism: Belief in a Jewish and democratic state composed of some part of the biblical land of Israel.

There can be strong disagreement on what that parts of the land should be Palestinian, but this is fundamental. Recognition of a Palestinian entity must also be a part of entry to our tent.

There are groups on the extreme right that deny that there is even such a thing as a Palestinian. Some advocate mass land confiscations, evictions and population transfers. All this should be anathema to Jews.

For Jewish groups, the same rules apply. Jewish Voices for Peace is clearly anti-Zionist and often promotes blatant misinformation about Israel. It cannot be taken seriously. But a group like If Not Now is more complicated. Its writings, while certainly one sided, are not propaganda-type lies. I would propose that all Zionists and pro-Israel advocates read about them and think long and hard about some of the things they are saying.

Israel is a complicated nation but the "Israel is always right" people and the "Israel is always wrong" do have something in common: Their messages will always be unable to convince those with nuanced views.

Why? Because Israel, like all nations, is sometimes wrong and sometimes right.

Our goal as pro-Israel advocates ought to be to emphasize the good, while not denying bad. Hopefully, Israel continues to strive to live up to its own high moral bar that it rightly sets for itself.

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



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New summer at Camp J brings two new shlichim

By Mary-Kate Smith
For Community

Camp J's Summer of Superheroes kicked off on June 4 through 8 with new friends and new faces, including two new emissaries from Israel.

Camp Director Mindye Mannel said the first week's superheroes were the X-Men, and the weekly theme was friendship.

"We had beautiful weather and spent time getting to know each other," she said. "With the theme being friendship, we had activities that revolved around the theme, so campers were making friends and building friendships to last a lifetime."

Some of the older campers spent time off campus. Trek campers took field trips to Schimpff's Confectionary in Jeffersonville, Indiana, the waterfront and to Renaissance Fun Park. The Young Leaders visited Cherokee Park and an art museum.

On campus, the bubble truck offered a fun experience to the younger campers, and the entire camp community participated in silly sock day on Friday.

Once again this summer, two *shlichim* (emissaries) from Israel have joined the camp staff. Noa Berko and Stav Pliscov are teaching campers Israeli music and culture. They also participated in a color run in the first week.

Berko, who is from Modi'in and served as a social worker in the Israeli army, teaches culture. During the first week, she had campers make their own Israeli passports.

"Every time they come to my class I



This year's shlichim at Camp J, Noa Berko (left) and Stav Pliscov, are teaching music and culture to the latest class of campers, passing on a taste of the Jewish state. (Community photo by William Beasley)

give them another stamp," she said.

Pliscov, a former fighter in the Israeli army from Kochav Yair, is teaching music. She spent the first week of camp teaching campers Israeli songs.

Keff Supervisor Rachael Harris said

campers "learned a lot of new camp songs in the music room," many of which were in Hebrew.

"Happy Birthday," I learned how to sing in Hebrew," Harris said, "which I thought was pretty cool."

Pliscov said she is excited to get to know both the counselors and the campers. "We came to teach and learn from you," she said.

Farm-to-Table Dinner a first for Jewish Louisville

By staff and releases

Food – where it comes from and how it's prepared – will be the focus of The J's first Farm-to-Table Dinner on Wednesday, July 25, at the Klein Pavilion.

Tasting stations manned by local purveyors such as Mayan Café, Flavaville and Monnik, will give guests the chance to speak to chefs as they prepare their dishes, learning where the ingredients come from.

A bar with farm-to-table themed cocktails, music from the Juggernaut Jug Band and a silent auction will round out the evening.

"We want people to think of this not as a sit-down dinner so much as a summer party," said planning committee member Robin Miller. "The food is going to be fantastic, but it's about the whole atmosphere, about coming with your friends for a great evening experience."

The dinner is a fundraiser for The J's Jewish Outdoor, Food, and Environmental Education (JOFEE) Department. JOFEE oversees The J's educational garden, which provides produce for the JFCS food pantry, and its senior adult lunch and preschool.

JOFEE also supports the Gendler Grapevine Fresh Stop Market, a sliding-scale local produce market that makes



Area chefs will demonstrate how they cook with farm-fresh ingredients during the Farm-to-Table program at The J. (Community photo)

fresh vegetables accessible for everybody regardless of income or resources.

Sustainability initiatives – compost-

ing, recycling, and carbon footprint reduction at The J and educational opportunities also are among its projects.

"JOFEE is one of our newest programs," said Sara Klein Wagner, president and CEO of the Jewish Community of Louisville. "It's only been at The J for about two years, but in that time, we've offered a wide array of events and garnered a lot of community interest."

Each participating restaurant or food vendor at the dinner is sourcing at least some ingredients from local farms, including The J's own garden.

"The Farm-to-Table Dinner will give people the opportunity to connect and chat with chefs from local restaurants, whether they've eaten there before, or they've been wanting to go for months," said Amy Green, a member of the planning committee whose company, Naked Hummus, will provide food for the dinner.

"It's being planned in a way that not only supports local businesses and the food economy," she added, "but focuses on the people who grow and provide your entire dining experience."

Want to go?

Tickets for the Farm-to-Table Dinner, which runs from 6:30 to 9 p.m., are \$75 each. Visit jewishlouisville.org/farm-table for more information.

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‘Hairspray’ will make your hair stand on end – in a good way – during its July-August run

By Elizabeth Gerber
For Community

You can't stop the beat when *Hairspray* dances onto CenterStage July 19.

Big hair, tall socks and daring dance moves will kickstart CenterStage's 2018-2019 season as the cast performs its rendition of the Broadway musical *Hairspray*. You certainly won't want to stop this beat when the show dances into the Jewish Community Center this summer.

The CenterStage version stays true to the original story of the Tony Award-winning Broadway production and aims to make everyone sitting in the theater feel like they are just as much a part of the show as the cast.

The family-friendly musical transports audiences back in time to the 1960s where Tracy Turnblad aims to land her dream TV role, win the heart of the cutest boy in school and evoke a change in civil rights law – all without messing up her hair.

Featuring music and lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman, *Hairspray*



is known for its catchy pop and rock melodies “You Can’t Stop the Beat,” “The Nicest Kids in Town” and “Good Morning Baltimore.” The show is also often thought of as a fluffy, high-energy, kid-friendly pop musical, which it most certainly is, but it also provides its audience a sophisticated way of telling the story of

racism and social inequality in the 1960s – and today – and understanding lessons from the past.

Hairspray won eight Tony Awards in 2003, including best musical, and ran for over five years with numerous national and international tours. The stage musical gained more fans in 2007 when it was adapted into a movie, featuring Amanda Bynes, John Travolta and Michelle Pfeiffer.

For some campy fun from the '60s and some good music, *Hairspray* is the show to see this summer. Just don't forget to do your hair before leaving for the theater.

Want to go?

Hairspray will begin its two-week run at The Jewish Community Center on July 19, with performances set to conclude on August 5. Monday, Thursday and Saturday night performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's matinee will begin at 2 p.m. Visit **CenterStageJCC.org** for tickets.

‘Rocky Horror’ delights in third run with CenterStage

By Elizabeth Gerber
For Community

“It’s just a jump to the left and then a step to the right...” CenterStage sure was doing the “Time Warp” again.

“Rocky Horror” may be one of the most interactive films or stage shows in the history of film, with spectators shouting invectives at the actors, dancing on cue and just generally having a rowdy good time; and damnit Janet... CenterStage's musical did not disappoint.

Thursday night's opening captured the energy and campiness of the cult classic, despite a minor setback when the lights cut out and the building was evacuated

due to the fire alarm. While there was no actual fire, some would say the event even added to the excitement surrounding the show.

Frankly, *Rocky's* sexual innuendo, androgyny and suggestive lyrics aren't as shocking as they were four decades ago when the show first debuted, but they're still entertaining and the CenterStage owned this year's run, infusing it with freshness and truly making it their own. The performances showcased completely new choreography, set design and even some new performers.

Frank Goodloe served as director and choreographer for the show, but arguably his most notable contribution to

the production was his portrayal of Dr. Frank-N-Furter. He captured the essence Tim Curry brought to the role while adding minor tweaks to make it truly his own.

Toilet paper rolls were thrown. Glow sticks were waved. Janet and Brad were mocked by the audience. The show is a high-energy party and the audience ate it up.

Energetic production numbers, strong performances and a lively pace all contributed to CenterStage's fun night in the theatre.

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'Bikes & Bourbon' tour in October marks Israel at 70

Louisville will celebrate Israel's 70th anniversary with the Jewish Federation of Louisville and Partnership2Gether's (P2G) "Bikes & Bourbon" experience in October.

The four-day, fully supported bicycle tour of the state's scenic roads, with stops at its signature distilleries and thoroughbred horse farms, runs from October 5 to 8.

Riders and non-riders will experience Kentucky while strengthening connections between the Western Galilee, Budapest and P2G cities.

Partnership2Gether is a program that promotes closer Israel-Diaspora relations by pairing regions around the world with others in the Jewish state for cultural exchanges.

The event offers cycling options for bike enthusiasts. Each day of the tour will feature a 70-mile ride and shorter treks, along with the distillery stops and special events.

Event Chair Bill Altman, along with

Jon Klein and Colyn Jofee have done a similar bike ride in Israel, also sponsored by P2G.

"While biking from Rosh Hanikra to Eilat, we forged lasting relationships with our Partnership friends in Western Galilee," he said. "We wanted to reciprocate the hospitality by hosting a similar event here in Kentucky, and what better way than with bikes, bourbon and bluegrass backroads."

Bikes & Bourbon will mark a new stage in cooperation and friendship with Louisville's P2G community in the Western Galilee. Israeli lay leaders and cyclists will travel to the United States through the program, immersing themselves in an American Jewish community.

To register, visit jewishlouisville.org/bikes-bourbon/. The early bird discount for a four-day ride fee of \$550 is available until July 15. Single and multiple day rates also available. To volunteer, contact Amy Fouts at 502-238-2757 or grants@jewishlouisville.org.

SENIOR CALENDAR

(Unless otherwise noted, all programs begin Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m.)

JULY 3

Sing along with Sara Robinson as she features some classic patriotic songs. There will be July 4 trivia games, and prizes will be given to the winners. Refreshments will be served.

JULY 10

Gregory Oether from KentuckyOne Health will speak on the opioid and mental health crises in Kentucky. Refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

NOON

Murray Toborowsky, a retired American history teacher with a passion for researching Jewish figures from the past, will speak about a Jewish businessman, an Afro-American musician and the first Jewish Naval officer.

MONDAY, JULY 16

5:30 P.M.

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JULY 17

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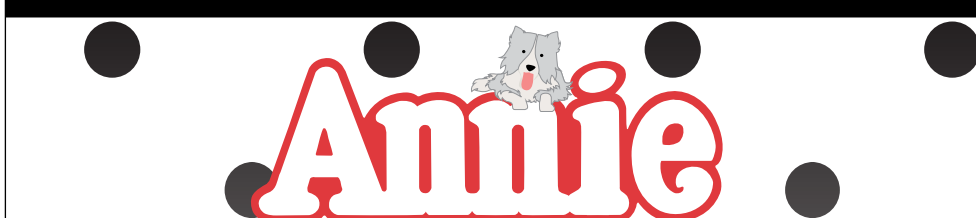
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NEWS

\$100,000 request

New Roots seeks city assistance to make up budget shortfall

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

New Roots, the Louisville NPO that provides fresh produce to “shareholders” at community markets, always figured it would transition from big foundation support to smaller individual donors.

It just didn’t think it would happen so soon.

The Humana Foundation, which had been supporting New Roots and its Fresh Stop Markets to the tune of \$100,000 a year, released granting priorities in March that discouraged New Roots from applying.

So New Roots founder and Executive Director Karyn Moskowitz, appeared before a Louisville Metro Council meeting on May 10, asking for a \$100,000 allocation to cover the shortfall. She also said she is expecting \$20,000 from the city’s External Agencies Funds (EAF), which supports NPOs performing vital services.

Metro Councilwoman Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4) is requesting that \$100,000 for New Roots be included in the budget separate from the EAF allocation. She called access to affordable, healthful food “a basic human right.”

Moskowitz said food insecurity, in Louisville at least, which New Roots addresses, was not a Humana granting priority in the last funding round.

“They didn’t encourage or discourage

us from applying,” Moskowitz said, “but I could see that our mission was no longer a fit.”

That means New Roots, which has enough cash on hand to get through this year, will have to make up a \$100,000 shortfall in 2019 if nothing changes.

In March, Humana released details of its new Strategic Community Investments Program. That document says, “In each of its Bold Goal communities, Humana is addressing Social Determinants of Health, particularly food security and social connection.”

Louisville is considered a Bold Gold community, as are San Antonio, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Knoxville, Tampa Bay, Jacksonville and Broward County.

The document goes on to say Humana will make investments in NPOs “whose results ensure that people have daily access to healthy food, and that people are making the social connections they need to improve and sustain positive health outcomes.”

But the next paragraph suggests Humana will only make such investments “in those communities outside of Louisville.”

Humana spokeswoman Kate Marx said New Roots can still apply for Humana investments through its Headquarters Hometown Community Relations Program, another investment program, the details for which will be announced

later this summer.

If New Roots cannot make up the funding shortfall?

Moskowitz, whose organization runs 17 Fresh Stop Markets in Indiana and Kentucky, including one at the The J, refused to consider that possibility.

“We can’t not make up that money,” she said. “There are many people [around the state] depending on us to eat.”

Metro Councilman Brandon Coan urged Humana to reconsider investing in New Roots. “Food insecurity is a major problem in our community,” he said, “and New Roots is a major part of the solution.”

Supported by the Humana Foundation for seven years, New Roots received a \$200,000 donation in 2016 – \$100,000 each for operations in 2017 and 2018.

The Fresh Stop Markets are bimonthly pop-up markets for locally grown produce at local churches and community centers. Shareholders buy shares of what’s available at the markets on any given month.

This year, New Roots expects to “connect” 2,000 families with produce from 50 local farms, supporting the regional economy.

The Jewish community has embraced New Roots.

“We’ve had shareholders and volunteers from every Jewish organization in town,” said Michael Fraade, The J’s di-

rector of Jewish Outdoor, Food, and Environmental Education (JOFEE). “Many synagogues have invited New Roots staff members and shareholders to speak about their experiences at Shabbat services and during a variety of social justice-oriented events.”

The absence of Humana funding for next year would blow a hole in the organization’s \$324,000 annual budget and could set back plans for a winter food initiative with New Roots new partner, Paul’s Fresh Fruit Market, which is still in development.

Moskowitz said New Roots has been trying for some time to wean itself from large foundation support. In the last two years alone, it has gone from 50 individual donors to 550, making gifts as little as \$5 and as much as \$1,000.

One farmer contributed \$10,000 so New Roots could purchase a truck to transport tents and tables to individual Fresh Stop Markets.

“What we need to do is move that \$100,000 we used to get and transfer it to smaller individual and corporate donors,” Moskowitz said.

Now, New Roots might have to ramp up its grass roots support sooner than it had hoped.



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Meets first Tuesday of month at JFCS. Contact Naomi Malka: 502-452-6341, ext. 249.

July 12, 1pm **Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group**

Meets second Thursday of month at JFCS.
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July 13, 2pm **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**

Meets second Friday of the month at JFCS.
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July 16, 12:30pm **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

Meets third Monday of month at JFCS. Contact Jo Ann Kalb at 502-452-6341, ext. 335.

July 18, 10am **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

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July 19, 7pm **Adult Children of Aging Parents**

Meets third Thursday of month at JFCS.
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EVENTS



Bob Tiell's Retirement Party

The JFCS board room was filled with colleagues and well-wishers to congratulate Bob Tiell and to celebrate his retirement as the director of career services and workforce development. Richard Schultz, Greg Langdon, and

Missy Walker-Mandy spoke of the many ways in which Bob influenced their career decisions and educational directions of their children. Bob estimates that he has counseled more than 35,000 people throughout his 50 years at JFCS. Peter Resnik, president of the JFCS Board of Directors, praised Bob's leadership and commitment to the mission of the organization. Even though he is officially retiring, Bob does plan to work about 20 hours/week with the new career director, Orville Blackman, and the career staff.

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PICTURE THIS: 2018 Annual Meeting Awards

Jewish Louisville honored its own at the 10th Annual Jewish Community of Louisville Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 29. Leaders from the community's teen, young adult and senior sectors were recognized for their work, and JCL officers and board members for the coming year were elected. The guests also saw a video touting the future J center, which will be built on Dutchmans Lane. (Community photos by William Beasley)



PICTURE THIS: 2018 Annual Meeting Awards



ARTS

Israel by notes

AJ program tracks its national identity through music

By Lee Chottiner
Community Editor

Adath Jeshurun used music to mark Israel's 70th anniversary Wednesday, May 30, presenting a program of popular songs from all seven decades of the Jewish state's existence.

"Seven Decades of Israeli Popular Music," was taped live at AJ by the public radio music program *Kentucky Homefront*.

Cantors David Lipp, Sharon Hordes, Yvon Shore, Paula Pepperstone, Melissa Cohen and Sarah Levine and vocalist Jennifer Diamond performed the music accompanied by *Kentucky Homefront* musicians,

Professor Ranen Omer-Sherman moderated the program, which will be aired at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 14, on WFPK, 91.9 FM.

The 150 people in the sanctuary were treated to an entertaining demonstration of how Israeli music has morphed since independence.

"Israelis are divided in many ways," Omer-Sherman said, "but music contin-

ues to be a unifying experience."

The cantors sang 14 selections, starting with Ha'ami Yom Yavo (Believe it, a Day will Come), performed by Hordes, a poetic Ashkenazi-style yearning for peace as a young husband bids farewell to his wife before going to war.

The show culminated with Mizmor Layla (Night Song), made famous by Ahinoam Nini – better known as Noa – perhaps the best-known Israeli singer today and an outspoken proponent for the two-state solution. Cantor Shore, of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, sang the Arab-influenced melody, urging the crowd to clap along and ululating in the celebratory tradition of Arab and Mizrahi Jewish women.

In between, the cantors sang an eclectic mix of Sephardi, Mizrahi and Ethiopian-influenced music.

In Lu Yehi (May it Be), a song by Naomi Schemer, who also wrote Jerusalem of Gold, Diamond, The Temple vocalist, performed the post-Yom Kippur War expression of hope in uncertain times.

Shir HaFreicha (Teaser's Song), made famous by the late Yemenite pop star



Cantor Sharon Hordes was one of seven cantors and vocalists to tell Israel's story in song during the Seven Decades of Israeli popular Music program at Adath Jeshurun. (photos by Jerry Wolff)

Ofra Haza, is an upbeat piece about a woman who chooses to live life despite its challenges and sadness. Cantor Levine of the West End Synagogue in Nashville, Tennessee sang this tune.

And Cantor Lipp of AJ, sang Yeshvim b'Veit Kafe (Sitting in a Coffee House), an angst-riddled song by the ethnically diverse Israeli rock band Teapacks. The lyrics reflect a pervasive feeling of helplessness by the state of affairs: "Sitting in a coffeehouse/Feeling in a bubble/What haven't we done/Where were we wrong?"

Louisville welcomed back Cantor Pepperstone, currently of Beth Shalom-Chevre Shas, in DeWitt, New York, who

served as hazzan of Keneseth Israel from 2002 to 2008. She sang Horef '73 (Winter '73). Often sung on Yom HaZikaron, it is about IDF soldiers born after the Yom Kippur War, dispirited by promises not kept: You promised a dove/an olive tree leaf/you promised peace/You promised spring at home and blossoms/You promised to fulfill promises/You promised a dove.

The program concluded with an instrumental version of Schemer's Yerushalayim Shel Zahav (Jerusalem of Gold), which has become an anthem for the Israeli capital since unification in 1967.



Above, Cantor David Lipp accepts applause before singing a number.



Vocalist Jennifer Diamond of The Temple

FORUM

Jewish Hospital has served – and changed – Louisville

By Rabbi Nadia Siritsky
For Community

On May 31, I participated in a special panel entitled “Breaking Down Barriers: The Importance of Jewish Hospital in Louisville’s History.”

This theme led to our being invited to participate in the “Throwback Thursday” Pegasus Parade this past year, celebrating the historic contributions of Jewish Hospital, and indeed, the Jewish community, greater Louisville.

This panel was part of a larger series, “Louisville History through a Jewish Lens,” held at the Filson Historical Society and sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence.

We should be proud of the role Jews have played in the development of this wonderful city. It is moving to recall Jewish Hospital’s sacred legacy as it approaches a new chapter in its existence.

Certainly, there can be concern, as we approach the unknown, but there is also great hope, and the recognition that the future of Jewish Hospital lies, not only with its new owners, but in the ways in which the Jewish community embraces it and supports it.

For myself, this truth has defined my past four years of service as vice president of mission, at Jewish Hospital and within KentuckyOne Health and Catholic Health Initiatives.

This role is unique to Catholic health care. As the sisters who ran the Catholic hospitals came to realize, hospital administration was increasingly complex, necessitating the hiring of experts to the leadership team to navigate the challenges of our ever-changing health care environment.

So the role of vice president of mission emerged to serve as a strategic thought partner to the president and senior leadership team, and to ensure the integration of the legacy and mission of the hospital in all areas, including daily operations, spiritual care, ethics, employee relations, education, community outreach, policy and advocacy, fundraising, marketing, patient experience, as well as ensuring that the mission and historic values of the hospital are integrated into the long-term planning of the organization.

I am proud to be the first Jewish vice president of mission. I have felt blessed by this opportunity, as well as the ways



Rabbi Nadia Siritsky

in which Catholic Health Initiatives has embraced my input and feedback. While Jewish Hospital may be less “culturally” Jewish, in that staff and patients are not predominantly Jewish, I believe we have become more Jewish over the years. We have kosher food for our patients, staff and visitors. We have updated our Jewish chapel, making it wheelchair accessible.

We also play a critical role within the state, championing and caring for the sickest patients and serving as a safety net for the most disenfranchised. Our commitment to care for all people, including the underserved, and our continued commitment to *tikkun olam* (healing the world through social justice) guides everything that we do.

I could go on, but one of the things that most touches my heart is the spiritual *keruv* (outreach and education) that I do. Frequently, I am told by a non-Jewish staff member how they had never understood a certain Jewish practice or belief until I explained it.

One of my responsibilities is to preserve the Jewishness of Jewish Hospital, within our larger blended interfaith family. I help it articulate and expand its understanding of how the hospital is to remain Jewish in an era where Jewish doctors are not excluded from other medical centers, and Jewish patients may get their religious needs met at any hospital. With organizations like Jewish Family & Career Services and The J, as well as the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, we have redefined what it means to live our Jewish values in an increasingly pluralistic society.

Our focus on *tikkun* is one important way that we do this. When a non-Jew who doesn’t understand Judaism interacts with us, and receives help and support, healing and miracles, through a Jewish organization, we are changing perceptions. We are fighting anti-Semitism, while creating a new and valuable expression of Judaism for our next generation.

Every Friday, I send out a reflection

on the Torah portion of the week to all the employees at Jewish Hospital, Frazier Rehab, Jewish Hospital Shelbyville and the ambulatory centers and medical group staff. These reflections are then shared with many people across Catholic Health Initiatives. Many of these individuals then forward my reflections to others that they know, who reach out to me, asking to be put on my blind copy list (if you would like this, contact me at nadiasiritsky@kentuckyonehealth.org).

I am always touched by the responses from staff members who save my emails for days that are difficult, staff members who are surprised that rabbinic commentary on biblical text can be meaningful to them as non-Jews, pastors from around the country who let me know that they quoted me in their sermons.

For our local Jewish organizations that are living out our values and historic legacy in a world that is increasingly integrated and pluralistic, we have a historic new opportunity to grow new branches on the tree of life that we call Torah. How we create Torah from the events of our lives is what ultimately defines us. There are challenges and opportunities whenever things change, but I believe that facing the unknown with hope and faith can help us make the most of every opportunity. Together, may we be blessed, as we have been a blessing, and will continue to be a blessing to all those we encounter.

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

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NEWS

Indiana bank to house relocated Holocaust museum

By staff and releases

TERRE HAUTE, Indiana – A historic downtown bank building will soon become the new home of a Holocaust museum.

CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center will move into the old First Financial Bank at 643 Wabash Avenue once the circa 1903 structure is restored.

The project is expected to take three to five years to complete, a spokeswoman for the museum said.

CANDLES (Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments) was founded as a nonprofit organization in 1984 by Eva Mozes Kor, a survivor who, along with her twin sister, Miriam Mozes Ziegler, endured brutal experiments at Auschwitz by Dr. Josef Mengele.

First Financial Corporation, the parent company of First Financial Bank, announced last week that it is donating the building to Indiana Landmarks, a preservation group. The structure must undergo stabilization and other restoration work before CANDLES can move in.

First Financial is contributing \$110,000 to assist with the work.

"First Financial is pleased to help preserve a building known to generations of people in this area," CEO and President



The historic First Financial Bank in Terre Haute will be the future home of the CANDLES Holocaust Museum, the only such institution dedicated to the twin victims of Dr. Josef Mengele's experiments at Auschwitz. (photo provided)

Norman L. Lowery said in a statement. "As our main office headquarters for 60 years, it represents a significant part of the bank's history of service to the com-

munity."

Indiana Landmarks and CANDLES first approached First Financial in 2016 about donating the building, which is

listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Ownership of the building will transfer to CANDLES once the restoration is done, though Indiana Landmarks will retain a protective covenant.

The only known organization dedicated to the memory of the twin victims and survivors of medical experimentation at Auschwitz, CANDLES' stated mission is to "prevent prejudice and hatred through education about the Holocaust."

Through CANDLES, Eva and Miriam have located 122 individual Mengele twins living in 10 countries around the world.

The actual museum opened in 1995 at another location. It was firebombed in 2003 by an arsonist, but the museum reopened two years later.

The museum, which drew about 12,000 visitors last year, has been struggling with limited space for its exhibits and programs. The new venue is expected to remedy that.

"In addition to being closer to our partner, Indiana State University," Executive Director Dorothy Chambers said in a statement. "CANDLES will increase the synergy among museums and other arts and culture organizations that already call downtown Terre Haute their home."

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AROUND TOWN

NCJW seeks executive director

National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section (NCJW) is seeking an executive director. This is a new part-time position with flexible hours. It will involve working with volunteers and the community and is an opportunity for an organized, energetic individual. Contact NCJW at ncjwlouisvillesection@gmail.com for more information.

HSJS registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year at the Louisville High School of Jewish Studies is now open for all rising 9th-12th grade students. Registration is online again this year. Visit louisvillehsjs.org/register/ to get started. Paper registration is still available by contacting Renee Masterson at hsjsrenee@gmail.com for forms. You can also order pizza for lunch – \$36 for one slice, \$72 for two for the year. The school is open to all Jewish high schoolers, regardless of synagogue affiliation. Students who wish to serve as madrichim/assistants at LBSY or The Temple also must attend HSJS.

In response to concerns expressed by several families, HSJS will maintain its normal Sunday schedule from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Contact Sarah Harlan at hsjssarah@gmail.com with questions.

WOTS Chai Campaign

The Women of Temple Shalom, who are taking a break from their annual yard sale, will hold a Chai Campaign this summer. The fundraiser will support Temple Shalom and the community. Contributions will go toward Hanukkah Helpers and School Helpers, Chanukah and Purim celebrations, social action projects such as Merry Mitzvah at Maryhurst.

Donors may make checks payable to Women of Temple Shalom in increments of Chai (\$18, \$36, \$54, etc.) Checks may be sent to WOTS at Temple Shalom, 4615 Lowe Road, Louisville, KY 20220.

Call Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 for details.

Jewish military experience in WWI

Jessica Cooperman, director of Jewish studies at Muhlenberg College, will speak at The Filson Historical Society at 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 26, on the topic "Why in Heaven's Name Expect Us to Mingle? Jewish and Christian Soldiers in the WWI American Military." Cooperman will examine Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville, where young people from different states and traditions interacted, testing new ideas about religious pluralism. The program is the last in the Filson lecture series "In Focus: Lou-

isville History Through a Jewish Lens." Visit filson.simplertix.com/Event-List/ for more details.

Pragmatic spirituality discussion

Dr. Courtney Snyder and Marty Snyder facilitate a pragmatic spirituality discussion group at Adath Jeshurun to discuss universal themes based on inspiration from spiritual thinkers. Sessions take place on Sundays at 10 a.m. The topic of the next program, on July 1, is "Claiming Our Authentic Self in a World of Expectations." On July 29, the topic will be "There will be an answer...let it be." Contact Courtney Snyder at cbsnyder12@gmail.com for details.

Knit & Qvell Circle

The Knit & Qvell Circle at Anshei Sfard will meet at 1 p.m., Thursday, July 5 in the library. All knitted items will be donated to the Jefferson County Public Schools Clothes Closet. Call Toby Horvitz at 502-458-7108 for details.

Celebration Shabbat

Adath Jeshurun invites all who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of July to participate in a group aliyah during its July 7 Shabbat morning worship services beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat and Sundaes

Keneseth Israel will hold Shabbat and Sundaes at 6 p.m., Saturday, July 7, at the Graeter's on Bardstown Road. KI members receive a free treat up to \$5 – dine-in only.

Men's Club BBQ

The Temple Shalom Mens Club will hold a BBQ and dues drive at Temple Shalom on Sunday, July 8. Mens Club members and prospective members will enjoy free food. There could also be a poker tournament. RSVP Mark Epstein at mjra2628@juno.com or 412-525-9368.

Lunch and Learn

Rabbi Michael Wolk holds his next Lunch and Learn at noon, Thursday, July 12, at the Bristol on Main Street. The class is free, but food is sold separately. RSVP to mwolk@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Shir Chadash Shabbat

Keneseth Israel's next Shir Chadash ("New Song") Shabbat will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, July 13. The abridged Kabbalat Shabbat service will focus on communal singing and a chavurah-style atmosphere. The service is sung communally, sitting in a circle. Transliterations and translations are provided, and light

oneg will follow.

No Shush Shabbat July 13

Temple Shalom will hold its next No Shush Shabbat at 6:30 p.m., Friday, July 13. The evening will include a Power-Point service, music, instruments and stories, making for an engaging time for children and families. Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner will lead and Benji Berlow will sing and play guitar. Call Temple Shalom at 502-458-4739 for details.

Torah Yoga

Cantor Sharon Hordes and Lisa Flannery lead a combination Torah-yoga class at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Keneseth Israel. The next class is set for July 19. Temple Shalom and Hadassah are co-sponsors. RSVP to 502-459-2780 or rsvp@kenesethisrael.com.

Shared Tisha B'Av at AJ

A shared-synagogue Tisha B'Av observance with Adath Jeshurun and Keneseth Israel will be held at 9:30 p.m., Saturday, July 21 at AJ. Services will also be held at 8:45 a.m. at AJ and at 5:45 p.m. at KI on Sunday, July 22.

Big Rock Shabbat

Keneseth Israel's summer outdoors Shabbat program, Big Rock Shabbat, will return at 6 p.m., Friday, July 27. A family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat will be held at Big Rock Park, followed by a vegetarian/dairy picnic with challah and kiddush with wine and grape juice. Worshippers should bring their own blankets, dairy/veggie food and games. KI will provide dessert. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Game Day

The Temple Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood hold a game day from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 29, in the Klein Center. Refreshments will be provided. The event is free. RSVP no later than July 25, to 502-423-1818. Bring an unexpired food item for the JFCS Meyer Food Pantry.

Free beginning Hebrew class

Adath Jeshurun is offering five 90-minute lessons on reading Hebrew. Taught by Deborah Slosberg, the lessons address the Hebrew alphabet and basic prayer book reading skills. Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. and run on five consecutive Sundays on July 29 and August 5, 12, 19 and 26. The lessons are free. Contact Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359.

Jews and Brews

Rabbi Michael Wolk holds Jews and Brews, a one-hour Torah class over coffee, Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in The J library. Due to holidays and vacations, Jews and Brews will NOT be meeting on July 4, 18, or 25.

Mahjong Club

Keneseth Israel's weekly mahjong game is held at 1 p.m. every Thursday, except Jewish holidays, in KI's small chapel. All skill levels are welcomed. RSVP to gkahn@kenesethisrael.com or 502-459-2780.

Torah Study

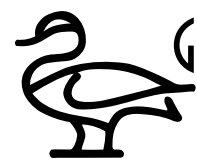
The Temple holds Torah Study with Rabbi David Ariel-Joel Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the Fishman Library before the morning services. Coffee, bagels and cream cheese are available.

LouCity Soccer and YAD

YAD members will watch Louisville Soccer at 5 p.m., Sunday, August 5, at Slugger Field when Louisville City plays the Indy Eleven. YAD will gather at the Jackson Pavilion before or during the game. Tickets are \$12 per person before July 20, \$14 per person afterwards. Contact Julie Hollander at jhollander@jewishlouisville.org for details.

AJ Book Club

The Adath Jeshurun Book Club is reading *Norwegian by Night* by Derek B. Miller. The book will be discussed at the next meeting at 2 p.m., Sunday, August 26 at AJ. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359 for details.



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HSJS graduates first class

The Louisville High School of Jewish Studies graduated its first class during a ceremony, Sunday, April 29.

Talia Clayton-Shaw, Saralee Renick, and Isaac Rosenbaum were the inaugural graduates of the school, each receiving a copy of Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's book Jewish Literacy and a mezuzah for their dorm rooms.

HSJS Principal Sarah Harlan reflected on each graduate during her remarks to the guests.

Talia, who enrolled as part of the first class of 11th graders last year, will attend Eastern Kentucky University in the fall. She and her family are members of Adath Jeshurun.

Saralee, of Temple Shalom, has been at the high school since ninth grade, joining the Moot Beit Din team, which competes with other schools, and leading this year's squad that took second place in its division. She will attend Col-

lege of Wooster this fall.

Isaac, also a member of Temple Shalom and a student since ninth grade, never failed to come to high school without a donation for the JFCS Food Pantry, was an active NTTY member and occasionally drove directly from out-of-town Kallah events to high school. He will attend Stanford University this fall.

Louisville Melton graduates 2018 class

The 2018 graduating class of the Louisville Florence Melton School celebrated two years of learning together with a ceremony, Sunday, June 3, at Adath Jeshurun.

During the annual Celebration of Learning/Graduation, Dora Esakov, Liam Felsen and Victor Shpilberg reflected on their Melton study, and guest speaker Sherrie Weiss of Chicago, international board member of the Florence Melton School, addressed the guests.

Louisville Melton Director Deborah Slosberg presented certificates of Jewish learning from the Florence Melton School of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to the following graduates:

Gaby Berliner, Nancy Blodgett, Beth Ann Brown, Esakov, Felsen, Sami George, Thomas George, Bruce Haskell, Joy Haskell, Yehudah Husband, Cheryl Hughett, Michael Hymson, Bob Kanovitz, Annora Sue Karr, Crystal Peters, Leslie Rowland, Julie Segal, Lee Shaw and Ted Shlechter.

The 19 graduates are part of 3,000 Melton students in 45 sites around the world attending graduation ceremonies this month.

Louisville Melton is part of the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, the largest pluralistic adult Jewish education network in the world.

Rabbi Bob Slosberg welcomed the guests, and Rabbi Laura Metzger presented a \$2,000 check from the weekly student tzedakah collection to Judy Freundlich Tiell and Janet Meyer for the JFCS Food Pantry.

Another \$500 in tzedakah has been donated to the Rohingya Rights Campaign of the American Jewish World Service.

Cantor David Lipp closed the ceremony, singing the Teachers' Kaddish by Debbie Friedman.

Details about upcoming courses can be found at jewishlouisville.org/melton. Contact Deborah Slosberg at dslosberg@adathjeshurun.com or 502-458-5359 for more information.

Goodman Abraham joins UofL physician's group

Alyce Goodman Abraham has been named the new pelvic pain nurse practitioner at the University of Louisville Physicians Group-Pelvic Medicine Urogynecology. Goodman Abraham has been a women's health nurse practitioner for over 20 years. She currently serves as the Louisville director for the Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives.

Jewish Louisville supports Kentuckiana Pride

Jewish Louisville was well represented at this year Kentuckiana Pride Parade this past weekend.

Not only did The Temple organize a team to march in this year's parade (they also held an abbreviated Shabbat service), but CenterStage sent the cast of its upcoming production of Hairspray to perform at the Great Lawn by the Big Four Bridge.

Among those cast members were Mimi Housewright, who plays Tracy Turnblad in the show; Shane Whitehead (Edna Turnblad); Landon Sholar (Link); Erin Jump (Penny); Tony Harris (Seaweed);

Ava Hawkins (Lorriane); and Adeleke Goring (Motormouth kid). Music Director Julie McKay played the keyboard.

"We performed at 1:30 on the main stage," said Centerstage Operations Manager Anne Ensign-Urteaga. "We did two songs: 'Good Morning Baltimore' and 'You Can't Stop the Beat,' and both of those are from Hairspray."

CenterStage has participated in Kentuckiana Pride for at least seven years, Ensign-Urteaga said. It will also be at Louisville Pride this September on Bardstown Road.

The Temple, which was making its first

appearance in the Pride Parade as a unit, had about 20 adults and 3 children participating, said Administrator Chavvah Penner Johnson.

"We had matching rainbow Pride T-shirts, a pride flag with a Star of David, and a banner," she said. "We also handed out earphones with our Pride logo on the back and kippot."

Matthew Derrenbacher, Aaron Guldenschuh and Bonnie McCullagh, and Anthony Minstein led a service, including the lighting of Shabbat candles, kiddush, and hamotzi, before the parade started.



Temple members march in the Pride Parade. (photo provided by The Temple)

CHAVURAT SHALOM

Thursday, July 5 – put on your thinking caps for a day of trivia games. Lunch will include beef hot dogs, baked beans, fresh fruit, potato salad, and cookies and brownies.

Thursday, July 12 – Rhoda and Bernie Faller, elder law attorneys, senior health care advocates and elder mediation specialists, will teach a program on senior adult legal issues. Lunch will include

grilled chicken, barley and grilled vegetable salad, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and lemon dream trifle.

Thursday, July 19 – Rabbi Joe Rapport will talk about the history of Jewish Louisville. Lunch will include beef teriyaki, stir fry vegetables, rice, Asian style coleslaw, fresh fruit and an assorted dessert platter.

Thursday, July 26 -- Just back from Israel, Rabbi David Ariel-Joel will report on his trip and his studies at the Shalom Hartman Institute. Lunch will include

baked tilapia, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Caesar salad, fresh fruit and banana pudding.

Chavurat Shalom is a community program for Jewish senior adults and friends. We meet in the Levy Great Hall of the Klein Center at The Temple, 5101 U.S. Highway 42, unless otherwise designated in the listing. Lunch is available at noon for \$5, followed by the program at 1 p.m. Transportation can be scheduled by calling JFCS at 502-452-6341. Transportation to Cha-

vurat Shalom is \$5 round-trip. Funding for Chavurat Shalom is provided by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, the Jewish Community of Louisville, National Council of Jewish Women, The Temple's Men of Reform Judaism and Women of Reform Judaism, and many other donors.

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B'nai Mitzvah



Samantha Megan Chazen

Samantha Megan Chazen, daughter of Alan and Nancy Chazen and sister of Emily, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 14, at The Temple.

Samantha is the granddaughter of Irv and Bev Chazen, and Don Gorman and Barbara Gorman.

She is a rising eighth grader at Kammerer Middle School, where she is an Advance Placement student with a 4.0 GPA, and a member of the dance team.

She loves spending time with her friends and family and is enjoying planning her bat mitzvah. Samantha completed her mitzvah project as an assistant to teachers and staff members at Kammerer.

Samantha and her family invite the community to celebrate her bat mitzvah and the kiddush luncheon following the service.

Engagements

Mark-Kohl

Dr. Martin and Ronna Mark of Louisville and Scott and Diane Kohl of Chicago announce the engagement of their children, Josh Mark and Jessi Kohl.



Josh and Jessi are 2015 graduates of Indiana University, and currently live in Columbus, Ohio. Jessi is a teacher at Columbus Jewish Day School and Josh works in data analytics at Abercrombie & Fitch. He will pursue a master's degree in business analytics beginning this fall at The Ohio State University.

The couple plan to marry in the Fall of 2019.

Zachariah-Tobin

Dawn Zachariah and Allan Zachariah of Atlanta, Georgia announce the engagement of their son, Ben Zachariah, to Rachel Tobin, daughter of Linda and David Tobin of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Ben's grandparents are Shirley Massie of Atlanta and Anita Frankel and the late Harold Frankel of Louisville. Rachel's grandparents are Harvey and Suzan Pollock and Carol and the late Sidney Tobin. Rachel's step-grandfather is the late Samuel Lewis.

Ben graduated from Indiana University, Kelley School of Business with a master's degree in accounting. He is a

licensed CPA and a director of tax credit investments with Monarch Private Capital.

Rachel graduated from Emory University with a bachelor's degree in Biology and is now in her fourth year at Duke University School of Medicine.

The couple will be married in Atlanta May 2019.

Obituaries

Sara E. Cohn Kohn Davidson

Sara E. Cohn Kohn Davidson, 83, passed away on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at her home in Prattville, Alabama.

A native of Alabama, where she once owned a business, Sara also lived in Louisville, where she was a member of Keneseth Israel Congregation and its Sisterhood.

She loved being a wife and mother and especially loved being a bubbe.

She is survived by her loving son, J. Mark Kohn; a dear daughter-in-law, Beverly and three devoted granddaughters, whom she loved dearly, Leah M. Frymire, Amanda K. Lee (Scott), Korie L. Lowry (Christian); four great-granddaughters, Kelsea, Sydney, Ashton and Addison; and two great-grandsons, Carson and Max.

Graveside services were held Friday, June 15, at Greenwood Cemetery in Montgomery, Alabama.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Keneseth Israel, Agudath Israel Congregation in Montgomery or the charity of your choice.



Jean Frankel Waldman

Jean Waldman Frankel passed away peacefully on Friday, May 25, 2018, in Louisville. She was 94.

Born December 19, 1923, in Louisville, Jean, a daughter of the

late Ruth and Max Waldman, was an accomplished artist who had a natural affinity for drawing and painting. Her true passion was being surrounded by family and the joy her children and grandchildren brought her. She devoted much of her time to volunteering around her family's activities.

Jean could bring sunshine into any room. She was filled with endless positivity and kindness despite what life threw her way. Her smile, warmth and charm always made those around her feel special.

Jean is survived by her children, Dana Sonnheim (Harry), Michael Frankel (Kathi) and Debbie Frankel; five grandchildren, Jon Sonnheim (Lisa), Todd Sonnheim, Josh Frankel (Megan), Grace Helen Frankel and Bea Frankel; and three great-grandchildren, Abby, Cillian and Owen.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, David Frankel; her husbands, Milton Zimmerman and John M. Frankel; her dear friend, Jack Fleischer; and her brothers, Irvin (Harriet) and Leslie Waldman (Ethyl), and her sister-in-law Harriet Judd (Arnold).

A graveside service was held Sunday, May 27; burial was private. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Grady Health Foundation at 191 Peachtree St, NE, Suite 820, Atlanta, 30303, or online at www.grady-healthfoundation.org, to support the Marcus Stroke and Neuroscience Center at Grady.

Stuart Harris

Stuart Harris, 81, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 4, 2018.

Stuart was gregarious and outgoing, always eager to strike up a conversation with anyone who happened to be in earshot.

Born and raised in Louisville and a 1959 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, Stuart was a successful businessman, the owner and CEO of a wholesale drug company in Louisville, and in a separate wholesale drugstore merchandising business with a nationwide presence.

A passionate advocate for Orthodox Judaism, his true love was the synagogue. It was not easy to be observant in Louisville, with few Orthodox Jews and no kosher restaurants or butcher shops. As a teenager, he raised money so the Jewish youth clubs would provide kosher meals at some of their dances.

For nearly half a century, Stuart was a driving force in all things financial at Congregation Anshei Sfard, the only Orthodox synagogue in Kentucky. He served for many years as president and treasurer of the congregation.

As president of the VAAD, he fought to ensure that the Four Courts Nursing Home would remain kosher. As a long-term board member of the Louisville Jewish Community Center, he served for years as chair of the house committee.

Stuart was a strong supporter of Eliahu Academy Jewish Day School, where his children matriculated. He served as its treasurer during difficult financial times.

Over the years, Stuart received several honors from the various organizations in which he participated.

In 2006, Stuart and Penny moved to Bal Harbour, Florida. There, Stuart enjoyed a vibrant Orthodox Jewish community and plenty of kosher restaurants from which to choose for his nightly dinners out with friends. He and Penny became valued members and leaders at Young Israel of Bal Harbour, where Stuart was the chair of kiddush.

He is survived by his wife, Penny Miller; children, Donna (Glenn) Garfinkel, Michael (Lori) Harris and Jeffrey Harris; and grandchildren, Marni Garfinkel, Ross Garfinkel, Maya Harris, Jada Harris and Josie Harris.

He was preceded in death by his previous wife, Marilynne Harris, and his sister, Esther David.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, June 6, at Anshei Sfard Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Young Israel of Bal Harbour, 9580 Abbott Avenue, Surfside, Florida 33154.

Morris Kaplan

Morris Kaplan, 93, peacefully passed away Sunday, June 10, 2018, at his home in Elizabethtown.

Born in St. Louis on November 9, 1924, a son of the late Louis and Mollie Kaplan, he grew up in Chicago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theatre of Operations as a combat medic with the 104th Infantry Division (Timberwolves). He earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Morris and his late wife moved to Kentucky in 1967. In 1972, they built The Glendale Campground and in 1973, he established the Shelter Insurance Agency in Elizabethtown, retiring in 2001. He was a member of Temple Shalom in Louisville and a contributing member to American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and the World Jewish Congress (WJC).

In addition to his parents, Morris was preceded in death by the love of his life, Modena; his beloved daughter, Karla (Dale) Mink; and his cherished sisters, Gussie (Eli) Davidson and Yetta (Abe) Cooperman.

He is survived by his daughter, Dana (Silvio) Camodeca of Des Plaines, Illinois; his son, Steve (Ilene) Kaplan of Chicago; his brothers, Samuel Kaplan of Lincolnwood, Illinois, and Sol (Ellen) Kaplan of Northbrook, Illinois; his grandchildren, Ron (Elena) Sax of Austin, Texas, Deborah (Paul) Hatchett of Austin, Kentucky, Marnie Sax of Chicago, Jeff Mappa of Chicago, David Mink of Elizabethtown and Eric Kaplan of Chicago; and four great-grandchildren, Shane Sax, Dylan Tomlin, Skyler Sax and Miles Hatchett.

The family wishes to thank Morris' niece, Robin (Karl) Springer of Glendale.

Graveside services were held Thursday, June 14, at Menorah Gardens in Broadview, Illinois. A Celebration of Morris' life was held Thursday, June 21, at Brown Funeral Home in Elizabethtown. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.



Noretta Rosenthal Sylvia

Noretta Sylvia Rosenthal, 104, passed away Saturday, May 26, 2018, at her home.

Noretta was born March 23, 1914, in Louisville, a daughter of the late Sarah

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and David Blusinsky, and was a member of The Temple and The Temple Sisterhood.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 63 years, Leonard Allen Rosenthal, who passed away August 7, 2004.

Noretta will be missed by those who had the opportunity to experience her caring and kindness. She will be especially missed by her son, Stephen.

Stephen would like to thank Drs. Salvatore Ciliberti and Cary T. Kirk, and the nurses at Norton Brownsboro Hospital, including Sandy Green, and the staff of Hosparus for the kind and compassionate care they provided.

A graveside service was held Sunday, May 27, at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.



Rebecca S. Wall

Rebecca S. Wall died Friday, June 1, 2018, surrounded by her children in Louisville.

Born April 20, 1921, in Louisville, she lived most of her life in Frankfort, where

she was the president of M. Simon Furniture Co., working with her family for 58 years.

She was a graduate of Frankfort High School and attended Spencerian College and the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Possessing a passion for learning, Rebecca continued her education at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. Later, she audited many classes in diverse subjects at the University of Louisville, doing so until 2012.

She also enjoyed traveling, visiting China, Europe and Israel as well as much of the United States.

She was a member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun, a lifetime member and president of Hadassah, the National Council of Jewish Women and the Louisville section of the League of Women Voters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Celia and Maurice Simon; her husband, David Wall; her brother, Dr. William J. Simon; and her sister, Carolyn Shapin. Survivors include her son, Samuel Joseph (Bianca) Wall; her daughter, Julie (Mark) Gutkin; her grandchildren, Jonathan (Shira) Wall, Jordan (Julia) Wall, Seth and Michael Gutkin, Bailey (Robbie) Kaufman; her four step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 4, at Herman Meyer & Son, Inc., 1338 Ellison Ave. Burial followed in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Celia Simon Educational Fund at Congregation Adath Jeshurun or to the donor's favorite charity.

Ex-Israeli lawmaker indicted, alleged spy for Iran

By JTA

JERUSALEM — The former Israeli lawmaker charged with espionage for allegedly spying on Israel for Iran said during his interrogation that he was trying to help Israel.

Gonen Segev was arrested last month, the Israel Security Agency, or Shin Bet, said in a statement issued Monday.

Israel's Channel 10 news reported Monday evening that Segev admitted during his interrogation that he was in contact with the Iranians, but that he did it in order to "fool the Iranians and come back to Israel a hero."

Segev also told the interrogators from the Israel Security Agency that he did not hand over any classified information. He added that he has no ideological or financial motives for helping Iran.

Segev was held in solitary confinement for nine days and was not allowed to have contact with his attorney during that time, according to Channel 10.

He is scheduled to remain in prison until July 9, when he will be brought to court for a remand hearing.

Segev, a pediatrician who lived and practiced medicine in Nigeria, was lured to the Iranian Embassy in 2012 after being asked to treat the children of its diplomatic staff, according to the Channel 10 report. He said he hoped he would be able to restore his reputation that was tarnished by the drug bust from over a decade ago.



Gonen Segev

He was energy and infrastructure minister from 1992 to 1995. He served more than two years of a five-year prison sentence beginning in 2005 for trying to smuggle more than 30,000 ecstasy tablets into Israel from the Netherlands and for forging a diplomatic passport. He later moved to Nigeria, where he continued to practice medicine.

Segev was arrested in May trying to enter Equatorial Guinea, which refused him entry due to his criminal record, and turned him over to the Israel Police.

A joint Israel Security Agency and Israel Police investigation found that Segev has been working with Iranian intelligence and providing them with information about Israel's energy economy, security sites in Israel, and diplomatic and security personnel and buildings, according to the agency.

As part of his mission, Segev put Israeli citizens in the foreign affairs and security fields in touch with Iranian intelligence agents who he passed off as Iranian businessmen, according to the agency.

Other details of the case against Segev remain under a gag order.



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Student Leadership Development Awards); and Alan Ocheretner and Bennett Schramko (Tony Levitan Awards);

For young adult leaders, Dr. Ian Mutchnick accepted the Julie E. Linker Community Relations Young Leadership Award for his work on the Jewish Community Relations Council.

A neurosurgeon who volunteers his time for the Palestine Children's Relief Fund, treating kids at clinics inside the West Bank and Gaza, Mutchnick said his love for Israel doesn't negate his empathy for the Palestinians.

"For real peace, I believe, we must encourage understanding of different ways truth is lived in our conflict," he said. "While this may require appreciating our own truths in a new light, I do not believe it means we need to abandon our truths of redemption, re-establishment and rejuvenation."

"It may also be," he added, "that we

come to better appreciate a truth we all share: the dream of peace and security for our children."

Shannon Benovitz accepted the Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award in the name of her father, Jay Levine.

A mother who worries about the future for her children, Benovitz urged all in attendance to build up Jewish Louisville in ways that speak to today's Jews.

"We have to remember that just because we've always done something in a certain way," she said, "doesn't mean there isn't a different way it can be done."

Craig Greenberg, recipient of this year's Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award, credited the Louisville Jewish community for "enriching" his life.

In a video acceptance speech, he encouraged young leaders not to "relicate" the community in which they grew up, but to "build new, exciting and enriching opportunities."

Among other recipients, U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth accepted the Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award also by video.

"The values that drove Blanche Ottenheimer are the same that were taught to me in my Jewish education," he said.

Martha Bennett, an "active listener with a welcoming hug," won the Elsie P. Judah Memorial Award, for her work at the Senior Adult Center.

"I've met a lot of people, and I continue to meet more all the time," she said.

Jake Wishnia, recipient of the Ronald & Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year Award, thanked the Abrams family for supporting the honor and recognizing people like him for "really just living like they were raised to do."

A lifelong fundraiser, Wishnia said he always feels comfortable calling people for their annual pledges. He even used his remarks to urge anyone in the audience who had not yet made a pledge to do so.

Norma Cahen, Early childhood director of The J, accepted the Arthur S. Kling Award award, which recognizes community professionals.

"Early childhood educators want the same thing for our young children as Mr. Kling wanted for seniors," Cahen said,

"a compassionate and safe environment where living and learning are valued."

She accepted the award for the entire learning community – parents, children, teachers.

Finally, Kate Shapira Latts, vice president of marketing for Heaven Hill Brands, accepted the Corporate Friend Award for her company, toasting all the night's awardees with a shot a bourbon.

This year's program moved more quickly than last year – a result of shorter speeches and a reorganized schedule. Also, JCL President Wagner chose not to give an address, referring the crowd to a printed annual meeting update at each of their seats.

Still, she said the printed update could tell only so much.

"Numbers on a piece of paper could never sum up the connections and interactions we've had with people over the past year," she said.

(Editor's note: A photo gallery of the Annual Meeting is on pages 14 and 15.)

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Holocaust theme. Last year, the murals – dubbed the Never Again exhibit – toured Kentucky, came to The J and were the subject of a KET documentary.

"You need something for kids to personalize and feel," said Skillern, whose students also perform a drama based on the life and death of Anne Frank and conduct a mock trial of Hitler. "Art is a great way to personalize."

He hopes to Skype with his VAMPY

students from Poland, sharing his on-scene experiences as they work on their projects.

A native of Waukegan, Illinois, and a teacher at St. Francis for 15 years, Whittaker was instrumental this year in persuading the Kentucky legislature to pass the Ann Klein and Fred Gross Holocaust Education Act, which mandates Holocaust and genocide education in the public schools. He spent many hours in Frankfort lobbying for the bill and recruiting St. Francis students and parents to the effort.

Whittaker currently is involved in organizing a working group that will craft

parameters for Holocaust studies.

Teaching the history of any act of genocide, he said, should reflect the unique circumstances of the victims.

"We don't want this to be a form of genocide education in which any genocide can be substituted for the Holocaust," Whittaker said. "The law is not finished; it's still in its infancy. We're working to create a committee so proper pedagogy and context can be generated. Upon that foundation, any number of curricula can be placed."

A devout Catholic, Whittaker doesn't shy from infusing religious teachings into his instruction of the Holocaust.

"The end [result] has never just been adequate historians," he said, "but young adults who appreciate their calling to be peacemakers on earth – to step into the suffering of others and bring hope and healing."

(Editor's note: Read Skillern and Whittaker's blog at jewishlouisville.org/community or at [facebook.com/JewishLouisville](https://www.facebook.com/JewishLouisville).)

Zero-tolerance

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jeopardizes the safety and well-being of thousands of people.

As Jews, we understand the plight of being an immigrant fleeing violence and oppression. We believe that the United States is a nation of immigrants and how we treat the stranger reflects on the moral values and ideals of this nation.

Many of these migrant families are seeking asylum in the United States to escape violence in Central America. Taking children away from their families is unconscionable. Such practices inflict

unnecessary trauma on parents and children, many of whom have already suffered traumatic experiences. This added trauma negatively impacts physical and mental health, including increasing the risk of early death.

Separating families is a cruel punishment for children and families simply seeking a better life and exacerbates existing challenges in our immigration system. It adds to the backlog of deportation cases and legal challenges in federal courts, places thousands more immigrants in detention facilities and shelters, endangers the lives of more children, and instills additional fear in people seeking safety in our country. In addition, those seeking asylum or other

legal protection face numerous obstacles to making a claim, especially from detention. Separating family members at the border would force families into two or more immigration cases instead of a single case for each family, harming their ability to present a successful case.

Our Jewish faith demands of us concern for the stranger in our midst. Our own people's history as "strangers" reminds us of the many struggles faced by immigrants today and compels our commitment to an immigration system in this country that is compassionate and just. We urge you to immediately rescind the "zero tolerance" policy and uphold the values of family unity and justice on which our nation was built.

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